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THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

Tension in Europe

Paris—The world held its breath this week as Adolph Hitler, German Leader, turned the Versailles and Locarno treaties into scraps of paper by sending military forces into the Rhineland, supposedly demilitarized forever. France rejected the velvet glove of Nazi friendship that accompanied the armed fist, rushed a third of its regulars to the frontier and groped for assistance from England and the League of Nations.

Good Scouts

St. Louis—Walter W. Head, president of the National Boy Scout Council quoted figures to show that not one of the 7,500 boys brought into juvenile court in the past 25 years was a First Class Scout.

Business Better

New York—General Motors reported the largest February sales of cars and trucks of any February since the boom year of 1929.

Poosepatuks Have Rights

Riverhead, Long Island—The forgotten Red Man got a break in court when Judge Richard Hawkins refused a petition by W. S. Dana to oust the Maynes and Gales families from his land. Deeds to his property provided that Poosepatuk Indians and their descendants might always live on the place. The Mayneses and Galeses are Poosepatuks.

Bathroom Roosters

New York—Joseph Pino kept a pair of fighting roosters in his bathroom so that their crowing might waken him before 5 o'clock. When he overslept Sunday he discovered the birds were stolen and hidden in a neighbor's house.

Massacring Crows

New Sharon, N. J.—Farmers led by A. W. Priestly, long a crow hater, took advantage of a full moon to surround a huge crow roost near here and used guns from muzzle loaders to automatics to kill 800 crows before morning.

Perfect Alibi

New York—Kenneth Snyder and George Williams, arrested as suspects in a robbery February 4 beat the rap with a perfect alibi. They could not have been at the scene of the theft. They were in jail.

Off With His Mustache

Windsor, England — Although army regulations against mustaches were softened a few years ago Private Bursell was sentenced by a court martial to 28 days in the guard house for wearing a lip curtain. He has had it for five years. When he dyed it black instead of the original ginger color and clipped it a la Hitler the officers cracked down by citing the rules.

But They're Twins

Passaic, N. J.—Mrs. Frank Oosdyke's twins will hardly be able to prove it by birth certificates. One was born in Passaic on Sunday; the other arrived in New York Tuesday, forty-seven hours later. Different days, cities and states for this pair.

Advertising Pickpockets

Hot Springs—Mayor H. P. McLaughlin has a way of acquainting his public with pickpockets and race track touts. Each of these caught is given a ball and chain, a broom and thirty days work sweeping the city's main avenue where intended victims can look them over.

Mrs. Whately Dead

Birmingham, Eng.—Another figure passed out of the Lindbergh kidnapping case when Mrs. Ollie Whately, who was a house servant at the time died of cancer. Her husband who was the butler at the time of the affair, is also dead.

Back Talk

New York—While Stanley Multy was enrolled in the CCC he did not care to tell Lieutenant Weiss his superior what he thought of him. When Multy was discharged he put his thoughts in a letter. Now Multy is under arrest for sending obscenity through the mails.

One Won't Hurt

Newark—Martin Nolan had not slept for a week nor taken a beer since New Year's. When his boss in the Relief office sent Martin down to the bank in a new car with $50 to deposit Martin started with one beer and ended three days later in Kansas City, broke and with such a hangover.

The Truth Hurt

Birmingham, Ala.—Tired of being kidded about its signs, "Slow Men at Work" the state highway department has changed the tag to "Caution! Men at Work."

Can't Beat the Dutch

Berlin—Eight farmers on the Dutch-German boundary were sent to jail in an effort to break up a new egg racket. Farmers along the line feed their poultry in Holland to use untaxed grain but dodge the tariff on eggs by driving the flock into Germany to lay. Germany wants the tax on the grain or the 3,000,000 eggs slipped through.

Really Feeley Deeley?

New York—Magistrate Lauer took no chance on being confused by names. Dorothy Russell, daughter of the famous Lillian, referred to a woman lien holder as Feeley or Deeley, with the possibility that her maiden name was Feeley and she married Mr. Deeley. "To play safe," said the judge, "we'll call her Mrs. Feeley-Deeley."

