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Shore League Opens As Rookie Problem Arises

Minor League Head Declares 2-Year Rookie Rule Invalid. Change Helpful To Easton, Centreville. Manager Names Initial Lineup

The curtain will ring up on the third season of the Eastern Shore Baseball League today when Federalsburg, Easton, Cambridge, Salisbury, Dover, Pocomoke, Milford and Centreville lock horns in the opening games of the four months' drive toward playoff places and the ultimate pennant.

The Centreville Red Sox will meet the champion Salisbury Indians at Salisbury tonight, Thursday, and will open their home season with a return game with Salisbury at Centreville Friday night at 8:15. No particular ceremonies are planned for the first home game at Centreville Friday night.

All early dope on the probable outcome of the 1939 season was probably kicked into the discard by a telegram from Judge W. D. Bramham, president of the association of minor leagues, who notified Harry S. Russell, president of the Shore League that the Shore League rule about rookies was contrary to the constitution of the minor leagues' body.

Heretofore rookies were so classified for two years provided their service was wholly in the Eastern Shore League. Rookies who spent a year in another Class D League were listed as one-year men. Only three of the latter were permitted, which worked to the disadvantage of clubs like Easton and Centreville. These clubs, starting afresh, had no rookies with a year's experience in the Eastern Shore League to draw from. Consequently these clubs would have to line up at least ten green players.

A session to consider what action should be taken to meet Judge Bramham's objections was held at Easton Wednesday night, too late for press time of the Record-Observer. However, it is likely that players who served a year in Class D ball, whether on the Eastern Shore or elsewhere, would be graded equally and it was also probable that the number of one-year men would be increased to enable clubs to retain more players who saw service in the Eastern Shore or other Class D leagues for a single season. The number of class men, previously fixed at two, was not expected to be changed.

At any event the meeting was expected to equalize conditions between new clubs like Easton and Centreville, and established clubs like the other six which started off with a roster retained from 1938. The result is also expected to make competition closer among all eight clubs with possibilities of a real race to the wire.

The Centreville Red Sox had been

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Top Prizes Of Flower Show Go To Queenstown

Fifth District Homemakers Sweep Club, Individual Places At Event

The Queenstown Homemakers Club won the greatest number of placings at the Third Annual Flower Show and Mart of the Queen Anne's County Homemakers Clubs held at the Little Theatre Tuesday and thereby won a tuition for one of their members to the Short Course for Rural Women to be held at the University of Maryland in June.

The individual prize for the greatest number of blue ribbons was won by Mrs. Ben Melvin of Queenstown with Mrs. Algernon Carter and Mrs. Richard Davidson, also of the Queenstown Club. second and third respectively.

The Flower Show drew an unexpectedly large number of exhibits considering the season and was easily the most successful in the history of the event. It was also conspicuous for the large number of individuals who placed in the winning class with entries.

The children's classes were won by Charles W. Carter of Queenstown and Claude B. Anthony of Centreville.

Mrs. Thomas Marsalis was judge of the artistic arrangements and Walter R. Ballard of the Extension Service rated the specimen classes. Mrs. Finley Roberts was general chairman of the Show.

League President Talks Baseball To Rotary

Harry S. Russell, president of the Eastern Shore Shore Baseball League and Fred Hunter, coach of the Centreville Red Sox, were guest speakers at the meeting of the Centreville Rotary Club last Thursday evening.

Mr. Russell centered his talk upon the centennial celebration of baseball's hundred years which is being observed this year. Mr. Hunter gave an informal talk on baseball including a few sidelights upon the club to be fielded here.

Grand Lodges Of Masons Meet At Centreville

Unique Gathering As Centreville Lodge Honors Rev. William A. Wise

The State Grand Lodges of Masons of Maryland and Delaware united at a meeting of the Centreville Lodge Monday evening in the Masonic rooms when the local lodge gave an enjoyable party in honor of the Rev. William Allen Wise, of Wilmington, Del., a former resident of Centreville and highly regarded by the Centreville Lodge.

