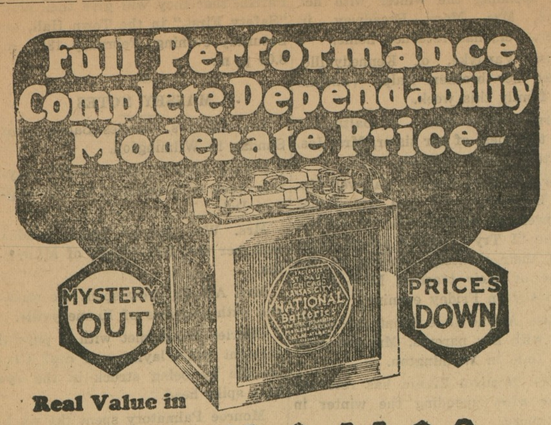

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Editors Kent News:

Before we can apportion praise or blame to the County Commissioners we must know what they can or cannot do. What can they do?

They can establish the tax rate. And when this is done in the proper exercise of their judgment the tax payer must pay. It is seldom, if ever, the case that a Board of Commissioners wilfully and arbitrarily make an excessive rate. They are taxpayers themselves and they manage ordinarily to get the sense and feeling of other representative taxpayers as to how much money should be spent in any year and make a rate accordingly. But they do make the rate, they can not shift the responsibility, and they must take the blame or the credit as the case may be.

But they cannot sell the almshouse property in this county, and they have no right to coerce or attempt to coerce the Trustees of the Almhouse either to sell or retain this property. These Trustees are an independent body vested by law with sole authority to sell or to keep and manage mis - management of their trust neither the County Commissioners nor an Auditing Committee nor any other Committee should dictate any plan or course to the Trustees. This Auditing Committee, by the way, censuring the County Commissioners in their report, and attempting to force their recommendations upon the Trustees, seem to have the erroneous idea that they are a body of superior wisdom, invested with extraordinary powers, whose mandates must be unhesitatingly obeyed.

There are two sides to most questions. It may be that the Auditing Committee has looked upon one side while the County Commissioners have seen both sides. And it may well be that the Trustees seeing the whole subject in its proper light refuse to be cajoled or driven into a course which they forsee will be a sacrifice of the interests committeed to their charge.

My point is this. If at the end of this year the difference between the present value of the stock and equipment plus the returns from the farm is not greater than the interest and depreciation for the year on the stock and equipment plus the operating expenses, thus showing a net loss which the Commissioners will have to provide for in the levy, then it will be time for the Commissioners to have a father-to-son talk with the Trustees and refuse to stand for further losses. Until that time it will only be fair to let the Trustees prove their plans and demonstrate what they think they can do.

LIZZIE LINGO.

KENT COUNTY AWAKE TO ITS ADVANTAGES

The Chestertown Court House was well filled Friday afternoon with representative men from various sections of Kent county all interested in the development of Kent county and the Peninsula. P. Medford Brooks presided and introduced the speakers. Fred. P. Adkins, of Salisbury, presented the outline of the object of the meeting, followed by Dr. G. Laton Grier, of Milford, C. A. Freeman and G. R. Matthews, of Salisbury.

Dr. Grier recalled his residence on the Shuster farm at Buck Neck when 19 years of age. He conducted a dryer of peaches at Buck Neck. At this time he is at the heah of a million dollar concern that manufactures filling for teeth. There is no city on county but what the products of the Milford plant is used in dentistry. He presented the claims of this Peninsula to notice in a strong manner and aroused interest in his suggestion that the Eastern Shore Development Association may lead to the formation of a forty-ninth State. He made it for the purpose of emphasizing the necessity of closer co-operation and unity of action, for which the Del-Mar-Va Association was organized.

After the speaking the Kent County Unit of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Development Association was organized and a fine beginning made in the raising of the county's quota of $6,000 towards a fund of $100,000 to be contributed for two years for advertising and publicizing the peninsula. J. Maxwell, former president of the Maxwell Motor Company, and owner of Worton Manor on the Chesapeake Bay in this county, was elected president of the permanent organization, and R. Hynson Rogers, of Chestertown, was elected secretary. About $3,500 of the quota was subscribed at the meeting.

Bankers in the town and county are in sympathy with the movement and a block of the quota of $6,000 was subscribed by the six institutions in the county. The most difficult problem to be solved in Kent county is the large farms, which must be subdivided if Kent is to materially benefit by the project, and it will be the effort of the Chamber of Commerce to induce the owners of large farms to either divide them or to arrange to sell portions of their present holdings to desirable settlers who may be induced to come to the county. If this problem can be solved there is no question as to the success of the campaign in Kent.

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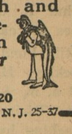

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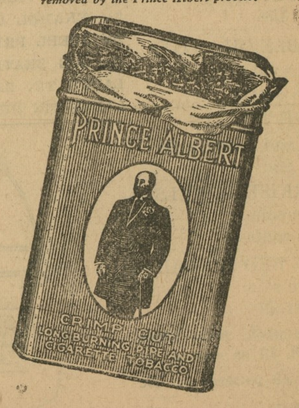

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