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## Thanksgiving Dance Here Well Attended

Attended by nearly 125 couples, a Thanksgiving charity dance was held last Thursday night at the Cambridge Armory under auspices of the Junior Civic League. Music was furnished by Lynn Cheezum and his orchestra.

The armory had been elaborately decorated for the occasion under the direction of Irving Veazie, who planned the decorative scheme and supervised its carrying out. Pine trees hung from the rafters which cross the armory drill room, formed a ceiling of green. A huge Jack-o-lantern was suspended from the center light while vari - colored Japanese lanterns hung from the other lights.

Against the walls, pine, leaves and holly and cornstalks were placed and the windows were decorated with brown and yellow crepe paper, and a cardboard turkey The stage was banked with pines and the blue drop curtain was covered with holly and leaves. A lighted jack o lantern was placed at the center, and above the decorations was a cardboard turkey. The balcony was covered with pine.

The orchestra platform was at the side of the room rather than in front of the stage, and the platform was also covered with pine, leaves, and cornstalks. At each end of the stand was a jack-o-lantern. The baskets of the basket ball court were covered with orange crepe paper and pine.

Cheezum's orchestra, playing at the armory for the first time, proved popular with the dancers.

Mrs. Edgar M. Skinner, Jr., served as general chairman of the dance. Chairmen of the decorating committees were Mrs. Enos Valliant, president of the Junior Civic League, Mrs. William H. Hanks and Miss Margaret Johnson, Mrs. James P Swing was in charge of the ticket sale and Mrs. Edward H. Barnett was in charge of table reservations.

## J. Thomas Leonard Wins Sun Trophy

Awarded to J. Thomas Leonard for his entry of a 76 1-4 lb. Black Drum caught off Sharp's Island, July 24th, the Baltimore Sun's Fisherman's Luck Championship Trophy comes to Dorchester County this year for the first time since it was placed in competition fifteen years ago.

The trophy, a large sterling silver loving cup, with replicas of fish forming the handles and base decorations, is awarded annually to the amateur fisherman landing with hook and line the largest game fish from the waters of Maryland.

Engraved on one side of the trophy is the inscription reading Fisherman's Luck Champion ship Trophy. This Trophy is offered by The Sun of Baltimore. Through Fisherman's Luck on condition that it be placed in competition and awarded annually to the Amateur Fisherman landing with hook and line the largest game fish from the waters of Maryland. The trophy will become the property absolutely of the angler who first wins it three times. Names of winners since 1924 are inscribed on the other side of the trophy and around its base.

The first winner of the trophy was Albert H. Samuel of 520 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore. In 1936 the trophy was won by Max Chambers of Preston.

The Black Drum caught by Mr. Leonard, who is a keen devotee of the sport, measured 52 inches long and 36 inches in girth. The trophy, which Mr. Leonard received last Friday will be returned to Baltimore for his name to be inscribed on it. When it is sent back here it will be placed on display.

### SENATOR PHOEBUS SEEKS TO BUY BUS LINE

Senator Harry T. Phoebus, of Somerset county, this week made an offer of $26,500 for the Red Star Lines, Inc. The offer, n excess of any previous offer, was made to Charles A. McClure, in Philadelphia, one of the receivers for the Victor Lynn Transportation Company and affiliated organizations. It is not known whether Senator Phoebus was making this offer personally or for financial interests which he represents.

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## Milk Malady Affects Many State Health Dept. States

Undulant fever, the strange malady contracted by humans from the milk of infected cattle, is approaching record incidence in Maryland, State Health Department figures showed this week.

Dr. C E. Halliday, department epidemiologist, disclosed that cases reported so far this year already have equaled the record of forty-five set in 1932, with medical science still attempting to find a certain cure for a disease which lingers sometimes as long as three years.

Difficult to diagnose, because symptoms are similar to those of typhoid and other fevers, undulant fever can be determined only by laboratory tests. Often it is confused in early stages with grippe or rheumatism.

