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Welfare Adds 35 Names To Old Age Pensioners

One Application Rejected, 3 Held Over. Mrs. Faatz To Talk Here

A lengthy session of the Queen Anne's County Welfare Board Wednesday afternoon in the Courthouse devoted exclusively to consideration of Old Age pensions resulted in the addition of thirty-five names to the pension roll with one application rejected and three held over.

Of the pensions allowed three were given jointly to a husband and wife. The total number of pensions thus far approved has reached 149 with one eliminated because of the death of a pensioner.

About 100 applications are still being investigated. The Board has made considerable headway in cutting down the applications before it and expects to wade through the entire list as soon as possible.

Of the three branches of welfare, pensions, relief and aid to dependent children the Board has sufficient fnds only for pensions for the next few months. Cash for relief and dependent children is being strung out in the hope of lasting until the end of the month.

The Welfare Board plans a special meeting next Wednesday at 2 o'clock in the Courthouse to formulate policies for the future. Among the problems to be disposed of is a reciprocal agreement with boards of other counties regarding people on relief who move from one county to another.

It was announced at the session Wednesday that Mrs. Anita J. Faatz, director of the social work division of the State Board of Aid and Charities will speak in the Courthouse April 6 on the social security act.

Flower Show Attracts Many

Nat'l Event Is Held Most Beautiful

The National Flower and Garden Show which is being staged this year at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore has attracted many from Queen Anne's County. General comments on the show are that it is the most beautiful in the seventeen years' history of the event.

The outstanding feature is the replica of Mt. Vernon Place with Washington's monument, its iron railing, statues, fountains and terraces with shrubbery and pastel shades of azalea and small cherry trees. This dominates the center of the main floor.

Among the many visitors to the show from this county have been Mr. and Mrs. T. Rigby Valliant, Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Gadd, Mesdames Edwin H. Brown, Jr., J. R. E. Turpin, Thomas Holland, Purnell Brown, Edwin S. Valliant, Ernest W. Grubb, William H. Carter, William H. Fisher, Walter Blackwell, W. Ray Tabler, Howard W. Ryland, George H. Ryland, R. E. C. Lowe, Joseph C. Bishop, E. B. Goldsborough, and the Misses Mary T. Valliant, Mary Bishop Keith, Mildred Valliant, Jean Valliant, Lilly B. Rochester and Mary M. Parks, Centreville.

Mrs. Walter C. Eastburn, Church Hill; Mrs. Frank Brower, Price; Miss Ethel Ryland, Crumpton; the Messrs. J. Reynolds and S. E. W. Friel, Jr., Queenstown and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. George, Mrs. Dudley G. Roe and Mrs. John F. Stokes, of Sudlersville.

Services For St. Luke's Parish Are Announced

Services for St. Luke's Parish nave been announced by the rector, the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, as follows:

St. Luke's, Church Hill—Friday, Lenten Services in the Parish House, 7:30 p. m.; Sunday, Corporate Communion for members of the Woman's Auxiliary 9 a. m. At this service the Spring U. T. O. will be received.

St. Andrew's, Sudlersville—Thursday, Holy Communion, 10 a. m.; Lenten Service 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Corporate Communion at 11 a. m.

ROTARY TO HEAR CHAMBERS

Max Chambers, Eastern Shore director of the National Youth Administration at Easton and originator of the hobby movement will be guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Centreville Rotary Club at the Blue Lantern tonight, Thursday at 6:30. Mr. Chambers will talk on Hobbies.

GALES HAVE DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gale of Millington, entertained at a turkey dinner on Sunday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. John McLain, of Towson, Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner, of Galena, Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Wallen and Walter Gale.

SENATOR HARPER IMPROVING

Word was received this week that Public Service Commissioner J. Frank Harper, who has been very ill at the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore for the last three weeks, is steadily improving. His many friends join the Queen Anne's Record in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Y. B. M. A. MEETS TONIGHT

The Young Business Men's Association of Centreville will meet this evening, Thursday, at 8 p. m. in the fire house. Members will discuss the proposed cancellation of two trains by the Pennsylvania Railroad. A meeting last Thursday night lacked sufficient attendance to take action.