Has Air to Sell

Fort Worth—Elliott Roosevelt, son of F. D. R. has taken options on stations KOMA, WACO and KTAT of the Southwest Broadcasting Company, according to reports, indicating that Elliott who used to be with aviation interests is airminded in another way.

Town Fathers Ask $3500 For Electric Line

Prepare Bills To Borrow For Price. Would Make Water Rents Liens

Bills authorizing the Town Commissioners of Centreville to borrow $3,500 to build a power line into Price and making sewer and water rentals liens upon property in Centreville were introduced into the legislature last week by Senator William R. Wilson at the request of the Town Commissioners.

Both measures were turned over to a special committee composed of Senators Wilson, Duncan and Brice after the first reading.

Under the t erms of the power bill the Commissioners will be allowed to borrow $3,500 on promissory notes which may be renewed until September 1, 1939.

Requests for the extension of the Church Hill-Centreville electric line into Price have been submitted to the Commissioners in the last few months. Frank Brower, owner of a grain elevator and D. Thompson Swing, operator of a cannnery who would be among the chief users of current headed the petitioners. Their establishements now use Delco systems.

According to Howard E. Price of the Town fathers electric lines are extended only when the prospective consumers pay for their erection. The line to Price will not be built, he says, until the Commissioners are definitely assured that the Centreville Electric Company will be repaid in full.

Requests have also been made for extensions to Wye Island where the Centreville plant has a franchise from the County Commissioners and permission from the Public Service Commission. A hitch in repayment has caused this extension to hang fire.

It is understood that consumers in Price are considering a system of partial payments in the event that they get their current.

The bill to authorize the borrowing was introduced as an emergency measure "necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety" and would take effect upon passage.

The other bill would make sewer and water rentals and costs for service in Centreville liens upon real estate and would permit the Town Commissioners to sell the real estate to satisfy the liens. The measure would go into effect June 1, 1936.

At present sewer and water rentals are payable in advance and if not paid by July 1 may result in the cutting off of water service. There is no way to cut off sewerage facilities. It was reported that there are no unpaid rentals for past years outstanding on the town books.

Neither bill carries a referendum.

103 Honoraries Join Company At Queenstown

Fourth, Fifth Districts Line Up Strong. Drive Runs Through March

With the bulk of the contributors coming from the Fourth and Fifth Districts the roll of honorary members in the Queenstown Fire Company lifted to 103 this week. The campaign hindered by blocked roads at the outset is to continue throughout March.

J. Reynolds Friel, president of the Fire Company, has directed the drive which is intended to help cut down the outstanding debt against the organization.

The list of honorary members to date is:

Queenstown, Joseph Ginsberg, James F. Boyles, J. C. Cole, Mrs. W. W. Cross, B. H. Lane, William Lane, Norman R. Hitch, William Potter, C. S. Church, J. W. Beecher, Mrs. Charles Bishop, D. C. McConnor.

G. W. Aldridge, Harry Bishop, James E. Thompson, Mrs. James E. Thompson, Mrs. H. C. Onley, Mrs. Clara Rhodes, Edward S. Rowens, Queenstown Bank, Misses Mary and Maud Sherwood, S. E. W. Friel, Jr.

J. T. Bishop, W. W. Story, W. I. Tuttle, W. F. Delahay, S. E. W. Friel, William Gerlach, William M. Booker, J. R. Friel, M. McNamee Mrs. Lillian Henneman, Mrs. Louis Hergenrather.

John R. Whaley, Dr. G. L. Timanus, F. S. Dudley, R. G. Bryan, H. G. Dusenbury, C. Tilghman Bishop, Howard Melvin, Mary E. Griffin, Walter C. Lee,

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Milk Producers Plan Monthly Test On Cows

Formation of a Herd Improvement Association in Queen Anne's county was determined upon at a meeting of about twenty-five dairymen in the Courthouse Monday evening. Plans call for the employment of a milk tester who will check individual cow production each month to enable owners to weed out the poor producers.