Patients are not violently ill, but run temperatures which vary above normal, resulting in the name "undulant" fever. They are "knocked out", unable to work and weak, Dr. Halliday explained.

Cattle afflicted with Bang's Disease give the infected milk, Dr. Halliday said, and the Health Department has been working in close cooperation with Mark F. Weiss, State veterinarian, in attempting to have all dairy herds tested for the disease.

Pasteurized milk is free from the germs and in past years the most victims have been reported from the ranks of veterinarians and dairy employes. Contact with the skin of infected animals thus may spread the contagion, Dr. Halliday explained.

Since 1927, 330 cases of undulant fever have been reported in Maryland, chiefly from Allegany, Baltimore, Harford, Talbot, Montgomery and Washington counties.

Dr. Ross Cameron, Washington County State Health Officer, has specialized in a study of the fever and has turned up seventy-four cases in his jurisdiction—nearly double the ten-year total reported from any other county.

## President Approves WPA Allotment

Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough has been informed that the President has approved a WPA allotment of $2,760 to clear, deepen, straighten and widen the drainage ditch following Hudson Branch from Black Water River to culvert on Cambridge - Church Creek Road in Dorchester county, near Church Creek. The improvement is for land utilization purposes, and the work includes clearing brush, removing trees and stumps, and performing appurtenant and incidental work.

The project will operate on privately owned property for which proper easements have been obtained, and no improvements will be made to private property, Mr. Goldsborough was informed. The project is for the benefit of the general public.

The sponsors of the project are the Commissioners of Dorchester County and the local contribution will be $894.

## Besley Will Ask For More Funds

F. W. Besley, State Forester, reported yesterday he would ask for a substantial increase in the budget for his department, but declined to reveal the amount sought. The last State appropriation for the department was $106,330.

Mr. Besley released figures revealing that only 5 cents per acre was spent in Maryland for the care and protection of 2,223,000 acres of forested areas, while three other comparable States expended three times as much per acre.

Connecticut, which has less than 2 million acres of forested land, received a State appropriation of $284,999 and spent 15 cents per acre. New Jersey with a $384,849 appropriation, expended 17 cents per acre for 2 million acres of forested land, and Massachusetts, with 3 million acres of forested land, spent 15 cents per acre out of the $448,-000 appropriation.

The State Forester said his department has been maintaining buildings, valued at approximately $70,000 on State forests and parks on a yearly appropriation of $800. He added, however, that members of the Civilian Conservation Corps have constructed new buildings which would bring the total value of all the structures to $205,-000.

Consequently, Mr. Besley is seeking $3,400 next year for the maintenance of the improvements. The improvements have been made by the CCC over a period of five years, he explained.

The State, through the cooperation of the CCC, now has thirty four towers and seven buildings in connection with the towers, seventy one buildings on State forests and thirty two structures on park lands, Mr. Besley said.

When the CCC work was undertaken, the State Forester declared, the State, through the Governor, agreed to maintain the improvements.

## Transportation Firm's Receiver Files Appraisal

An appraisal of $331,983 for the vessels, real estate and personal property of the Victor Lynn Transportation Company, Inc., filed by the receivers, Charles A. McClure, of Philadelphia, and Lee Webster Selfe, of Salisbury was recorded late last week in the Circuit Court at Salisbury.

Filed previously was an inventory of the companion company Red Star Lines, Inc., showing an appraisal valuation of $38,266.

Both companies have been operating under receivership since September 1st.

The Red Star, listed at $130,000 is the largest single item in the Victor Lynn Company's inventory. Other vessels, which ply between Salisbury, Cambridge and Baltimore, listed are: the Victor Lynn, Clio and Henrietta Frances.

Real estate of the company is appraised at $45,000 including the wharf property at Salisbury.

Last June the seventy-eight pieces of rolling stock, operated from the Milford, Del., office, were appraised at $83,950.

