

# TIMELY TOPICS

NEW DEAL UNDERWAY  
LEGISLATORS HOME  
AMBULANCE BACK  
NEGRO HEALTH WEEK

Chestertown's new deal in civic affairs continues to occupy a prominent spot in the list of timely topics. All was not harmony as the new Mayor and Council met for the first time Monday night. The Council was pretty much deadlocked with the hold-over members creating one bloc, the mayor and one councilman another and the "Lone Wolf" of the Fourth Ward continuing as he was elected.

Some people get a great delight out of the discomfitures of others and these people were at their happiest Tuesday because of the friction that exists. Such, however, is not for the good of the community. It shouldn't be continued. We predict that soon the Mayor and City Council will be functioning with all the grace of a well-oiled engine. After all the welfare of Chestertown is paramount.

Kent County's legislators returned home on Tuesday after an all night session and a hectic final week. They are to be congratulated if for no other reason than the fact that they did not saddle Kent with a lot of new and foolish laws. Everything that was passed for Kent was of a constructive nature.

Delegate Hubbard summed up the attitude of an intelligent law-maker when he said he soon found out that his chief duty at Annapolis would not be to have bills passed but to keep bills from passing that would be detrimental to the best interests of the State and county.

The Kent delegation wisely made it necessary for a separate vote on each of the four measures in the School Bond bill. After all as badly as an improved school is needed at Chestertown it isn't wise to saddle the county with an additional debt of \$70,000 just to gain a few votes for the Chestertown project.

Next week, according to plans just announced, the Kent County Ambulance will be placed back in service. Its return will be hailed for its fine service has been missed.

The Board of Control has decided that henceforth the ambulance will be operated on a pay-as-you-go basis. A mile rate for the use of the ambulance has been established and in a letter to county physicians it was announced that when the ambulance is called it will be understood that arrangements have been made for payment of the charges.

The new regulations may in some remote instances deprive a needy case of the use of the ambulance. But we doubt that such will be the case. And, on the other hand, the new rules may halt some of the needless trips to which the ambulance had been put in the past. In any event a person who wants the ambulance for a little joy ride will be paying for it at the rate of 25 cents a mile.

National Negro Health Week and its annual observance in Kent county makes a timely topic. As was pointed out last week the health of the Negro race is important not only to its members but to the whites as well.

Perhaps too few Negroes realize the opportunity they have for service within their own race, particularly in the line of health work. The way has been paved, the precedents set. Negro leaders who can get the mass of their race to follow along to new fields in health work will be serving mankind no end.

National Negro Health Week stimulates this leadership and we should be glad that Kent county is looked upon as one of the most up-to-date sections in this work.

## ALMANAC

- YOU'RE A GREAT GUY OR PAL! SAY!
- Flattery is counterfeit money to which our unity gives circulation.
- APRIL
- 1—First movie theatre opens at Los Angeles, 1902.
- 2—Edward Everett Hale, famous author, born 1822.
- 3—Airship Akron destroyed at sea, 72 per cent, 1933.
- 4—Willard whips Jack Johnson at Havana, 26 rounds, 1915.
- 5—First post of the G. A. R. founded, Decatur, Illinois, 1866.
- 6—The sale of 32 beer becomes legal in United States, 1933.
- 7—First U. S. Air Squadron assigned to the front, 1918.

## New Pastors Given Charges In Kent County

### Galena, Millington And Pomona Are Affected

#### REV. FRANK WHITE BACK

#### Districts Reduced From Four To Three

Three new pastors were assigned to Kent county churches as the 67th annual Wilmington M. E. Conference was brought to a close in St. John's M. E. Church, Seaford, on Monday. Assigned to pastorates in Kent county for the first time were: W. G. Barlow, at Galena; J. S. Elderidge, at Millington and L. V. Pratt, at Pomona.