The association was started with a nucleus of eight members including Milton Cecil, Oliver C. Jones, John H. Chambers, Chambers & Beaver, Royden N. Powell and J. R. E. Turpin of Centreville; Caspar T. Seney, Price; and Tilghman H. Moyer of Chestertown.

MISS VALLIANT HOSTESS

Miss Mary T. Valliant was hostess to her bridge club at her home on Thursday evening. Besides the usual two tables, Miss Pearle Bishop was guest player. The high prize was gained by Mrs. Harry C. Onley and Miss Mary Bishop Keith kept the floating prize.

Queenstown Players To Romp In 3-Act Comedy

Grandma will strut her stuff at the Queenstown Community Hall Thursday evening, March 19, when members of the Queenstown Methodist Episcopal Church cavort in the hilarious three-act comedy, "Where's Grandma." Mrs. John T. Bishop is coaching the cast.

The play centers around the antics of a venerable lady who tries to beat time by acting like a debutante. Mrs. John Cole plays the title role of Grandma.

Others in the cast are Mrs. B. H. Lane as Gretchen Blake; the Rev. Ray W. Kirwan as Bob Blake; Harry Barton as Jack Worley; Mrs. Earle Jester, Lucy King; Mrs. C. S. Wetsell, Arline Truesdale; Mrs. T. G. Embert, Carol Worley, George Prouse as the colored houseman Midnight; and Mrs. Ray Kirwan as his equally burnt-corked wife Dahlia.

Musical features will be offered between acts and the proceeds are slated for the church treasury.

Mrs. Gadd Heads Staff Named In P-TA Election

New Officers Chosen for Coming Year. Lunch-Room Figures Given

Mrs. A. Sydney Gadd, Jr., was elected president of the Centreville Parent-Teacher's Association for the coming year at an active meeting in the Elementary School Friday evening. Other officers chosen are Mrs. Oliver C. Jones, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Robert R. Price, 2d vice-president; Mrs. J. Hall Barton, 3d vice-president; Mrs. Hall Covell, secretary; and Mrs. John Palmer Smith, treasurer.

A comprehensive report of the school lunchroom was submitted by Mrs. Barton showing that 2598 free lunches have been served to undernourished children during the first twenty-one weeks of the school year. A total of 8231 lunches have been provided during the period of which 5633 were paid for. Mrs. Barton's report also showed that the gross receipts of the Association for the past three years exceeded $2000, the greater part of which was spent in providing for the undernourished.

A summary of the activities of the State Congress of Parents and Teachers was given by Mrs. Covell who attended as delegate from the Centreville body.

One of the features of the evening aside from the routine of business was a pair of saxophone solos by "Woody" Woodford who was accompanied by Miss Helen Roe, pianist.

Standing committees for the ensuing year are to be announced tonight, Thursday, by Mrs. Gadd at a special meeting called for the purpose.

At the regular meeting in April the Association will consider a recommendation that the group return to its former program of nine sessions a year instead of the quarterly system now followed.

O.E.S. Group To Banquet Here

Shore Eastern Star Gathering Set March 20

The Past and Present Matrons and Patrons Association of the Eastern Shore, Order of the Eastern Star will gather in Centreville on Friday evening, March 20, for a dinner meeting and program.

Around 100 members of the thirteen chapters on the Eastern Shore are expected here. Dinner is to be served in the Methodist Episcopal Church House at 6:30, and the members later will go to the Masonic Lodge room for a conclave.

Miss Lilly B. Rochester, who is First Vice-President of the Association, is Chairman of the Program Committee. Mrs. Marvin Barton heads the Dinner Committee. Local Chapter No. 69 O. E. S. is host, and it will mark the first time in the Association's four-year history that Centreville has been honored with a meeting of this character.

Mrs. Rena Daugherty, of Crisfield, is President of the body. Other officers in addition to Miss Rochester are Miss Inez Daugherty, Crisfield, Secretary; Dr. Charles A. Holland, Berlin, 2d Vice-President; Mrs. Rosa Ralph, Salisbury, Treasurer.

