The Fraternity of Age

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

Well, here we are, all growing old
together;
You think it's only you, I only I;
Yet colder grows to each the colder
weather
And not a one Time ever passes
by—
I sometimes very greatly wonder
wether
Time knows there are the humble
and the high.

The Croesus, and the beauty, and the
scholar,
Grow gray around the temples, like
the rest,
The vagrant on the road, without a
dollar.
Is in the same procession walking
west,
The gray hair falls upon the curate's
collar
As well as on the sinner sans a
vest.

I think, perhaps, that here's our only
error:
We walk together, yet we walk
alone,
The while the journey would lose half
its terror
If we would laugh together at the
stone.
The common highway always is the
fairer,

Yes, fairer than some tow-path of
our own.
The lonely scowl, the many are the
merry,
Sharing discomfort in some crowd-
ed place.
Upon the train, the overloaded ferry,
We bear our burdens with a better
grace.
The years are heavy, but are not so
very,
If met together, with a smiling
face.

Turkey Show Last Week In January

At a meeting of the Maryland Turkey Growers' Association held at the Chamber offices last Friday, October 23, it was definitely decided to hold a Turkey Show for the entire Eastern Shore, with open classes for the whole State. This will be entirely an educational matter and the prizes confined to two or possibly three ribbons for each class, the other competitors in each class to be designated by the position in which their exhibits are placed by the judges.

It is planned to make the judging a public demonstration and the promise has been made by the Extension Service that pre-show demonstrations for the selecting of show birds will be held in Kent.

Philip G. Wilmer, of Eliason Motors, generously offered free of cost to the growers the company's warerooms for show space. This offer was also made by H. M. Baldwin, of the canning factory space. The first offer was gratefully accepted since it will keep the show and the accompanying lectures centralized. The courtroom will be used for lectures and demonstrations and will be but a very short distance from the showrooms.

J. D. McVean was appointed chairman of the Show Committee and will select his assistants. The Extension Service is backing the whole project and without its assistance the local organization would be unable to stage the Show.

The dates of January 27 and 28 have been set aside for the Show, earlier dates in the month conflicting with the Farm Bureau Conference and certain large turkey shows thruout the country which may call some of our largest growers away from Kent.

The next meeting of the association will be held on Friday, November 13 instead of the fourth Friday of the month in order to feel out the market conditions ahead of the Thanksgiving season.

It was voted to ask all buyers to pay for their turkey purchases thru the association by cash this year.

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Captain Campbell says there is no excitement in going four miles a minute. They say stopping at that speed is the real thrill.

Cop—What in the world are you looking for?

Man—I'm looking for my pocket knife which I lost down the street there.

Chestertown, Md., October 26, 1931.

Report of Auditing Committee

For Kent County, Maryland

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Kent County, Maryland.
Gentlemen:

Complying with the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, January 1904, we submit herewith the Annual Report of the Auditors of Kent County, Maryland, for the years ending June 15, 1931.

This Audit has been prepared in somewhat different form from previous years in the hope that it will present the financial condition of the county in a manner that can be more easily studied and understood by the taxpayers.

The records, that have been audited in the various offices and herewith presented, were found to be in excellent shape and indicate the careful painstaking manner in which they have been kept.

There was received from all sources, including the amount on hand, June 15, 1930, the sum of $438,109.63. The Treasurer paid out $406,951.23, leaving a balance on hand at the close of the year, June 15, 1931, of $31,158.40.

Below is given a summary of all receipts and disbursements for the year.

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 15, 1930		$42,314.71

RECEIPTS

Taxes Collected	$273,649.10	
Interest on Taxes	2,818.08	
Interest on Deposits	30,192.15	
Alms House	3,366.98	
Dog License	1,563.00	
State of Maryland	80,000.00	
Miscellaneous Items from Co. Comm.	4,205.61	395,794.92
Total Receipts		$438,109.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Alms House	$7,882.44	
Assessment	1,507.90	
Bonds and Interest	147,795.00	
County Commissioners	9,239.03	
Education	119,153.46	
Election and Registration	4,070.97	
Extension Service	7,141.77	
Health	12,716.98	
Law and Order	27,625.85	
Miscellaneous	10,570.31	
Roads and Bridges	55,391.81	
Treasurer	3,854.11	406,950.63
Clerical differences		.60
Total Disbursements		$406,951.23
Balance on hand June 15, 1931		31,158.40
		438,109.63

The Exhibits following show in detail the basis and explanation for each source of revenue and total charges to each major account.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your attention is called to the recommendations made in the last Audit, some of which have been put into effect with excellent results. We feel the remaining items should also be adopted.

