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SUPPER.

The Ladies' Aid of Bond M. E. Church will hold a supper at home of John A. Jacquette, near Bond Chapel, on Wednesday, February 23rd. Beginning at 5.30 p. m. f19

YE OLD COLONIAL TEA.

February 25th, in Fairlee School by Ladies' Aid of Salem M. E. Church, consisting of Stewed and Baked Chicken, Ham, Baked Beans, Potatoes salad, Macaroni, Slaw, Biscuits, Rolls, etc. Supper 50c. Beginning at 5 p. m., Friday, February 25th, 1921. f12-2t

BAKE.

The class taught by Miss Myra Wheat will hold a Bake in H. B. Rote's store next Saturd ', February 19th. f12

OYSTER SUPPER.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Wesley Chapel Church will hold an Oyster Supper in the Church Hall, Thursday evening, February, 24th. Other delicacies will be served. Supper 50 cents. f12-2t*

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CHESTERTOWN

Monday, Feb. 21st — Frank Mayo in "Hitchin Posts," also "International News."

Tuesday, Feb. 22nd — Constance Binney in "Something Different," also 11th episode of "Lost City."

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd— Title to be announced later.

Thursday, Feb. 24th — Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran in "Once A Plumber," also 5th episode of 'King of The Circus."

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25th and 26th—Mitchell Lewis in "Burning Daylight," a Jack London story; also Pathe News and Comedy.

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To the Tax Payers of Kent County

In making the tax rate of $2.51 which we were forced to levy last June, we issued a statement which we felt fixed the cause for making such a high rate.

It seems however that we have not made the cause plain to some of our tax payers and we therefore feel it our duty to go into the conditions with more detail that the public may have the facts.

There was spent on the public roads of the County from June 1919 to June 1920—the sum of $95,815.35, made up as follows:

Regular Road Fund	$53,546.93
Resurfacing Betterton-Still Pond Road	28,041.52
Tolchester Road	3,719.92
Improvements on Turners' Creek Road	1,181.55
Equipment	9,325.43
Total Road Expenditures	$95,815.35

Of the above total road expenditure, approximately $65,544.21 was spent by the retiring Board (controlled by the Republicans) from June 1919 to December 1919, although they levied only $26,616.76 (Levy of June 1919) for the entire year's road work, leaving for the spring work, which includes practically all grading and tractor work, approximately $30,271.14. The latter amount represents the sum spent by the present Board from December 1919 to June 1920 on all roads in the County. Every one knows that at least two-thirds of the yearly road work should be done in the spring of the year and after July nothing should be done on the roads except filling in holes, ruts, etc., in order to make the roads safe for travel.

The Republican-controlled Board of County Commissioners from June 1918 to June 1919 allowed the sum of $40,251.08 to be spent on the County roads, and notwithstanding this expenditure, when they made up the levy in June 1919, they provided only $26,616.76 for the coming year's work which sum represents the smallest amount which the law absolutely required them to levy—viz, 20 per cent.

The purpose of this levy and the result therefrom is self-evident; approaching a general election in the County when the two Republican Commissioners were seeking re-election to office, they reduced the tax rate of that year to an improperly low rate in order to claim credit for an economic administration, knowing full well the amount necessary for road work over and above the amount actually levied for this purpose would be paid by certificates and then be added to the 1920 rate.

Had the Commissioners levied in June 1919 for road work an amount at least equal to the 1918-1919 expenditures, there would have been a saving in the 1920 rate of at least 13 cents on the dollar, and had this same Republican-controlled Board of Commissioners, during the period of their political campaign, kept the June 1919 to December 1919 expenditure of $65,544.21 to an amount equal to one-third of the sum of $40,251.08 which should have been levied, there would have been a further reduction in the 1920 rate of 50 cents on the dollar.

Thus it is easily seen that the Republicans manipulating the affairs of the County for political purposes, are actually to blame for 63 cents increase in the 1920 tax rate on the road item alone.

But let us go a step further.

SCHOOL EXPENSES

Last year there was levied by the retiring Board for School purposes $65,063.45 although the School Board asked in their budget $79,813.45. Among the items in this budget that were cut was fuel. In 1918 the retiring Board allowed the school authorities $6,000 for fuel. In 1919 in the face of increased coal prices their request was cut to $4,500 which was $2,000 less than fuel actually cost the School Board, or nearly 2 cents on the tax rate.