The inventory shows equipment, facilities and personal property of the company used in connection with the operation of its trucks and motorships at Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wilmington, New York, Salisbury, Cambridge, Dover, Milford, White Haven, and Mount Vernon.

## Shore Holly Is Lacking Berries

Lack of berries appears likely to curtail sharply the harvest of Yuletide holly on the Eastern Shore this season and reduce the incomes of those who fashion decorations from the prickly leafed evergreen.

The make holly an ideal Christmas decoration are extremely scarce this season, District Forester N. H. Fritz reported.

Fritz said only about one tree in ten on the Eastern Shore and in Southern Maryland had a good growth of berries.

"If berries appear on the tree at all, they are too scattered to be of any value as decorative branch holly," he said.

Normally the Eastern Shore's Holly crop yields approximately $150,000 a season. This year, however, it will be difficult to sell branch and bough holly because of the lack of berries.

Wreathmakers probably will have to resort again to artificial berries, made of painted beans or plaster pellets. The artificial berries are considered best, however, for wreaths.

Fritz said the lack of berries probably was the result of an off-seed year. He said there was a small amount of berried branch holly on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and in the southern part of Dorchester county, Md.

### COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Cases of communicable diseases have been reported in Dorchester county for the week ending November 29, as follows:

Diphtheria, 1, Cambridge RD.

## Christmas Seal Sale Announced

Approxmately 30,000,000 Christmas seals were sent to residents of Maryland last Thursday and Friday in an effort to raise money to fight tuberculosis, the disease that is causing the greatest number of deaths between the ages of 15 and 45.

The seals were sent out by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association. This is the thirty-second year in which the stickers have been sold to make possible an antituberculosis program in this State.

When the sale of seals was started in 1907, the tuberculosis death rate was over 200 per 100,-000 of the population. Today the death rate is approximately two-thirds less, or 78.6 per 100,-000.

The work of the association includes free chest clinics in all the counties, medical research, health education, X-Rays and tuberculin tests and the maintenance of a children's preventorium at Claiborne.

According to William B. Matthews, managing director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, "one of the most important needs in the anti-tuberculosis fight is the continued effort among the colored population. The Negro death rate for Maryland is 206.5 per 100,000."

"Tuberculosis is preventable and curable and it can be eventually controlled with the continued cooperation of the public," Mr. Matthews said.

The war on tuberculosis is not a local campaign. Seals will be sold in all the forty-eight States and in the possessions of the United States. Nearly forty foreign countries also are conducting the sales.

## Cambridge High School Loses To Wilmington

The Cambridge High School team finished its first football season on Thanksgiving Day, losing to the heavy, fast team from Wilmington Vocational. The game was hotly contested, even though Wilmington was the superior team, and Cambridge made up in spirit where they were lacking in experience. Cambridge time and time again brought forth excitement by completing long and deceptive passes.

The Cambridge High School Football squad, the Coaches and the Principal also want at this time to voice the deepest thanks to Dr. Robert Weygand and Dr. John Mace, whose help with the injuries sustained during the season, was one of the main reasons why Cambridge has been able to bring back football to this city.

The lineup:

Cambridge—
Sheets, H.—L. F.
Brower, G.—R. F.
Robinson, W.—L. H.
Tanner, F.—R. H.
Jones, M.—L. H.
Parrott, L.—L. H.
Wrght, W.—C.
Linthicum, B.—L. G.
Windsor, B.—L. G.
Dennis, A.—L. E.
Willey, W.—L. E.
Anstine, P.—R. G.
Bramble, M.—R. G.
Davis, C.—L. T.
Davis, R.—R. E.
Smith, R.—R. E.

Score by quarters:

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| Cambridge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | —0 |
| Wilmington | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | —26 |

Referee—Keller.
Umpire—Darden.
H. Linesman—Adams.
Asst. Linesman—H. Porter.

### SALISBURY GROUP TO SPEED DREDGING

A large delegation of officials and residents of Salisbury met yesterday with Col. William A. Johnson, Baltimore district engineer, seeking to speed preliminaries to the dredging of the Wicomico river, at a cost of $215,000.