The Rev. Frank White, pastor of the Chestertown M. E. Church, was again assigned here. Other pastors returned to their charges for another year were: W. V. Moore, Still Pond-Betterton; S. T. Hamblin, Fairlee and Conrad Hamer, Rock Hall.

The close of the conference marked the reduction of the number of conference districts from four to three, the Middletown district being eliminated. The Rev. W. E. Gunby was appointed district superintendent for the Wilmington area; the Rev. J. J. Bunting was named superintendent for the Salisbury district and the Rev. E. C. Hallman, who had been superintendent of the Middletown district, was named to a similar capacity in the Dover area.

The Galena, Millington and Still Pond-Betterton charges in Kent are included in the Wilmington district while the charges at Chestertown, Fairlee, Pomona and Rock Hall are in the Dover area.

## Mrs. Ringgold Died On Monday

#### Prominent In Church Affairs Of Town

Mrs. Annie Ringgold, wife of William E. Ringgold, died at her home on High street, Chestertown, Monday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. She was 72 years of age.

Mrs. Ringgold was the daughter of the late John A. Arters, for many years a prominent minister of the Wilmington M. E. Conference. She was, prior to her illness, active in church and charitable work in the community and was a member of the Daughters of America.

Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Walter L. Elburn, of Chestertown, and Mrs. Charles Miller, of near Kennedyville. A brother, Rev. John M. Arters, district superintendent of the Northern Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, residing at Bangor, Maine, also survives.

Funeral services will be held from her late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Frank White and the Rev. J. Harry Wright officiating. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery. The bears will be: Lester, Solomon, Edgar and Garrett Chaires, Charles B. Pippin and Walter Barnes, members of the Sunday School class formerly taught by the deceased. William T. Hicks will be the undertaker in charge.

## Plan Dogwood Drive On Quaker Neck Road

Garden clubs of Chestertown are backing a movement to plant dogwood or Judas trees along the sides of the Quaker Neck road near town in an effort to beautify this much used drive. The movement has the backing of the State Roads Commission and the Chestertown Rotary Club.

Mrs. Rebecca Toulson Speicher, chairman of the program, has requested all farmers and landowners on whose property dogwood or Judas trees are growing to notify her if they will give permission for the use of some of their trees. Mrs. Speicher may be reached by phoning, Chestertown 315.

## Walter H. Coleman And Mrs. Mary Money Married

Walter H. Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Coleman, of Rock Hall, and Mrs. Mary O. Money, of Philadelphia, were married in Elkton Friday, March 22nd. They were at present living at Locust Grove but will go to Rock Hall shortly for residence.

Mrs. Coleman has visited her future home town several times and has a number of acquaintances there who wish them a long and happy life.

## Holly Tree Planted As Memorial

A holly tree has been planted in the small park, at the corner of High and Cross streets, by Mrs. William J. Hudson in honor of the memory of her late husband.

The late Mr. Hudson served Chestertown as day bailiff for nine years and was occupied in that capacity when the small park was devised. He supervised the construction of the plot.

This memorial tree, planted by Mrs. Hudson, will be looked after by her and may be the forerunner of other living memorials.

## Health Night Held Monday By Rotarians

#### Dr. J. H. Mason Knox Is Speaker

The annual Health Night program of the Chestertown Rotary Club was held Monday evening with Dr. H. G. Simpers, chairman of the club's Crippled Children Committee, in charge. The meeting coincides each year with the observance of Negro Health Week and is held in honor of the visiting State Department of Health Officials.

Dr. J. H. Mason Knox, Jr., chief of the Bureau of Child Hygiene and professor of Child Hygiene at Johns Hopkins University, was the principal speaker. Others who spoke were Dr. Richard Leonard, Chief of the Bureau of Oral Hygiene; Dr. W. T. Hammond, of Easton, and J. D. Maxwell, of Chestertown.

