AIRPLANE AMONG WILD DUCKS HERE

Sportsmen at Cedar Point, Ringgold's Point and other ducking shores on Chester rives have made complaints to officials of the Navy Department concerning the activities of airplanes on the ducking flats of the river during the early part of the gunning season.

It is believed that the plane which has made periodical raids upon the river shores came from Annapolis. Residents of Eastern Neck Island who saw the plane make a number of landings among the swan which use the Eastern Neck Island flats as feeding grounds were unable to learn the identity of the pilot of the plane because it is said that he took care to conceal the numbers of the plane.

On several occasions the plane was seen to cause a large flock of swan to rise from the flats and to chase them for miles up and down the bay side. The pilot is also said to have landed his plane on flats used by wild ducks in the river, and to have given chase to the thousands of ducks which use the feeding grounds of the river.

The practice of the plane completely demoralized shooting at the shores during the first week of the shooting season, it is said. Members of Cedar Point Ducking Club through one of their Baltimore members complained to the Nevy Department about the flights of the plane, and during the past week there was no trouble.

A year or more ago wild fowl in the river and on the Eastern Neck Island flats where thousands of swan feed were terrified by flights of airplanes over the feeding grounds and gunners at the shore were deprived of much excellent shooting.

The poem below was written by Virgina Hepburn Elbourn, wife of Elijah W. Elbourn, of near Fairlee, The attractive young lady is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Goodman, well-known residents of this county.

HAPPY CHILDHOOD DAYS

As I face a housewife's duties
With a heart that is somewhat sore,
I long to be at my mother's knee
To live the childhood days once more.

For they were days of happiness
When I played with sisters gay,
Or helped dear Dad on the Bushfoot farm
With the wheat or new mown hay.

When some day Maw and Paw were away
We'd tinpan the old brown mule,
Or I'd watch around till I found a chance
To hide Sunny's milking stool.

Then I'd hurry off with sister Pearl
To fetch in an armful of wood,
Or run down the lane to the swing again,
Down where the apple tree stood.

I remember how in a gleeful way
I'd watch the sinking sun.
Then a family prayer said, and off to bed
When at last the day's chores were done.

To dream sweet dreams
Of the brook and bright flowers
The birds and bees
Of the childhood hours.

When at early dawn
Mother's gentle call "come,"
Out of bed we'd jump and down the stairs run
To a kitchen that smelled of good food.

I'd live these days again if I could but they are gone forever,
Somewhat like a battered old toy.
Though I cannot live my child life again
I can live the life of my boy.

For it's somewhat a joy when I think of my boy,
Yes, a surge of pride seems to sweep o'er me,
He's filled many a sad and lonely hour,
He's a blessing that God has made for me.

So I'll ever love and watch o'er him
In gentle motherly ways.
But the grown up life is not half so bright
As the happy childhood days.

BUS SPEED MUST NOW SLOW-UP

Following some personal observations on the Baltimore Boulevard, Harold E. West, chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission is in favor of a speed reduction for buses on the Maryland roads.

Recently, he says, he has seen buses speeding at more than the legal limit of 40 miles an hour. His belief was that they were going at the rate of 50 miles an hour on the thoroughfare crowded with automobiles from the Bowie race track.

While the Public Service Commission has nothing to do with speed regulation or enforcement, he said, his opinion is that, for the safety of passengers and other drivers, the buses should be held under a lower limit than private automobiles.

Mr. West said that "a limit of 40 miles an hour for private automobiles causes risks, and when it is allowed the larger vehicles the danger is greatly increased.

"Buses are moving entirely too fast on the highways. I have observed that often lately."

The Public Service Commission's jurisdiction is confined to the regulation of safety appliances, he said, and the speed regulation is fixed by law, with enforcement in the hands of the commissioner of motor vehicles.

Izzard—Did your son's saxaphone learning cost you very much?

Gizzard—Dit it? I lost practically everything I had settling up the lawsuits.

PLANTS 20,000 TULIPS FOR BI-CENTENNIAL

Adopting a plan to beautify the town in cooperation with the plan of Washington for the celebration of the Washington Bicentennial, the Mt. Rainer Mayor and Council has already planted in the triangles and parking places of the town more than 10,000 tulip bulbs, which will bloom in the spring. These plants were purchased in bulk, and a very fine assortment was obtained.

At the same time the citizens of the town were given an opportunity to purchase for their own use, and taking advantage of the prices allowed, another 10,000 bulbs were distributed.

Added to this are a number of bulbs which the town had previously purchased which were sold to the people of the town, bringing the total up to nearly 2 ,000 bulbs.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY TO MEET

The annual meeting of the Maryland State Horticultural Society will be held this year in College Park and Baltimore, January 5th and 6th, it is announced by A. F. Vierheller, Assistant Secretary of the organization.

The first day of the meeting, January 5, will be held at College Park to permit the members to inspect the new horticultural building, which is nearing completion at the present time. This building is constructed of red brick with white stone trimming and is located to the north of the Agricultural Building on the college campus. When completed, it will be one of the most complete structures of its kind in the country and will house all of the staff and equipment for research and instruction in horticultural subjects.

STUDENTS MUST PAY OVERHEAD

Overhead charges of $229 demanded by Washington College, Chestertown, Md., must be paid by Bernard J. Stinnett, a public school student who was awarded a Senatorial scholarship to the institution, Willis R. Jones, Deputy Attorney-General ruled Monday, if he is to take advantage of the scholarship.

Mr. Jones' ruling was made at the request of the School Board, which contended that under an act of the Legislature of 1910 a Senatorial scholarship to the institution entitles the holder to free board, room rent, tuition and textbooks. The catalogue of Washington College states that these scholarships are worth $236 plus the cost of the books the student uses, the School Board asserted in its report.

In his opinion addressed to Joshua R. Jolly, acting secretary of the Board of School Commissioners, Mr. Jones said:

"I have discussed this matter with the president of Washington College, who informs me that the regular annual rate for non-resident students at said college is $565, exclusive of textbooks. Of this sum $236 represents room and board and $100 represents tuition, making a total of $336 for tuition, board and room. The diference between $575 and 336 is $229 and this item represents overhead charges at the school, which Mr. Stinnett has been requested to pay."

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He was informed, Mr. Jones said, that the overhead charges had been in effect many years, with only slight variations as to amount. Students receiving Senatorial scholarships are treated alike with reference to payment of these charges and, "obviously, Mr. Stinnett cannot expect to be educated at the college upon terms different from others who have received similar scholarships." he asserted.

The reasonableness of the charges is a matter for consideration by the Legislature in making its appropriations to the college, he added.

Stinnett, who lives at 2704 West Fairmount avenue, has withdrawn from the college because he is unable to meet the expenses. State Senators are permitted to send a number of students to various colleges in Maryland which receive subsidies from the State, and Stinnett was awarded the Senatorial scholarship from the 6th Legislative district at a meeting of the School Board on October 1. He lives in the 5th district.

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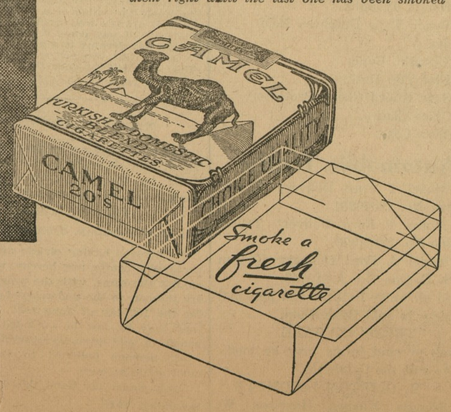

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