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Noted Livestock Judges Secured For Shore Fair

Hepburn, Finney, Williams Among Widely Known Experts To Serve Here

Eight of the outstanding judges of the country have accepted invitations to officiate at the Eastern Shore Fair to be held in Centreville, September 11, 12, 13 and 14, where animals fromall parts of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Virginia and Ohio will pass in review during the four day Show.

In the Dairy Department the Guernseys will be placed by W. K. Hepburn of Hopewell Junction, New Jersey, who has judge at all the leading shows in the country including the National Dairy Show and is a member of the American Guersney Cattle Club Type Committee.

Jerseys will be judged by Ray Williams, Norbeth, Pa. who has judged at the National Dairy Show and several times officiated in the Eastern Shore Parish Show. Professor Kenneth Turk of the University of Maryland, Animal Husbandry Department, will pass on the Holstein.

The Purebred Draft Horses will be judged by Humphrey Finney, the Editor of the Maryland Horse. Mr. Finney just returned from the Pacific Coast where he judged several horse shows and purchased horses for several Maryland Breeders. The Grade Draft Classes and the Pulling Contest will be judged by Joseph Vial of the University of Maryland, well known thoughout the State for his thorough and workmanlike knowledge of all types of horses.

Professor Fred Leinbach of the University of Maryland will pass on the Aberdeen Angus and Hereford Beef Cattle.

Mr. Janon Fisher, jr., of Glyndon, Maryland and Augustus Riggs, jr., M. F. H., of the Howard County Hounds, two of the State's outstanding horsemen will judge the Horse Show.

The Fair will be the largest agricultural exhibit ever held on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and will give everyone interested in agriculture an opportunity to see how homebred animals compare with those of other parts of the country.

This is especially true in the Aberdeen Angus division, where E. H. Hutchinson of Xenia, Ohio, and the Bethel Farms of Pine Plains, New York, will compete with the herds of Andelot and Churn Creek Farms of Worton; Oldfield Farms of Galena, Blakeford Farms and Bennett's Point Farm of Queenstown, Cold Saturday Farm of Finksburg and many others.

In the Percheron Division Ernest C. Bell from Mt. Epheriam, N. J., will try and defeat the home breds of such farms as Oldfield Farms of Galena and Pioneer Point of Centreville. Very keen competition is expected in all these classes.

The exhibition of Suffolks will probably be the largest held in the State of Maryland this year, as this breed is making a special effort to have an outstanding show on the the Shore.

Several very large dairy herds have been entered especially in the Guernsey and Jersey Divisions and over 300 animals will be on hand to vie for the $1200 in premium money offered.

Repajo Farm of Royal Oak, Blakeford Farms of Queenstown and Cremona Farms of Mechanicsville head the entries in the Belgian Division.

Some of the outstanding Horse Show exhibitors wil be Miss Deborah Reed of Wilmington, Miss Nancy Shakespeare of Chestertown, Vaughn Richardson and Mrs. Lay Phillips of Salisbury, Mrs. Samuel Green of Royal Oak, C. C. Mickle, jr., of Centreville and many others.

Farmer Dies By Shotgun Blast

Herman Tollinger Fires Gun With Shingle

Herman Tollinger, a farmer living alone near Centreville, committed suicide by firing a shotgun blast into his chest on his farm early Saturday morning. He was 45 years old.

Tollinger was said to have placed the butt of the shotgun against a tree and the muzzle against his chest and to have used a piece of a shingle to press the trigger of the gun. A verdict of suicide was given by Medical Examiner Dr. Samuel J. Price of Queensotwn.

He was a native of Queen Anne's county and was never married. He is survived by a half-sister, Mrs. Walter Wright, of Chestertown.

Funeral services were held from Barton Brothers Chapel Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. J. H. Thornton, pastor of Grasonville M. E. Church officiating.

The bearers were Walter Wright, John Wright, Orville Wright, Henry Reese, Wiliam Boone and Jewell Fesmyer.

Interment was in Chesterfield cemetery in Centreville.

