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Nine Thousand Youths On State NYA Rolls

About $1,500,000 A Year Is Spent On Projects In Maryland

With 9,000 boys and girls on its pay roll in Maryland, the National Youth Administration is spending in this State approximately $1,500,000 a year, it was learned at its State headquarters.

Its activities are being financed from a $100,000,000 national appropriation provided by Congress last year. A $32,000,000 deficiency appropriation is now pending, which will make additional funds available for Maryland.

Ryland N. Dempster, State NYA Administrator, said the program has been expanding very rapidly in the last year, as the organization has sought to reach and provide employment opportunities for all Maryland young people in need of jobs.

About 4,000 young people in the high schools and colleges of the State are being helped under the student aid program, he said, while another 5,000 boys and girls are at work on service and production projects provided by the program for out-of-school youth.

Maryland's quota on the out-of-school program is actually 5,500, Mr. Dempster said, but the State organization has not yet been able to provide enough projects to employ the full number.

If the deficiency appropriation goes through, the State quota for this program will become 9,000, he added.

The NYA has the following rates of pay:

For boys and girls in high school, $6 a month.

For college students on NYA jobs, $20 a month.

For out-of-school young people on NYA projects, $16.50 a month, with the exception that a maximum of five percent with superior skills may be paid $22.50 a month.

To conduct and supervise the State program, the NYA now has a Maryland staff of 208 full-time employes. Many have been added in recent weeks.

Although the National Youth Administration was originally set up to aid, the young people of relief families, the relief requirement no longer exists. Mr. Dempster said that the NYA exists today to help any boys and girls between 16 and 24 who are in need of employment.

Fell Down Elevator Shaft

Edward McMahon, of Oxford, Pa., met death on the morning of February 22, in Syracuse, N. Y., from injuries received by a fall down an elevator shaft in a hotel in that city.

Mr. McMahon was waiting for an elevator on the fifth floor of the hotel. A guard rail against which he was leaning gave way, plunging him into the shaft. The injuries sustained by the fall resulted in his death. He was 33 years of age. The body was shipped to the home of his parents in Oxford for burial.

The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMahon, Oxford, and the following brothers and sisters: Vincent, Elkton; Mrs. Archibald Fullerton, Haverford and David and Marion, both of Oxford.

McMhon had been employed by the Northland Petroleum Transport Company of Olean, N. Y., and was stationed temporarily in Syracuse.

Legislators Visit Elkton Fireworks Plant

The anti-Fireworks Bill has passed the House and is in the Maryland Senate for action. In an effort to create sentiment for the measure introduced by Senator Squier to permit the manufacture of fireworks, members of the Maryland Senate were invited to inspect the Elkton plant last week.

Following the inspection of the plant a reception was held at the home of J. Ben Decker. A number of Elktonians headed by Mayor Mitchell and E. D. E. Rollins welcomed the party.

High School Basket Ball System

The county high school basketball system has been changed. Contrary to the customary procedure, each team will play every opponent once, not twice. As there are five teams, the team having the poorest record will be eliminated, leaving four teams in the playoff.

In the first round of the play-offs there will be two games. The winners of these two games will play for the county championship.

Experience that is given away is seldom appreciated.

High Wind Piles Up Snow In Roads

Just when we began to hope Spring might be on the way, along came Friday's storm, approaching blizzard intensity. It began snowing in the early morning hours, and kept it up all day and night, a high cold wind driving the flying snow with great force and making travel conditions disagreeable and difficult for pedestrians and motorists. As the day wore along the swirling snow began to pile up in drifts in roads, and traffic bogged down.

The State Roads Commission put big snow plows in operation and the main highway was kept open, but byroads, especially those running in an easterly and westerly direction were rendered impassable, some of them still being blocked.

The school buses were sent over their routes at noon, returning pupils to their homes before the blockade closed the roads, and school activities practically ceased at noon. The entertainment scheduled at the high school for Friday evening was postponed until Wednesday evening of this week.

