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DATES SELECTED FOR SCHOOL EVENTS

Public Schools Of County Will Close Friday June 13th

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8th. Those present were Mr. J. E. Crothers, President; Mrs. Wallace Williams, Vice-president, and Dr. T. B. Moore.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 11th were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

The Board decided to sell at public sale the old Elkton High School Annex and also the recently closed schools of Providence and Pond's Neck. It was decided to hold the sale on May 6th beginning with the Providence school at 11 A. M., thence to the Annex at 1:15 P. M., and finally selling the Pond's Neck school at 2:30 P. M.

Letters were received from Mr. George J. Balog, Principal of the Chesapeake City High School; Mr. Paul Calvert, Secretary, Kenmore P. T. A.; Mr. Lawrence M. Gorsuch, Principal of the Perryville High School; and Mrs. Mary Barnes, Secretary, Cecilton P. T. A. requesting permission for their respective schools or P. T. A.'s to conduct food stands at the annual Field Meet. These requests were approved by the Board.

Bids for furnishing stationery and supplies for the schools of Cecil County for the school year 1941-42 were received as follows:

The James T. Vernay & Sons Co., Baltimore Md., $1,685.91; Meyer & Thalheimer, Baltimore, $1,558.43; Mr. Thomas R. Freeman, Agent, Paul M. Adams Company, Baltimore, $1,812.61.

The Board awarded the contract to Meyer & Thalheimer, the lowest bidder.

The Board approved June 12th as the graduating date for the white high schools of the county and June 13th for the seventh grade closing exercises. The colored school exercises will be held on June 11th, and all schools of the county will close on June 13th.

The Board approved the following dates and places for holding the Spring Athletic Meets--Colored Meet, Saturday, May 10th at Elkton. White meet, Friday, May 16th, at Elkton.

The 1941-42 budget was then discussed at some length by the Board.

Cecil County Historical Society

The Spring Meeting of the Cecil County Historical Society was held at the Howard Hotel, in Elkton, Monday evening, April 14, at six o'clock, when Bart Anderson, Librarian and Curator of the Chester County Historical Society, and Charles B. Montgomery, a member of the Chester County Society were present to lead in an informal discussion relative to a program of activities for the Society for the coming year.

Easter Appropriately Observed In Our Churches

Easter was a day of bright sunshine and mild temperature,—conditions to inspire the display of new Spring finery that gladdens the heart of all feminity (as well as the sterner sex.)

In all churches of our community the day was sacredly observed with impressive and appropriated services. A large number of our residents cut their usual Sunday naps short, in order to attend the Sunrise Service at Tome School, Port Deposit, and all felt more than repaid for their early rising.

It is estimated that fully 1000 persons attended the service held in front of Memorial Hall. The beautiful Easter decorations heightened greatly the spirit of the service, which was under direction of the Cecil County Council of Churches.

At Janes Methodist Church, in this town, a large congregation gathered at the morning service. The sermon of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Dickerson, was "The Third Day" and was a forceful presentation of the sacredness and joy of Easter. Four babies were baptised at the service.

Special music was rendered by the choir, with a solo by Miss Catherine Etter. Beautiful Easter lillies, palms and other potted plants and flowers artistically arranged added much to the impressiveness of the service.

At West Nottingham Presbyterian Church Dr. S. J. Venable delivered an inspiring Easter sermon at the morning service, and special music was rendered.

At four o'clock in the afternoon the Junior Choir, embracing eighteen young ladies in vestments, presented a musical sevice, "Crown the Easter King", under direction of Mrs. Swann Everist. The sacred presentation was well rendered before a large congregation.

Church Improvements Celebrated

The Charlestown and Principio Churches celebrated Easter Sunday with the completion of several improvements to the church buildings.

At the Charlestown Church, the interior has been completely renovated during the past month. The walls have been replastered with a sanded ivory finish. The woodwork has been repainted in white. The pulpit, the altar, the church furniture have been refinished in light oak.

The completion of this work means that more than $1,000 has been expended on the church building and cemetery grounds during the past year. All but a very small part of this amount has been paid off through contributions made by local and out of town persons.

At Principio the Woman's Society of Christian Service has purchased a beautiful new carpet for the church, which adds much to this attractive little church.

Rev. George W. Goodley is completing the second year of his pastorate at these two churches and has been invited to return by the Quarterly Conference.

938 MEASURES PASS THE ASSEMBLY

State Law Department Begins Consideration Of Enactments

Governor O'Conor and the State Law Department this week began to sift the more than 900 bills passed by the Legislature and, if plans do not miscarry, a goodly number of the enactments will receive the executive's signature.