Other towns besides Centreville linked in the organization are Crisfield, St. Michaels, Pocomoke City, Berlin, Cambridge, East New Market, Denton, Federalsburg, Easton, Elkton, and Salisbury.

Smokey Joe II Tows Disabled Boat To Port

Captain Wash Woodall of the Pennsylvania Railroad ferry Pittsburgh, or "Smoky Joe II" added another rescue to his long list last Wednesday when he tossed a line to the powerboat Little Charlie which was caught in an ice field off the Kent Shore with its rudder gone and towed it to Love Point.

The ferry had left Love Point about 6 o'clock for its evening trip when it was hailed by the Little Charlie, owned by Captain William Townsend of Chestertown. The ferry returned to Love Point with the smaller craft in tow and started again for Baltimore an hour and ten minutes late.

MISS WHARTON IN PLAY

Miss Elsie Wharton, of Centreville, will take the role of Princess San Luca in "Death Takes A Holiday", three-act play to be given by the Washington Players in William Smith Hall at Chestertown on Friday, March 20.

"Mud" Mass Meeting Asks Home Control of Roads

County-Wide Program Of Gravel Roads Favored. "Red Tape" of Roads Commission Scored, Lack of Drainage Criticized. Engineer Quizzed

Representative citizens from all parts of Queen Anne's went on record Tuesday as favoring the return of lateral road control to the Board of County Commissioners subject to the allocation to this county of its share of gasoline tax funds.

This action came at a mass meeting in the courthouse on a motion from former Senator J. H. C. Legg which gained an immediate second and was approved by the gathering with no dissenting votes. Mr. Legg said he had been asked to learn the sentiment of the meeting so that it could be transmitted to the Eastern Shore County Commissioners Association for possible joint action with Western Shore Boards.

Previously the mass meeting had adopted two resolutions:

1) That a large committee of at least five from each District be named to go with the County Commissioners, the Senator and the members of the House of Delegates into a conference with the State Roads Comimssion to see if we can get a better allocation of the State Roads funds of this county to immediately make the dirt roads passable.

2) That each road district be supplied with the necessary equipment to keep these roads passable, and that we ask the County Commissioners to get as much an allocation of this county's funds for improvement of dirt roads as is possible under the present law.

Another motion proposed by former Senator Dudley G. Roe asked that the Legislature pass a law to regulate the weight of traffic over the highways in a thaw. The motion carried.

District Engineer Rolph Townshend, who was present at the session and took the floor to answer free-for-all questions, said he had been advised by the State Roads Commission that leglislation restricting the weight of trucks after a freeze is now in preparation.

Thomas J. Keating, Jr., acted as chairman of the meeting, and among those who spoke or fired questions were former County Engineer J. R. E. Turpin, County Commissioner Joseph M. George, former Senators Legg and Roe, Walter C. Lee, M. C. Sherman, A. Temple Blackwood, Luther L. Gadd, Captain Phillip Reeves, the Rev. C. W. Spry, Oliver C. Jones and Olin Smith.

Late comers jammed the courtroom after the session got under way.

Lack of drainage of dirt roads was scored throughout the meeting as a large contributing cause to the present impassable conditions.

The State Roads Commission also came in for continuous fire on the growth of red tape and the difficulties encountered in getting action.

Former Roads Engineer Turpin said he welcomed the opportunity to speak out before such a gathering in the role of a citizen and taxpayer after being muzzled for years because of his position.

He said in the first year of State Roads control remarkable results were obtained and that more progress was made than in any other year of his long tenure. Lessening cooperation and the increase of red tape began with the appointment of the Republican Commission, he pointed out.

Back in the days when the county worked with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles department, Mr. Turpin said that reimbursement for expenditures had been prompt and satisfactory with red tape practically non-existent.

Mr. Townshend told the meeting about the Commission's latest idea of building a state-wide system of sec-

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Milk Meetings Set For Here, Sudlersville

Inter-State Reorganization To Be Discussed Twice Friday

Meetings looking toward the reorganization of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association will be held at two points in Queen Anne's County tomorrow, Friday.

