

TIMELY TOPICS

TAX RATE UP
ROAD BONDS
LOAN FOR COLLEGE

Tops among timely topics today is the 37 cent increase in the Kent county tax rate, making the figure for the current year \$1.21. Many will point to the age-old custom of a low tax rate in an election year being followed by a high rate the following year and a reduction yearly until a low rate is available when the next election comes around.

But Kent's increase goes further back than that. It is largely due to the unwise construction of a MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ROADS some years back, roads built on the assumption that the State Roads Commission of Maryland would always play the role of Santa Claus. The change in administration caused a shift. The new Roads body refused to go to bat for Kent any longer.

In past years the County Commissioners and the Roads body have played a game of passing the buck, with the county debt to the State Roads Commission piling up. A show-down was bound to come some day but each succeeding group of County Commissioners seemed content to let it come for some later board.

Praise is due the present board for accepting the burden. Of course they were willing for the Roads Commission to continue to make up the difference between the gasoline fund allotment and the amount due on the road bonds. But when that was declared out by the State Roads Commission the County Commissioners decided to be done, largely, with hocus pocus procedure and face the debt the county owes.

And so, partly because of the age old custom of keeping the tax rate low in election years and partly because of a show-down on the road bond situation, Kent taxpayers must dig into their pockets for 37 cents additional in county taxes.

Some, for the most part those who backed the MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ROADS, blame the State Roads Commission. But their attempt to shift the burden are like the attempts of a moth against a high-powered electric bulb.

Try, as people have and always will, but you can't get something for nothing. THE ENTERPRISE, and others, drew scornful cries of "backward and unprogressive" when they opposed the MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ROADS. We believed then, as we do now, that you must pay your way in this world.

With the great increase in the tax rate, and the prospects that it will continue high until the roads bonds are finally redeemed, we don't feel it necessary to say, "We told you so."

Washington College authorities see in the Federal Government's great allotment for construction purposes a chance to get much needed buildings on the local campus. Under the law they feel that if the Government looks with favor upon their requests they will get an outright grant of 45 per cent. of the amount needed, with the rest financed by long term, low rate interest.

Certainly Washington College is in the need of new and additional buildings. The prospects of getting such from the State are apparently very remote. The Federal prospect, if it can be swung, will be like a gift from the skies.

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EVERYBODY KNOWS GOOD COUNSEL EXCEPT THOSE THAT HAVE NEED OF IT.

- 11—Richard Strauss, great composer, born 1864.
- 12—Congress orders commercial relations with France ended, 1798.
- 13—Plug tobacco manufacturers form trust, 1889.
- 14—Narcross patents first practical diving suit, 1824.
- 15—Franklin shows relation lightning with electricity, 1752.
- 16—28 ounce ballstones fall at Dubuque, Iowa, 1882.
- 17—Magna Charta, English charter of liberty, signed 1215.

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The Enterprise.

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CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1935

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

MOTORCYCLIST KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

George Ross, 30, Meets Instantaneous Death

CAR OCCUPANTS HELD

Driver Of Car Had Permit As Beginner

George Ross, 30, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon in a head-on collision between the motorcycle he was riding and an automobile of which Dudley Schultz, 16, and Clarence Wallace, 17, were the occupants. As the result of the accident, which occurred on a nine-foot road, near Chesterville, Schultz and Wallace are being held for the October court in \$1,000 bail each on a charge of manslaughter.

According to testimony brought out at the inquest conducted by Coroner Dr. Frank W. Smith, and as the result of which the youthful occupants of the car are being held, the motorcycle and the auto met on the narrow concrete road with the motorcycle having the right-of-way. The auto pulled out to permit the motorcycle to pass and suddenly careened back to the center of the road causing the head-on collision.

Ross was tossed over the handle bars of his machine through the windshield of the auto. Death was thought to have been instantaneous, the result of an impact over the heart. His body was badly mangled.

Schultz, it is said, was operating the car on a thirty-day beginner's permit, obtained the Wednesday previous and Wallace was acting as his instructor.

All of those in the accident were residents of the Chesterville vicinity. Ross's body was taken to the home of a sister in Wilmington for burial.