Let's Lay The Ground Work

AN EDITORIAL

The statement of Frank L. Luthardt, member of the State Roads Commission, that road conditions on the upper Shore are the worst in Maryland brings confirmation to what Queen Anne's Countians have been thinking from the day the spring thaw set in.

Mr. Luthardt expressed himself after State and District Engineers had made a first-hand inspection of the roads.

The inspection, of course, covered only State highways. Had the engineers gone back into some of the necks and by-ways—the roads school buses,farmers, doctors and the bulk of our citizens must travel—the engineers in all probability would have remained with us for an extended visit. Visitors by compulsion and restraint. Bogged down in the mud.

The road engineers could have compiled facts and figures on a dirt road tour that would make them sit up in bed and stare wide-eyed. To back up the figures, they could have carried home testimonials in the form of mud on their running boards and hip boots.

Ten days ago a mass meeting on mud was held in the courthouse.

Among several resolutions adopted was one to set up a county-wide committee, members drawn from each district, to go with the County Commissioners, the Senator and members of the House of Delegates into a conference with the State Roads Commission.

This Committee has not yet been named but indications point to its selection next Saturday. In our opinion this Committee, when and if named, should be selected for a purpose far beyond an immediate conference with the groups mentioned. Numerous conferences have been held between delegations and the County Commissioners. The latter, in turn, have conferred with the State Roads Commission. Little has come out of these meetings other than unanimous agreement that the roads are terrible. Everybody knows that and it is useless to waste time belly-achin'.

What is needed is constructive, systematic, long-time planning. What is needed is a committee that will sit down, figure things out, devise a plan and then fight for its adoption and completion.

When the committee has drawn up a program it should be threshed out with the County Commissioners. Figures should be cited ,not guesswork and opinion.

The mass meeting expressed itself without a dissenting voice that county-wide improvement of dirt roads should take place, making them passable the year around, before new and expensive construction is programmed.

Gravel, sand and oyster shells were the materials discussed not brick, concrete, macadam, or asphalt.

A survey of these materials—where are they, how much will they cost, how much will it cost to haul them, what roads have no gravel pits easy of access, and these fundamental things—should be considered first.

It is altogether possible that members of a committee drawn from representative citizens in all districts could make a better survey of materials and their cost than could the County Commissioners.

In any event such negotiations would have the flavor of neighbor talking to neighbor in a common cause—the improvement of all roads. Perhaps this sort of contact would lessen the tendency of numerous owners of gravel deposits to hold out for the stiffest price when approached by County, State or Federal bodies.

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Here in Queen Anne's the tendency has been to shoot at the top in gaining improvements. In our opinion the best results would be obtained by shooting at the bottom.

Get busy here at home, study the fundamentals. Where are our materials? Where is our labor? Where is our money? How much of each do we have?

The sooner we get down to brass tacks on our roads the sooner we are going to get out of the mud.

The Committee should be chosen from the standpoint of willingness of its members to give time, thought and energy to the problem. Its membership should be drawn from those willing to work when the roads are hot and dusty in August.

The woods are full of people who will squall to high heaven when the bottom falls out of the roads in March or April. There are plenty who will demand a miracle when the roads collapse, but relatively few who will sit down to devise ways and means to avoid a crisis.

Let's lay the ground work first. Let's plan for next year and the years to come.

Queenstown Pier Repairs Sought

Lions Club Say Farmers, Boatsmen Are Hampered

A delegation from the Queenstown Lions Club with Harry C. Reynolds as Chairman was before the Board of County Commissioners seeking repairs to the pier on Queenstown creek. The group reported that the pier had fallen into a dilapidated condition and that farmers in the district who had been unloading their fertilizer there and shipping grain were handicapped. Also it was argued that pleasure craft that had been making use of the wharf could no longer do so.

The oard is communicating with the State Roads Commission to establish whose responsibility it is to maintain the pier.