A Step Forward

An Editorial

A a recent meeting of the Town Commissioners a special committee of the Centreville Chamber of Commerce presented a list of suggested improvements that should have been made long ago.

It is our understanding that the Commissioners agreed that each recommendation offered was within reason and is very much needed in our town. But, the old, old question again was asked, Where Is The Money Coming From?

If the business life of our community is to forge ahead then improvements similar to those presented by the business men of our town most certainly should be considered and acted upon.

It is an accepted fact that improvements regardless of size, cost or importance will mean added expenditure, but certainly we can't stand idly by and allow the Town of Centreville to be too old-fashioned—enough so, to interfere with the progress of our business and discourage shoppers from shopping in Centreville.

We are confident that our Town Commissioners have enough foresight to see that these recommendations are for the betterment of our Town and will do all within their power to take the proper steps to see that they are adopted and put into force at an early date.

Of course we know and realize that all of these reocmmendations will not meet with the approval of every taxpayer, but we must not be petty, nor selfish, for if we ever hope to push forward or keep our town in tune with business conditions Then It Is Up To Us And Our Present Town Commissioners To Give Immediate action.

The businessmen of our town have studied every phase of these recommendations and certainly no one can say that they are fantastic or impractical, for they have been in force in other towns throughout our Eastern Shore for a number of years. So you can see we are just beginning to wake-up to the fact that we can't afford to be too far behind the times.

If you consider yourself a wide-awake taxpayer or have the interests of your town at heart, we ask you to do your bit and encourage our Town Commissioners to accept and to put in force the recommendations offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

Let us work together for a general improvement of our town. Let Us All Enjoy These Improvements Now.

Rotary Invites Public To Hear Perry Lecture

Former Washington College Vice-President To Speak On Mussolini

Dr. Albertus Perry(formerly vice-president of Washington College, and noted traveler, will speak on "Mussolini's Dream" at the regular dinner meeting of the Rotary Club in Hotel Centreville tonight, Thursday. Because of the exceptional interest in Dr. Perry's talk the Rotary Club will admit the public without charge to the address which will begin at 7 o'clock after the dinner session.

Dr. Perry returned recently from his eighteenth trip abroad and is now lecturing in the East. A native of New York and an undergraduate student in several universities including the American School of Archeology in Jerusalem, he is pastor of a church of 600 members in a county seat near Chicago.

Beginning in 1910 he has made annual or biennial trips abroad, visiting Europe and Mediterranean countries. He has interviewed many prominent personages such as the late Pope Pius XI and Emir Faical, late king of Iraq.

Dr. Perry addressed the Philadelphia Rotary Club on Wednesday and with an open date on his schedule accepted an offer from the Centreville Rotary Club for this evening. His lecture on Mussolini's Dream is expected to be a shrewd, up-to-date survey of the Mediterranean situation in world history today.

St. Luke's Parish To Resume Services Sunday

Churches in St. Luke's Parish which have been closed during July and August, will reopen on Sunday. Services announced by the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, rector, will be as follows:

At St. Luke's Church, Church Hill; Church School, 10 a. m.; Holy Communion and Sermon, 11 a. m. The Ladies' Aid and Women's Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory Thursday afternoon, September 7,, at 2 p. m.

At St. Andrew's Chapel, Sudlersville: Church School, 10 a. m.; Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7:30 p. m. The Ladies' Aid and Women's Auxiliary will meet in the Roe Building September 11 at 3 o'clock instead of on Labor Day.

CUT MAIL LABOR DAY

Mail service at the Centreville Postoffice will be curtailedon Labor Day, Monday according to an announcement by Postmaster Francis E. Thomas. The Postoffice will be open only from 8 to 9:30 a. m. All mails will be distributed and dispatched and the lobby will be open for boxholders. There will be no rural mail distributed Labor Day.