Girls Rescue Lad

Two little girls, Margaret Satterfield and Mary Jane Reynolds, of Elkton, both about ten years of age, rescued Dicky Brockell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brockell, of Elkton from the icy waters of Big Elk river.

Dicky, in company with his brother Emmett, 4, and Joan Kennedy, 6, had been playing around the old high school and, in search of more excitement, the group wandered to the Big Elk, about 300 yards distant, where Dicky decided to try the ice, which broke when he was a few feet from the shore, plunging him into the water. The lad managed to grasp the low hanging branch of a tree, and save himself from going under.

His brother and little Joan ran for help, and encountered the Satterfield and Reynolds girls, who went to the rescue. They held a long stick out to Dicky, which the lad grasped and the little girls were able to pull him to shore.

High School Contest Plays

Blizzard conditions on Friday evening, caused the postponement of dramatic entertainment scheduled to be held at the high school that evening, until Wednesday evening of this week, when the High School Dramatic Club presented a group of one-act contest plays. The entertainment lasted about two hours.

The Freshmen presented a play entitled "Bargains In Haircuts" The Sophomore play was entitled "The Pampered Darling". The presentation of the Juniors was entitled "The White Phantom". The Seniors presented "Sister Sue". Miss Nutter, Mr. Prettyman, Miss Shepard and Mr. Graham of the faculty, directed the plays.

Legion Warns Against Solicitors

Cecil Post No. 15, American Legion, of Elkton, and Susquehanna Post of Perryville have issued warning notices to the people of Cecil County to beware of people soliciting funds under the Legion name without authorization. The posts claim such solicitors are swindlers.

Hurried Grass Fire With Gasoline

George Craig, 35 years old, an employe on the Blacksiee farm near Cecilton, is in Union Hospital, Elkton with serious burns suffered during a sedge grass fire. In order to hurry along the work he poured gasoline on the grass in sveral places, which resulted in the blaze striking him in the face and on the hands, inflicting serious burns. He was hurried to the hospital at Elkton.

Appointed Senior Hostess

Mrs. Madeline Davis Fleetwood, a native of North East, associated with the Shallcross School, Torresdale, Pa., has been appointed senior hostess at Fort Eustis, Va., and will have charge of all hostess activities there. Well known in Wilmington, she formerly was a singer with the Swarthmore Chautaqua Association. She is the widow of Purnell Fleetwood, of Waverly, Va.

A bill has been introduced in the Maryland Legislature, now in session, extending the civil jurisdiction of Justices of Peace to $200, instead of the present limit of $100. It is claimed that such a law would keep many suits out of the Circuit Courts and would save the State considerable expense.

More Draftees Asked For In March

An unanticipated requisition for an additional 938 men from Maryland during March has been made on Governor O'Conor by Maj. Gen. Walter S. Grant, commander of the Third Corps Area.

It had been understood, however, that the original March requisition for 732 men, to be inducted in the period from March 11 to March 20, was to have been the total requirement for the month.

The additional 938 will bring the month's total to 1,770 men.

In the new requisition list, the Third Corps commander asked for 760 whites and 178 negroes.

The original call was for 624 whites and 108 negroes.

The second group of draftees, according to the requisition, will be induced at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore from March 21 to March 31.

Following are the additional induction dates and the quotas:

	White.	Col.
March 21	88	29
March 22	88	29
March 24	88	29
March 25	88	25
March 26	95	22
March 28	88	22
March 29	88	22
March 31	137	0

Officers Raid Disorderly House

Following receipt of complaints by several residents of that section Sheriff David Randolph and his deputies raided the home of Fred Rowland, near Porter's Bridge, confiscating a quantity of alleged illicit liquor, arresting the proprietor on a charge of keeping a disorderly house.

Rowland was taken to the county jail at Elkton, to await a hearing. Several frequenters of the place were held as witnesses.

Protest Meeting Held By Taxpayers

A mass meeting of taxpayers was held Monday evening at the Howard Hotel, Elkton, to protect against the proposed six million dollar increase in the budget for 1941-'42 submitted to the Maryland General Assembly.

It is claimed that the proposed increase in State expenses is uncalled for and should not be approved by the General Assembly.