Dr. R. H. Riley, director of the State Department of Health and Dr. John Collier, head of the Bureau of Vital Statistics were present along with the following: G. E. Leary, president of the board of county commissioners; W. L. Wilkins, sanitary inspector for Kent county; Dr. Armistead Boston, of Clarendon, Va.; Dr. W. N. Palmer and Dr. P. E. Cox, of Easton; Dr. Russell Kiker, dental clinician for Kent and Dr. R. G. Beachley, health officer for Kent county.

The meeting was held in connection with the regular weekly session of the Rotarians.

## Mrs. Kate Kilbourne Dies In Baltimore

Mrs. Kate M. Kilbourne, wife of John V. Kilbourne, died at her home in Baltimore on Saturday. Funeral services were held from her late residence, 211 North Monroe street, Baltimore, yesterday at 4 P. M. with interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery. She was a former resident of Kent county, her husband having conducted a mercantile business at Edestville for many years. She was the daughter of the late John J. Maslin.

## Walter K. Hudson, 83, Succumbs In Fairlee

Walter K. Hudson, 83, died at his home in Fairlee early Monday morning. A member of the Orphan's Court for Kent county for a number of years he is survived by one son, Bartus T. Hudson, Fairlee; a sister, Mrs. Garrett Foxwell, Chestertown; and a granddaughter, Miss M. Virginia Miller, who has attended him for many years.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M. today from the home of his wife with the Rev. J. L. Marker in charge. Interment will be made in Chester Cemetery.

Honorary pall bearers will be: J. Frank Leaverton, Jesse R. Copper, S. Herbert Lusby, Walter U. Lusby, L. Jefferson Usilton and Robert R. Hill. Active bearers will be: E. J. Watson, Oscar E. Leaverton, W. P. Graves, Hope B. Hudson, G. Raymond Hudson and A. Earle Nicholson. Dadd and Usilton are the funeral directors.

## W. C. T. U. Convention Set For Millington

Plans for the annual county convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to be held at Millington on Thursday, April 25, are near completion. At a recent meeting of the executive board of the county-wide organization plans were formulated.

Fraternal delegates from all county churches, Sunday Schools and young people groups have been invited to attend the conference at Millington and a prize of five dollars, to be used for the advancement of temperance work, will be awarded the Sunday School showing the largest attendance.

At the evening session of the convention the five dollar award for the prize essay will be presented to the winner.

## Ambulance To Be Put Back In Service Soon

#### Mileage Charge For Use To Be Made

#### MINIMUM FEE TO BE \$2.50

#### Vehicle Off Road Since Last August

The Kent County Ambulance will be put back in service around April 10 according to the Board of Control which this week addressed letters to local physicians apprising them of the plans for re-establishing the ambulance service and seeking advice as to the plans under which the ambulance will be operated.

According to the present plans when the ambulance goes back into service there will be a flat rate of 25 cents a mile charges for its use. Mileage will be figured from Chestertown to the destination. Thus, according to Clinton C. Jones, who is chairman of the board, a trip for a patient at Rock Hall desiring to go to Easton would be charged for from Chestertown to Rock Hall and from Rock Hall to Easton. No charge would be made for the return trip. The minimum fee for any ambulance trip would be \$2.50 and the same rate as heretofore would apply to no resident users.

In the letter to the physicians of the county the Board of Control emphasized that it would be expected, when the ambulance was called, that arrangements had been made for the payment of the charges.

The ambulance, after several years service, was removed from the road last August, adjudged unsafe for further use. Some \$200 was owed on repair bills and the like. Since the ambulance has been out of operation an entertainment and other means have raised enough money to pay the back bill and put the ambulance in shape to be used again.

## Parent-Teacher Group Will Meet

The April meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Chestertown High School has been scheduled for next Monday evening, April 8, and the session will be held in the high school auditorium.