The lodge rooms were filled to overflowing for the event, rare in the annals of Masonry in that two State Grand Lodges united in a subordinate lodge.

Among those present were the Grand Master of Maryland John H. Hessey, Grand Secretary Harry C. Mueller, Grand Chaplain the Rev. W. Cordell Powers, all of Baltimore; Grand Master of Delaware Vandergrift of Wilmington; Grand Chaplain C. W. Branford of Wilmington and a brother of the Rev. Harry W. Branford of Centreville; Mayor Wallace Woodford and Luther D. Shank, of Dover; Dr. J. E. Bond, pastor of McCabe M. E. Church of Wilmington and lodge members from Smyrna, Del., Chestertown, Easton and St. Michaels.

The visiting officers were received with Grand Honors into the Centreville Lodge by Worthy Master William C. Phillips and his staff of officers.

Rev. Mr. Wise, the guest of honor, and all the visiting officers spoke on subjects ranging from law to religion in an entertaining program. Richard T. Earl was master of ceremonies.

The lodgeroom was beautifully decorated with flower baskets arranged by Mrs. Norman P. Walters. The committee in charge was Milton M. Slemmer, chairman, Worthy Master W. C. Phillips, E. Clyde Walls and Howard W. Johnson.

Previous to the meeting Maryland Grand Officers Hessey, Mueller and Powers and Mayor Wallace and Mr. Shank were entertained at the home of Milton W. Slemmer while awaiting the arrival of the Wilmington party.

Millington Man, Despondent, Ends Life

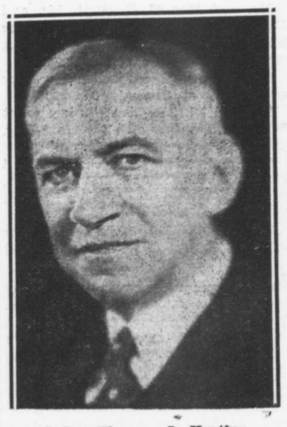
Henry C. Tassey, 54, well known resident of upper Kent County, committed suicide by shooting himself over the heart at his home near Millington in a fit of despondency late Friday afternoon. An inquest was held unnecessary and a suicide verdict rendered by Coronor Dr. Frank W. Smith.

Mr. Tassey is survived by his wife who was the former Miss Annie Bamberger of the vciinity of Millington. Funeral services were held privately at Chestertown Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery in Philadelphia.

GRACE GLEAENRS

The Grace Gleaners will meet at the home of Mrs. Elmer C. Kessler Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Full Bench Opens May Term



Judge Thomas J. Keating

Chief Judge W. Mason Shehan

Judge J. Owen Knotts

Floral Designs Topic Of Talk

Mrs. Walter Lee Addresses Women's Club

Floral arrangements were discussed and illustrated by Mrs. Walter C. Lee, of Stagwell, chairman of the Queen Anne's Garden Club Flower Show at the regular meeting of the Centreville Woman's Club in their clubroom in the County Office Building Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee showed actual arrangements to demonstrate her suggestions about design and color combinations. Among arrangements which drew comment were those of garden rhubarb and of spirea with red and whtie tulips.

A report on the recent State Convenion of Federated Women's Clubs held in Baltimore recently was given by Mrs. Oliver C. Jones, delegate from the local club.

A report on the Eastern Shore District meeting at Hurlock was given by Mrs. Frank Elzey.

The club is planning a course in English under the leadership of Mrs. Howard W. Ryland. A community market is also being arranged.

The June meeting will take the form of a picnic. Mrs. A. Sydney Gadd, jr., is chairman of the committee for the picnic while Miss Anna Taylor is in charge of transportation.