We offer the following recommendations:

(1) That all deeds be transferred on the Assessment books in the office of the County Commissioners, and stamped to that effect, by the Clerk, before same are recorded in the Deed Books by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

(2) That the plan of compiling the "flat books" for the Treasurer be abandoned and a card system substituted therefor.

(3) That the Treasurer open a separate account in bank, to be known as Bond and Coupon Account, into which there should be deposited, only, the necessary funds for the payment of all bonds and interest due. These records would then show the bonds retired and coupons cashed at the proper date. There would always be in this account a balance sufficient to take care of coupons not yet presented for payment. It would simplify office procedure and safe guard against errors.

Respectfully submitted,

M. deK. SMITH, JR.,
ISABEL R. NEWNAM,
REGINA R. KIRBY,

EXHIBIT A.

STATEMENT OF THE LEVY FOR 1930-31.

Alms House	$3,000.00
Assessments	000.00
Bonds	39,516.71
Circuit Court	2,515.34
Clerk of Court	000.00
County Commissioners	1,650.00
Election and Registration	2,000.00
Extension Service	3,300.00
Health	6,400.00
Inquisitions	000.00
Insurance	000.00
Jail	000.00
Miscellaneous	4,719.56
Orphans' Court	1.400.00
Pensions	700.00
Roads and Bridges	32,635.47
Salaries	9,900.00
Schools — County	109,328.83
Schools — State	000.00
Treasurer	000.00
Wharves and Landings	000.00
Certificates 1929-30	83,104.50
Total	$300,170.41

EXHIBIT B.

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1930-31

	Assessments.	Rate.	Taxes.
Real and Personal	$15,097,016.00	1.63	$246,081.36
Extra Real and Personal	169,115.00	1.63	2.756.57
Motor Vehicles	675.190.00	1.63	11,005.60
Corporations	377,899.81	1.63	6,159.77
Corporations (Special)	52,579.95	1.00	525.80
Non-Stock Corporations	2,800.00	1.63	45.64
Non-Stock Corporations	151,840.00	.30	455.52
Bank Shares	345,761.12	1.00	3,457.61
Trust Companies	6,792.90	1.00	67.93
Securities	1,844,753.00	.30	5,534.26
Extra Securities	60,500.00	.30	181.50
Total	$18,784,247.78		$276,271.56
Since Audit June 15, 1930.			
Extra Real and Personal	20,475.00	1.63	333.74
Extra Motor Vehicles	42,310.00	1.63	689.65
Extra Corporations	42,328.00	1.63	689.95
Extra Corporations (Special)	142,791.29	1.00	1,427.91
Extra Trust Companies	28,697.92	1.00	286.98
Total	276,602.21		3,428.23
Grand Total	$19,060,849.99		$279,699.79

EXHIBIT C.

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNTS PAID BY ORDERS ISSUED 1930-31

Alms House	$2,998.32
Attorney to County Commissioners Salary	300.00
Auditors' Report	150.00
County Commissioners' Salary	1,500.00
Clerk to the County Commissioners Salary	1.500.00
County Treasurer's Salary	1,500.00
County Commissioner's Office Expenses	495.07
Contract Printing	999.99
Deputy Treasurer's Salary	1,000.00
Easton Hospital	500.00
Extension Service	3,300.00
Health Office and Jail Physician	500.61
Hospitals	3,434.54
Incorporated Towns, Roads and Bridges	3,900.00
Janitors' Salary	400.00
Miscellaneous	411.93
Orphans' Court	411.93
Pensions	560.00
Registrations and Elections	1,962.59
Roads and Bridges	28,724.70
Road Engineer's Salary	1,500.00
State's Attorney's Salary	1,200.00
Supervisor of Assessment's Salary	1,000.00
Schools	109,328.83
State Department of Health	2,199.96
Total	$170,714.45

EXHIBIT D.

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNTS PAID BY CERTIFICATES ISSUED 1929-1930.