The first session will be in Cox Hall Sudlersville at 9 a. m., and the second, in the courthouse here at 7:30 p. m.

Director J. William Keith, Field Representative Clayton Reynolds, and County Agent Kenneth W. Baker will be in charge of the meetings.

The reorganization plan is to be outlined, and new contracts offered.

Among the reasons cited for the meetings were the following:

1) A report of a survey recently completed to the effect that theoretically over one million dollars per year can be saved in transportation charges in the Inter-State territory, and under a new set-up it will be possible to save a considerable part of that amount for members.

2) At the present time the producer price for 3.5 milk selling for eleven cents retail is the lowest of any recent year.

3) Due to the lack of control of its members' milk by the Inter-State, under its present set-up, the Class I price is different in other states in the Inter-State territory with Maryland and Delaware, as a whole, taking a lower price.

Centreville Rotarians Attend Kent Celebration

Virgil R. Freeney, Spencer C. Hammond and W. John Connolly of the Centreville Rotary Club attended the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Chestertown Rotary Club at the Chester River Yacht Club Monday evening. About 100 guests including Rotarians from Elkton and Easton were present.

The feature of the celebration was a memorial eulogy of the late Dr. Paul S. Titsworth, formerly of Washington College, a former president of the Chestertown Rotary and also governor of the 34th Rotary District. Harry S. Russell, president of the Chestertown club, was toastmaster.

Rev. Ray W. Kirwan Declines New Pastorate

Unless unexpected changes occur at the Wilmington Conference sessions at Delmar this month the Rev. Ray W. Kirwan will return to the Queenstown Methodist Episcopal charge which he has served for the past two years.

Mr. Kirwan was recently offered a transfer for next year but in response to requests from the congregations at Queenstown, Perry's Corner and Grasonville churches of which he is pastor he has declined the offer.

Mr. Kirwan has been popular and successful in the Queenstown area. He is active in the religious activities of Queen Anne's county and is president of the County Council of Religious Education.

KENT ISLAND CHIMNEY FIRE

An overheated chimney in the home of Ernest Pinder near Stevensville High Scholo called out the Queenstown Fire Company Saturday evening about 7 o'clock. The fire was extinguished with no loss except a cracked chimney.

Moffett, Van Valen Chosen Poultry Heads

Officers Named At Poultrymen's Dinner. 10-Year-Old Girl Dances

An attractive speaking and musical program together with election of officers featured the annual banquet of the Queen Anne's County Poultry and Game Association held in conjunction with a gathering of the Poultry Dinner Club of Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester counties at St. Paul's Parish House on Monday evening. About seventy-five guests were present.

The chief speaker was Cliff D. Carpenter, associated with a poultry disease laboratory in Los Angeles and New York. His address on poultry diseases with a wealth of minute and informative details captured the audience which prolonged his question and answer discussion period following his talk into a hour's buttonholing when the meeting adjourned.

Both organizations selected officers during the session. Joseph R. Van Valen of Chestertown was reelected president of the Dinner Club and Claude Truslow, also of Chestertown secretary-treasurer. Vice - presidents for the various counties are Kent, Sewell Lee, Worton; Queen Anne's, Kenneth W. Baker, Centreville; Talbot, Ivan Morton, Easton; Caroline, H. T. Langmaid, Greensboro; Dorchester, H. O. Peterson, Cambridge.

The staff chosen for the Poultry association includes John H. Moffett, president; Mrs. Algernon Carter, vice-president; Kenneth W. Baker, secretary; Letha Taylor, treasurer. New directors for two-year terms selected were Mrs. M. Grace Rambo, W. Rodger Wilson and Merton R. Shawn.

Entertainment features at the banquet consisted of selections on the musical saw by Frank Willis; vocal solos by Royal S. Brown of Easton, county agent in Talbot; and tap dancing by his 10-year-old daughter, Dorothy Lee Brown.

