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Negro Given Lye In Cough Syrup, Dies

Mary Rochester Held In Death Of John Robinson At Price

Following the report of a coroner's jury that John Robinson, 60-year old Price's Station Negro came to his death as the result of poison, Mary Rochester, 33, a colored woman who had been Robinson's housekeeper was ordered held for action by the Grand Jury at an inquest conducted by Coroner J. West Thompson at William H. Good's undertaking establishment at Church Hill Tuesday afternoon.

The woman has been under arrest at Centreville jail since last Thursday charged with assault. It was alleged that she poured concentrated lye in a dose of medicine which she gave Robinson that day. Robinson died Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock after convulsions.

At the inquest a bottle of liquor suspected of containing lye or some other poison was introduced.

Dr. Norman S. Dudley testified that Robinson was taken with a cold or influenza March 13, that he was well on the way to recovery and should not have died of the disease and that he was well enough to walk into the doctor's office on Thursday for treatment for mouth burns.

Both Dr. Dudley and Dr. James A. McCallum, Health Officer examined the dead man's mouth at the inquest and testified that the tongue, gums and mouth lining showed evidence of burns by a caustic substance.

Deputy Sheriff Louis Perkins quoted Robinson as saying Thursday that the Rochester woman had given him a dose of cough syrup which burned his mouth. Robinson had spit out the mixture and swabbed his mouth with vaseline.

Robinson's children Charles and Estelle also testified about the reported mixture of a foreign substance in the medicine and the burning qualities of the liquor administered to their father.

The jury's report after a half hour's deliberation was submitted by Captain Harry Butler, foreman. The other jurors were Frank Barney, J. Elmer Anthony, Frank B. Walls, Oliver C. Jones, Marion Mullikin, Charles V. Clough, Harry W. Draper, Harry Callahan, James Thawley, Charles Roe and Nelson Brown.

The Rochester woman has a lengthy police record. She served a term in the House of Correction for shooting her husband. The man recovered. About two years ago she was charged with setting fire to Robinson's house at night destroying it. Robinson's life was saved by a midnight passerby who discovered the fire and aroused him. She has also been confined in the Crownsville state hospital for negroes.

Park Project To Get Board's Aid

To Improve Plot Near Chester River Bridge

Rumsey Anthony and Walter Needles, a committee representing residents of upper Queen Anne's were before the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday urging action in improving the triangular plot near the Chester River bridge which public spirited citizens donated to the county as a park.

The Committee came to the Board with a proposition for grading, building of a gravel walk, and planting of shrubbery and roadside trees. The delegation offered to assume the major portion of the planting expense if the Board would aid them in the purchase of trees and shrubbery. It was estimated that it will cost about $75 to grade and harrow the plot.

The Commissioners assured Messrs. Anthony and Needles of cooperation in the cost of the improvements and it is believed the work will get underway in the early future.

Mrs. Edward Hayden Chairman Of Balto. Group

At a recent meeting of the Queen Anne's County Chapter of the Woman's Eastern Shore Society, held at the home of Misses Charlotte and Anna Brown in Baltimore, officers were elected for the coming year.

Mrs. Edward G. Hayden was made chairman with Mrs. Walter Kahl, secretary, Mrs. John Coppage, treasurer, and Mrs. Spencer Merrick, historian.

The Queen Anne's Chapter has been very active during the past year, several subscription card parties have been held and the proceeds from them used toward a contribution to the flood sufferers in Federalsburg and toward fitting up several hospital rooms at the Miracle House in Claiborne.

The members contributed generously to the Needlework Guild and worked in cooperation with the Woman's Club of Centreville in placing a number of needy children in Queen Anne's County for a summer vacation.

Horse Kicks Peggy Willson, Breaks Jaw

Miss Peggy Willson, while tending her horse Wednesday morning sustained a fracture of the jaw bone when the animal kicked her. The accident occurred at 10:30.

The physician determined the break a clean one but ordered Miss Willson's removal to Easton Hospital where she underwent an X-Ray and had her jaw set. It was feared that she may have some broken ribs also. However, Miss Willson planned to return home within the day.