In the delegation in adidtion to Mr. Reynolds were Messrs. James F. Boyles, J. Reynolds Friel, Horace Morgan, and Frank Delahay.

Farm Bureau Directors Ask For County Audit

The Board of Directors of the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau went on record Tuesday in demanding that an audit of the county's books be made. The resolution, signed by J. B. T. Merrick, Secretary, read: "Be it resolved that this Board go on record demanding that a certified accountant be appointed to audit the books of the County Treasurer and straighten out the mixup that now prevails in the County Treasurer's office.

"Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to both the county papers and the County Commissioners."

County Firemen Sit In On Kent Oyster Scald

Delegations from the Good Will Fire Company of Centreville and the Church Hill and Sudlersville companies attended an oyster scald for Kent and Queen Anne's firemen given by the Chestertown company at their headquarters Thursday evening.

The Centreville group tackling the oysters were Chief F. Asbury Bartlett, Howard Price, Henry Lewis, Milton Wolcott and Lee Clough.

TO PLAN FOR FLOWER MART

A meeting of the Homemakers' County Council and presidents of the various clubs will be held in the Courthouse today, Thursday at 2 o'clock to shape plans for the Flower Mart slated for next May.

Rich Neck Hounds Claimed Speediest

J. Earle Smith Issues Challenge To All

Rich Neck, garden spot along the Chester river, has laid claim to having the fastest fox hounds in Kent and Queen Anne's.

J. Earle Smith said he would like to pit his pack against all comers.

The Rick Neck huntsmen entertained Mr. George Brice, former resident of Chestertown and now of Far Hills, N. J., at several hunts, the best run of the week being on Friday at Nichols Marsh in lower Quaker Neck.

Two members of sly Reynard's family were killed, with the Smith hounds leading the pack. The hounds owned by Dave Kendall, now of Cambridge, also flashed speed.

Other packs in the chase were owned by Lee Robinson, Leonard Crew, Will Toulson, Oscar Swann, Ed Hepburn, Russell Fowler, Howard Strong and Wilbur R. Hubbard.

CAR WRECKED; 2 MEN HURT

An automobile containing Preston Jones and Ray Jarrell of Roe overturned on a right-angle curve on the 9-foot road between Chesterville and Crumpton about 9 o'clock Monday as the men were returning to their homes from Galena.

The car was demolished. The pair escaped with lacerations which were stitched up by Dr. Norman S. Dudley of Church Hill.

Dorcas Society Marks Third Anniversary

The Dorcas Society of the Grasonville Seventh Day Adventist Church celebrated the 3rd anniversary of the society's organization at the home of Miss Mamie Bryan last Monday evening. The program included songs, prayer, recitations and a discussion of the aims and purposes of the society.

After the regular business meeting there was an inspection of the many interesting and useful articles that were presented to the society. Games and contests were then had and many of the guests were presented with prizes. Refreshments of ice cream and cake completed the evening's entertainment and the society begins another year which promises to be even more successful than the past. About 35 guests were present.

Seven Honoraries Added To Queenstown List

Seven additional members were added to the list of honorary members of the Queenstown Fire Company during the past week bringing the total up to 110.

The added members are Queenstown, Mrs. Thomas Marsalis, Thomas Marsalis, Clifton Green, William Shaney, Benjamin Melvin; Grasonville, A. W. Beck, Joseph Jory.

YOUTH'S CONFERENCE MAY 15

The Annual Youth's Conference sponsored by the Queen Anne's County Council of Religious Education was set for May 15 with the Centreville Methodist Episcopal Church the tentative site.

Sudlersville, Church Hill FFA Fete Fathers At Banquet

Approximately sixty Future Farmers of America from the Sudlersville and Church Hill chapters with their fathers and other guests sat in on the annual combined Father-and-Son banquet of the chapters held in Cox Hall, Sudlersville, Wednesday evening to mark the completion of another year in F. F. A. activities. Hubert Skinner, president of the Sudlersville chapter was toastmaster.