Last Train To Leave County

Pennsy Asks Right To Drop Service

Another attempt is to be made by the Pennsylvania Railroad to remove the last passenger train from Queen Anne's county when a hearing will be held at the office of the Public Service Commission in Baltimore on Monday, May 15, at 10 a. m. on a petition by the Pennsvania to discontinue passenger service on the branch line from Massey to Centreville.

About a year ago the Pennsylvania sought permission to discontinue this train which makes one trip each way each day. A delegation representing business and civic interests from the entire county attended the hearing in Baltimore and the petition was denied.

P-T A MEETING MAY 12

To avoid conflict with the opening of the baseball season, the Parent-Teachers Association of the Centreville elementary school will hold their final meeting of the school year on Friday evening, May 12, instead of the date originally announced.

Burgess Leager, 27, Dies From Shotgun Blast

Wound Believed Self-Inflicted Kills Young Man Instantly Saturday

Philemon Burgess Leager, 27-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Burgess Leager, died instantly in his home in Centreville Saturday afternoon from a shotgun blast which tore through his chest. The young man was alone upstairs at the time of the tragedy. The wound was believed to have been self-inflicted.

Following an examination by Dr. C. Rodney Layton no inquset was deemed necessary by Coroner J. West Thompson.

No motive was assigned for the act. It was said that a short time before the occurence Burgess Leager had arranged to go into the woods with a friend the next day and had parted with the words that he would see him in the morning.

The young man was born near Willoughby on September 25, 1911, son of W. Burgess Leager and Avis Golt Leager, and was a grandson of the late Philemon H. Golt.

Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, James Edmund Leager, and a sister, Miss Catherine Leager, both of Centreville.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Francis J. Fisher at his mother's home Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The bearers were Carroll C. Barcus, M. Thomas Connolly, Charles Connolly, Milton B. Wolcott, Frank B. Walls, Irving Golt, Edward Mears and Lawrence Callahan.

Interment was in Chesterfield cemetery in Centreville.

Attend Shore Session Of Women's Auxiliary

Mrs. E. Hall Covell, Mrs. Milton W. Seney, Mrs. A. Sydney Gadd, jr., and Mrs. F. Bennett Carter of the Women's Auxiliary of Jeff Davis Post attended a meeting of the Eastern Shore District of the Auxiliary of the American Legion which has held at Elkton Thursday evening.

State officers were present and announced plans for formation of other units. The program was provided by the Junior Organization of the Elkton Women's Auxiliary.

DONATION DAY

The annual Donation Day for the Aged Women's Home at Easton will be held Tuesday, May 16, with a luncheon to be served at the home from 12 o'clock, noon until 2 p. m. Contributions of cash, food and useful articles are desired.

Centreville Tax Rate Set At $1

Commissioners Lop 5c From 1938 Figure

A tax rate of an even $1 per $100 assessable valuation was announced for 1939 by the Centreville Town Commissioners this week. The rate represents a cut of five cents from the 1938 rate of $1.05.

In striking their rate the Commissioners kept unchanged the rate of 44c for general purposees, 8c for water, and 12c for electric costs. The rate for roads was placed at 12c, a reduction of four cents from last year; sewerage and sewer disposal bonds at 17c, a drop of two cents. An additional cent in the rate was given to the Fire Company making their share 7c.

It was said that the Commissioners are empowered to levy for the fire company to an amount not exceeding 7c per $100. Considerable demand had been made for the full amount and with a six cent cut in other sections of the rate the Commissioners were able to allot the Fire Company their share and still stay in the even dollar.

Beauty Contest To Feature Kent Island Program

Women's Club Plans Annual May Celebration, Bathing Beauties Included

Featuring again the annual beauty contest to select the queen of Queen Anne's county high schools, the May celebration of the Kent Island Woman's Club will be held on May 16, 17 and 20. Mrs. J. Calvert Jones, president of the club, is general chairman of committees for the event.