Retrievers To Take Water At Benton Trials

Deferred Meet Set For Carpenter Estate Saturday. Keating, Jr., Judge

Retriever followers from a wide area will gather Saturday at the estate of R. R. M. Carpenter at Benton in Cecil County for the second annual Maryland retriever trials under the auspices of the American Chesapeake Club.

Derby, novice and open all-age stakes are slated with the first brace to be put down at 8:30 a. m. Plans call for a one-day meet but if the size of the entry prevents this the events will be concluded on Sunday.

The trials were originally scheduled for December 28 at which time the first cold snap of the winter froze the Bohemia river solid and made travel difficult.

Every dog will be expected to work in the river with this form of retrieving weighing heaviest in the score. Land work with upland game will be given for all competitors in the open all-age stake and the final heats in the minor stakes.

The judges at the trial will be Thomas J. Keating, Jr., Centreville, and Charles L. Lawrence and David Elliott of East Islip, Long Island.

Official guns are to be O. B. Winters of Land's End, Queen Anne's county and Eltinge Warner of New York.

Among the noted dogs expected to compete are Champion Skipper Bob, Montauk Pilot, Captain Henry, Sodak's Gypsy Prince and Babylon Captain Brownie.

Mr Carpenter will be host at a luncheon on his estate on Saturday.

Lacy Drake 55, WalkingInRoad Killed By Car

Lurches Into Auto Driven By Dudley Jester. Accident Held Unavoidable

Lacy Drake, 55, was almost instantly killed when he was struck by an automobile driven by Dudley Jester of Church Hill in front of the Electric Light plant in Centreville about 10:15 o'clock Saturday evening. According to Dr. William H. Fisher who was summoned to the scene, Drake died from a broken neck and concussions.

After investigations by state and county police Coroner J. West Thompson determined the accident to be unavoidable and no inquest was held.

Drake who has led a solitary life since coming to Queen Anne's county about five years ago was carrying a sack of shucked oysters in cans and walking in the middle of the road toward Centreville.

Jester, also coming toward Centreville, saw the man ahead in the road. He blew his horn and as Drake swerved toward the right Jester swung to the left to avoid him. Drake however, lurched over to the left and crashed into the front door of the car. The force of the impact left impressions on the door with a dent above it where the sack of cans struck.

Drake has been living in a shack on the farm of Mrs. Herbert H. Warren since last summer following the burning of his previous home. Clarence Potter was arrested in connection with the fire and is awaiting trial at the May term of court.

Not very much has ever been learned about Drake. He came to the county as a farm laborer from an employment agency in Baltimore about five years ago and has since made his livelihood working on farms in summer and oystering and fishing at other seasons.

He is believed to have two children in a Catholic school in Pennsylvania and to have a sister in Virginia.

He was buried in Chesterfield cemetery Monday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Francis J. Fisher, pastor of Mother of Sorows Church, officiating at the grave.

Committee Named To Investigate Peddling

At a meeting of the Young Business Men's Association of Centreville last Thursday night President G. Myron Latshaw appointed J. Erdman Bramble, Spencer C. Hammond and Charles Haymaker as a committee to investigate peddling in town and see what could be done toward putting a stop to it. The merchants claim they are penalized by outside hawkers and canvassers who bring all kinds of food and merchandise here for sale and operate without license.

The Committee was instructed to take up the matter with town and county officials and report at a later meeting of the Association.

CECILS HOME FROM FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. T. Henry Cecil have returned to their home in Barclay after spending the winter in Lakeland, Florida. The Cecils visited many points of interest on both the East and West coasts of Florida including the huge sponge and fishing industry at Tarpon Springs, the Bok Singing Tower and numerous towns and resorts.

CRANK KICKS, BREAKS ARM

The anxiety of a youth to be of help to a lady school bus driver cost John W. Faulkner, Jr., of Busic, a broken right arm last Friday morning when he tried to crank the bus operated by Mrs. Lola Jones of Henderson. Young Faulkner was taken to Dr. C. H. Stonesifer at Greensboro by Mr. Jones where his arm was set.