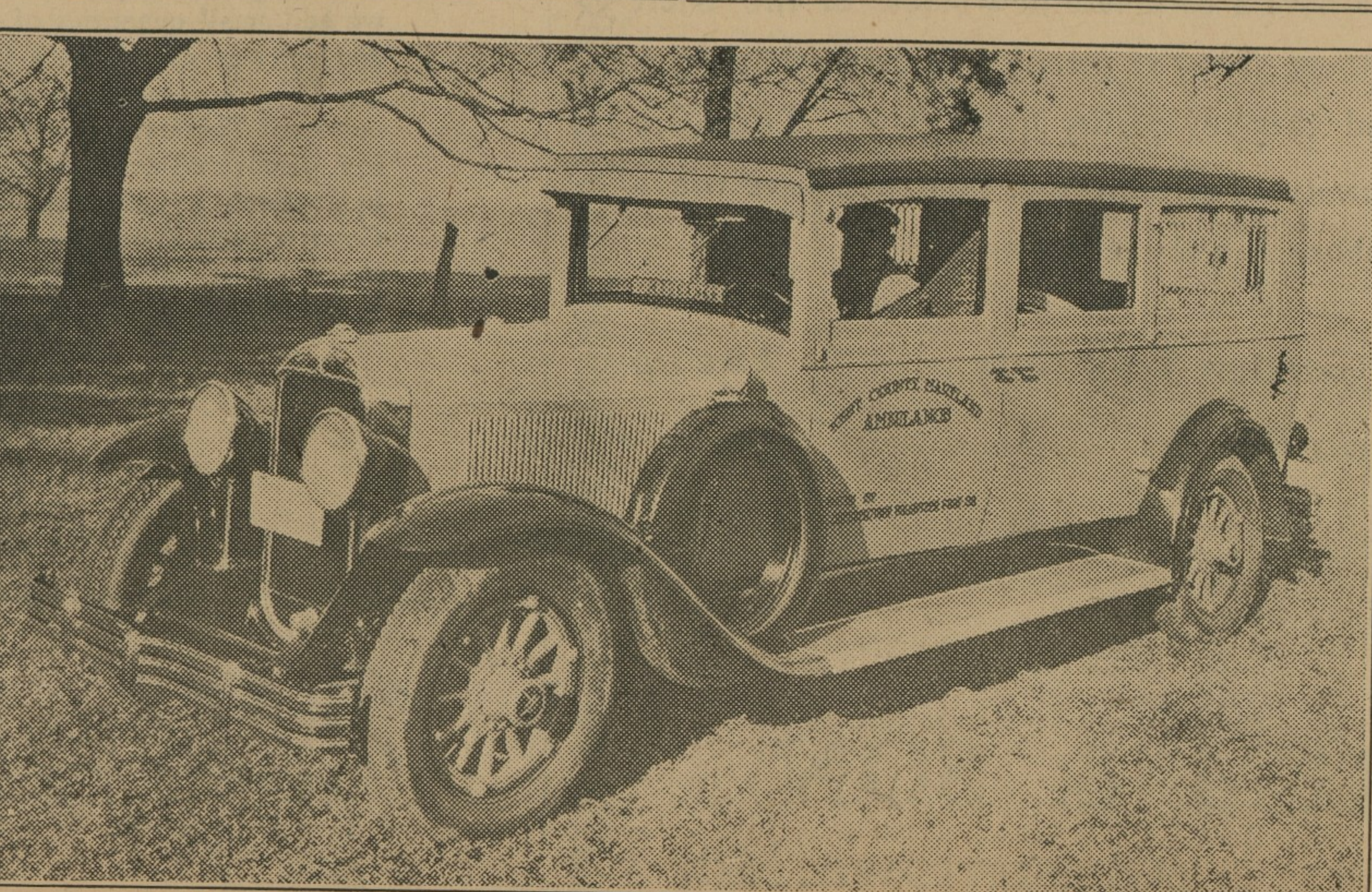
A play will be presented by the Sopranos Dramatic Club and there will be several brief talks by parents of several members of the senior class.

As usual parents of children in the school and anyone else interested are cordially invited to the meeting.