The meeting was under the auspices of the Local Committee and the Elkton Chamber of Commerce.

The Cecil county committee is composed of Abel Cameron, North East; Pierre LeBrun, Port Deposit; W. Henry Pippin, Elkton; Joseph Tyson, Rising Sun, and Walter I. Smith, North East.

Mr. Harry Pippin, of the Rotary Club, presided at the meeting. Talks on the tax and budget situations were made by Mr. Parker, of the Citizens' Budget Emergency Committee, and Mr. John L. Hougardy, of Baltimore; County Treasurer Edwin S. Dorcus and James W. Hughes, of the Elkton Bar.

A resolution signed by the entire assemblage and expressing the demand for economy and a decrease in the State budget was passed and ordered sent to the Maryland Legislature.

Edwin S. Dorcus was elected temporary chairman of a county-wide Taxpayer Association, to be composed of representatives of every Election district and to meet for organization at an early date.

Heads Knights Of Columbus

At a regular meeting of Havre de Grace Council, No. 2002, Knights of Columbus, at the Elks Home, Mr. Pierre LeBrun, of Port Deposit, was elected Grand Knight to fill the unexpired term of Mr. T. J. Yaczko. Mr. Henry Storath, Aberdeen, was elected chancellor to succeed Mr. LeBrun.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Herbert Dinsmore of Camp Meade spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Harry Dinsmore, Harrisville. Herbert enlisted with Company E, of Elkton. He has been transferred from Company E, 115th Infantry, to Company F, Headquarters 2nd Battalion 58th Brigade, Intelligence Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Thompon, Lansdowne, Pa., enroute from South ern Pines, South Carolina, to their home, stopped here for a visit with Miss A. Mabel Reynolds.

Mrs. Dorothy Dempsey, and son, of Aiken, visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Harry Dinsmore, Harrisville, on Thursday.

Asher S. Roberson has been among those to be housed the past week, on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stewart, of Port Deposit, are the proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 18th, at Mrs. Plummer's nursing home, Rising Sun. The baby has been named Richard Crowl. Mrs. Stewart was Miss Margaret Crowl.

Miss Adeleen Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, of Rising Sun, has been honored at Hood College, were she is a student by being placed on the dean's list.

Trooper Morris, of the State Police, stationed at Randalstown, spent the week-end with Mrs. Harry Dinsmore and family.

Miss Polly Knowles, Boothwyn, Pa., spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Duyckinck.

The P. T. A. meeting on Thursday evening last, at the High School auditorium, was attended by a fair size crowd. A health picture was shown by the Board Health, and several choruses were sung by the Sixth and Seventh grades, under direction of music instructor Hugh Stuart.

The ladies of Trinity Methodist church, Chesapeake City, realized $80.00 at the poultry supper served Wednesday evening in the high school cafeteria.

Walter M. Cameron and son George Cameron have returned form a business trip to Granville, South Carolina.

Margaret Moore, of Blue Ball, suffered a fractured leg by a fall while skating.

The Elkton Banking and Trust Company has sold the Calvin Fox dwelling, North street, in Elkton Heights to Walter DuBose of Elkton.

The W.C.T.U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Lydia Cameron on Thursday, March 13th, at 2:00 o'clock. Mrs. Emma McNamee and Mrs. Ella Tyson assisting hostesses. Devotional Leader, Mrs. Amy Logan; Program Leader, Mrs. Nellie Wagner.

Despite bad conditions created by the snow, the bake held Saturday by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Community Fire Company of Rising Sun, was very successful, and the ladies are highly gratified. The gross receipts were $26,00.

The Young People of the Methodist church of Zion, are rehearsing for their annual play, "A Family Disturbance" to be given on Thursday and Friday evening. March 13th and 14th in the Church house.

Members of the Lions Club and the Community Fire Company of this town, attended services at the Methodist church here Sunday morning, when the pastor, Rev. J. B. Dickerson, delivered a special "Compassion Day" sermon.

