

# TIMELY TOPICS

REVISE CHARTER  
WAY OF POLITICS  
SALES TAX  
CROWDS, CROWDS  
I-TOLD-YOU-SO

Chestertown's charter needs a good over-hauling. The recent municipal election campaign demonstrated that. The legal jumbles that occurred, regardless of their effect upon the election, were unpleasant proceedings. A recurrence of such can and should be avoided.

Many people think the tax qualification for voting in a municipal election should be changed; some favor its abolition entirely. Arguments, doubtless, and good arguments, can be produced for each. One thing is certain; the charter, particularly in its reference to voting, should be clarified. And that is a good task for the new Mayor and Council when they assume office.

Too, the election laws should provide for a voting booth. The informality of the casting of ballots on Monday didn't seem exactly right.

Just what was the determining factor in the election will remain long a timely topic. Little or no attack was made on Mayor Charles N. Satterfield or his record. That he has been a good and efficient office-holder is a fact. He leaves the office with a fine record and the respect of his fellow townsmen.

How, then, explain the defeat? Likely it was the old, old story of voting against somebody rather than for somebody. A number of the town officials, appointed by the Mayor and Council, were under fire. But even for that no one has offered a good reason. There were no charges of impropriety in office. It was just the culmination of a growing dislike.

The general election of last fall played no small part, one solid block of votes being swung just for the opportunity of settling a score that dated back to the county-wide contests. The ways of politics, like those of women, frequently defy explanation.

Local merchants have been making a timely topic of the proposed State sales tax. They have battled it tooth and nail and their efforts largely have been justified. A State sales tax, without a similar levy in adjoining states, would work a hardship on local business. Particularly in the vicinity of state border lines would business suffer in the community with the tax.

Few people realize, however, that a sales tax, on a national basis, is one of the fairest of all taxes. It reaches rich and poor alike, bringing in many, some with considerable incomes, who otherwise are subject to little, if any, taxation.

Why Congress has not, does not, propose some such legislation remains a mystery.

What its significance, if any, no one has ventured but recent public attractions in Chestertown have drawn fine attendance. Nearly five hundred attending the Wedding Dress Revue last Friday night and more than that number returned to the Armory Saturday night for the first annual Gymboree of the Washington College Yacht Club. A card party, tendered by the Upper Delmarva Chapter of the Washington College Alumni Association, Monday night drew 125 people.

Whether it was the desire of people for amusement, whether it was the nature of the attractions or the cause to be benefited no one seems to know. But this general, and ready, attendance at benefits makes a timely topic.

"I-told-you-so's" will soon be timely topics. The men and women who said that the county would have to borrow money to pay for the spending spree the county went in for some years ago with its \$1,000,000 road building project were right. The county is making preparations to do just that.

Kent has the good roads. This is a good thing. But those people who believed that it was possible to get something for nothing should have learned a lesson.

## ALMANAC

- MARCH**
- 19—Royal patent is issued for Massachusetts Colony, 1628.
  - 20—Newton, discoverer of law of gravity, dies, 1727.
  - 21—Forty Pittsburgh councilmen indicted for bribery, 1910.
  - 22—Laura Jean Libbey, novelist of love, born, 1862.
  - 23—P. Henry asks "for liberty or for death," 1775.
  - 24—Spain acknowledges the United States' independence, 1783.
  - 25—First Congressional Medal goes to G. Washington, 1776.

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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

# WILMER WINS MAYORALTY RACE

## COUNTY WILL BORROW TO PAY ROAD BONDS

Bill Authorizes Bonds Up To \$105,000

## GAS TAX FUND SLUMPS Will Sell Only Bonds To Necessary Amount

A bill is in preparation and will be introduced into the Maryland General Assembly shortly by Senator Arthur H. Brice authorizing the Commissioners of Kent County to borrow up to \$105,000 on bonds in 1935-36 and 1936-37 to pay the interest and principal on road bonds during that time. The refusal of the State Roads Commission to continue the payment of interest and the drop in the gasoline tax, from which some \$80,000 was paid annually in interest on the roads bonds, necessitated the making of other provisions by the Commissioners.

The State Roads Commission has estimated that Kent's share of the gasoline tax in this year will be around \$57,000 instead of the usual \$80,000. The \$23,000 difference in interest and the payment of bonds due will bring the total necessary for 1935-36 to \$60,000. It is estimated that interest and bonds due in 1936-37 will total \$45,000, hence the bill to authorize the borrowing of up to \$105,000.

Ellsworth Leary, president of the Board of County Commissioners, has said that the bonds will be sold only to the extent needed.

## HEARING ON BAY BRIDGE AT ANNAPOLIS TODAY

## Beer Tax, For Relief, Also Passes Assembly

A hearing on the proposed Chesapeake Bay Bridge project was being held in Annapolis this afternoon, and according to Senator Arthur H. Brice, who sponsored the bill, a favorable reaction was in prospect.

