MARYLAND JAILS DENY CHARGES

Officials of six of the seven county jails which Stuart S. Janney, director of the State Department of Welfare, asserted were in a "deplorable, wretched and entirely unsatisfactorily" condition, replied to the charges Friday.

In four instances denials were made while two officials admitted that the jails should be remodeled. Cecil and Wicomico county jails should be remodeled, officials said. Officials in Calvert, Washington, Kent and Charles counties issued denials.

At La Plata, Charles county, it was admitted the institution was overcrowded, but otherwise was in good condition.

James P. McCoy, president of the County Commissioners of Cecil county, said he had told Dr. Clinton A. Kane, the newly appointed county health officer, to inspect the jail and make recommendations.

Mr. McCoy said it would be impossible to remodel the jail completely at this time owing to lack of funds. He asserted, however, that it would be possible to make minor improvements now. He hopes to have sufficient funds next year to remodel the jail.

Sheriff Thomas J. Hadaway, at Chestertown, asserted that when the grand jury made its report on the jail they found it to be clean and the prisoners in good condition.

The Sheriff stated that the Kent County Commissioners had given him permission to make such minor repairs as were needed on the interior of the jail. Recently a room was furnished for women prisoners.

Sheriff Hadaway said that at the last general election held in Kent county a bill passed by the Legislature providing for the bonding of the county for $30,000 for remodeling the jail was overwhelmingly defeated Since that time no definite move has been made to make any extensive repairs.

T. Ringgold Jones, county commissioner, said the board had not considered any jail improvements since the defeat of the bond issue. He said the report of the grand jury indicated the Sheriff was making every effort to provide for the convenience of the prisoners.

Admitting that the Wicomico county jail was "old, out of date and dilapidated," William F. Allen, County Commissioner, said he knew of no undue hardship being imposed on prisoners.

"I feel that as soon as finances will permit a modern jail should be built, but I know that this board, whose term expires in 1930, is not in a position to take care of the matter," he said.

WHEN GUNNING BE VERY CAREFUL

The opening of the hunting season brings to mind the annual toll that is exacted among the hunters of the nation every year through the accidental killing of the hunter rather than the game. Every community in the nation has, at one time or another, experienced the sense of futile grief that comes from a tragedy that happens in the fields. It hardly seems necessary to tell people who use firearms that they are dangerous, or to caution woodsmen against carelessness in the handling of weapons and yet the fact that so many are killed each year emphasizes the need of some sensible advice on the subject. Here are eleven rules, which deserve wide circulation and the study of all those on the Eastern Shore who will hereafter take the field and woods. Here they are:

"Never carry loaded guns in automobiles or other vehicles.

"When afield hunting, keep abreast of your companion.

"In loading never point a gun in the direction of your companion.

"In climbing over stone walls and fences, first break or unload your gun.

"A bird quartering to the right in the vicinity of your hunting companions should never be fired on by a hunter on the extreme left and vice versa.

"Never leave a loaded gun standing against a tree or lying on the ground where a dog may get at it.

"Always keep your gun pointed away from your companions when you stop to talk.

"In handling a gun to a person for inspection, be sure it is unloaded.

"Never shoot in the direction of your companions because you consider yourself a good marksman. You are taking a dangerous chance.

"Carry a gun pointed down to the left. If you shoot left-handed walk at the extreme right of the party.

Lola—Then you won't have a garden wedding?

Lulu—No. I'll take no chances of having my wedding called on account of rain.

Shankweiler—So your wife's meals aren't as good as they used to be?

Goosebone—No. She's going to a different delicatessen now.

Father (sternly)—What were you and that sheik doing on the front porch last night

Flappy Flo—Oh, dad, don't bother me about such petty things.

ASSISTANCE OF FIRE COMPANIES

It has been announced that the County Commissioners of Harford County have appropriated $5,000 to be divided among the various Volunteer Fire Companies of that county. It is evident that the Harford County Companies have reached the place where they can no longer run carnivals profitably. Judging from the carnival receipts of various Cecil County Companies compared with those of earlier years, we believe that the prosperous days of the carnivals are about over in Cecil County.

If local Fire Companies are to exist and be of use to the community they must be supported principally to such an extent which will permit them to render efficient service when called upon. Fortunately some Companies have considerable assets but there are other Companies less fortunate and without carnivals these would have a difficult time in maintaining standard equipment.