Commencement Of High School Set Here For Friday

Plans for the Chestertown High School commencement, which will be held Friday morning in the New Lyceum Theatre, were practically complete this morning with the announcement by Principal W. J. Stenger of the awards for the year.

Friday morning, as the graduation exercises are held, the following awards will be made: Fred G. Usilton Declaration Medal for Boys, James P. Foreman; L. Bates Russell Declaration Medal for Girls, Grace Robertson MacVean; M. Wilber Thomas Scholarship Medal, Sarah Louisa Dodd; Miss Susan Roberts English Prize, Janet Virginia Briggs; History Club Medal, Freda Leah Dorf.

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Robert G. Brown Dies Of Injuries

Robert G. Brown, 46, native Kent countian, died Monday evening in Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, death resulting from complications following an accident in which his right arm was crushed between rollers in a Baltimore plant where he was employed as a foreman. The accident occurred about two weeks ago.

Two brothers, A. Leon Brown, of Chestertown, and Julian M. Brown, of Elkton, survive as does a sister, Mrs. E. H. Garay, of Westminster.

Funeral services will be held at the home of A. Leon Brown, near town, on Thursday, June 13, at 2 P. M., with the Rev. Frank White in charge. Interment will be made in Chester cemetery. Ralph H. Usilton will be the funeral director in charge.

The bearers will be: Paul Massey, Harry Nichols, Henry Brown, Merrick Clements, L. Wethered Barroll and Joseph W. Lewis.

Engagement Announced



Miss Ruth Fox

Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Baurice Fox of the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Mr. Alexander W. Steiner, of Washington, D. C., and Bayonne, New Jersey.

An honor graduate of the Chestertown High School several years ago, Miss Fox has been attending the University of Maryland and George Washington University.

Mr. Steiner is an expert classifier in the fingerprint bureau of the Department of Justice and a senior in the law school at National University, Washington, D. C.

The wedding, it is said, will take place in the late summer.

MRS. MARY V. ELLIOTT DIED HERE SATURDAY

Funeral Services Held Tuesday From Late Home

Mrs. Mary Virginia Elliott, 77, died at her late home on High street, Chestertown, last Saturday morning. Two daughters, Miss Zoa V. Elliott, of Chestertown, and Mrs. C. H. Wise, of Norfolk, Va., survive. She also leaves a brother, Alfred Baker, of Fairlee.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 P. M. from her late home with the Rev. Dr. W. H. Litsinger and the Rev. Dr. N. O. Gibson in charge. The Chestertown Council No. 58, Daughters of America, of which the deceased had long been a member, assisted with the service at the grave. Interment was in Chester cemetery.

The bearers were John W. Barnes, Rufus F. Collins, W. M. Maslin, Clifton Coleman, Samuel E. Cooper and James Allen with Ralph H. Usilton the funeral director in charge.

S. R. COLLINS PURCHASES G. W. TOWNSEND FARM

Bank Also Sells Thompson Property Here

H. W. Vickers, attorney for the Third National Bank, mortgagee, sold at public sale on Tuesday the G. W. Townsend farm, containing 193 acres and located in Quaker Neck, on Lankford bay, to Stephen R. Collins, for the sum of \$6825.

Mr. Vickers, attorney, also sold the same day, the town properties of the heirs of the late Wm. C. A. Thompson. The store property, corner High and Kent streets, and adjoining lots on Kent St., were bid in by the Third National Bank, mortgagee, at \$3500; as were also two small colored tenements on Calvert St., at \$650. The town lot, fronting on College Avenue, and containing approximately 2 acres was bought by Charles S. Smith at \$250.

Herbert E. Perkins, attorney, trustee, sold on Tuesday the dwelling property of the late Israel Clark, situate in Church Alley, the purchaser being Wilbur R. Hubbard, for \$435.

MRS. MARY E. BOWERS, 79 BURIED AT STILL POND

Died Saturday After Illness Of Several Weeks

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bowers, 79, wife of Joseph G. Bowers, died Saturday morning at her home in Still Pond following an illness of several weeks. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, the Misses Jane and Anna Bowers.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Monday from her late home with the Rev. Vaughn Moore in charge. Interment was made in Still Pond cemetery. B. R. Fellows was the undertaker in charge.