Oliver C. Jones Appointed To School Board

Succeeds G. Vickers Hollingsworth. Governor Praises Appointee

Oliver C. Jones, Centreville businessman and leader in civic and agricultural activities in Queen Anne's, was appointed a member of the Queen Anne's County Board of Education by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor on Wed- Hollingsworth. His term is for six years. nesday. Mr Jones suceeds G. Vickers

First word of the appointment came to the Record-Observer in a telephone message from Governor O'Conor. In speaking about the appointment the Governor said he had promised in his campaign to make fitness the test for such appointments and that he would name the best qualified persons.

Of Mr. Jones the Governor said he was confident his selection would meet the campaign pledge and that Mr. Jones' interest in educational matters should make him a valuable member of the County Board of Education.

Announce Coming Wedding Of Granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Melvin, of Grasonville, announce the approaching marriage of their grand-daughter, Miss Eleanor Virginia Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morgan, of Baltimore, to Mr. Wilford Hedges, of Baltimore.

The wedding will take place Friday evening, September 1 at the Broadway Methodist Church in Baltimore.

The couple will leave immediately after the ceremony for a brief wedding trip to Atlantic City, N. J. They will reside in Baltimore.

Henry Greene Opens Kent In Millington

Millington joined the communities with its own motion picture house when the Kent Theatre opened Wednesday evening. The Kent, owned by Henry Greene who also operates the Queen at Queenstown, is located in the Town Hall. Extensive remodeling has transformed the building into a comfortable, attractive theatre. Pictures will be shown on Tuesday, and Saturday evenings.

WILL PRESENT PAPER

Dr. John D. Gadd of the Towson Veterinary Hospital and a native of Centreville, will present a paper entitled "The Chemistry of Horse Blood with Special Reference to Bone Lesions and Deformities" at the annual convention of the American Veterinary Medical Association at Memphis, Tennessee this week.

For Safety

William H. Carter

Named to a committee of seventy-two appointed by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor to make a survey of Maryland's traffic problems and submit recommendations for safety measures on the State's highway is William H. Carter, of Centreville, former Clerk of Court for Queen Anne's.

The Governor said he believed the committee would be the forerunner of an enduring State-wide and self-perpetuating council on highway safety for which ultimately legislation or a budgetary appropriation would be necessary to provide technical services and an adequate staff for a permanent committee to work successfully.

Clover Seed Offered Free To Farmers Here

Government Lists County As Drought Area. Would Aid Burned Pastures

Queen Anne's countr was officially listed by the United States Department of Agriculture as one of four drought areas in the United States this summer in which the government plans to aid farmers in reseeding pastures through free distribution of seven kinds of grass and clover seeds. Nine Maryland counties including the four Eastern Shore counties of Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester are in the drought areas.

Seeds offered are red clover, alsike clover, timothy, crimson clover, alfalfa, vetch and sweet clover. Any one variety or a mixture may be secured.

Only farmers signed up in the Soil Conservation program are eligible for the free seeds. They will be allowed seeds to half the value of their Soil Conservation check and must sow the seed on ground seeded this spring. If farmers obtain seeds and do not use them as required, twice the value of the seeds will be deducted from the soil check.

Applications are to be made at the of County Agent Mark Miller on or before September 23. The seed may be obtained from dealers who in turn will be reimbursed by the Federal Government.

Meetings to explain the seed program and also crop insurance will be held by Mr. Miller at Cox Hall, Sudlersville, Friday; the County Office Building, Centreville, Tuesday; and Stevensville high school Wednesday, all meetings to start at 7:30 p. m.

The wheat crop insurance for next year will be an all-risk type with the minimum premium a half bushel per acre and 75 percent of production guaranteed. Landlords and tenants may get individual policies for their shares. Premiums may be made in cash or by deduction from soil checks. No crop will be insured for more than the allotted acreage but may be insured for less than it.

Officers Trace Stolen Tire, Arrest Negro

Steven Gibbs, Rich Neck negro, was arrested this week by Sheriff Edward Earl Coursey and Constable Louis Perkins of a charge of stealing two automobile tires from Harry Galloway, farm worker of Rich Neck. Gibbs will be given a hearing by Magistrate J. Elmer Anthony.