Hundreds of the measures that were passed in the closing hours of the session—which ended on the morning of April 1—were returned from the State printer's in their final form only in the last few days.

Before the Governor decides whether he will sign or veto, the State Law Department will have scrutinized the bills and prepared a digest of new legal provisions and changes made in existing statutes.

Governor O'Conor will grant hearings before acting on bills of a controversial nature, and the measures to which he will afix his signature this week are those against which no protest has been made.

There were 938 bills—and 48 resolutions—passed at the ninety-day session of the Legislature. There were 1,441 measures introduced in the General Assembly—538 in the Senate and 903 in the House.

The number passed—938—probably established a record, according to Dr. Horace E. Flack, director of the Bureau of Legislative Reference. At any rate, it is the greatest number of bills adopted by any General Assembly since he has been connected with the Legislature—since 1908.

In the the 1939 session—Governor O'Conor's first—779 bills were passed.

According to Dr. Flack's resume of the session, most of the bills sponsored by the Legislative Council were adopted by the General Assembly, notably the ban on fireworks.

The two major council bills that were lost were that pertaining to roadside control and the measure which would have placed building and loan associations under a supervisory State department.

Most of the bills proposed by the Legislative Council, however, were amended by the General Assembly.

ORGANIZING FOR HOSPITAL DRIVE

Committees Appointed And County Divided Into Districts

E. D. E. Rollins, General Chairman of the Union Hospital Campaign effort announces C. A. Ringgold as head of the Special Gift Committee. Other members of the Committee are Edwin S. Dorcus, F. duPont Thomson, James W. Hughes and Murray J. Ewing.

In building a countywide organization for the campaign, General Chairman Rollins has secured the cooperation of H. E. McBride, Joseph R. Grant and Norris J. Reynolds as vice-chairman. Mr. McBride will be Vice chairman in charge of organization work in Districts one, two and three which comprise the first division of the campaign organization. Mr. Grant will be Vice Chairman in charge of organization work in Districts five, seven and eight which comprise the second division and Mr. Reynolds will be Vice Chairman in charge of Districts six, four and nine making up the third division. Teams will be organized in each of these divisions, each team being under the direction of a Captain and four workers. The work of developing an organization of the women in the County is under way and Mr. Rollins will announce later the leadership in the women's organization.

According to the General Chairman the campaign will open during the week of April 21st with an evening meeting in Elkton attended by everyone who has volunteered to help in the effort. Solicitation of prospects will begin immediately after the dinner and will be carried on for a period of two weeks.

Mr. Rollins invites the cooperation of every public spirited citizen to help in the campaign effort.

While the Union Hospital is a non-profit and charitable organization, plans are under way by the Board of Directors to amend the charter so that, if at any time in the future, the property ceases to be used as a hospital, it will revert to Cecil County.

Dwelling And Household Effects Destroyed By Fire

Rising Sun firemen were called to the dwelling, near Oakwood, of Rev. C. W. Sexton, pastor of Conowingo Baptist church, about 6:45 Saturday morning to extinguish a chimney fire. The fire had ignited the wood-work about the chimney, but was extinguished before it gained headway. The firemen returned to Rising Sun and about 9:30 that morning were again called to the scene. This time the dwelling was wrapped in flames when they reached it and was completely destroyed, together with most of the house hold effects.

When the firemen left after the extinguishing the chimney fire, Rev. Sexton was called away also, and the flames had gained such headway when discovered the second time, that the structure was doomed. There was an insurance of but $900.00 on the property.

Cecil County Base Ball League Reorganizes

The Cecil County Base Ball League held a meeting on Thursday evening last, in the Chamber of Commerce building, at North East, for the purpose of reorganizing for the coming season. Six of the eight teams that composed the league last year were represented.

Since the number of teams to make up the league is not definite as yet, complete schedules for both six and eight team leagues are to be presented at the next meeting for approval.

A committee of three: William Graham, Rising Sun; William Janney, Bay View; and Tom Ramsey, Calvert; was appointed to make suggestions for revision of league rules. These suggestions are also to be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Wdnesday evening, April 23, was the date set for the next, and most important meeting of the league.

Miss Grace Leigh Scott To Speak

At a special meeting sponsored by the Cecil County Women's Christian Temperance Union at the Janes Methodist Church, in Rising Sun, on April 23, at 8 p. m., Miss Grace Leigh Scott will be the chief speaker.

Miss Scott is a Field Secretary of the National W. C. T. U. and comes to us very highly recommended. She is especially interested in Character Development and has rendered much service in High Schools and Colleges speaking on kindred subjects. We hope for a large audience to hear her. Bertha Balderston
County President

RECEIPTS FLOWING IN FROM TOLL SPANS

Figures Given For Susquehanna And Potomac Bridges

Maryland's Susquehanna and Potomac river toll bridges, as a result of spring tourist traffic, are improving their revenue position, figures released by William A. Codd, chief auditor of the State Roads Commission, indicate.