Besides the fathers of the farmer lads the list of invited guests included Dr. H. F. Cotterman of the University of Maryland; Dr. J. D. Blackwell, of Salisbury Teachers' College; Senator William R. Wilson, County Commissioner Joseph George, County Superintendent of Schools Franklin D. Day, former Senator Dudley G. Roe, the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, James P. Brown, Kenneth Baker, John F. Stokes, John W. Smith, E. S. Graham, Letha Taylor, Carter Hickman, J. Bernard Merrick, Marley Brown and James Hurtt.

The program opened with an address of welcome by Ralph Graham, vocational agriculture teacher at Sudlersville, with Mr. Graham also introducing the toastmaster following an invocation offered by Rev. Mr. Eastburn.

Wesley Burall and Edwin Atkinson representing Sudlersville and Church Hill respectively recounted the winnings of the two chapters in the various agricultural competitions of the year.

Similarly William Dixon and Thomas Crouch reviewed the accomplishments of the chapter members in school and farm activities.

The banquet was prepared and served by Miss Pauline Chambers and the Home Economics girls of Sudlersville High School.

Filling Station Looter Gets 2 Years in Cut

Leroy Cook Nabbed With Sack Load Taken From Jump, Davidson Places

Leroy Cook, 17-year-old Negro who was caught red-handed with a stolen coat on his back, a $10 pair of shoes on his feet and a gunny sack of articles looted from the Charles Jump and Charley Davidson filling station in Centreville was given twice around the calendar in the House of Correction by Magistrate J. West Thompson in Police Court Monday evening.

Cook raided the Jump filling station on the night of February 29 and got away with it until he made a second visit in the wee hours Friday morning when he tore a heavy wire screen from a window, jimmied the sash and played Santa Claus to himself with the Jump stock.

The same night he used a cocoa bottle on a window for admission ticket to the Davidson place.

Sheriff T. Herbert Everett, Deputy Sheriff Louis Perkins and Constable Bordley Seward got on Cook's trail Friday noon and spotted the lad in a field near the Queenstown road hoofing his way home. The Deputy lured the youth to a fence where the other officers closed in on him.

Besides the coat and shoes the officers recovered a man's sized load of booty in the guano bag. Among the articles in the assortment were a gold watch, a nickel watch, three alarm clocks, two pairs of eye glasses, a bucket of Easter egg candy, shotgun shells, flashlights, bulbs, batteries, cigarettes, pies, cakes, tobacco and othed items from the Jump stock and fountain pens and a toy boat belonging to Mr. Davidson's child stolen from the Davidson station.

A small amount of money identified by an odd coin was found in Cook's possession. A vest taken with the coat was not recovered.

Cook, young as he is, has a fairly lengthy police record.

Town Election Due April 6

Period For Filing Closes Saturday Midnight

The election of a Board of Town Commissioners in Centreville which rolls around every two years will take place on Monday, April 6. The period in which candidates may file closes this Saturday at midnight.

One candidate has filed thus far but Mr. Percy Tucker, Town Clerk, declined to reveal the name to a representative of this newspaper.

The requirements for Town Commissioner call for male residents above the age of 21 who are assessed with at least $300 in real estate and have lived here for six months.

To be eligible to vote one must be assessed with $100 of real or personal property. Married men without property whose wives are so assessed are eligible. Six months residence is required.

Centreville has not had a real fight for the posts in years. A single ticket of three has usually been entered and chosen without opposition. On two previous occasions rumblings of opposition tickets have been heard but the starch went out of them as filing time approached. Messrs. Harry Callahan, Howard E. Price and Alfred M. Green comprise the Board.

Sudlersville In Midst Of Mild Building Boom

Sudlersville is in the midst of a mild building boom. Paul W. Phillips is installing a saw mll at his lumber and building supply yard on Railroad Avenue.

Across the ralroad the Sudlersvlle Supply Company, an enterprse owned by Joseph M. George, is doubling the capacity of the grain elevator. The concern embarked in the grain busines about two years ago, and the additions planned will make the elevator one of the largest and best equipped on the Eastern Shore.

It was also learned that a prospective buyer for the Sudlersville cannery was in that town one day last week. The name of the prospect was not learned.