The time is not far distant when the County or State must come to the relief of these companies if their existence is to be continued. The matter merits considerable study on the part of Companies and citizens. It is perhaps better to have the assistance of all citizens than just a few as is generally the case at present.—Cecil Whig.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

Monday, Nov. 18, Galena Girls at school house after school. Food Club. Mrs. Thomas Cruikshank and Mrs. Crawford, Local Leaders.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, Still Pond Girl at school house after school. Food Club. Mrs. Wm. Medders, Local Leader.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, Swan Creek Women's Club at Mrs. Otto Lassen's 7.30 p. m. Home Nursing Lesson I Mrs. A. W. McCrea, President.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, Quaker Neck Neighborhood Club at 2.00 p. m. at Misses Minnie and Mary Brooks, Health Lesson III, Mrs. D. W. Ingersoll. President.

Thursday, Nov. 21, Chestertown Women's Club at Mrs. Hugh Hartman's at 2.30 p. m. Health Lesson III.

Friday, Nov. 22, Pomona Girls' Club at school house after school. Mrs. P. V.Hendrickson, Local Leader.

Saturday, Nov. 23, Sassafras Girls Club at Mrs. Harry Robinson's at 2.00 p. m. Mrs. Harry Robinson, Local Leader.

She—You measly little shrimp, I hate you!

It—But, darling, yesterday you said you loved every hair on my head.

She—Yes, but not every hair on your shoulder.

CALLS ON RED CROSS INCREASE; RESPONSE TO ROLL CALL URGED

Society's Activities Reach Millions Each Year—Chairman Payne Asks Generous Support in Membership.

Disaster relief work, service to disabled veterans and their families, public health work and its many other activities caused expenditures of $11,064,000 by the American Red Cross for the year ended June 30, 1929, according to the annual report of the organization.

This work by the Red Cross is supported by the annual Roll Call for members, which is held from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day, November 11 to 28.

Directing attention to the heavy expenditures by the Red Cross during the past year, and to the fact that the organization was called upon for assistance in 120 disasters in the United States and its insular possessions, Judge John Barton Payne, the chairman, said:

"The Red Cross is a volunteer society, supported by its membership, and belongs to all of the citizens. While it is a semi-governmental agency in that the President of the United States is its president, and one-third of its governing board are representatives of Government departments, yet it receives no financial support from the Government.

"Funds for our work for war veterans and their families, for carrying on disaster relief, for our varied health activities, the life saving and first aid work and our many other activities, all are derived from the membership fee. The public is asked only once each year—at the Annual Roll Call—to join in this support of the Red Cross."

The Red Cross expended an average of $936,000 per year in the past seven years, in disaster relief work, from its own treasury, statements show. The work for world war veterans also has caused heavy expenditures.

HEALTH PRESERVATION IS AIM OF RED CROSS

Society Employs Rural Public Health Nurses—Teaches First Aid and Life Saving.

A comprehensive, nation-wide program to prevent illness, and to save lives through proper nursing care and advanced methods of life saving and first aid is fostered by the American Red Cross.

The organization is the largest employer of rural public health nurses in the United States, through its Chapters. The policy of the Red Cross is to encourage its Chapters to extend the public health nursing service, where leadership in this field is not taken by some other agency in the community.

The Red Cross health and life saving campaign embraces the following: preservation of health through skilled nursing care; prevention of loss of life in accidents; prevention of illness through cleanliness in the home and knowledge of methods of home care of the sick and raising the standard of health and physical efficiency through proper nutrition.

During the year just closed, more than 42,000 certificates have been issued in the Red Cross course in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick, and since the courses were inaugurated more than 500,000 persons have been taught; 149,000 children were instructed in proper eating through the Nutrition course; 46,898 individuals passed the severe Red Cross tests in Life Saving and 52,596 persons passed the rigid examinations in the First Aid Course.

This work is supported from funds obtained in the annual Roll Call, Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day, November 11 to 28.

SIX MILLION CHILDREN IN JUNIOR RED CROSS

The year 1929 marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the American Junior Red Cross. There are now Junior Red Cross societies in forty-one nations, all pledged in the common cause of service to their fellows.

Membership in the American Junior Red Cross in the United States and insular possessions is 6,878,000, and is largely through grade and high schools and private schools. The organization is governed by the boys and girls. One of its chief features is conduct of international correspondence with schools of other nations, through exchange of albums and small gifts. The American Juniors sent 85,000 Christmas boxes of small gifts to children of many nations last year.