Another item cut was Attendance Officer for whom no provision was made by retiring Board although the law is very clear and mandatory on appointment of same. This item, covering salary and traveling expenses amounted to $900.00; and was an item our Board had to meet as the old Board refused to allow it.

In our levy of last June we allowed $118,996.99. Among several things responsible for this increase we might mention first increase in teachers' salaries. This increase was made only after careful consideration and at the urgent request of entire School Board, supported by public sentiment generally.

Our last legislature passed a law increasing teachers' salaries and the small additional increase was granted only to meet exact schedule of Cecil, one of our neighboring counties, and other counties as well. It is practically the same schedule that the citizens of Baltimore County forced on that Board of County Commissioners at a recent massmeeting. Of this school levy it took $12,500 to establish High Schools at Betterton and Galena both of which places had fully qualified under the law and had fully met conditions as laid down by the State Board of Education, also a part of this sum was used to raise Rock Hall from a second group to a first group High School.

Another item was the bill for $6,000.00 building deficit for Galena School which was passed by 1920 legislature.

Another was $2,000.00 for sanitary improvements at Fairlee which we were told by School authorities was demanded by State Health Officials.

From above it will be seen that before fair comparison of the two budgets can be made the $20,500 should be deducted from this year's school levy of $118,996.97 leaving $98,496.97. Increased prices on fuel and other things at time our last levy was made might even reduce this further before the two might be fairly compared. This extraordinary school expense, not including increase of Teachers' Salaries of $20,500 would make an addition of about 18 cents on tax rate.

The average amount received by our County during past two years from State Board of Education was $30,527.71 and not $40,000.00 as some of our tax payers have been led to believe.

Regarding Alms House conditions we must admit cost of maintenance under former Board of Trustees has been very high but under present system of bookkeeping no direct credits of farm show to offset expense, and while we are endeavoring to cut all needless expense at Alms House, if after this year's management under our new board of Trustees, conditions do not improve we will not hesitate to recommend use of bill passed by last legislature permitting sale of Alms House Farm.

Regarding the lateral road fund of $21,525, there were two ways to provide this fund—direct levy or certificates.

No bond issue was passed by our last legislature and none would have been of any use if it had passed.

To us it seemed much better to levy our amount than issue certificates, pay interest on them and merely carry forward to make a double burden next year.

This fund either had to be raised by our county in 19 or forfeit State and Federal amounts provided to meet it.

We know of no other way by which our tax rate could have been materially lowered under present laws in effect, and we wish to support fully the schedule of teachers salaries as being fair at the time our levy was made.

In conclusion, we believe that after a careful study of the above statement, the tax payers of our County must see that if the Republican-controlled Board of County Commissioners in June 1919 had levied an amount sufficient for the county's expenditures of that year, the 1920 tax rate would have been reduced by at least 63 cents on the dollar and their failure to levy such an adequate and proper amount caused a part of the exceedingly high tax rate of the present year.

In addition, we have shown that the extraordinary school expenses necessitated an increase of at least 18 cents on the dollar, to say nothing of the increase in teachers' salaries, and that the appropriation for the lateral road fund necessitated an additional expense of about 19 cents on the dollar.

These three items alone amount to $1.00 increased tax rate and we believe the public appreciates the difficulty under which the present Board labored when they struck the 1920 levy. Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. CANNAN,
ARTHUR H. BRICE,
NICHOLAS V. WATERS.

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ORPHANS' COURT NOTICE.

Next Tuesday, February 22nd, being Washington's Birthday and a legal holiday, the regular meeting of the Orphans' Court for Kent county, will be postponed and held on Thursday, February 24th. By order ROBERT R. HILL, Register of Wills. f19

Tolchester Company

SASSAFRAS RIVER LINE

Effective February 26th, 1921.

(Weather and ice permitting)

Steamer will leave Baltimore Saturdays at 2.30 p. m. for Tolchester, Worton Manor, Betterton and Fredericktown.

Leaving for Baltimore Mondays from Fredericktown at 7 a. m., Betterton 8.15 a. m., Worton Manor 9.00 a. m., and Tolchester 10.00 a. m., arriving in Baltimore about noon.