Contribute To

Flood Relief

Red Cross In Drive To Aid Flood Victims

Mrs. Howard W. Ryland, County Chairman, Names District Committees

A concerted Red Cross drive throughout Queen Anne's County to aid flood stricken areas is in progress with results thus far reported as very gratifying.

Mrs. Howard W. Ryland, County Chairman, called a meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Franklin D. Day where the drive was organized and district committees named.

Announcements from the pulpit in numerous churches of the county last Sunday drew immediate response and every indication points to generous donations of money and clothing toward flood relief.

In Centreville a store room for clothing will be maintained throughout the week through the courtesy of Mr. J. E. Cahall, and J. Wilbur Walls of Church Hill has offered the use of his truck to haul the contributions to Baltimore on Saturday.

The county Red Cross will start work in cooperation with Baltimore headquarters and it is understood that donations of cash and usable clothing will go first toward relief of flood victims in Maryland.

District chairmen and workers named at the county-wide meeting in Centreville Monday included:

Centreville—Mrs. Ryland, Mrs. L. Herman Meredith, Mrs. Franklin D. Day.
Church Hill—Mrs. Walter C. Eastburn.
Price—Mrs. Frank Brower.
Ingleside—Mrs. W. Rodgers Wilson, Jr.
Barclay—Mrs. Lemuel McGinnes.
Sudlersville—Mrs. Joseph M. George.
Crumpton—Mrs. James F. Stack
Stevensville—Mrs. Henry Grollman.
Queen Anne—Mrs. Horace Morgan.
Grasonville—Mrs. Ray Coursey.
Queenstown—Mrs. W. I. Tuttle and Mrs. Urie Cross.
Ruthsburg—Mrs. Earle R. Bishop.
Chester—Mrs. Louis Jones.

Price Homemakers Discuss Flowers

Flowers and gardens were the topic of discussion at a meeting of the Price Homemakers' Club Tuesday afternoon with Miss Isabel Bewick, Home Demonstration Agent, leading the speakers.

Present at the session were Mrs. J. M. Price, Mrs. J. W. McKenney, Miss Nancy Price, Miss Margaret Leager, Mrs. Milton R. Barwick, Mrs. Eva L. Walls, Mrs. Fred Sparks, Mrs. D. V. Cecil and Mrs. Sarah Scott.

THIEVES RAID MEAT HOUSE

Thieves took advantage of a windy night last week to raid the meat house of Mrs. Earl Clough near Cordova to carry off a large quantity of cured meat, representing a large part of seven hogs that had been butchered. Entrance was gained by sawing the boards in the rear of the house.

Only a day or so earlier the Clark's fine watch dog had been found dead along the State road.

ADD EMORY IN SALES WORK

Addison Emory, formerly associated with John Hall Price in the management of the Centreville Bowling Alleys, has become Queen Anne's representative of the Bacchus Coal company of Chestertown. The Bacchus firm also handles fertilizer, lime, grain and cement.

Inspectors Nab Watermen With Small Oysters

Finds 32% to 50% Of Catch Illegal. Magistrate Claps Fines On 5 Men

Caught with small oysters in their possession ranging from 32% to 50% of their total catch five watermen from Grasonville and Chester were fined $25 and costs for violation of the cull law by Magistrate J. West Thompson in Police Court Monday evening. All appealed.

The men were Ira Thomas, of Chester, Willard Burns, Earl Thomas and Edward C. Pentz of Grasonville and Warren Buttler, Negro, also of Grasonville. They were arrested in the Chester River on Wednesday by Captain G. Frank Akers and Captain Morris P. Edwards of Rock Hall, inspectors of the State Conservation Department.

According to Captain Akers, orders were sent out from Baltimore last week to investigate activities of the Chester River oystermen. About 11 o'clock Wednesday morning he and Captain Edwards trapped the oyster fleet, Captain Akers going upstream from the mouth of the river in the police boat Murray and Captain Edwards coming down stream.