The beauty contest will be a joint feature with an amateur competition on Wednesday evening, May 17. Five fairest of the fair will be entered by each of the five county high schools and the winner will be crowned by Senator Dudley G. Roe at the dance concluding the celebration May 20.

For the amateur contest each high school will enter two competitors. This will follow the selection of the queen of beauty.

The celebration will open with a two-act operetta, "Sunny of Sunnybrook", on Tuesday evening, May 16. This will be presented in the Stevensville high school auditorium by pupils of Stevensville elementary school under direction of Mrs. Louis Jones. Miss Eva Chance will assist with music.

The final day, Saturday, May 20, will be crowded with activities. A Professor Quiz Contest and a spelling match will be held in the morning. Each high school will be allowed to nominate two boys for the Quiz and two candidates for the spelldown. Luncheon will be held at noon.

In the afternoon volley and field ball games between closely matched high school teams will be offered. Selection of the teams to be invited will be made by Kennard Rhodes and Mrs. Dora S. Gibson.

The bathing beauty contest for which

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County High Schools List 91 Seniors For June Graduation

Queen Anne's county high schools will graduate ninety-one pupils in final exercises which will be held in June. Centreville will have a class of twenty-five; Stevensville, twenty-one; Tri-County, nineteen, and Church Hill and Sudlersville thirteen each.

The graduates will be:

Centreville High — Frances Bryan Brown, Madison Brown, Jane Louise Chambers, Elsie Covey, Virginia Lee Handley, Grace Madeline Ireland, Grace Anna Larrimore, Ruth Naomi Mandrell, James William Moore, Ridgaway West Perkins, Margaret Alice Rhodes, John Palmer Smith, jr., Thomas Orville Usilton, Mary Katherine Whitby, Martha Elizabeth Barton, Evelyn Scott Butler, Edward Hall Covell, jr., David Gibson, Marion George Golt, Thomas Howard Hardy, William Olin Hunter, jr., Rose Elizabeth Kauffman, Rose Thelma Lane, Alva Lee Stant and Cora Virginia Storey.

Church Hill High—Dorothy Jane Atkinson, Blanche Anderson Bowen, Mildred Lucille Brown, Marion George Coleman, Philip Lee Dudley, Ethel May Lucas, William A. MacFarland, Helen Elizabeth McGinnis, Dorothy M. Sparks, Marion Oscar Sparks, Anna Rebecca Stant, Jean Hamilton Temple, Winifred Watts Walls.

Stevensville High—Ruby Marie Baxter, Catherine Nataline Benton, Olive Carroll Bryan, Nancy Marie Clark, James Cilfton Coleman, Irvin Oscar Drummer, Magdalena Anna Eaton, John William Eckstorm, jr., James Franklin Ewing, Margaret M. Fleckenstein, Emma Virginia Gardner, James Melvin Gardner, Eldoris Bernice Jensen, Hilda Mae Kelley, William Emory Lane, Doris Isabel Legg, Alton Carroll Pierson, Ernest Martin Smith, William Coral Thomas, Alvin Wilmer Tolson, James Frederick White, jr.

Sudlersville High—Charles Marion Benton, Anna Marie Harrison Cacy, Robert N. Coleman, Elizabeth Shaw Emerson, Ella Marie Faulkner, Dorothy Virginia Holden, Ellen Ross Johnson, Elizabeth Marguerite King, Lois Margaret Stevens, James Thomas Stevens, Elwood Tyson Walls, jr., John Ware, jr.. William Rodgers Wilson, 3d.,

Tri-County High—Ray Eugene Baker, Charles Cannon Barton, John Paul Boyle, Joseph Birch Colgain, John Irvin

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Four More Years

Mayor Howard W. Jackson

Victor in a quiet election which saw but half the voters exercising their choice Mayor Howard W. Jackson was re-elected mayor of Baltimore by 24,000 majority over Theodore R. McKeldin, the Republican candidate. The Mayor also carried practically all Council places for men aligned with his policies.