Senator Brice, in telephonic communication with The Enterprise, shortly before noon, said that the bill authorizing a State tax of a dollar a barrel on beer had passed the Assembly, the revenue derived from the measure to be used for relief.

Senator Brice also said that he had an appointment today to confer with Governor Nisne relative to the bill introduced by the Kent senator which would remove the tax from gasoline used by workboats.

## MRS. MARY D. BRYDEN, 83 SUCCUMBS IN PINEY NECK

## Funeral Services Scheduled This Afternoon

Mrs. Mary Dudley Bryden, 83, widow of the late Singleton T. Bryden, died Sunday night at her home in Piney Neck where she had been a life-long resident.

Four sons, Jesse, Arnold, John and Abner Bryden, and two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Oliver and Mrs. Laura Wineburg, both of Baltimore, survive. Twenty-nine grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren, are also among the survivors.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M. today, Wednesday, from the Piney Neck Church with the Rev. Hamblin officiating. The bearers will be her four sons and Albert and Claude Bryden. Marvin V. Williams will be the undertaker in charge.

## MRS. JOHN SPEICHER HEADS ALUMNI BODY

## W. Skirven Startt Is Chosen Vice-President

At the annual meeting of the Upper Delmarva Chapter, Washington College Alumni Association, held Monday evening in the Washington gymnasium in connection with the annual card party, Mrs. Rebecca Toulson Speicher was elected president of the group for the coming year.

W. Skirven Startt was chosen vice-president and Miss Mattie R. Whitaker was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The executive committee is composed of the officers, Mrs. Kathryn Smith Brinsfield, Mrs. Anna Beauchamp Owens and Harry R. Poole.

## SPEAKS ON ROADS



Ralph Townshend

Ralph Townshend, district roads engineer for the five upper Eastern Shore counties, will be the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Middletown, Del., Rotary Club tonight. Mr. Townshend, a former Chestertown Rotarian, will talk on "Roads."

## Mrs. A. T. H. Harper Sells Water Street Property

Harry S. Russell and wife this morning purchased of Mrs. A. T. H. Harper her dwelling on Front street, adjoining the properties of Thomas W. Perkins and Mrs. B. F. Fleming. The house is now occupied by Massey Hines and family. The new owners will take possession early in April. The price paid was private.

## Jurors Drawn For April Court Term

## Judge Thomas J. Keating Makes Drawing

Jurors for the April term of Circuit Court for Kent county have been announced as drawn by Judge J. Thomas Keating recently. They are:

FIRST DISTRICT—James H. Davis, Robert W. Johnston, Clayton H. Johnson, Paul Comegys, William D. LeCates, Walter Clayton, Thomas C. Cruikshank, S. McCosh Walls.

SECOND DISTRICT—Howard M. Rasin, Frank L. Meeks, James Groves, Robert H. VanDyke, S. Thomas Bramble, Edmund S. Hurr, Harry D. Hendrickson, William E. Dukes.

THIRD DISTRICT—John Carter, W. Sutton Tarbuton, Benjamin F. Rash, Willard E. Dodson, Elwood D. Bramble, Carlton C. Moore.

FOURTH DISTRICT—Wm. E. Ustilton, 3rd, Roland Corey, Linwood A. Sutton, Ralph W. Barnett, Howard D. Knotts, William F. Malin.

FIFTH DISTRICT—William C. Francis, John W. Downey, J. Ernest Wilson, Fred Williams, Sr., William E. Leary, W. Reynolds Wiser, Ruthwin I. Strong, Milton Fuster.

SIXTH DISTRICT—Albert Lewis, Howard C. Jones, Grover C. Hatcher, Philip T. Jones, J. Frank Leaverton.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—Norman S. Lee, W. Raymond Startt, William J. Maslin, William T. Brown, James B. Newman, Jr.

## BRIEF DIGEST OF WEEK'S NEWS

A synopsis of events chronicled in full elsewhere in today's Enterprise

## DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Dudley Bryden Dies in Piney Neck.

Kenneth Faulkner, Jr., died at Arlington.

## SPORTS

Chestertown High defeated by Cambridge in Shore Cage semi-finals.

Attractive schedule announced for College tossers.

## POLITICAL

Philip G. Wilmer elected Mayor of Chestertown. Charles F. Wheatley and J. S. W. Jones go to Council. County will borrow \$105,000 to pay road bonds. Five Kent bills passed by General Assembly.

## GENERAL

M. E. Conference next week at Seaford, Del.

Jurors drawn for April term of Circuit Court.