The American Junior Red Cross gained 349,171 in membership last year.

Fifty-one nations belong to the League of Red Cross Societies, and are prepared to carry on health, disaster relief and life saving programs all around the world.

Ingratitude Punished

It is good to be charitable, but to whom? That is the point. As to the ungrateful, there is not one who does not at last die miserable.—La Fontaine.

Gigantic Statue

Michelangelo's statue "David" was executed near the Cathedral square, Florence. To move it to the Piazza della Signoria, its present site, approximately 40 men were employed for four days.

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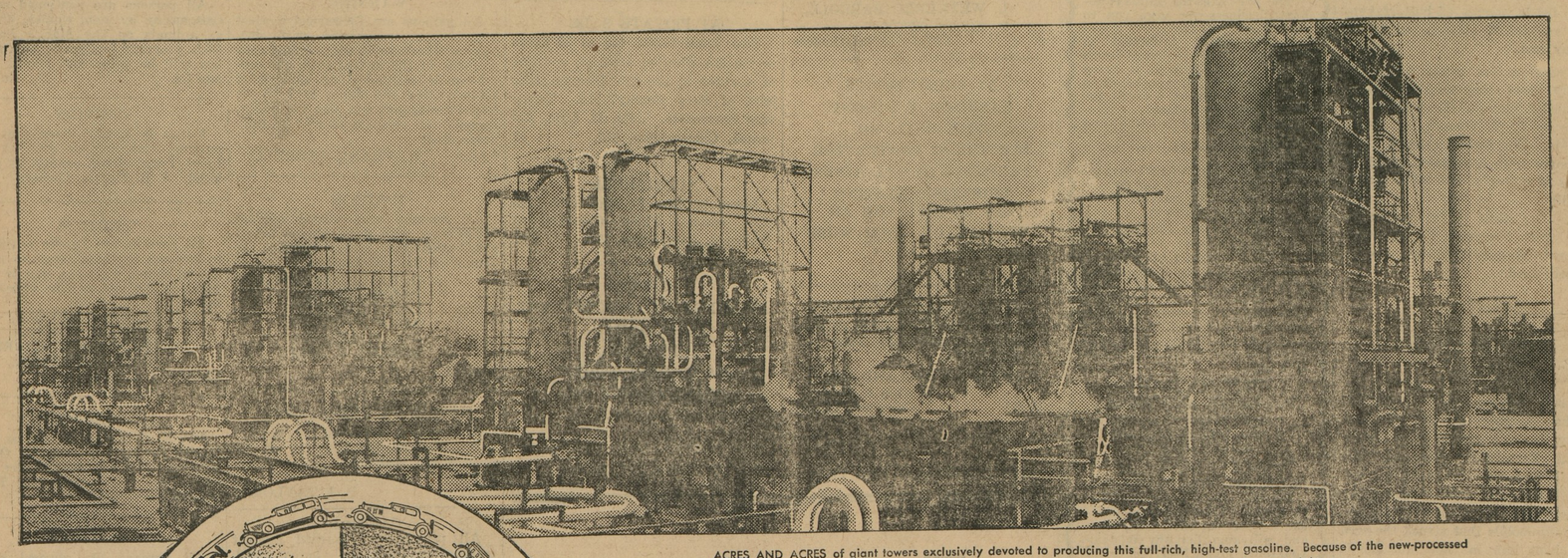

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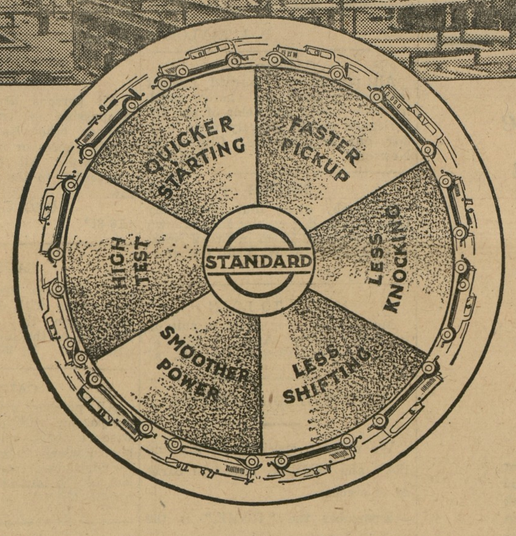

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