PORT DEPOSIT AND HAVRE DE GRACE LINE

(Effective March 3rd, 1921)

Steamer will leave Baltimore Thursdays at 7.00 a. m. for Tolchester, Betterton, Havre de Grace and Port Deposit. Returning to Baltimore same day, leaving Port Deposit 1.00 p. m., Havre de Grace 1.30 p. m., Betterton 2.45 p. m., Tolchester 4.00 p. m Arriving in Baltimore about 6.00 p. m.

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QUARANTINE NOT LIFTED

The public schools of Chestertown will not reopen Monday. The Sunday schools will not be held Sunday. There have been several new cases of the scarlatina, but with one exception, all the patients have light cases.

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED

The postponed hearing in the bankruptcy proceedings of Claude F. Parks was held in the court house Thursday. No murder trial ever brought together a larger crowd here. The court house was filled to the doors from the start to the finish.

Sidney. P. Townshend, referee in bankruptcy, presided, while the bankrupt was examined by J. Thomas Keating, H. H. Barroll and others. The investigation went into various business deals, what became of the money received from notes, what he paid in the matter of bonuses and also what became of a $1,000 ring.

The bankrupt stated that he paid as high as $300 to get a $1,000 note discounted by private individuals, also that the ring was the property of his wife.

A further hearing was called for yesterday, but upon motion of R. Hynson Rogers, Esq., the proceedings were stopped and by the unanimous vote of creditors postponed until Mar. 3rd, when all claims not now filed shall be put on record.

$100,000 DEFICIT NAGS CARROLL COUNTY OFFICIALS

Carroll county today has a deficit of approximately $100,000, which must be met to pay current expenses during the fiscal year. Of this amount approximately $50,000 is still due the county in taxes, but until these can be collected the County Commissioners must find a way of raising the entire amount, and this, in view of the fact that Carroll is already indebted to the banks there to something more than $100, 000, may not prove the easest job in the world.

Just how the present situation arose, who is to blame and whether the Republicans or Democrats will profit most by it at the next election are some of the questions which have produced a political tempest. In the meantime, about 200 teachers and other school employes are waiting for checks which should have arrived several days ago. The School Board has been in session to consider some plan of action, but, inasmuch as that body has no power to raise money, its actions will necessarily be very limited.

Taxes were levied last year on a basis of $1.23 per $100 property value on assessed value. Democrats claim that the County Commissioners, all of whom are Republicans, were warned to increase the taxes to a point where they would provide a sufficient income for that section of the State. Instead, according to these same Democrats, the commissioners sought favor by trying to keep taxes low.

CO-OPERATIVE BUYING AND SELLING

John A. Arringdale, head of the Talbot County Farm Federation, points out the advantages of co-operative marketing and purchasing and notes instances. He says: "Suppose I want to ship a cow to the city, as I did not very long ago. I go to the railroad office and ask the rate to the city. They tell me if it is only one cow I will have to pay $15. But by the carload I can ship for $5 each. Right here is a saving of $10 on each animal. You see when we get the buying and selling agent here will call on me and get my stock, and at the same time get the animals from the other members until he has a carload. In this way 25 cattle will be shipped at once and as often as a carload is available. As each car will carry about 25 cattle, here is a saving of $250 on a carload on freight alone."

Last year, Mr. Arringdale said, he found the price of phosphate of a certain percentage selling for $28 a ton. He found out by investigation that he could buy it at $18 a ton if he cared to comply with certain conditions. He eventually made a trip to Baltimore and there succeeded in buying for $21 what everybody was paying $28 for. Only through the tip of a friend was he able to do this. Now, with this trained buyer and seller always on the job, these opportunities are to be had frequently, and thus the farmer gets his goods cheaper and sells higher than he does individually.

A change of schedule of the Tolchester line of steamers appears in this issue.

The Kent County Auditors, Wm. G. Smyth, Edw. Pennington and Harry Clay Brown, are at work on the books of the county.

INCOME TAX MEETING

Mr. Jackson R. Collins, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, will be at the Court House in Chestertown, on

MARCH 7TH, 8TH, 9T

to assist tax-payers in making out reports.

All persons desiring infor assistance in this him.

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