The bearers were Benjamin Robinson, Elwood Ford, Dr. William Urie, Jr., Kennard Jones, J. J. White and Bonwill Dukus.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE TO SEEK GOVERNMENT LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK

\$300,000 WILL BE SOUGHT AS GRANT-LOAN

WORK TO START WHEN FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE

A movement to obtain a loan and grant of approximately \$300,000 from the Federal Government to construct a men's dormitory, a dining and recreation hall and library building at Washington College was approved by the Board of Visitors and Governors of that institution Monday and President Gilbert W. Mead was authorized to proceed immediately with plans for the application.

Under the recently announced policy of the government, according to President Mead, it is hoped that 45 per cent of the sum needed will be in the nature of an outright grant, the remainder to be financed under the government policy of a long term loan at an interest rate not to exceed 3 per cent.

Plans and estimates already have been secured for the erection of the dining hall and recreation rooms. This construction will involve an expenditure of about \$45,000 and work will be started as soon as the loan can be negotiated.

The Board of Visitors and Governors re-organized for the coming year as follows: Chairman, Col. H. S. Scott, Rock Chestertown; Treasurer, Eben F. Perkins, Chestertown; Recording Secretary, James W. Johns, who also is business manager of the college.

The Board continued its current policy of a limited enrollment, the student body not to exceed 300 students. It also authorized a year's leave of absence to Assistant Professor J. J. Coop of the Department of Physics, who will accept a teaching fellowship at the University of Indiana for 1935-36 in order to complete the work for a degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

MICROSCOPE DONATED HOSPITAL BY DR. HINES

Two Major Operations Are Performed Here

The donation of a new microscope to the Kent and Queen Anne's General Hospital by Dr. Frank B. Hines, a member of the staff, will enable the local institution to take care of its own blood count and other microscopic work which heretofore had to be performed out of the county.

Two major operations were performed at the hospital during the past week by Dr. Samuel McLannahan, of Baltimore, Howard Hadaway, Jr., of Fairlee, and Joseph Lyons, of Fayette, Tennessee, being the patients. The latter arrived in Rock Hall last Saturday by motorcycle from his home in Tennessee, the last two days of the trip being made with severe pains in his side. The ailment was diagnosed as appendicitis and the operation performed here.

JUDGE J. OWEN KNOTTS TALKS TO GALENA GRADS

Exercises Will Be Held At School Tonight

Judge J. Owen Knotts will address the graduates of Galena High School as the annual commencement exercises are held in the auditorium of that school tonight.

Supt. Louis C. Robinson will present the diplomas and the Rev. John M. Walsh and the Rev. Walter G. Barlow will take part in the program. The graduates are: Miriam Elizabeth Blackstone, Marianna Comly, Hazel Belle Connors, William Edgar Copper, Margaret Price Crawford, Julia Woodall Cruikshank, Anna Demczak, Blanche Camp Fogwell, Hester Amanda Ford, Samuel Franklin Ford, Dennis Granville McCauley, Jr., Margaret Virginia O'Grady, Wolford Irving Palmatory, Martha Elizabeth Shockley, Price Roe Stradley and Richard Sinnickson Tarbuton, Jr.

The class motto is: "Strive not to equal, but to excel." The class colors are pink and blue and the class flower the pink rose.

FIFTY-FOUR AWARDED DEGREES AT COLLEGE

Fifty-four graduates received degrees at the 153rd annual Commencement was held at Washington College Monday morning and three honorary degrees were awarded at the same time.

The exercises opened with the academic procession of which Frederick William Damschott, 27, was marshal. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. L. B. Morgan.

William Oliver Baker, Kent youth, and first honor man of his class, delivered the senior oration, an honor to which his classmates had elected him.

William Mather Lewis, Litt. D., LL. D., president of Lafayette College, delivered the address to the graduating class and President Gilbert W. Mead conferred the various degrees and awarded the prizes. The benediction was by the Rev. C. L. Atwater. The Washington College Orchestra furnished music during the program.