The presidents of the two groups, Mr. Van Valen and Mr. Moffett, acted as toastmasters.

The banquet was served by the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's Church.

Negro, Walking Line, Hit By Car At Willoughby

Apparently in the midst of demonstrating that he could walk a straight line as represented by the stripe in the middle of the Eastern Shore Boulevard at Willoughby, Jerome Harris, 24-year-old Negro, wobbled off the marker and into the face of an oncoming car driven by County Commissioner Charles I. Boyle last Sunday afternoon.

Harris was knocked down and sustained scalp wounds for which he spent the night in Easton Emergency Hospital after being taken there by Mr. Boyle.

The Negro was walking along the road with his father and brother, and apparently was endeavoring to convince them that he could walk the straight and narrow.

BOYS CLEAR FIELD WITH FIRE

A grass fire on the lots behind Kidwell Avenue started Sunday afternoon by youngsters trying to clear a field for baseball got beyond control and resulted in a summons for the Good Will Fire Company. The company was busy with a major conflagration on the Bryan farm leaving the task of squelching the blaze to neighbors.

Later that night the fire broke out again in the Jewell garage and was extinguished by William Blunt.

Quizzed On Roads

ROLPH TOWNSHEND

Sabbath Blaze Destroys Bryan Farm Buildings

Fire For Thawing Frozen Pipe Ignites Barn. Silo, Milkhouse in $4500 Loss

An attempt to thaw a frozen water pipe in a barn on J. Edgar Bryan's farm on Wye River two miles west of Queenstown ended disastrously Sunday afternoon when the blaze spread to the structure itself, destroyed it and several other buildings together with some farm equipment and 45 tons of hay, and wreaked damage estimated at $4500 before being brought under control by the Queenstown and Good Will fire companies. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Bryan's 15-year old son James had dug a hole under the ice-clogged pipe about 2 o'clock and had lighted a straw fire beneath it. He then went to the pumphouse for a few minutes. During his absence spits of flame ran along loose straw on the ground and ignited the barn, a two-story structure about 60 feet by 35 with a quantity of hay in the loft.

The barn was consumed as was the silo and milkhouse adjoining and a few smaller outbuildings. A calf and several lambs perished in the blaze.

Both the Good Will company of Centreville and the Queenstown department were summoned. They laid hose lines in Wye River 200 feet away and squelched fires in the implement shed and another barn used for storing grain and hay.

The firemen tore the back wall out of the implement shed and dragged out most of the larger articles. The burnt barn housed both cows and horses but the stock were in the field when the blaze caught. The farm home about thirty yards distant was unharmed.

Mr. Bryan who is a brother-in-law of J. Frank Harper of the Public Service Commission was ill in bed and unable to lift a hand in his own behalf during the fire. He is prominent in agricultural life of Queen Anne's county, is active in the Farm Bureau and was a member of both the Wheat and Corn-Hog Control boards of the AAA.

The conflagration was the worst Queenstown has suffered since the Froelich dwelling at Cedar Grove was destroyed in November, 1934, and kept the firemen busy for nearly three hours.

Thieves Steal Dresses, Safe

Raid Stations At Sudlersville, Millington

Thieves operating on a catch-as-catch-can basis broke into railroad stations at Sudlersville and Millington some time Tuesday night and escaped with loot including a small safe, a radio and several other articles. The raids were reported by J. Wilbur Stafford, agent at the Sudlersville station, and Ray Taylor, agent at Millington.

All the booty came from the railroad station at Millington which houses the express office. A small safe weighing 400 pounds and containing about $18 was carted off bodily. A bale of women's dresses consigned to I. Hollins was removed, as was a radio and several other packages whose contents were not disclosed.

At Sudlersville the prowlers broke the lock on the freight station door, ripped open the covering of the only parcel there, a roll of linoleum, and left without taking anything.

The breaks were investigated Wednesday by Harvey Cole, a private detective employed by the Pensylvania Railroad, Sheriff T. Herbert Everett and Deputy Sheriff Louis Perkins of Queen Anne's county and Edward squires of Millington, deputy sheriff in Kent county.