Mr. Codd's tabulations showed that in March the two bridges carried seventeen per cent more traffic and produced sixteen per cent more revenue than in February.

The Potomac river bridge, although still not carrying a volume of traffic in line with advance estimates of traffic engineers, had its best month in March.

It carried an average of 231 vehicles a day, compared with a daily average of 217 vehicles for the previous two and a half months it has been in operation.

In March this bridge carried 7,167 vehicles and 231 pedestrians, for a total revenue of $7,158.90, equivalent to $230.93 a day. In previous two and a half months, the daily revenue average was $212.99.

In Februray the bridge carried 200 vehicles a day for a daily revenue average of $196.

The Susquehanna bridge continued to exceed by a wide margin the advance estimates of traffic engineers, and is taking in considerably more than enough revenue to maintain the debt service on both bridges together.

Mr. Codd said that in March the Perryville-Havre de Grace span carried 261,614 vehicles, compared with 222,990 in February, and that it took in an average of $1,590 a day, compared with $1,537.74 in February. The total March revenue was $43,314.08.

The average number of vehicles in March was 8,439 a day, he said, compared with 7,767 for each day in the preceding six months the bridge has been in operation. It opened to traffic last August 28.

Mr. Codd said the traffic engineers' estimate of the combined daily revenue of the two bridges for the first year was $1,524. Actually, the two bridges since August 28 have averaged $1,816 a day, even though the Potomac span has been open only since December.

As of March 31, the two bridges had produced a total revenue of $392,437.84. By now the total is presumed to be more than $400,000.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. James Rodney, of Chesapeake City, have announced the marriage of their daughter Henrietta, and Mr. Daniel Cochran Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archer Crawford, of Bohemia Manor.

Miss Catherine Etter, of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, spent the Easter holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Etter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dunlap and family of New Jersey, were Saturday visitors of Misses Lidie and Mary Campbell.

Mrs. Lewis, of Chincoteague, Va., has been spending some time with Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Dickerson, at the Parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman and son Marlin, of Easton, Md., were Easter visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Job W. Kirk.

Miss Peggy Tyson, of Akron, Ohio, spent the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Tyson.

Private Donald Shaffer, of Edgegood Arsenal, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds, of Coatesville, Pa., were Sunday guests of Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor.

Robert Fisher, Edward and John Graybeal spent Saturday with Donald and Edward Johnson.

Mrs. Mollie Martindale was the Wednesday guest of Mrs. Leslie Rawlings.

Mrs. Harry Fisher visited Havre de Grace relatives on Friday.

Miss Mary Krastel and Mr. Claude Beaston, of Chesapeake City, were married on April 5, by Rev. Henry Caldwell. Mr. and Mrs. Beaston will reside in Chesapeake City. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Carlide Stubbs.

Miss Catherine Keilholtz, Miss Mildred Garvin and Miss Doris McVey, of Salisbury State Teachers College, Salisbury, Md., were home for Easter.

Mrs. Williom Boyd, Mrs. Elmira Everhart and daughter, of Frenchtown, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Graybeal entertained the members of the 4-H Club at their home near town on Friday evening.

Warren L. Taylor and family, of Wilmington, were Easter visitors at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor.

Miss Hope Reynolds Uni. of Md., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norris J. Reynolds.

Mrs. Catherine Cobourn, of Perryville, left last week for a 16-day cruise down the Atlantic coast to Panama.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bryson, of Washington, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown.

Mrs. Ferree Johnson and Miss Verna Grason were Saturday visitors in Georgetown, Pa.

Mrs. Bricker has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. J. Graham, the past week.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED NEWS

In the Circuit Court at Elkton, Attorney Harry Barnes instituted habeas corpus proceedings in the case of State vs. Corbett Johnson, North East, who was serving 100 daysin Elkton jail in an automobile violation. Johnson already has served more than 60 days, and Judge James F. Evans suspended his sentence.

The Calvert High School Alumni Association has planned to hold a dance on Friday evening, May 2. Ewing's orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

The Cecilton Fire Company has chosen George Ward president for the ensuing year; James W. Black, vice-president; Harman Mitchell, treasurer; Richard Wright, secretary; Robert De Lawder, chief.

J. Oscar Rhodes has purchased the property of Rev. W. H. Haney, east of Rising Sun. Mr. Rhodes sold his bungalow, which is the converted school house on the old "Stone School" site east of town, to his brother-in-law, Cicero Carter.