Mrs. W. H. Bishop To Direct Spring Supper

Mrs. W. Harry Bishop, Queenstown supper expert, will be at the helm of the Spring Supper, carded for Wednesday, April 15, in Queenstown Community Hall for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the town.

The Lions Club will attend the affair in a body with Mrs. John C. Cole in charge of their table.

Other table chairmen are Mrs. John T. Bishop, Mrs. Bennett H. Lane and Mrs. C. S. Wetsell.

Wye Mills Church Given $200 By Ahearn Will

Bequests amounting to $1000 to five organizations were included in the will of the late Mrs. Mary M. Ahearn of Wye Mills which was probated in Easton last week.

The beneficiaries included Wye Mills Methodist Episcopal Church, a trust fund of $200; Easton Home for Aged Women, $200; Easton Emergency Hospital, $100; the Children's Home at Easton, $300; and Spring Hill Cemetery, a trust fund of $200.

Roads Meeting Saturday

Another session of the Committee instrumental in calling the mass meeting on roads at the courthouse ten days ago will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the courthouse. It was the intention at the time of the mass meeting to select the permanent county-wide committee but at the end of a long-drawn-out discussion and after many people who live in outlying sections had gone home, the mass meeting adjourned without making selections.

All members of the original group are urged to be present so that steps may be taken toward drawing up a constructive roads program.

County Milk Producers Get New Co-op Plan

Keith Forecasts Approval Of Proposed Set-Up Here. 38 Sign Up Friday

Based upon the success of the first two meetings of Queen Anne's members of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association held at Sudlersville and Centreville on Friday J. William Keith, county director of the Interstate forecasts almost complete acceptance by county members of the proposed change of the body into a co-operative association.

He also looks for the new set-up to be accepted by the necessary 51% of stockholders in the five states serving the Philadelphia milkshed within 90 days.

The meetings at Centreville and Sudlersville were attended by approximately 75 people of whom 45 were stockholders in the present association. Of these 38 promptly signed the one-year agreements ratifying the proposed co-operative.

Bad roads have hindered necessary visits to members. To offset this a committee is to be appointed to contact all producers and explain the new line-up. Thus far James H. Carter, County Agent Kenneth W. Baker, Dr. James W. Crowl and Royden N. Powell have been named with the others selected to be notified.

Under the proposed plan stock in the present Interstate will be exchanged for Inter-State Cooperative stock at $1 a member with a repayment in cash for any amount above that figure.

The Co-op will have complete control of all milk produced by members except that used for home needs and the Co-op will guarantee payment of price. All dealings with the various milk distributors will be made by the Co-op thus taking the strain off the individual producer.

The Co-op will also take charge of surplus. Present plans are to reduce this to 40% cream and withhold it from marketing until conditions warrant selling.

The Interstate as now organized has about 250 members in Queen Anne's who send milk to Philadelphia. The Baltimore milkshed is practically closed to county producers.

Reject Little Creek Dredging

Report Holds Benefits Too Small To Justify Outlay

An unfavorable report on the dredging of Little Creek on Kent Island long advocated by Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough was handed down this week by Colonel Earl I. Brown, division engineer of the United States Army Engineering Corps.

According to Colonel Brown the principal grounds for rejecting the improvement are that the benefits to be expected from dredging Little Creek would be small, entirely local in character and not sufficient to justify the cost.

Representative Joseph W. A. Evans announced on Saturday that he will file an appeal immediately from the report with the Board of Engineers of Rivers and Harbors at Washington. The deadline for appeals is April 1.

Mr. Evans took a leading part in the hearing to urge the dredging which was held at Howard Thompson's store at Dominion January 14. At that time Mr. Evans pointed out that low tide brought about a total stoppage in navigation affecting sixty or more boats.

Little Creek is an outlet for about 100,000 bushels of oysters and a large quantity of crabs annually. Dredging of Little Creek was expected to aid these enterprises as well as to provide some twenty farms with water transportation of wheat, corn, fertilizer, coal and other commodities.