One of the tires, a new one, was traced through its serial number to Sears Roebuck & Company and back to Galloway. The tire was found on Gibbs' car.

Homecoming Day Planned For Old Wye

Homecoming Day will be observed at Old Wye Church at Wye Mills Sunday with a Homecoming and "Reconsecration" service conducted by the Rev. Matthew S. Higgins, rector of the parish, at 11 a. m. A great deal of work in refinishing the interior and exterior has been completed this summer and will make the Homecoming of even more significance.

Old Wye Church is to be open for service every Sunday in September and October, services to be at 11 a. m.

Say Betterments Would Mean $1.50 Town Taxrate

Centreville Commissioners Indicate Sympathy With Chamber Of Commerce Recommendations. Cost, However, Would Hike Taxes 50%

Answering in detail the report of the Chamber of Commerce committee which requested parking and other changes in Centreville, the Town Commissioners set forth their position in a statement issued Tuesday. While indicating sympathy with the ideas underlying the Chamber's recommendations the Town Commissioners point out that these improvements would result in raising the town taxrate from $1 as at present to $1.50, a 50 percent boost which would "disturb" the average taxpayer.

Parking regulations asked for, they hold, would require a traffic officer for their enforcement. The Commissioners are in favor of placing Stop signs on Lawyers' Row at Liberty and on Broadway and Liberty. They do not believe use of Caution blinkers at Commerce and Water streets and Liberty and Water streets would be as effective as the present lights in the absence of a traffic officer.

They are in sympathy with the desire for surfacing North Liberty street from Broadway on and assert that it will be done when money is available.

As for a parking lot the Commissioners feel that a better lot than that advocated by the Chamber of Commerce might be established in the rear of the old Ford Building, now the County Office Building.

The Commissioners also suggest that the installation of Parking Meters might supply funds to meet the outlay required by the Chamber's recommendations but are unwilling to install them unless a majority of the taxpayers feel that the meters will solve the problems of parking and revenue.

At the request of the Commissioners a ballot by which the taxpayers may express their opinion on each recommendation is printed in this issue of the Record-Observer. The ballots may be sent or left at the Town Office on Lawyers' Row.

The Town Commissioners' statement in full is as follows:

"A Statement of Facts as seen by The Town Commissioners of Centreville who have been presented with the suggested changes as drawn up by a Committee representing the Chamber of Commerc.

"In the main the Commissioners of Centreville agree with this Chamber of Commerce Committee and would like to cooperate with them and bring about a majority of these changes.

"For reasons stated below we fail to see how the changes requiring the expenditure of more money than is available from the present Tax Rate can be accomplished without such a drastic rise in said Tax Rate that the average Tax Payer would be greatly disturbed.

"First, let us state that the assessed value of Town Property is approximately $1,200,000, which at the present rate of $1.00 per hundred yields approximately $12,000. This is divided as follows, and every cent received is allotted for the purpose specified:

General	.44
Water Bonds	.08
Fire Co.	.07
Sewer Bonds	.17
Road Bonds	.12
Old Electric Plant Bonds	.12
Total	$1.00

"While reading this article, bear in mind, that a 5c per hundred boost in the Tax Rate yields only $600.00 per year in revenue.

"In order to clarify these statements, we will take each suggestion as enumerated by the article in the Queen Anne's Record-Observer issue of August 24th.

"1—The employment of two Uniformed Officers for Day and Night Duty.

"This item alone would require an additional expenditure of $50.00 per week or $2600.00 per year, exclusive of uniforms and possibly a motorcycle.

"2—Deals with the non-approval of Parking Meters—never seriously considered by The Town Commissioners—but frequently discussed as a source of revenue which would not be a burden on the Tax Payer.

"3—Concerning the widening of the road at the South End of Town, in the proximity of the Ice Plant.

As the Town Limits stop at the Mill Stream, this is clearly a State Project in which the Town would be compelled to cooperate, if and when this entrance to Centreville is altered by the State.

"4—Improve that North portion of Liberty Street between the Jail and the Holt Oil Station.