Mrs. Rebecca Speicher heads local Alumni group.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Wilmington M. E. Group Meets At Seaford

## OPENS NEXT MONDAY

## Appointments, Week Later, Ends Session

SEAFORD, Del.—The official program of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference which opens here Monday, March 25, as announced by the Rev. L. E. Windsor, pastor of St. John's M. E. Church, where the conference will convene is as follows:

Monday, March 25, 7:30 P. M., examinations. Tuesday, March 26, 9 A. M., examinations; 1:30 P. M., examinations; 7:50 P. M., Fellowship Hour. Greetings by E. J. Winder, president of the board of trustees; musical by Seaford Community Chorus, Paul H. Weil, director.

Wednesday, March 27, 9 A. M., the conference convenes in the church auditorium, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in charge of Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, resident bishop of the Washington area, Washington; the benediction, the calling of the roll; the organization; the business sessions; 11:30 A. M., address by Bishop Hughes; 12:30 P. M., adjournment. Dinner will be served immediately in the church dining room; 2:30 P. M., conference session. The conference memorial service, the Rev. V. S. Collins, D. D., presiding; adjournment. 3:45 P. M., speaker to be announced; 5:30 P. M., supper will be served in the church dining room; 8 P. M., lecture, the speaker to be announced later.

Thursday, March 28, 9 A. M., devotions; conference session; 11 A. M., address by Bishop Hughes; 12 noon, corporate session for the election of ministerial trustees of Wesley College; conference session; 12:30 P. M., adjournment. Dinner will be served in the dining room. 2:15 P. M., the anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Methodist Protestant Church, Miss Katharine Truax, presiding; speaker, Miss Elsie Ross, of Nadia, India. 2:30 P. M., conference session; adjournment; 9:45 P. M., speaker to be announced; 5:30 P. M., supper in the church dining room. 7 P. M., motion pictures of Strawbridge Home for Boys; 8 P. M., anniversary of the Board of Home Missions, speaker, the Rev. C. A. Richardson, D. D.

Friday, March 29, 9 A. M., the lay conference will assemble in the Methodist Protestant Church; the call to order by the president; organization; business. 9 A. M., devotions; conference session; 11 A. M., united session; 11:30 A. M., address by Bishop Hughes; 12:30 P. M., adjournment; dinner will be served in the church dining room. 2:15 P. M., anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Mount Olivet M. P. Church, Mrs. Irene B. Flinn, presiding; 2:30 P. M., united session; conference business; adjournment. 3:45 P. M., speaker to be announced. 5:30 P. M., supper. 8 P. M., anniversary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, speakers, Dr. Clarence True Wilson and Col. F. A. Ebberts.

Saturday, March 30, 9 A. M., devotions; united session; conference business; 11:30 A. M., address by Bishop Hughes; 12:30 P. M., luncheon of the Association of Ministers' Wives in the dining room of Mount Olivet Methodist Protestant Church. 2:30 P. M., united session; conference business; adjournment. 3:45 P. M., speaker to be announced. 5:30 P. M., supper. 8 P. M., anniversary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, speakers, Dr. Clarence True Wilson and Col. F. A. Ebberts.

Sunday, March 31, 9 A. M., conference worship with sermon by bishop Hughes. 12:30 P. M., dinner. 3 P. M., ordination of deacons and elders by Bishop Hughes, assisted by several of the ministers. 8 P. M., divine worship with sermon by Dr. J. M. Gray, chancellor of the American University, Washington.

Monday, April 1, 9 A. M., devotions; conference session; reading of the appointments by Bishop Hughes; devotions; adjournment.

The University of Tennessee extension live stock specialists advise farmers that a hog losing weight should never be butchered.

## NEW MAYOR



Philip G. Wilmer

Philip G. Wilmer, elected Mayor of Chestertown on Monday, told a representative of The Enterprise this morning that his administration would be one of the people and thanked the voters of Chestertown for their support.

In his first official statement since the election Mr. Wilmer said: "First, I would thank the voters of Chestertown for the wonderful support they gave me on Monday. To say that I am deeply grateful would be putting it mildly.

"Then, I would assure the citizens of Chestertown that first, last and always this is their town and as their duly elected Mayor I shall make every effort to have my administration one of, and for the people. I hope that the citizens will ever feel free to bring their problems to me and to the City Council and I assure them that every consideration will be given each and all."

## N. B. R. BOWLING TEAM HAS SECOND HALF LEAD

## Eagles In Second Place, Three Games Behind

The N. B. R. team, captained by Jim Hadaway, is leading the race for the second half championship of the Chestertown Bowling League with 13 victories and five losses. The Eagles, Bill Smith, captain, have lost three more games while winning the same number to hold second place.

Joe Vineyard's score of 198 is the highest individual game with the 791 mark of the Eagles the best top game for a team. The N. B. R. outfit topped 2,217 pins in three games for the best mark in that branch.