Each of the men arrested had oysters far in excess of the limit. Not more than 5% of the bivalves under three inches are permitted in a catch. Examination showed that Buttler had 32% of the undersized variety; Pentz, 50%; Smith, 35%; Burns, 40% and Thomas, 35%.

Another pair of watermen halted by the officers evaded examination by pulling away from the police boat while they were searching another man's catch and shoveling their entire catch overboard before the officers could catch up with them a second time.

It was reported that the watermen were engaged in tonging oysters from natural rock open to all watermen and dumping them as seed upon leased grounds. As Captain Edwards expressed it they "were robbing every one".

Queenstown To Lay Water Mains

Hydrants, Storage Tank Planned To Fight Fires

Plans for the installation of a water system for fire protection in Queenstown starting in late April or May have been completed by the Queenstown Town Commissioners subject to the passage of a bill in the legislature covering certain additional details.

The proposed system is to include mains and hydrants for all portions of the town and the erection of a storage tank of 50,000 gallons capacity. The town now has a pump capable of handling 300 gallons to the minute and with the added facilities the Queenstown Fire Company will be able to fight a fire for seventeen hours consecutively.

The Town Commissioners, Dr. Norman Hitch, H. C. Onley and J. E. Thompson expect to finance the improvements by a bond issue of $15,000.

With the installation of the water system Queenstown will be up to the minute in fire protcetion. The Queenstown Fire Company purchased its apparatus last June and since then completed a building for housing equipment. It is headed by J. R. Friel, president, and B. R. Cook, chief, and has thirty-five members on the roster.

PLAY AT CRUMPTON TONIGHT

A play "In the Money" is to be given in the Crumpton Church House tonight, Thursday, by the Kennedyville M. P. Church. The last play put on at Crumpton by the Kent County group proved very interesting.

Owing to a death among relatives of members of the cast, the play to have been given by the younger folks of Ebenezer Church last week at Crumpton was postponed until the latter part of April.

Board to Control Special Allotment for Dirt Roads

Commissioners Set Aside $4,000 For Gravel, To Direct Placement. Mud Holes First. Senate Would Cut Baltimore Roads Allowance

The Board of County Commissioners at their session Tuesday definitely set aside $4,000 for the purpose of furnishing and hauling gravel for the dirt roads of the county with $1,000 assigned to each of the four road districts in Queen Anne's.

Placing of this gravel is to be under the direction of the County Commissioners and it is believed that the gravel will be used to repair mud holes over a wide area rather than to embark on the building of any short sections of new gravel roads.

Funds in this amount, it is estimated, would build about four miles of new gravel roads but the Board prefers that repairs be made to provide passable roads rather than to undertake new construction.

Allocation of this sum was discussed at the prior week's session but definite assignment was not made until Tuesday.

Under the arrangement the county buys the gravel and hauls it while Engineer Blackwell and his road crew are to apply it under the road maintenance set-up.

The appointment of a county-wide roads committee for which a meeting was called in the courthouse last Saturday has not been completed. Selection of such a committee is in the hands of the group instrumental in calling the mass meeting on roads at the courthouse March 17. A member of the group said a tentative list had been selected and that the proposed members are being consulted on their willingness to serve before appointments are announced.

Meanwhile roads have surged to the fore in Annapolis at the special session of the Legislature.

A bill sponsored by seventeen members of the Senate, among them Senator William R. Wilson, was introduced Tuesday which would cut Baltimore City's lateral roads allowance 10% and if the measure passes, approximately $900,000 will be switched to the counties. Baltimore City now receives 30% of the lateral roads funds and that would be cut to 20%.

The bill now has sufficient backing to pass the Senate, according to reports.

The measure also would reallocate the half-cent per gallon gasoline collections now set aside for grade crossings elimination, to general roads funds. It would go into effect October 1, 1937, the end of the present two-year fiscal period.

The long-awaited roads commission bond issue measures were introduced in the upper chamber Thursday. One would authorize a $900,000 flotation for debt service, lateral roads and bridges.