Those receiving degrees were:

Bachelor of Arts
Virginia Rankin Bell, DeJano King Boynton, Allen Ross Brougham, Nola Hill Crow, Norris Clayton Duffy, Edgar Clarke Fontaine, Jr., Mary Elizabeth Hall, Martha Hall, Eloise Pennington Hepburn, Ira Daniel Measel, Jr., Mary Louise Moore, Wesley Leonidas Sadler, Jr., Frances May Silcox, Mildred Lee Skinner, Margaret Anna Wanderer.

Bachelor of Science
William Oliver Baker, James Walsh Barcus, Ella Lillian Barkley, Vincent Brandolini, Ruth Lillian Cannon, Ivon Earle Culver, Henry Garrison Davis, George deSozio, Ellis Charles Dwyer, Louis Lazarus Goldstein, Henry Gilbert Ingersoll, Mary Elizabeth Insey, William Frank Jarrell, Jr., Caleb Rodney Layton, Harold Warfield McCrone, Earl Wallace Price, William Donald Rankin, Howard Dale Rees, Jr., Leroy Karl Remsburg, Harry Clement Rhoads, John Calvin Rogers, Jr., Robert Schneppe Shaul, Leland Bates Stevens, David Henry Wallace, Clare Elizabeth Wyle.

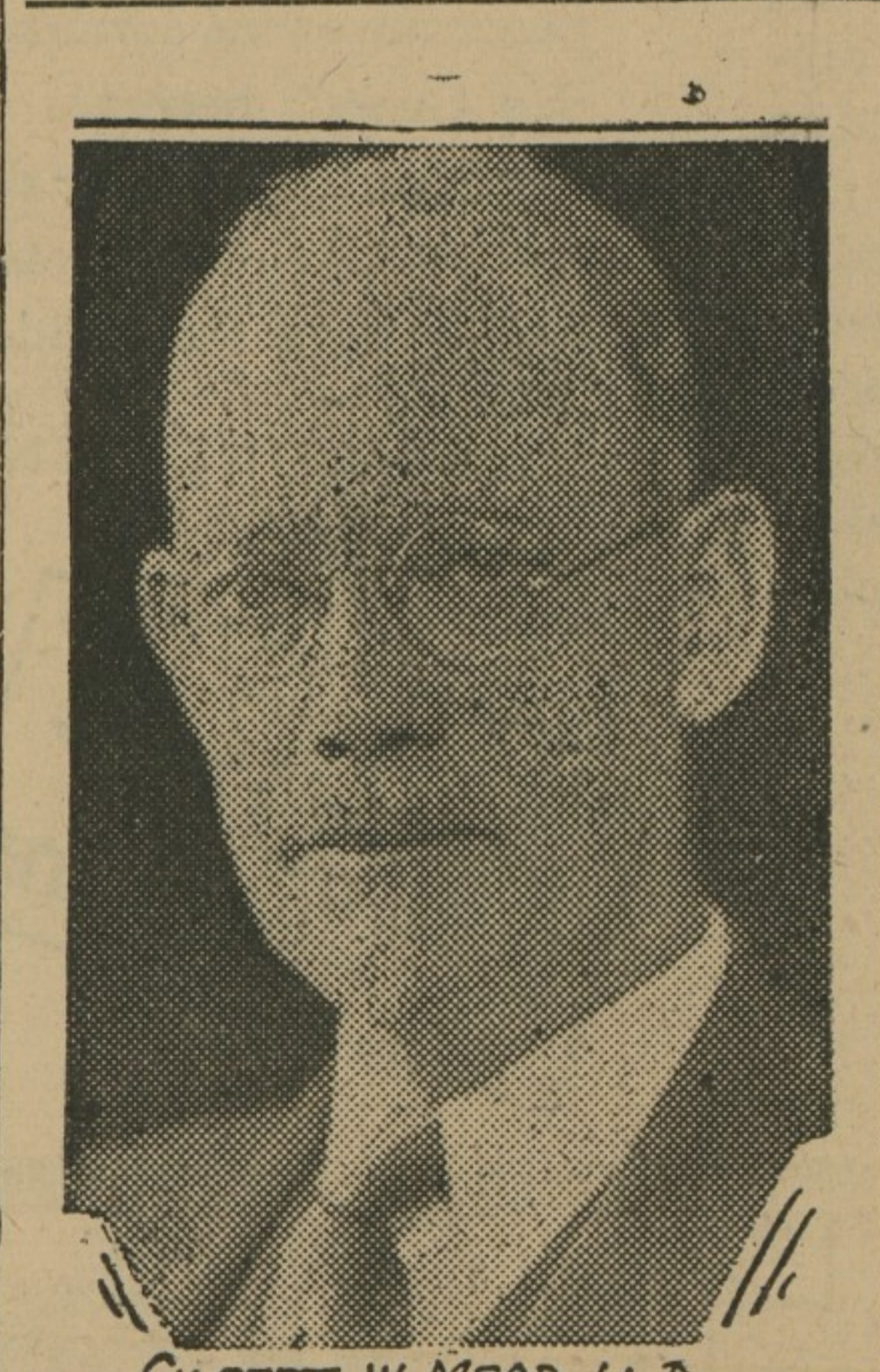
Bachelor of Science in Economics
Russell Ainslie Baker, Frank Kenner Barnhart, S. Scott Beck, Jr., Alice Griffith Cruikshank, Alfred William Gardiner, Lee Seth Gillis, James William Johns, Jr., Harold Barton Kennerly, Jr., John William Long, John Mason Loring, Robert Watson Mitchell, Joseph Ambrose Mooney, Jr., Richardson Wright Saylor, William John Watson.