Q. A. Caroline O. E. S. Visit Cambridge Chapter

Mrs. Robley Hackett, Mrs. Harry Gibson, Mrs. Oscar Briscoe and Mrs. Carrie Morgan of Queen Anne, with Miss Ethel Holt, of Hillsboro, were guests of the Cambridge chapter of Eastern Star last Thursday night. Mesdames Morgan, Gibson and Briscoe with other members of the Caroline Chapter, No. 62, of the Eastern Star, Denton, all dressed in the fashionable costume of 1868, presented the original ritual of the order.

Caroline chapter has been asked to present the same program at a meeting to be held in Baltimore next month.

THOMPSON TO HOSPITAL

Mr. William Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philemon H. Thompson, leaves today for Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, where he will undergo an operation and eight weeks' treatment for his left foot. Billy sustained an injury three years ago while gunning.

Board Allots More Money To Maintenance

Asks State To Add $4,000 To Fund. More Gravel Sought

The Board of County Commissioners at their session on Tuesday decided to designate a larger percentage of the gas tax to be used for dirt road maintenance and will communicate with the State Roads Commission to that end.

Specific figures were not decided upon but it was intimated that at least $4,000 would be added to the dirt road allotment, with approximately $1,000 to go to each of the four road districts in the county.

It was also understood that this additional sum would be used for extra purposes beyond those already planned by the State Roads Comimssion and would be devoted chiefly to sand and gravel surfacing.

The Commissioners also have in mind the purchase of gravel beds where they can be obtained advantageously by the acre. Money for this purpose will come from the contingent fund which the Board provided in the levy last June. It was not revealed how much money would be available from the contingent fund for this purpose.

Meanwhile another blow at county roads funds was sustained in the advice Tuesday by the State Roads Commission that another hangover of approximately $3,200 on the Millington-McGinnes Corner project has been charged to Queen Anne's. This amount apparently was in excess of the original contract price.

Road problems were the main business before the Board this week. Requests poured in from all parts of the county on impassable spots. These complaints were turned over to Engineer Blackwell with the request that they be handled with all possible speed.

Walter C. Lee, a resident of Wye Neck, was before the Board with a sheaf of letters thick enough to choke a sea lion. These contained messages to the President, Governor Nice, the State Roads Commission, together with replies. Mr. Lee asked the Board where he should turn next for action.

Farm - Market Road Action Is Demanded

Directors Of Local Bureau Ask Commissioners To Press Program

The Directors of the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau, who held their monthly meeting Tuesday, adopted a resolution calling on the County Commissioners to demand immediate action in accepting the improvement of the Farm-to-Market roads as a WPA project exactly and in conformity with the specifications sent by the Board through the State Roads Commission to Major H. D. Willair, who is now in charge of the Farm-to-Market program.

State headquarters of the Farm Bureau are becoming more active and insistent on the development of these farm roads. Members of the Federation throughout the State are being called upon to press for action.

With results to date disappointing, Secretary C. E. Wise, Jr., said results can me secured if farmers are insistent with their demands.

"Emergency relief funds will be held for allotment until June 30, 1937," according to Mr. Wise. So far the farm-to-market road program has not been keeping pace with other relief activities. If we fail to secure allotment of the funds available for farm-to-market road purposes before the end of this year, he said, it is quite likely that the funds will be reallocated to other projects and farmers will lose the opportunity they now have to secure improvement of farm-to-market systems."

Even WPA officials at Washington have been disappointed with the farm--to-market development which seems to have created less attention than grants made to primary and secondary systems of highways in most states, Mr. Wise reports. The first idea that all labor must come from those on relief roles has been discarded, according to Wise, and those in charge of the program at the Nation's Capital are thinking now in terms of getting results on the program even if other local labor must be used.

Very little progress has been made on farm-to-market roads in Maryland under the work-relief grant, says Mr. Wise. Other states report a similar situation, and, after a year of waiting it looks as though farmers themselves will have to demand action on the program for their own farm-to-market roads, he pointed out.

Abner *says*-

Doc Cole, pessimist, says the great birds don't sing. "No whistling and warbling by the eagle or the condor," barks Doc.