The other bill would allow a bond issue of $3,200,000 to start a complete new system of primary highways. Devised as a long-period improvement, the program contemplates at the outset, dual highways on the Eastern Shore and in Southern Maryland.

The present system of primary roads would be improved, but relegated to a secondary status. Although the program follows closely the recommendations made some time ago by the State Planning Commission, the State Roads Commission has announced it as its own.

Another measure hanging fire in the Senate, introduced by Milton L. Veasey of Worcester, would give the various Board of County Commissioners the right to determine "finally" the purposes to which the counties' shares of lateral road funds shall be spent.

Under the present law final deter-

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Farmers Here In Uproar On Milk Contracts

Harbison Seeks To Lineup Producers Direct. Conference On Today

A counter move by the Harbison Dairies to discourage Queen Anne's farmers from ratifying the proposed Interstate Milk Producers' Cooperative Association has left the milk situation in the county in an uproar with farmers uncertain which way to act.

Until a week ago prospects for ratification seemed rosy. Some 60 producers out of the 250 Interstate members in the county signed contracts for the Cooperative in the first few days that the movement was underway. On the strength of this J. W. Keith, director for Queen Anne's, forecast that the cooperative would be approved within 90 days.

Then Harbison representatives stepped into the picture. They are the chief buyers of milk produced in the county and deal with each farmer directly. Under the proposed cooperative they would have to deal with that organization, which does not set so well.

It is reported that word was conveyed that farmers signing up with the new cooperative would be cut off the Harbison list and that this has been held somewhat as a threat to prevent ratification. Since last Thursday signing up for the cooperative has been at a standstill.

A similar situation is reported existin Massey and Hurlock where the Harbison Dairies also operate.

It is also suggested that the proposed cooperative would control the sale of surplus milk above the basic contract which now is bought by Philadelphia companies at a lower rate than for basic milk.

With the cooperative acting for the farmers of five states it is believed that they would have more voice in setting Phildalephia prices with the individual companies having less.

Two meetings between W. P. Fusselbaugh and others representating the Harbison Dairies, and J. William Keith and Clayton Reynolds, field representative for the Inter-State, have been held in the Courthouse since Thursday to iron out the situation in Queen Anne's.

A further atempt is to be made this morning, Thursday, when delegations from Sudlersville, Centreville, Massey and Hurlock meet with Harbison representatives at the office of Inter-State in Philadelphia at 10 o'clock.

Sudlersville is to be represented by John W. Smith, Olin Stafford and Clayland Stevens. The Centreville group is composed of Oliver C. Jones, James H. Carter, Earle R. Bishop and I. Hill Anthony.

County directors from the Shore are to be present also, including J. William Keith,, Queen Anne's; A. R. Marvel, Talbot; and John Carvel Sutton, of Kent.

SET TAG DAY APRIL 4

The Centreville Parent-Teachers' Association will hold the annual Tag Day on Saturday, April 4. The purpose of the drive for funds is to buy athletic equipment for pupils at the local grammar school. Mrs. John Palmer Smith is Chairman.

DR. DOLE TO SPEAK

Dr. Esther M. Dole, head of the history department at Washington College, will speak before the Centreville Woman's Club on current topics at the Little Theatre on Wednesday, April 1 at 2:30 o'clock.

Rehabilitation Group Dives Into Program

Committee Meets. Farm Life To Be Planned For Borrowers

The Queen Anne's county committee on Rural Rehabilitation met in the Courthouse with B. W. Ampson of Salisbury, Shore director, Wednesday evening to shape a county program and acquaint themselves with features of the rehabilitation work.

The committee by districts included: 1st, Mrs. Theodore Walbert, John W. Smith; 2d, Mrs. Franklin Everett, Ernest B. Brown; 3d, Mrs. Claude Anthony, John Cannon; 4th, Mrs. Claude Lowery, T. Walter Denny; 5th, Mrs. Algernon Carter, J. Edgar Bryan; 6th, Mrs. Nornan Mason, Fred B. Sylvester; 7th, Mrs. Gilbert Brown, Carroll Leverage.