Witness Circuit Court October 1929	$270.74
Witness Cirucuit Court April 1930	444.60
Ciccuit Court	2,668.01
Circuit Court, Clerk's Office	1,498.98
Court House and Jail	3,765.72
Court House	672.30
Jail	6,853.58
Supplies for Jail	803.65
Sheriff's Fees	930.01
Magistrates and Constables	3,048.14
Miscellaneous	8,601.08
Tuberculosis Eradication	3,784.66
Treasurer's Office	1,266.73
Transporting Prisoners	864.82
Local Assessments	507.90
Registrations and Elections	2,059.84
Extension Service Excess of Levy	57.11
Roads and Bridges	20,781.13
Incorporated Towns, Bank Shares	1,316.39
Auditor's Salary and Expenses	276.90
Charities	76.88
Taxes Paid In Error	87.38
Wharves and Landing	657.33
Hospitals	3,650.77
Schools	9,210.27
Alms House	4,884.12
Workmen Insurance	575.53
Public Health Association	2,431.10
Inquisitions	767.67
Orphans' Court	392.14
Reformation and State Schools	614.36
Total	$83,819.84

EXHIBIT E.

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY CLARENCE NEWSOME, TREASURER,

1927-28

Uncollected Balance on June 15, 1930		$3,640.07
Collected	$90.40	
Insolvent	3,549.67	3,640.07
Interest on Collected Taxes		15.37

1928-29

Uncollected Balance on June 15, 1930		$4,584.38
Collected	198.74	
Insolvent	4,385.64	4,584.38
Interest on Collected Taxes		17.33

EXHIBIT E. (Continued) 1930-31

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	TOTAL
Real and Personal	258,149.46	6,037.88	14,122.80	318.80	1,061.23	9.62	279,699.79
Motors	233,285.69	2,765.13	11,870.80	315.56	924.87	9.62	249,171.67
Corporations	8,806.32	689.65	2,109.28	3.24	186.36		11,695.25
Corporations (Special)	6,028.03	689.95	131.74				6,849.72
Non-Stock Corp. (Full Rate)	525.80	1,427.91					1,953.71
Non-Stock Corp. (Sec. Rate)	45.64						45.64
Bank Shares	455.52						455.52
Trust Co.	3,457.61	286.98					3,457.61
Securities	67.93	178.26	10.98				354.91
	5,386.92						5,715.76
Total	258,149.46	6,037.88	14,122.80	318.80	1,061.23	9.62	279,699.79
Interest Collected on Taxes							2,336.50

EXHIBIT E. (Continued) 1929-30

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	TOTAL
Real and Personal	9,194.62	38.00	5,817.02	27.84	2,142.56	670.88	17,850.92
Motors	6,546.10	38.00	2,490.96	27.84	1,839.32	638.18	11,620.40
Corporations	170.96		2,927.65		303.34	2.70	3,098.61
Securities	2,417.56		401.56				2,819.12
			6.88				312.79
Total	9,134.62	38.00	5,817.02	27.84	2,142.56	670.88	17,850.92
Interest on Collected Taxes							448.88

SUMMARY

	Taxes.	Interest.
1927-28	$90.40	$15.37
1928-29	198.74	17.33
1929-30	9,172.62	448.88
1930-31	264,187.34	2,336.50
Total	$273,649.10	$2,818.08

EXHIBIT F.

STATEMENT OF ALMS HOUSE AND FARM SHOWING EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 15, 1930 TO JUNE 15, 1931.

Farm Receipts.

Sale of Milk for the Year	$1,154.58	
Lambs 17 @ $7.50	127.10	
Calves 2 @ $16.00	32.00	
Wheat 1100 bu. @ 86½c	951.50	
Calves 4 @ $11.25	45.00	
Lambs 9 @ $7.50	67.50	
Tomatoes, 72,785 lb. @ 15.00 per ton	545.87	
Tomatoes, 2,077 lb. @ $12.00 per ton	13.80	
Calves, 2 @ $11.00	22.00	
Wheat, 84 bu. @ 87c	73.08	
Calves, 4 @ $9.00	36.00	
Rebate on Gasoline	14.00	
Sheep, 3 @ $6.00 (killed)	18.00	
Calves, 2 @ $16.00	32.00	
Lambs, 15 @ $5.00	75.00	
Wool, 257 lb. @ 15c	38.55	
Corn, 140 bu. @ 68c	95.20	
Rebate on Gasoline	25.40	
Corn, 274 bus. @ 68c	186.32	
Wreat, 146 bus. @ 86½c.	126.29	
Total		$3,679.59

Farm Expenses

Fertilizer and Seed	$403.15	
Gas and Oil	383.72	
Insurance	26.50	
Labor, Implements, Repairs, etc.	2,155.88	
Mill Feed	493.75	
Tenant's Share of Milk	288.52	
Wheat Furnished Farm, 75 bus. @ 86½c	64.88	
Corn Furnished Farm, 200 bus. @ 68c.	136.00	
Total		$3,952.40
Net Loss on Farm Operations (In Red)		272.81

Alms House Expenses.