"This project has been under consideration for some time and will undoubtedly be done when the money is available for a hard surface road and the proper ditches.

"5—The elimination of Diagonal Parking on Lawyers' Row. The Commissioners believe that this Diagonal Parking is a distinct advantage on this street, but suggest that the Parallel Parking on the Court House Green side be discontinued to give traffic a wider lane. This arrangement allows more cars to park in this block than the suggested Parallel Parking on both sides.

"This Requires a Traffic Officer for Enforcement.

"6—The parking on Commerce Street from the residence of Henry Lewis to the residence of W. L. Holton, on the West side of this street.

We believe this to be an excellent solution to the congestion on this main thoroughfare, but—This Requires a Traffic Officer for Enforcement.

"7—No Parking on Water Street and Railroad Avenue on the North side from the the garage of Paul Morris to Benton's Corner.

"This is also an excellent regulation, but again—This Requires a Traffic Officer for Enforcement.

"The Parking Regulation, now existing from Morris' Garage to the Sunset Corner is very frequently violated because we lack a Traffic Officer.

"8 & 9—The elimination of the present Traffic Signals at the junction of Commerce and Water Street and the junction of Liberty and Water Streets and replace same with Blinkers and Stop Signs on the Water Street sides.

"The Blinkers might speed-up North and South bound traffic, but in the absence of a Traffic Officer might not be so effective as are the present traffic lights. The suggestion is debatable and more or less inconsequential.

"Signs suggested for the Intersection of Lawyers' Row with Liberty and Broadway and Liberty are quite practical and can be done at any time.

11—Make Free Public Parking Lot in the rear of the Liquor Dispensary, Epstein's Store and the LeGrande Store.

"This requires the acquisition of this land by the Town and a very expensive grading and filling operation.

"A much more desirable lot for this purpose is the one now cleared and graded behind the old Ford Building, if the County would permit the use of same.

"Either of these lots would have to be Policed, but this latter one would not require the attention that the former one would, due to the fact that it is more accessible and when lighted, almost within full view of all who pass by.

"12—Cooperation of the Community. The Town Commissioners are ready and willing to act upon such suggestions that are practical and workable without the expenditure of large sums of money and even anxious to carry out the suggestion of the Uniform Officers, if someone will show them the way to raise the needed funds without an increase of the Tax Rate to a point where all Taxpayers would be dissatisfied.

"In our opinion the present rate would have to be increased by 50c per hundred or a total assessment of $1.50 per hundred to accomplish all of the suggestions.

"The only source of extra revenue, so far, suggested is the use of Parking Meters. According to the manufacturers of Parking Meters—Meters charging 5c per hour or 1c for 12 minutes produce an average revenue of $8.00 per month, per Meter; $4.00 of this would belong to the Town of Centreville if such Meters were installed here. With 100 Meters the number suggested for this Town the yield would be to the Town $400.00 per month or $4800.00 per year.

"For sake of argument, split this and say $2400.00. This would, at least pay for two Uniformed Officers.

"This is merely a suggestion for public consideration. The Commissioners will not install Parking Meters here, unless they feel that a majority of the Taxpayers of the Town think that they will solve the problems of Parking and Revenue.

"The Town Commissioners will appreciate a Taxpayers' Poll on each of the 12 suggestions enumerated here, plus a Poll on the Parking Meter System and ask that each Taxpayer use the printed Blank below signing his or her name and returning same to the Town Office, as soon as possible.

"Respectfully yours,
H. F .CALLAHAN, President,
L. TILGHMAN HAYDEN, Treasurer,
ALFRED M. GREEN, Secretary.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday. The Golden Text will be from Genesis 1:17—"God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him."

BUSY BEE

The Busy Bee Society of Grasonville met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Saddler on Tuesday evening of last week. The program including recitations and singing. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Saddler.

Two Girls Killed By Automobile At Grasonville

Winnie Smith's Car Leaves Road Strikes Betty Sewell, Peggy Buckel

Struck by an automobile as they were walking to their home in Grasonville Friday afternoonBetty Sewell, 9, and Peggy Buckel, 7, received injuries from which they died within twenty-four hours at the Easton Emergencey Hospital.