Rural rehabilitation, which is an offshot of the Federal Resettlement program is designed to help farmers and tenants in difficulties in getting a new start on life.

Aid may be extended to young couples who wish to start farming as well as to tenants and farmers whose financial problems make it hard for them to use their farm as fully as they might.

Loans up to $1000 may be made for two to five years at 5½% interest and secured by a chattel mortgage. The money may be used for livestock, seed, feed, fertilizer, equipment, repairs to buildings, or erection of new structures, fences or other needs.

Borrowers will be required to conduct their work under the direction of the rehabilitation administration. They will be told what crops to plant, how to plant, how to care for stock and exactly what to do in conducting the farm. The farm wife may even be advised as to what farm products are to be canned for winter use and how to arrange and maintain her home and furniture.

The aim of the program ,as summed up by Mr. Ampson, is to train farm people how to plan their lives and live them as successfully as possible.

Rotarians To Stage "Farmers' Night" Tonight

E. I. Oswald, state director of Rehabilitation, is to be the principal speaker at the "Farmers' Night" dinner of the Rotary Club in St. Paul's Parish House this evening, Thursday, at 6:30 o'clock. Each Rotarian is expected to invite a Queen Anne's county farmer as his guest.

Vocal selections will be given by the Sudlersville Male Quartette composed of John W. Smith, Olin Smith, Charles Chance and Homer Benton.

The committee in charge of the dinner is County Agent Kenneth W. Baker and Ernest W. Grubb. The Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's parish will serve.

YOUTH GROUP TO MEET

The Officers of the Queen Anne's County Youth Conference will meet Tuesday evening, March 31, in the Centreville M. E. Church. Hampton Brown is the president, Peggy Gibson, vice-president, Ida Mae Mandrell, secretary, and the Rev. Clarence L. Fossett is the Young People's Director. Plans are being made for a county conference to be held in May.

BARCLAY HOMEMAKERS MEET

The Barclay Homemakers' Club met at the home of Mrs. John Lane last Friday afternoon Flowers were the chief topic of discussion with plans furthered for the Flower Mart to be held at Centreville in May.

The next monthly session will be held at the home of Mrs. John Ware.

Centreville Seeks Permit To Buy Old Bank As Town Office

A decision to purchase the Queen Anne's Bank building for a Town Hall subject to permission by the legislature was reached by the Town Commissioners of Centreville at a special session Friday evening following a conference with business leaders at which general approval was voiced. The purchase price is to be $7,500.

A bill authorizing the acquisition was introduced into the legislature Friday morning by Senator William R. Wilson at the request of the Commissioners. Upon its passage and signature by Governor Nice the deal is to be completed.

The idea of buying the bank building was first voiced by Commissioner Alfred M. Green two years ago. Since then the matter lay dormant until Thursday when Commissioners Howard E. Price and Harry F. Callahan also got behind it.

Edwin H. Brown, Jr., counsel to the Commissioners was instructed to draw up and mail to Senator Wilson a bill for legislative approval. An open meeting was called for Friday evening to sound out public sentiment.

Delegations from the Rotary Club, Young Business Men's Association, the Good Will Fire company and other taxpayers expressed their accord with the proposal and urged that the present town building be assigend entirely to the fire company. Following the hearing the necessary motion to purchase was made and carried.

Those appearing at the session included F. Asbury Bartlett and Clayton Wright for the Firemen; J. Thomas Holland, J. Olin Pippin and Norman P. Walters, Rotary; Grant Yates, Abe Epstein and J. E. Bramble, Young Business Men.

Acquisition of the bank building, a two-story brick structure on Lawyers' Row will give Centreville one of the most attractive town buildings on the Eastern Shore.

The building is in good repair except for a few broken slates around the short tower which houses a clock originally presented as a town timepiece by Walter Wright. It contains a vault estimated as worth from $3,000 to $5,000.

The building was carried for $25,000 on the books of the bank. Until recently it was assessed for nearly $22,000. When it passed out of active use the assessment was cut to the present figure of $10,000 for the building and $700 for the lot.