Coal and Freight	$425.05	
Coffins	18.00	
Drugs, etc.	89.98	
Groceries, Meat, Clothing, etc.	1,457.70	
Labor	392.20	
Lumber and Repairs to Buildings	78.26	
Oil, Gas and Paint	68.09	
Salary to Trustees	120.00	
Salary to Secretary and Treasurer	200.00	
Salary to Superintendent	400.00	
Salary to Matron	300.00	
Salary to Physician	150.00	
Seed and Fertilizer	23.83	
Stoves, Hardware, etc.	45.23	
Telephone	35.80	
Corn Furnished Home, 74 bus. @ 68c	50.32	
Wheat Furnished Home, 71 bu. 86½c	61.41	
Total		$3,915.87
Total Expense for the Year of the Institution		$4,188.68
Orders in Levy 1930-31	$2,998.32	
Certificates to be Provided for in Levy of 1931-32	4,740.26	
Total		$7,738.58
Unpaid Bills in 1929 30 Provided in Levy 1930-31		522.58
		$7,216.00
Warrants Issued 1930-31 not Presented for Payment		339.66
		$7,555.66

EXHIBIT G.

DOG LICENSE FUND

Cash Balance on hand June 15, 1930	$1,513.32	
Cash from sale of License from June 15, 1930, to June 15, 1931	1,563.00	
		$3,076.32
Total Disbursements, loss of Stock, Poultry, etc.	$3,051.70	
Balance on hand June 15, 1931	24.62	
		$3,076.32

EXHIBIT H.