Cecil County Game Commission

At the organization meeting of the Cecil County Advisory Council to the State Game Commission, held in Elkton, Dr. Frank H. Benjamin, of Leslie, was elected president; C. Otis McCauley, Sr., of Perry Point, vice-pres., and Horace B. Lilley, Elkton secretary.

Five hundred rabbits were equally divided in the nine districts of the county and resolutions passed in the interests of better conservation of wildlife.

The more you watch parents, and observe the way youngsters turn out, the more you believe in a guiding Providence.

Garage And Wagon Shed Burned

The combined garage and wagon shed on the premises of Rowland Morrison, near Symar, was destroyed by fire about ten o'clock Monday morning.

Rising Sun firemen responded to the call for aid, and prevented the flames from spreading to other nearby buildings, but were unable to save the burning structure. A truck was destroyed in the fire. The loss is placed at about $1500.

British India, including Burma, imports from the United States, over-issue and old news-papers. . . worth $20 a minute, every 24 hours.

Additional State Taxable Basis

The State Tax Commission has added up its recent additions to Maryland's taxable basis through State assessment of foreign corporations and announced that they totaled approximately $40,000,000.

Calculating from this figure, Harry O. Levin, chairman asserted that his department has uncovered additional State revenue for 1940 of approximately $100,000 most of which may be counted on also in 1941 and subsequent years.

Mr. Levin said that the $ 0,000,000 addition to the State's taxable basis is made up as follows:

Approximately $31,500,000 added by State assessors, who in 1940 took over from local officials the job of assessing the Maryland property of out-of-State corporations.

Another $8,500,000 added when the State undertook under an amendment sponsored by Mr. Levin at Annapolis in 1939 to assess the Maryland assest of out-of-State finance corporations, previously not subject to taxation.

The State tax rate of approximately 23 cents, applied to this $40,000,000, would bring in $92,000. However, Mr. Levin said that the State also has opened the way to recovery of about $10,000 in back taxes, through bringing to light large inventories which escaped assessment in previous years.

Marriage Law

State Senator Wilmer Fell Davis, of Federalsburg, Md., Republican floor leader at Annapolis, announced that he intends to take steps this week to tighten Maryland's forty-eight-hour marriage license law.

Emphasizing that he "hates to interfere in any way with the judiciary", Senator Davis, the father of the present law, said he will sponsor a bill that would eliminate discretionary powers given to circuit judges under the forty-eight statute.

During the past week it was disclosed that a large percentage of marriage licenses issued at Elkton last year were obtained through court waivers. Many of them were based on certificates of physicians that the prospective bride was pregnant.

Senator Davis last week introduced a bill which would define as perjury falsification of any statement used to expedite the issuance of a marriage license. The bill provides penalties of imprisonment.

Chesapeake City Real Estate Sold

At the public sale of the real estate of the late Franklin P. Conrey, of Chesapeake City, seven properties were sold and six withdrawn because of inadequate bids. The properties sold were:

Two story frame apartment house on Bohemia avenue and Front Sts., in Chesapeake City, sold to Alexander Sterewaty, for $1070; the Massey farm, located near Cayots Corner, containing 603 acres of land, with all necessary buildings, bought by Holden Ireland, of near Chesapeake City, for $13,000; wharf property at Mt. Nebo in Chesapeake City, sold to John Schaefer, of that town, for $1330; frame dwelling located on Fisher street, Chesapeake City, sold to Lulu Jones, of that town, for $810; double frame dwelling, located on Biddle street, Chesapeake City, sold to P. Steele Howard, of that town, for $1255; "Barwick" property, lying along the road leading from Chesapeake City to Cayots Corner, sold to Dr. H. V. Davis, for $560; two double frame houses and two single frame houses in Concord, sold to P. Steele Howard, for $760.

Westminster Guild

At the February meeting of the Westminster Guild of West Nottingham Presbyterian church, held at the home of Mrs. Willis L. Ely, on Pearl street, the Devotional was led by Mrs. Francis Kennard; Mission Study leader, Mrs. Earl Gilbert. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Frances Taylor; vice-president, Mrs. W. L. Ely; secretary, Mrs. John Garvin, Jr.; assistant secretary, Mrs. William Morrison; treasurer, Mrs. Francis Kennard.