The Queen Anne's National Bank was one of the first casualties of the depression. It was taken over by the Centreville National Bank in December, 1931, when in financial straits. Upon the reorganization of the Centreville National after the bank holiday title to the structure passed to the Trustees of the Trusteed Assets.

Five Entries Put Punch In Town Election

Centreville Faces First Contest In 20 Years As Walters, Bramble File

For the first time in more than twenty years Centreville will have an election for Town Commissioners as late entries before the expiration of the filing period on Saturday brought five candidates for three places to be filled on April 6.

The candidates are Norman P. Walters, J. Erdman Bramble and the present incumbents, Howard E. Price, Harry F. Callahan and Alfred M. Green.

Mr. Price, treasurer of the present Board, has been a Commissioner for fourteen years, succeeding L. Tilghman Hayden. Mr. Callahan, the president, has held office for eight years and Mr. Green, who was appointed to succeed his father upon the latter's death, three years.

Mr. Walters is a contractor, former president of the Rotary Club and secretary of Centreville Lodge, No. 180, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Bramble is a merchant and superintendent of the Centreville Methodist Episcopal Sunday School.

The election is to be held in the office of the Orphans' Court in the Courthouse between 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. on Monday, April 6.

The judge who must be a justice of the peace will be W. Lloyd Ford. Mr. Ford had the privilege of naming the clerk and selected Mrs. Mamie S. Bright.

The election will bring the first contest to Centreville since women were given the right to vote. Because of a provision of the Town charter restricting suffrage to men only which was nullified by the suffrage amendment a ruling as to qualified voters has been announced by Edwin H. Brown, Jr., counsel to the Commissioners.

According to Mr. Brown only those may vote who are residents of Centreville on April 6, who have been residents for the previous six months and whose names are in the tax book assessed with $100 or more of property of any sort, real or personal.

This includes men or women. Where property is jointly in the name of husband and wife both may vote. No vote will be allowed to any company or corporation. Where property is in the wife's name the husband will not be permitted to vote nor will wives have the privilege for property in a husband's name.

It is estimated by Town Clerk Percy Tucker that the number of eligible voters will between 125 and 150.

The compensation of the Commissioners is $75 a year except for the Treasurer who receives $100.

Harmony Is Sought In Crab Industry

Commission Set-Up For Virginia Conference

In an attempt to create harmonious relations in the crab industry between Virginia and Maryland, Governor Harry W. Nice concluded a conference in his office with a delegation from the crab industry by appointing a commission to inaugurate a new series of discussions with Virginia representatives.

The commission consists of Chairman Robert F. Duer of the State Conservaton Commission, the Senators from the Eastern Shore counties and members of the industry including Sterling G. Harris for Queen Anne's; G. Ellsworth Leary, Kent; George Harrison, Talbot; Wallace Quinn, Somerset; J. W. Chew, Baltimore and A. W. Woodfield, Anne Arundel.

The conference with the Governor was arranged to seek a solution of the present hampering of the crab industry. Statistics covering the dwindling catch of all sorts of crabs in recent years were cited as well as the harmfulness of the Virginia laws which permit the taking of sponge crabs.

Among those instrumental in organizing the conference were Queen Anne's Senator, William R. Wilson and Representatives Joseph W. A. Evans and Percy Thomas.

Roe Entertains Bank Group At Birthday Party

Former Senator Dudley G. Roe celebrated his birthday last Monday by entertaining the officials, Board of Directors and attorney to the Bank of Sudlersville at his home.

The guests included John F. Stokes, Miss Emma Gillespie, Miss Lillian Phillips, Thomas Gillespie, George I. Harrison, James Higman, Noble Coppage, C. Percy Merrick, Dr. C. H. Metcalfe, Dudley G. Roe, Jr., and William R. Horney, of Centreville.

Abner *says*—

Th' Ladies' Cultural Society resolved yesterday that the rulers and dictator's would be more impressive if they wore long whiskers.