The standing of the teams is as follows:

	W	L
N. B. R.	13	5
Eagles	13	8
Herb's	10	8
Decorators	10	11
Radio	7	14
Independents	7	14

## Planting Of Shells And Seed Oysters Will Start Soon

## Shells Planted April 1, Seed Oysters April 15

Planting of shells and seed oysters in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries will begin next month, it was announced yesterday by Swepson Earle, State Conservation Commissioner.

Shell planting will begin April 1, it was said, while seed oysters will be planted after April 15, the close of the season for dredging and tonging. About \$40,000 is available for the work, Mr. Earle explained.

As the catch so far this season already exceeds that of last year, with indications that the crop will be the best since 1927, Mr. Earle believes the planting of seed oysters and shells in the last seven years has stemmed the tide of depletion in the Maryland oyster industry.

So far this season 2,022,000 bushels of oysters have been removed from Maryland waters, or 218,000 bushels more than the figure for last year. In 1932-33 the yield was 1,616,139 bushels.

Approximately 400 oystermen, who otherwise would be idle after the close of the season, will find employment in the planting program. About one hundred boats will be engaged in this work.

## WHEATLEY AND JONES ELECTED TO POSTS ON CITY COUNCIL

"New Deal" Ticket Sweeps Three Incumbents From Office—Race Close Only In Fourth Ward

Carrying three of the four wards and piling up a big lead in the First Philip G. Wilmer was elected Mayor of Chestertown on Monday, defeating the incumbent, Charles N. Satterfield by 65 votes. The total vote was Wilmer 265; Satterfield 200.

At the same time voters in the Second Ward elected Charles F. Wheatley to the City Council over George W. French, incumbent, and in the three-cornered race in the Fourth Ward, Dr. J. S. William Jones was returned the winner for the Council post by a narrow margin over George W. Rash, the incumbent, and Harry W. Fallowfield.

The vote for Mr. Wheatley in the Second Ward was 28 greater than that for Mr. French, the former receiving 79 and the latter 51. Dr. Jones had a two vote margin over Mr. Rash and a five vote advantage over Mr. Fallowfield, the winner getting 45 votes, Mr. Rash 43 and Mr. Fallowfield 40.

## Tabulation Of Monday's Vote By Wards

### FIRST WARD

#### For Mayor

Charles N. Satterfield ..... 31

Philip G. Wilmer ..... 88

### SECOND WARD

#### For Mayor

Charles N. Satterfield ..... 60

Philip G. Wilmer ..... 72

#### For Councilman

George W. French ..... 51

Charles F. Wheatley ..... 79

### THIRD WARD

#### For Mayor

Charles N. Satterfield ..... 49

Philip G. Wilmer ..... 37

#### For Councilman

Harry W. Fallowfield ..... 40

J. S. William Jones ..... 45

George W. Rash ..... 43

### FOURTH WARD

#### For Mayor

Charles N. Satterfield ..... 200

Philip G. Wilmer ..... 265

### TOTAL VOTE

#### For Mayor

Charles N. Satterfield ..... 200

Philip G. Wilmer ..... 265

### For Councilman

George W. French ..... 51

Charles F. Wheatley ..... 79

Harry W. Fallowfield ..... 40

J. S. William Jones ..... 45

George W. Rash ..... 43

## Five Kent Bills Pass In Assembly

## One Originated In House, Four In Senate

Five bills of interest to Kent countians were passed by the House of Delegates of the Maryland General Assembly as that body convened on Tuesday. The bills were:

House Bill 427—Allowing Kent County Commissioners to borrow up to \$50,000 in 1935 and 1936. Senate Bill 80—Extending time for the commencement and completion of Chesapeake Bay bridge to within five years of June 1.

Senate Bill 164—Setting compensation of president of board of commissioners and treasurer of Millington at \$100 annually. Senate Bill 222—Directing Kent County Treasurer to collect Betterton and Chestertown automobile taxes.

Senate Bill 223—Directing Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to refuse markers when Betterton and Chestertown taxes are unpaid.

## LAST LAUGH LONGEST

Every election has its humorous incidents. The municipal affair in Chestertown on Monday had more than its share. One, vouched for by many, was as follows:

One household in town was divided within itself, the husband supporting one candidate, the wife another. Man and wife were assessed for taxes separately and the husband, more alive to matters political, slyly paid his taxes prior to the deadline and left those of his wife unpaid, thereby figuring to deprive her of a vote.

Came the day of awakening. The husband had forgotten to register and was unable to vote. The wife, though taxes were unpaid, was given the right of ballot by a Court ruling which permitted delinquent tax-payers to vote on the ground that they had not been properly notified.

The wife laughed last, and loudly.