DUCK SEASON CLOSES TODAY

The season for shooting wild ducks in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries closes today, January 30. The season has been the poorest from the view-point of the supply of good ducks for the past five years, the scarcity being particularly noticeable in the Chester river, where at this season of the year thousands of canvasbacks and redheads crowd the feeding grounds and furnish excellent sport.

A year ago Chester river off Chestertown was literally alive with canvasbacks, and thousands could be seen flying over Chester river bridge, going north and south. This season owners of blinds on both shores of the river are complaining that scarcely has there been one day's successful shooting, and gunning clubs are making the same complaint.

Just what is the reason for the seemingly great scarcity of good ducks is not known, except that during a greater part of the winter ice covered the feeding grounds, or weather conditions drove the water from the gunning shores, preventing the ducks from feeding near the blinds, but most gunners are of the opinion that the destruction of thousands of ducks on the Susquehanna flats by poison phosphorus largely is responsible for the poor shooting season.

The plausible reason given for this belief is that the season has not been a failure in one locality on the bay or rivers, but that the condition is the same at Betterton, along the famous ducking shores near Rock Hall, as well as in Chester river, and there have not been anything like the usual large numbers of ducks feeding on the shores this season as last year.

The largest number of ducks killed by Chester river gunners near Chestertown at one shooting has been 30, and in many instances the total has not exceeded five, and reports from the Queen Anne's sportsmen tell practically the same story.

During the closed season gunners in the county may take steps to induce the Maryland Representatives in Congress to accomplish something real in the way of relieving dangerous condition now existing at the headwaters of the bay, where it is believed the trouble lies.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MARYLAND

County Government is "Home Government" to more than one-half of us who live in Maryland. With the exception of Baltimore City it is the political, social, and civic unit which ur lives are based. It is the oldest of our forms of government now in use in Maryland, and detaining the State and reaching back into the days of 'alatinate. Although we love it, passionately defend it, generalize about it, n the main we know almost nothing of ts operation. How do you know about t? As citizens of a state whose county life means so much, we should find the time for little analysis of that branch of the government that lies nearest to our hands?

ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY

Question I—How may counties be reated in Maryland? How many ounties are there in Maryland? What is the population of Kent County? What is the area? Date of formation?

Answer—A new county may be created by an Act of Legislation as provided for in the State Constitution Article XII, Section I.) No new county shall be organized without the consent of the majority of legal voters residing within the limit proposed to be ormed into said new county, and no NEW county shall contain less than 400 square miles nor less than 10,000 white inhabitants. There are 23 counties in Maryland. The population of Kent County (census of 1920) is 15,026. The area of Kent County is 281 square miles. The date of formation f Kent County is 1642.

Question II—In how far is County Government defined by the Constitution? How are County Local Laws nacted? When was the last publication of your County Code of Public Local Laws?

Answer—The Constitution of Mary and provides for the establishment o counties as given above; representation on the state legislature of on Senator from each county and delegates according to population (Kent County has two) method of contracting debts for internal improvements; and for the election of County Commissioners whose "Compensation, powers, and duties, shall be such as are not or may hereafter perscribed by law." All County Local Laws are enacted by the General Assembly or State Legislature. The code of Public Local Laws for Kent County was published (last) in 888.

Question III—What are the County offices in Kent County? Is there any entralization of Executive Authority? How may the County Offices be classified as executive? Legislative? Judicial? How many of these officers are amed in the Constitution?

Answer— In Kent County, as well as in all other counties in Maryland, Executive or Administrative authority is centered in the Board of County Commissioners. The County Offices, classified in departments as follows: Executive: County Commissioners, Treasurer, School Commissioners. Legislative: State Senator and Delegates to the General Assembly. Judicial: Judges of the Circuit Court, Judges of the Orphans Court, State's Attorney, Sheriff. All these offices are provided for in the Constitution excepting the chool Commissioners and Treasurer.

Question IV—Which County Officers are elected? Which are their terms of office? Salaries and compensation, and by whom fixed?

Answer an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland(Acts of 1922) nown as "The Fewer Elections Amendment" takes place in 1926 and each four years thereafter, and terms of ll elective county offices shall be for four years, excepting that of the Judges of the Circuit Court, which is 15 years. The following officers are elected by the voters of the County-State Senator—Salary $5.00 per day for each day of the session—90 days and 20c per mile for traveling expenes. Delegates to the General Assembly—elected by the voters, same pay as the Senator.

Clerk of Circuit Court; elected, salary—paid by fees, not to exceed 3,000.00 per year, fixed by the Constitution, Orphan's Court, elected, paid 5.00 per diem.

Sheriff; elected. Fee office.

State's Attorney; elected, salary $1,200.00 per year, fixed by Act of egislature.

County Commissioners; elected by the voters, salary $500.00 per year, ixed by the Act.

Register of Wills; elected by the voters, fee office, not to exceed $3,000.0.

Judges of Circuit Court; elected. Chief Judge's salary $8,500.00. Associate Judges $5. 750 00 each. Salary by Act of the Legislature.

Constables; appointed by the County Commissioners, usual term two years, fee office.

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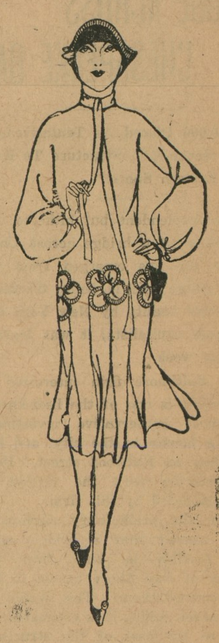

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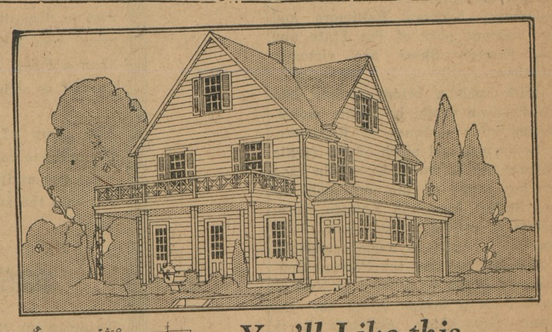

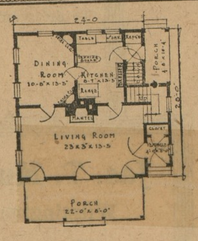

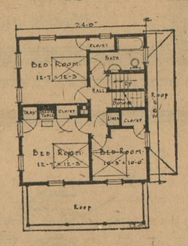

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