Winchester Smtih, 62, of Queen Anne operator of a beer saloon at Willoughby, was arrested on two charges of manslaughter and four of motor vehicle law violations and is being held in jail in Centreville awaiting a hearing before Magistrate J. Elmer Anthony Friday.

According to reports the little girls with Peggy's sister Delores were returning home from a store about 3 o'clock and were carrying groceries. They were walking facing traffic near the Oak Tree Inn but were entirely off the concrete road surface when Smith's car, a heavy Buick sedan, left the highway plowed into them and kept going.

The older girls each received fractured skulls and multiple injuries while the smaller child escaped.

When Smith's car continued without stopping Richard Sherreck of Frederick, who was driving behind Smith and saw the accident chased Smith about a half-mile and forced him to a halt at an unoccupied filling station. Smith was later arrested by State Patrolman John C. Peroutka and taken to the Centreville jail.

Meanwhile P. L. Everett of Battleboro, N. C., who was driving toward Matapeake to take a ferry stopped at the scene of the accident, took the two children in his car and rushed them to the Easton Emergency Hospital. Betty Sewell lingered about ten hours and Peggy Buckel nearly a day before succumbing.

According to Constable Louis Perkins Smith had been drinking and his car was swaying across the road when the accident occurred. Tiretracks of the Sedan showed the course of the car off the hghway to the scene of the accident. Part of the groceries the children were carrying were found on the fender of the sedan when Smith was stopped.

The fatalities raised the total of automobile deaths in Queen Anne's this year to three.

Beside the manslaughter charges Smith was held for driving while under the influence of liquor, failure to stop after an accident, hit and run driving and reckless driving.

Betty Sewell was the youngest daughter of Mrs. Julia Sewell and the late James Kersey Sewell. She was born at Grasonville onJuly 9. 1930. Besides her mother she is survived by two brothers, Cooley Sewell, of Chestertown; and John Sewell, of Grasonville; and five sisters, Miss Ethel Sewell, Mrs. Walter Minch, and Mrs. Clifton Starkey, all of Chestertown; Mrs. James Sparks, of Linwood, Pa.; and Mrs. James E. Hunter of Queenstown.

Peggy Buckel was born in Baltimore May 7, 1932, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Buckel, now residents of Grasonville. She is survived by a brother, Joseph, and a sister, Delores, both at home.

A double funeral was held for the little girls at the Grasonville M. E. Church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Thornton, pastor of the church, officiated.

The bearers for both children were Donald Thompson, Monroe O'Donnell, Raymond Coursey, James Ewing, Alton Pierson and Collier Smith.

The two little girls, friends and playmates in life, were buried side by side in Chesterfield cemetery in Centreville.

Eleven Nabbed In Liquor Raids

State's Attorney Drives Against Illicit Sales

Eleven alleged vendors of liquor illegally, including Winchester Smith, now being held for manslaughter as the result of automobile fatalities at Grasonville Friday, were arrested this week by Sheriff Edward Earl Coursey, Constables Linwood Moore, Wrightson Beecher and Joseph Collier in a quiet roundup of liquor violators instituted by State's Attorney B. Hackett Turner, jr., several weeks ago. The men will be given a hearing by Magistrate J. Elmer Anthony in Police Court Saturday.

Besides Winchester Smith, proprietor of a tavern at Willoughby those arrested were Hiram Briscoe, Church Hill; Joel McGinnis, Starkey's Corner; Thomas Coulter, Little Creek; Ernest Chew, Kent Island Narrows; Clinton Baker, Grasonville; his wife, Lilly Baker, Queenstown; Will Whittico, negro, Grasonville; Theodore James, William negroes. Smith, Briscoe, McGinnis and Handy and Riz Conyer, Centreville James are said to have beer-selling licenses.

The arrests were made after evidence was obtained by two investigators who are employed in such work in Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.