Honorary Degree
Doctor of Laws—Thomas Alan

Fear Cause Of Economic Collapse Says Dr. Mead

Washington College Head Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon

Deceiving fear as the medium which has led to a present-day "collapse" of economic security, and the appalling increase of the philosophy of "futility," Dr. Gilbert Wilcox Mead, president of Washington College, said today in his baccalaureate sermon.



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Washington Chapter Medal for Highest Standing in English for four years—Frances May Silcox. Rogers Prizes for Debating—Alfred William Gardiner, Lawrence Emerson Williams.

Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation Prize for Excellence in German—Florence Conrath Wilmer. Historical Essay Prize—Joseph Harold Freedman.

Harry P. Porter Character Medal—Wesley Leonidas Sadler, Jr. Simpser Medal for Best All-Round Athlete—William Beck Nicholson. Errol L. Fox Memorial, Inter-Fraternity Scholarship Cup—Phi Sigma Alpha Fraternity.

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Orchestra Awards—William Edward Kight, Robert Knox Pears, Jr., Clifton Hope, Lawrence Karr Yountee, Ernest William Hall. Glee Club Awards—Frederick Peyster, Robert Mathias Fink, Emerson Slacum.

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Road Bonds Help Cause Increase

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Simmons Medal for Highest Average in Freshman Class—William Fries Doering. Philadelphia Chapter Alumni Medal for Best All-Round Senior—John Mason Lord.

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J. D. BURRIS, RETIRED FARMER, DIED SUNDAY

Funeral Services Held Yesterday At Worton

John D. Burris, 68, well known retired farmer of Quaker Neck, died Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mowbray W. Hadaway, Worton.

Besides Mrs. Hadaway another daughter, Mrs. Walter Starr, and two sons, Levin Burris, of New York City and Arthur Burris, of Quaker Neck, survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. S. T. Hamblin in charge. Interment was made in Still Pond cemetery. W. T. Hicks was the funeral director in charge.

Former Resident Here Dies

Funeral services were held today in Philadelphia for Mrs. Maria Conradi, 64, wife of Luther Conradi, concert pianist and teacher of Melrose Park.

The deceased was the former Miss Maria Hurtt, daughter of the late Henry Hurtt, one-time prominent proprietor of the Voshell House in Chestertown.

RHYMED RECORDER

National Politics
The Eagle died, but not in vain, it brought the Elephant back again.
Rotary Speaker
Says Mrs. Dorsey, Alice P., "Trees are made by God and me."
Commencement Address
College diplomas and college degrees
Can't be used as groceries.
New Tax Rate
Taxes, Taxes, going up;
Get out my blindman's cane and cup.
Sports
The alumni can't back for a game. It wasn't played; hence no lame.