Robberies of railroad offices have been reported recently from Greensboro, Wyoming, Delaware, and other points in Caroline county and Delaware with the possibility that the breaks Tuesday night were staged by the same gang.

TYDINGS SEEKS SIREN

Following complaints by watermen that the bell on Love Point Lighthouse in the mouth of the Chester River could not be heard during snowstorms or heavy fogs United States Senator Millard E. Tydings has asked the commissioner of lighthouses to replace the bell with a horn or siren.

Action on the Senator's request has been deferred temporarily because of lack of funds.

Railroad Seeks Right To Drop 2 Trains Here

P. S. C. Orders Hearing On March 29. Chestertown Also Hit

Discontinuance of the early morning northbound train out of Centreville and the one arriving here at 6:51 in the evening has become the subject of a hearing before the Public Service Commission of Maryland in Baltmiore on March 26 at 10 a. m.

At the same time removal of similar trains serving the Chestertown branch is being sought.

To oppose removal of the trains the Young Business Men's Association will hold a special meeting this evening, Thursday, at 8 p. m. It is understood also that the Rotary Clubs here and at Chestertown will line up for a fight against discontinuance.

Despite the fact that patronage of the line has fallen off in the face of constantly increasing truck and automobile traffic the railroad is looked upon as a vital link and discontinuance of these trains would be a blow to the town,

In the past three winters snowbound roads have blocked the highways. Meanwhile the trains kept running on an almost uninterrupted schedule bringing food, mail, and supplies and furnishing a badly needed passeneger service for urgent trips.

It is argued also that the service is indispensable because of suspended ferry crossing for long periods during the winter.

The transfer of a number of families employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad is also feared if the curtailment of service service is approved by the Public Service Commission. This would be a blow to merchants and property owners.

Discontinuance of service was proposed in 1929 but a strong delegation was successful in fighting it off. Protests are expected to be no less vigorous at the hearing before the Commission.

Farm Leaders Urge Tenant, Crop Changes

Ask Better Break For Tenants; Cut In Wheat, Corn; Trees For Poor Land

Delving into the task of program planning for Queen Anne's county from scratch a committee of farm and home leaders hammered away at the problems of eliminating sub-marginal land, improving the landlord-tenant system and suggesting changes in crops at an active session in the Courthouse Thursday afternoon.

No final action was taken on any question but the discussion indicated the trend of future recommendations. A committee consisting of Ernest B. Brown, Walter Denny and Fred B. Sylvester was named to outline a program which when completed will be submitted to state and Federal agencies.

Sub-marginal land as a factor in soil conservation came up early in the session. John W. Smith urged that such land be taken out of production as no one depends on it for livelihood. He stated that the county was in need of timber and marginal areas should be allowed to grow up in forest. Harry Moore suggested the seeding of pine.

To this Ernest Brown demurred, pointing out that too much forest might turn county land into a wilderness. He advised a policy by which the farmer should rent land to the government in line with the soil conservation movement but that the farmer should be permitted to grow crops as suited him best on the remainder.

A better quality of dairy cattle rather than an increase was suggested with the advice that no farmer keep more cattle than he can feed. The same suggestion was made about poultry. More hogs, especially if prices improve was recommended to build up county production.

The major trouble with county agriculture was declared to be the tenant system. The average tenant, it was said, cannot make a living. The recommendation was offered that the landlord should pay half on equipment and material and the tenant should be allowed half of the farm profit.

Present at the meeting were Ernest B. Brown, John W. Smith, John Cannon, Mrs. Wendell Shawn, Mrs. M. Grace Rambo, Mrs. Algernon Carter, Miss Isabel Bewick, Letha Taylor, Charles Chance, Walter Denny, Fred Sylvester, Harry Moore, Ralph Graham, and Kenneth K. Baker.

Abner *says*-

An oyster ,argues Jed Tibbles, may not have a brain, but it has sense enough to serve mankind without talkin'.