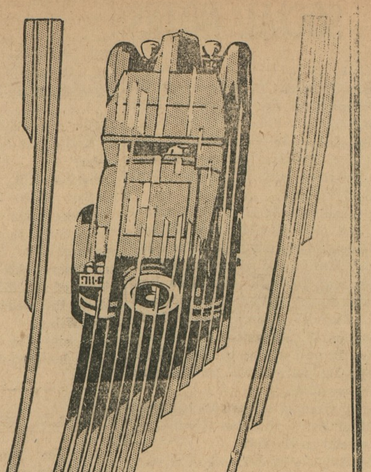
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SHORE COUNTIES SHOW LIGHT LOSS BY 1930 CENSUS

The preliminary census report for the eight lower counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland show that while population losses are indicated, the decrease will be slight, considering the area is primarily an agricultural section.

The count so far is reported as follows: Caroline, 1930-17,384, 1920-18,652, loss 1,268, farms, 1912; Dorchester, 1930-26,781, 1920-27,755, loss 974, farms 1608; Kent, 1930-14,-226, Queen Anne's, incomplete, but loss noted in returns; Talbot, 1930—18,578, 1920- 18,306, gain 272, farms 1074; Somerset-1930, 23,750, 1920—24,602, loss, 852; farms 1560; Wicomico, Salisbury district, outside of city not included and Nanticoke district incomplete included, 1930-28,713, 1920- 25,832- gain indicated; Worcester, 1930—21,607, 1920—22,309, loss 702, farms 2207,

Eighty of the eighty-five election districts in those counties have been completed by the 1930 census enumerators and preliminary report made by Alfred Stengle Marine, District census supervisor.

When the final report is made, it is estimated the Shore will show a loss of only about 2,150 or 1.2 per cent of the 170,405 inhabitants enumerated in 1920.

This fact may be considered remarkable in the face of population trend from the farm to urban centers in recent years.

The five districts yet unreported are three of the seven in Queen Anne's county and two in Wicomico.

A comparison of population of the larger Eastern Shore cities and towns compiled from the census supervisor's reports follows. The figures are 1930 population:

Salisbury	10,949
Cambridge	8,522
Easton	4,091
Crisfield	3,847
Chestertown	2,809
Pocomoke	2,607
Denton	1,608
Snow Hill	1,607
Berlin	1,478
Federalsburg	1,369
St. Michaels	1,306
Centreville	1,290
Delmar	1,180

Easton climbed into third place among Eastern Shore municipalities by virtue of Crisfield's loss of 160 in the 1930 census, while the Talbot town gained 649.

Even though its loss was comparatively small, the Eastern Shore loses a representative in the Maryland House of Delegates. Since Caroline dropped below the 18,000 mark, its delegation to the lower house will be reduced from three to two.

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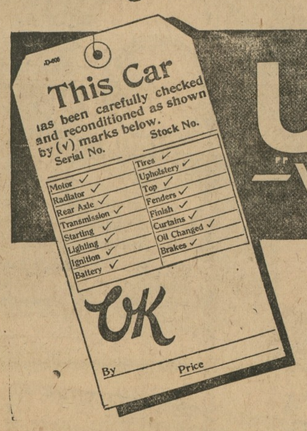
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