CASH ITEMS HANDED OVER TO THE TREASURER FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS YEAR 1930-31

year 1930-31.	
Check from S. H. Horn, Tax redemption	$ 229.01
Check from Dog Fund to Clarence Newsome, Treasurer	500.00
Check from R. A. Shallcross, Clerk, Fines and Costs	18.28
Check from J. D. McVean, one half rent and toll for telephone	1.95
Check from W. K. Hackett, board of patient, Cambridge	31.25
Check from Supervisor of Election, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from G. Edward Gillespie, board of patient, Cambridge	31.25
Cash from Charles W. Carter, Candidates fee	25.00
Cash from George W. Townsend, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from B. T. Hudson, board of patient at Springfield St. Hospital	93.75
Check from Board of Education of Kent County for loan	200.00
Check from William B. Usilton, P. J. Fines	158.55
Cash from Supervisor of Election, Candidates fees	25.00
Cash from Supervisor of Election, Candidates fee	25.00
Cash from J. D. McVean's office, call to Elkton	.35
Check from J. D. McVean, Telephone rent for home	1.50
Cash from G. B. Taylor, Telephone rent and toll	1.50
Cash from H. M. Stavely, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from G. E. Hicks, P. J., fines as P. J.	9.50
Check from Charles R. Kerr, P. J. Fines	59.75
Cash from Property not asesssed in 1929	3.50
Check from John M. Dennis, Treas. of Md., Franchise tax	25.00
Check from J. Aubrey Faucett, Candidates fee	25.00
Cash from John T. M. Vickers, Candidates fee	25.00
Cash from A. Stengle Marine, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from Gibbs Preserving Co. Wharfage at Buckneck	131.39
Check from Supervisor of Election, Candidates fees	40.00
Check from Supervisors of Election, Candidates fee	40.00
Check from Stephen R. Collins, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from Robert E. Lee Candidates fee	25.00
Check from James H. Groves, Candidates fee	10.00
Check from J. Henry Thompson, Candidates fee	10.00
Check from Dr. Edward A. Scott, Candidates fee	10.00
Check from Dr. Merritt Brice, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from Arthur H. Brice, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from S. Scott Beck, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from R. A. Shallcross, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from Charles D. Wood, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from Samuel C. Loller, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from Leonad Wilson, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from Ellsworth C. Bowers, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from H. Stockton Startt, Candidates fee	25.00
Check from George W. Sutton, Ex-Treas. Accumulated Interest	3.29
Check from J. D. McVean, part on Telephone charges	2.70
Check from John M. Dennis, Franchise Tax	6.99
Check from Wm. F. Colett, Taxes not assessed for 1930	3.26
Check from R. G. Nicholson, Tax redemption	9.32
Check from J. D. McVean, one-half rent of telephone	1.50
Cash from J. D. McVean, personal call	.50
Check from F. W. Besley, St. Forest Warden, refund	38.70
Check fom Colonial Trust Co. taxes not assessed	7.27
Check from R. A. Shallcross, Clerk, Supplies	524.45
Check from G. E. Gillespie, Board of Patient, Cambridge	31.25
Check from Wm. B. Usilton, P. J., fines	152.00
Check from Treasurer of Maryland, Franchise Tax	40.75
Check from Treasurer of Maryland, Franchise Tax	7.75
Check fom J. D. McVean, one-half telephone toll	2.00
Check and Cash from Walter Massey, tax redemption	11.71
Check from Treasurer of Maryland, Franchise Tax	33.75
Cash from Dr. E. A. Scott, Attorney for Robert Harris and County Commissioners	25.00
Check from H. S. Startt, for Culvert Pipe	15.20
Check from G. E. Hicks, P. J. fees in excess of fines	6.75
Check from J. D. McVean, Rent and Toll for telephone	1.85
Check from Treasure of Maryland, Franchise tax	9.00
Cash from W. S. Parsons, taxes not assessed	13.38
Cash from Wm. C. Francis, taxes not assessed	8.15
Check from Old Line Construction Co., taxes not assessed	15.37
Check from G. E. Gillespie, board of Patient, Cambridge	31.25
Check fom J. D. McVean, rent and toll of Telephone	1.50
Check from Board of Education, Loan of June 17, 1930	50.00
Cash from Isabel R. Newnam, for book, use of Town Commissioners	3.50
Check from Wm. B. Usilton, P. J. fines in excess of costs	41.00
Check from C. & P. Telphone Co. refund for telephone	1.10
Check from J. D. McVean, rent and toll of Telephone	1.95
Check from Charles R. Kerr, P. J. fines as P. J.	25.45
Check from J. D. McVean, rent and toll of telephone	3.00
Check from G. E. Hicks, P. J. fines	13.85
Check from Board of Education on Loan of June 17, 1930	100.00
Check fom J. D. McVean, rent and toll	1.50
Check from Helen N. Schellinger, Special telephone calls	1.15
Cash from J. D. McVean, special telephone calls	.90
Check from G. Edward Gillespie, Board of Patient, Cambridge	31.25
Check from Wm. B. Usilton, P. J. fines in excess of costs	68.00
Check from J. D. McVean one-half rent and toll telephone	3.18
Check from Charles R. Kerr, P. J. fines	12.95
Check from George E. Hicks, P. J. fines	10.90
Check from State Forester, return of one-half 1930 Forest bills	13.67
Check from Robert A. Shallcross, Clerk, for costs	8.25
Check fom State Forester, return of one-half 1930 Forest bills	4.33
Check from Michael Schless, Tax redemption	692.81
Check fom J. D. McVean, one-half telephone calls	1.50
Check from Clarence Newsome, Treasurer amount money in hand 6-2-31	31,066.23
Check from Treasure of Maryland, Franchise tax	3.00
Check from John Vickers, Sheriff, telephone call	1.20
Total	$35,271.84
June 15, 1930 to June 1, 1931 to Clarence Newsome, Treas.	$ 3,866.62
June 15, 1931 to June 15, 1931 to H. S. Startt, Treas.	31,405.22
Total	$35,271.84

EXHIBIT J.

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAID IN 1930-31.

Account	Order 1930-31	Certificates 1929-30	Total
Alms House	$ 2,998.32	$ 4,884.12	$ 7,882.44
Assessment		507.90	507.90
Circuit Court		7,642.55	7,642.55
Clerk of the Court		1,498.12	1,498.12
County Commissioners	1,645.06	3,051.70	4,696.76
Election of Registration	1,960.33	2,110.64	4,070.97
Extension Service	3,300.00	3,841.77	7,141.77
Health	6,635.11	6,081.87	12,716.98
Inquisitions		767.67	767.67
Insurance		575.53	575.53
Jail		14,381.46	14,381.46
Miscellaneous	386.93	10,183.38	10,570.31
Orphans' Court	1,343.91	392.14	1,736.05
Pensions	575.00	92.74	667.74
Roads and Bridges	32,600.02	20,634.46	53,234.48
Salaries	9,900.00		9,900.00
Schools — County	109,328.83	9,210.27	118,539.10
Schools — State		614.36	614.36
Treasurer		1,354.11	1,354.11
Wharves		657.33	657.33
Total	$170,673.51	$88,482.12	$259,155.63

EXHIBIT L.

STATEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND FOR 1930-1931

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, July 31, 1930	$ 22.93
Check No. 4516 to W. W. Gale destroyed	.50

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