J. E. Anthony Qualifies As Police Justice

J. Elmer Anthony, appointed Police Justice for Queen Anne's county by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, qualified for the position Tuesday morning and now succeeds former Magistrate J. West Tohmpson on the bench of Police Court.

Until June 1 Mr. Anthony will handle only criminal dockets as heretofore. After June 1 the Police Justice will have charge of civil dockets now handled by the Justices of the Peace as well as the criminal side. The Peace Justices will receive a salary of $20 a year and be virtually stripped of their present functions, the appointments being made to conform with a constitutional provision.

Justice Of America Is Topic Of Judge Shehan

Commends Right Of Jury Trial As May Term Convenes. Judge Keating Charges Jury, Says Serious Crime Absent. L. L. Gadd, Jury Foreman

A reminder of the justice of democracies was given to the Grand Jury and spectators assembled for the convening of the May Term of Court Monday morning when Chief Judge W. Mason Shehan, addressing the Grand Jury briefly before Associate Judge Thomas J. Keating delivered the charge to the body, pointed out that in America a person has a right to trial by a jury of twelve of his equals who shall say whether the person be guilty.

Not in America, declared the Chief Judge, can a man be taken from his family without proper trial, not in America can he be stood up against a wall without having his guilt proved. The precious heritage of America, Judge Shehan declared without direct reference to authoritarian governments, is that every man has a chance, and an equal chance, before the law.

The full bench including Chief Judge Shehan and Associate Judges Keating and J. Owen Knotts were present when Court was called.

The Chief Judge announced that Judge Keating would deliver the charge to the Jury as was the practice of the Court. Judge Keating emphasized in his remarks the absence of any serious crime to be called to the attention of the Jury. He pointed out that the Jury represented men from all walks of life and every district and reminded them that they were charged with responsibility individually and collectively for the good behavior and moralities of Queen Anne's county from the criminal standpoint.

In outlining the qualifications of jurymen Judge Keating said that one basic qualification under the law of the State was that each one believe in God. He also cited three statutes required to be called to the attention of the Grand Jury at each term.

Luther L. Gadd of Readbourne was appointed foreman of the Grand Jury. Dudley G. Roe, jr., and Willard C. Mitchell were named clerks.

The Grand Jury remained in session through Wednesday afternoon and may conclude their session today, Thursday.

Members of the Grand Jury are Luther L. Gadd, foreman; Nathaniel Leager, Dudley G. Roe. jr., Charles Warner, W. Morton Kilson, W. W. Hollingsworth, Elmer Anderson, John T. Jarvis, Harry E. Walls.

Willard C. Mitchell, Tony Kontos, Charles L. Goodhand, Bernard W. White, Frank B. Cockey, James B. Hess, Leon A. Andrus, George W. Aldridge, Thomas M. Hollingsworth, Emmett Leager, Earl W. Nichols, Grover C. Robinson, Bradford Holden, L. Hodge Coleman.

Governor Sets Shore Election Date For June 6

Four Candidates Seek Democratic Place In Race. Republicans Quiet

Tuesday, June 6, has been set by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor as the late for a special election in all Eastern Shore counties to fill the vacancy in the House of Representatives created by the resignation of Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough, who qualified as a Judge on the Federal District Court of the District of Columbia.

A proclamation for the election and writs are to be issued shortly to election supervisors in the nine counties. All candidates must file twenty days before the date of election ,or by May 17.

The State Central Committees of the entire State will nominate their party candidates for the vacancy, although the choice of Eastern Shore State Central Committees will undoubtedly be approved. Independent candidates must file a petition signed by at least 1,500 qualified voters.

Four candidates are seeking the Democratic nomination, viewed by most observers as tantamount to election. These include Senator Dudley G. Roe, of Queen Anne's, floor leader of the Maryland Senate and considered to have a favorable chance; Senator David J .Ward, of Wicomico county, who has been developing strength lately; Senator Thomas F. Johnson of Worcester county, rated as having but an outside chance; and Senator Cecil B. Squiers of Cecil, a late comer into the race and likewise accorded but an outside chance.