## Rock Hall Woman Is Found Dead

Mrs. Ella Apsley Kendall, wife of Howard Kendall, was found dead in bed Sunday, March 21st, 1935, at her home in Skinner's Neck. The coroner was called but it was known that she had been ill a long time.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Elburn, Jr., and three sons, Thomas, Franklin and Charles Kendall. Funeral services will be held today at Raum Chapel with the Rev. Walter Donoway, pastor, officiating. Interment in Wesley Cemetery. W. H. Good undertaker.



The Board of Control of the Kent County Ambulance has announced that the ambulance will be back in service about April 10, operated on a pay-as-you-go basis. (See full details elsewhere in this issue.)

## Discusses Laws That Affect Kent County

#### Delegate Wilbur Ross Hubbard took time out this morning from a resolution to catch up on sleep lost during the hectic week of the General Assembly session for 1935 to discuss the legislation passed by the Assembly directly pertaining to Kent county.

Kent's three legislators, Mr. Hubbard, his colleagues in the House of Delegates, Roy Strong and Senator Arthur H. Brice, successfully put through some 10 bills affecting county affairs. These bills were only a small portion of the some 1100 that were introduced during the recent legislative session but that, according to Mr. Hubbard, is something for which Kent countians should be thankful. Mr. Hubbard subscribes to the theory that the county is already law-ridden.

The Kent delegation in the House of Delegates introduced a trio of bills. Bill 190 provides for the County Commissioners of Kent to contribute \$500 each, each year, to the volunteer fire companies at Chestertown, Millington and Rock Hall, the money for this purpose to be levied for when the tax rate is struck.

Bill 255 provides for a change in the method of electing the Commissioners for the town of Betterton, three to be elected as heretofore but with staggered terms so that a new member will go on each year and two old ones remain. This bill carries a referendum.

Bill 427 empowers the County Commissioners of Kent to borrow up to \$50,000 a year in 1935 and 1936 if such is necessary to take care of school expenses. The bill was largely a continuance of a similar measure introduced in 1933.

In the Senate, Bill 3, introduced by Senator Brice includes workbooks in the group of vehicles to be exempt from the payment of gasoline taxes. This measure formerly provided for the exemption of pleasure boats only.

Bill 163 empowers Millington to borrow \$10,000 on bonds for improvement of streets and other municipal affairs and grants permission to levy for same.

Bill 164 establishes the salary of the President of the Board of Town Commissioners at Millington at \$100 annually.

Bill 198 empowers Betterton to borrow to pay the \$1000 it owes annually on road bonds when the taxes collected that year are insufficient to meet the obligation.

Bill 233 makes the payment of town taxes on automobiles a requisite to the granting of license plates to auto owners in the towns of Betterton, Rock Hall and Chestertown.

Bill 248 gives the Commissioners of the town of Betterton the right to pass an ordinance granting a discount not to exceed five per cent on taxes paid in Betterton prior to August 1 each year.

Bill 375 authorizes and directs the Commissioners of Kent county to provide for the issuance of public school bonds for the erection of school buildings at Rock Hall, Galena and Chestertown and also for a colored high school building in the county.

There is a referendum clause to the bill providing that each of the four projects shall be voted on separately at the next general election in November 1936.

This bill, one of the most elaborate to be introduced by a Kent legislator, provides for sums of \$20,000 for an auditorium-gymnasium at Galena; \$20,000 for a similar structure at Rock Hall; \$100,000 for the remodeling, renovating, enlarging and equipping of the high school at Chestertown; and \$30,000 for a high school for the colored pupils of Kent county.

The bill sets up commissions, known as Public High School Commissioners for the various sections affected, and provides that each shall give bond to the amount which shall be expended. The commissions are made up as follows:

GALENA—Mrs. George R. Jones, E. A. Scott, Harry Bolton, T. C. Cruikshank, E. Thomas Massey and L. C. Robinson.