Peninsula Beagle Club Field Trials

Elk Creek Sadie belonging to Joseph Scarborough, of Elkton, won top honors in the 13 inch class at the Peninsula Beagle Club A.K.C. Sanctioned Trails at Salisbury. Char-Nol's Tiny Nell, owned by Nolan Hutchinson of Elkton won third place. Over 38 dogs competed in the class. Mr. Scarborough handled both dogs at the trials.

The State Tax Basis Shows Increase

Gain Of $126,282,643 In 1940 Noted, Disregarding Former Securies Levy

Disregarding securities, which no longer are a part of the State's taxable basis, the total taxable basis of Maryland increased $126,282,643 in 1940, the biennial report of the State Tax Commission showed.

Of this increase, $65,453,486 was accounted for by increases in the assessment on real estate.

Other large increases were in the inventories of ordinary business corporations, foreign and domestic, and in the assets of foreign finance corporations, taxed in Maryland for the first time.

Since the total taxable basis for 1939 was $3,100,165,436 and that for 1940 was $2,700,217,717, there was a paper loss of about $400,000,000. But actually this part of the taxable basis is not lost to Maryland, since the State replaced the securities tax with an income tax.

To make the 1939 and 1940 assessment totals comparable, it is necessary to leave out of consideration the $526,230,362 worth of securities assessed in 1939. When this is done, the total taxable basis shows a gain of $126,282,643.

The total 1940 real estate assessment for State purposes is $1,952,962,279, compared with $1,887,508,793 for 1939 and $1,881,522,978 for 1938.

The 1940 real estate assessment for county purposes is slightly more —$2,018,711,553. This figure includes household furniture under $500 in value, exempted from State taxation. The 1939 total is $1,953,182,577.

Baltimore city's real estate taxable basis decreased slightly, from $1,068,212,138 in 1939 to $1,067,052,068 in 1940. This is the basis as calculated for local tax purposes. There was a similar slight decrease in the city basis as calculated for State tax purposes.

Bachelor Degree In Nursing

Miss Lucille A. Wallis, daughter of Mrs. S. Teackle Wallis of North East has received the degree of bachelor of science in nursing education from the University of Pennsylvania. Miss Wallis is also graduate of Beacom College, Wilmington, and the Johns Hopkins hospital training school, Baltimore.

At present Miss Wallis is a supervisor with the visiting Nurse association of Wilmington. She is also a volunteer instructor for the American Red Cross in home hygiene and care of the sick.

To Assist State Income Tax Payers

Arrangements have been made to assign field representatives of the State Comptroller to various sections and communities throughout Maryland for purpose of assisting ttaxpayers in filing state income tax returns for the calendar year of 1940. Below is a list of places in Cecil County to be visited and the dates: Elkton, Court House, March 17, 18, 19, 20; Rising Sun, National Bank, March 21; Port Deposit, Cecil National Bank, March 22.

Engagements Announced

The engagement of Miss Mildred G. Tweed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jordon Tweed, of Aberdeen, and Mr. William A. Leithiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Austin Leithiser, of Perry Point, has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Tweed is a graduate of Aberdeen high school and attended Eaton and Burnett Business College. Mr. Leithiser is a graduate of Havre de Grace high school and is employed at Wilmington, Del., by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eykes, of Chesapeake City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Amelia to Mr. Carlton D. Lloyd, of East Greenwich, R. I., formerly of Chesapeake City. The wedding will take place in the spring.

Hurd--Jones

Miss Marie Elinor Hurd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hurd, of Harrington, Del., and Mr. R. Lynn Jones, of Brack-Ex, Del., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Jones of Elkton, were married Saturday, February 15, at the parsonage of Brack-Ex Methodist Church, by Rev. R. High Adams. The bride is a graduate of the Wilmington General hospital school for nurses and the groom is engaged in the insurance business in Wilmington.

The man who looks straight ahead misses a lot on the side.