G. Davis Neavitt of Centreville has announced that he will file as an independent candidate.

On the Republican side it is anticipated that Senator Wilmer Fell Davis of Caroline county will be the standard bearer. Senator Davis at an earlier date urged the Republicans to step out of the contest in order to save the expense of an election. Since there will be one any way, it is almost certian that the Republicans will name a candidate.

The first action of the campaign since the election date was set saw the four Democratic candidates invited to attend a luncheon of the Women's Democratic Club of Cecil county to state their views. However, the State Central Committees have the choice and it is believed that some sort of agreement hasbeen reached among them as to the choice.

Stevens Corner Is 1st In Attendance

Small School Maintains Lead In County

Maintaining their reputation for having the highest monthly attendance among schools of Queen Anne's county, the one-teacher school at Stevens Corner again led the list in April with a mark of 98.5 percent present, according to figures released by Mrs. Lola P. Brown, attendance officer. Close behind was Templeville with 97 percent, but not close enough to top the leader for the past three months.

The white schools as a whole averaged 94.2 percent. The leaders of the individual groups were as follows: One-teacher schools, 1st, Stevens Corner, 98.5; 2d, Templeville, 97. Two-teacher—1st, Barclay, 92.8; 2d, Chester, 92.2. Graded—1st, Queen Anne, 96; 2d, Church Hill, Centreville, Stevensville tied at 94.5.

Tri-County placed first among the high schools with a mark of 95.6 with Centreville and Church Hill knotted at 95.5 for runner-up.

The average of the colored schools was 93 percent. By groups the leaders were: One-teacher, 1st, Pondtown, 96.8; Starr, 96.6. Graded, 1st, Centreville, 95.3; Grasonville, 95. Kennard high school showed 93.5 percent present.

GETS SHOES

Gordon Troy, second baseman on the Centreville club of 1937 and now playing with the Moultrie, Ga., team in the Georgia-Florida League, won a pair of shoes for making the first home run in that league this season. Troy has three round-trippers already to his credit.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Miss Eyelyn Butler will lead the Epworth League at Wye Mills M. E. Church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

25th Field Day To Draw County Athletes Here

Annual Games Set for Monday. Three School Exhibits Added Features

A thousand or more Queen Anne's county school athletes with double that number of friends, relatives and plain spectators will assemble on the Centreville high school grounds Monday for the Twenty-Fifth Annual Field Day.

Following the plan introduced a year ago the games will be under the supervision of Thomas C. Ferguson, head of the State Physical Educatin program and will be conducted by officials chosen from Queen Anne's county.

Schools will not compete against each other, only individual winners to be noted. These will be entered in the Eastern Shore championships to be held at Chestertown.

The morning will be devoted to games, girls' races and boys' field events. Because all weighing in has been done already at the individual schools and numbers issued, the games will start promptly at 9:30 a. m. Following the noon intermission will come a reverse program consisting of boys' races and girls' field events.

Among the new events this year will be standing broad jump, 220-yard relay and 50-yard dashes for high school girls, competing only in their school grades, and dodge ball throw, 220-yard relay, and 50-yard dashes for elementary school girls.

Nicholas Nides, County Athletic Director, is in general charge of the Field Day. Honorary officials named are Senator Dudley G. Roe, M. M. Price, George R. Benton, Dr. Norman S. Dudley, J. Clay Stevens, Joseph M. George, Dr. James W. Crowl, G. Vickers Hollingsworth, Mrs. Pauline Tarbutton, Dr. Norman S. Hitch, A. Sydney Gadd, jr., and J. William Keith.

The active officials will be Games Committee, Carter Hickman, L. Kennard Rhodes. Physician in chief, Dr. James A. McCallum. Nurses, Mrs. Anna

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