CHESTERTOWN—J. S. Kreeger, Mrs. J. T. Kibler, Thomas W. Ellison, Fred G. Usilton, T. H. M. Bramble, Walter B. Harris, E. Linwood Redmile, M. deK. Smith and L. C. Robinson.

ROCK HALL—G. Ellsworth Leary, Herbert Urie, T. Jewell Thompson, B. Trevor Durding and L. C. Robinson.

The Board of Education comprises the commission to handle the colored school fund and the Board of Education is also empowered to fill vacancies on any of the commissions.

## New Mayor And Council Take Office Here

#### William A. Wheatley Is Named Clerk

#### S. SCOTT BECK ATTORNEY

#### Fail To Oust Cooper As Police Head

Mayor Philip G. Wilmer, inducted into office as he took the oath administered by Clerk of Court Robert A. Shallcross Monday afternoon, administered the oath, in turn, Monday night to Councilmen Charles F. Wheatley and J. S. William Jones, of the Second and Fourth Wards, respectively, and Chestertown's "new deal" in city government was officially underway.

Mayor Wilmer's appointment of S. Scott Beck as Attorney to the Council was confirmed and by a vote of three to two, the Mayor's ballot deciding the issue, William A. Wheatley, father of Charles F. Wheatley, one of the newly elected councilmen, was named Town Clerk.

But here the "new deal" hit a snag. Mayor Wilmer submitted the name of John A. Kennard, at present employed on the town's streets, as Chief of Police. The Council, however, failed to approve the appointment, voting three to two against the confirmation necessary according to the provisions of the charter. This vote, virtually, was a vote of three to two for the retention of Samuel E. Cooper, the present officer. According to the town charter Mr. Cooper will serve until his successor is named.

The position of City Engineer was left vacant, Mayor Wilmer failing to nominate anyone for the post and the Council apparently concurring in the opinion that it would be wise to secure the services of an engineer as needed.

Since the meeting of the Mayor and Council on Monday still another snag hit the "new deal" plans with the refusal of the County Commissioners to permit the use of the recently constructed Police Magistrate Courtroom as the office of the town officials.

Mayor Wilmer's plan to save expenses called for the use of this room, rent free, with expenses shared by the town and county authorities. The County Commissioners in session yesterday failed to take any definite action on the request. By Ellsworth Leary, president of the county board, indicated this morning that the consensus of the board was against the plan.

And so, today, the city government is homeless and the Mayor busy trying to locate a suitable office from which the town's affairs may be conducted.

To make matters more unpleasant the new regime took charge with the town's finances in the red. Thomas D. Bowers, retiring clerk, submitted his final report showing a balance as of April 1, 1935, of \$430.40. And then bills were presented totaling \$587.67, leaving the town with a deficit of \$157.27.

## Bishop Visits At Betterton

#### Gave Sermon There Last Tuesday

Betterton, preached a fine sermon at the P. E. Church last Tuesday night. His subject was, "I'm not ashamed of the religion of God." The hymns were, "Jesus Shall Reign," "The Hidden Love of God," "Holy Offering, Rich and Rare," "Glorious Things of Thee, Are Spoken." The music was in charge of Mr. Worrell.

There was no preaching service at the M. E. Church last Sunday, as the pastor, Rev. Moore was in attendance at the general conference, which was held at Seaford, Del. The Sunday School and Epworth League service were at the usual hour.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. James Curry last Thursday.

Mr. Jack McDermott, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Redmile and daughter, Mary Audrey, of Washington, D. C., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lotan Rasin.

Mrs. A. E. Kalbach and son, Raymond, spent a few days in Philadelphia, where he received treatment from a specialist.

Mrs. Myrtle Loud and mother, Mrs. Cora Mann, have moved into their home, Hawthorne Place, after spending several months in the Littleton Crew house. On Sunday the Chestertown Fire Company was called out to extinguish a fire which started in the fireplace.