The State Liquor License Board has upheld the action of the Cecil County License Board in refusing to grant a license to Clarence Hammer, of Rising Sun district.

Edward Chandlee and Philip Wallace, of Philada., visited our town last week and took photographs of Chandlee grandfather clocks owned by residents here. Mr. Chandlee is a descendant of the famous clockmakers.

Albert Braddock, of Charlestown has been a patient in Havre de Grace Hospital, being treated for a badly lacerated tongue, suffered in an automobile accident. John Connelly and Albert P. Barrett, of Rising Sun, have also been receiving treatment at the Havre de Grace hospital.

The mercury climbed up to the eighty-eight degree mark on Monday afternoon.

Our firemen were called to the vicinity of Sylmar Monday afternoon to help fight a woods and field fire.

Injured In Explosion At Triumph Plant

An explosion on Tuesday morning last at the Triumph plant, in Elkton, injured four girls working in the Detonator building. Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay of Elkton was treated at Union Hospital for cuts and bruises while three other girls were taken to the office of a local physician.

There would be no objection to boys being boys if they would only be men when they get to be men.

Charged With Sending Threatening Letter

Reginald Butler, aged about 22 years, of Elkton, and Edgar Williams, aged 49 years, colored, of Glasgow, Del., were taken into custody by Sheriff David Randolph and Town Officer Boyd, of Elkton last week, on suspicion of having sent a threatening letter to Mrs. Margaret Paxson, wife of Poague Paxson, proprietor of Paxson's Cut Rate Drug Store, Elkton.

Both men denied any knowledge of the letter or that they wrote it. Later, it is alleged, Butler confessed he wrote and sent the letter.

The Union of South Africa is the second largest user of hickory wood handles for tools. That distant country imports from America two wooden handles a minute.

Engagements Announced

Dr. and Mrs. James Squires, of Wilmington, Del., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jane, to Mr. Oren B. Harrison, of Elkton and Wittman, Md. Mr. Harrison is the son of Mrs. Joseph Harrison, of Wittman. The wedding will take place this month in the chapel of First and Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, with only the immediate members of the family attending. The Rev. C. H. Squires, brother of the bride-to-be and the Rev. Dr. Willard G. Purdy, pastor of the church, will officiate.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Adele Kane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Kane, 23 Prospect terrace, Montclair, N. J., to Mr. Frank D. Brown, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Donaldson Brown, of New York and Port Deposit, has been announced. Miss Kane graduated from the Kimberly school, Montclair, and attended Bennington college. Mr. Brown is a graduate of Hotchkiss school and of Williams college, class of 1940. He is a member of Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa

Wedded Fifty Years

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Baker, of Perryville, on Tuesday, April 8, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Aiken avenue.

They were assisted in receiving by their daughter Mrs. George Seth, of Williamsburg, Pa. They were greeted by out-of-town guests from Philada., Wilmington, Washington, Havre de Grace, Oxford, Principio and Aiken.

Spicer--Knowles

Announcement is made of the wedding of Miss Edith Marjorie Spicer of Wilmington, daughter of Mr. Willard E. Spicer of Middletown, Del., and Mr. Paul David Knowles, son of Mrs. Catherine Knowles of North East.

The wedding took place at 2 o'clock Saturday, April 5, in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Odessa. The Rev. Robert Hodgson of North East officiated, assisted by Rev. H. N. Nicklas, pastor of the Odessa church.

Mr. Spicer gave his daughter in marriage. She was attended by Miss Helen George of Wilmington. Mr. John Gibson of North East was best man. Mr. Vernon Gray of North East and Mr. John Logan of Wilmington, were ushers.

A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spicer, near Delaware. They will reside in North East.

Poist--Hambleton

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Poist announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Betty Poist, to Harold J. Hambleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hambleton, Kennett Square, Pa., on August 3rd, 1940, at Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Reverend Glenn Sweitzer officiating in the presence of the immediate families.

New Cooperative Board

The Southern States Cooperative has named the following Cecil Countians to the junior board:

William Miller, Jr., Carl Feucht, Jr., Ralph Moore, Arnold Willis, C. P. Baliff, G. E. Oliver, and John Abel, Elkton; Arthur Johnson, Jr., Robert K. Fears, Jr., and Murray Bowers, Chesapeake City; Chris Clark, Glen Edwards, Edward Fronce, Dean Hodges, and William Wood, IV, of North East; Wallace Biggs and E. T. Cullen, Port Deposit; Thomas Lippincott, Howard R. Brown, and John W. Little, Nottingham, Pa.

Germany, before the present conflict, was a large user of various spices, mostly imported . . . at the rate of . . . $25 per minute.