The War Department, Colonel Johnson told the delegation, is ready to advertise for bids for the project to cover a twenty-five mile stretch as soon as Salisbury interests provide the necessary rights of way and areas where materials dredged from the river bottom may be dumped

Moreover, oyster beds along the route must be removed, and the Government assured it will not be held responsible for any damage to contiguous property as a result of the improvement.

## State Gets More Than PWA Quota

Maryland has received, as of last Friday, approximately $2,500,000 more for PWA projects than its quota, or equitable share, of Government funds, on the basis of employment needs, it was announced early this week.

A bulletin from M. S. Gilmore, regional director in New York released by the Baltimore PWA office, revealed that Maryland's PWA quota was set at $6,371,200 while the State actually received $8,759,432 for forty-nine projects.

"Population, the necessity for employment of funds for municipal improvements of the PWA type, the amount of local unemployment and the desire of cities to obtain PWA aid all fitted into the allotment picture," the bulletin said. "The amount and kind of applications filed was another factor. These considerations, together with a close timetable, all had to be taken into account in making allocations."

The $8,759,432 the State received in Federal grants includes a loan of $28,000. The forty-nine projects will cost a total of $10,304,850, according to PWA estimates.

The bulletin, in dealing with States in PWA Region No. 1 showed that Connecticut obtained more than double its share of Federal funds. Delaware, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont also got more their allotted share.

Only Maine, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania failed to use their full quota of funds, the report showed.

## Diocese Of Easton Will Elect Bishop

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Easton has set December 13 for a convention to elect a Bishop of Easton to succeed the Right Rev. George W. Davenport, D D., whose resignation was tendered some time ago.

The committee, the Rev. William McClelland of East New Market, the Rev. Robert W. Lewis of St. Michaels, the Rev. Charles L. Atwater of Chestertown, Judge William H. Adkins of Easton, and Dr. E. J. Clark of Pocomoke City, is the governing authority of the Diocese as long as it is without a Bishop.

The convention will assemble in Trinity Cathedral, Easton. After the celebration of the Holy Communion it will organize. The Rev. McClelland, as president, will preside.

The secretary of the convention has sent out credential blanks for the election of lay delegates.

The recessed convention will again assemble in Trinity Cathedral on February 1 to elect a bishop.

### LYONS — HUBBARD

Mrs. Naomi Brown Hubbard and the Rev. William Kenneth Lyons, pastor of Mount Taber Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, were married at noon Thanksgiving Day at Starr M. P. Church, Baltimore, with the Rev. Dr. R. Y. Nicholson officiating.

The bride was attired in teal blue with accessories of wine and wore a corsage of red roses.

Her cousin, Miss Elva Brown, of Baltimore, was maid of honor.

Mr. James Bollinger of Baltimore, was the best man.

Immediately following the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons left for Florida where they will spend two weeks. Upon their return they will live at 1938 Thirty-fifth St., N. W., Washington.

Mr. Lyons was graduated at High Point College, High Point, N. C. Previously he attended Western Maryland College. He received the degree of Bachelor of Scholastic Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary He is a son of Mr. Oscar Lyons and the late Mrs. Lyons of this city.

Mrs. Lyons' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Omar Brown of Cambridge.

## State Legislators Favor Higher Tax On Amusements and Luxury

A trend toward higher taxes on luxuries and amusements, and nearly unanimous opposition to consumers' sales or gross receipts' levies, took shape late last week in the first returns from an Associated Press survey of sentiment among members of he 1939 Maryland Legislature.

Senators and Delegates returning early answers to a questionnaire on State affairs lined up approximately 5 to 1 against an increase in real estate and personal property taxes and unanimously in favor of continuing the State income tax.

The cross-section of views was far from complete, however, and served merely as a straw in the wind to indicate trends of legislative thought.

Since the 1939 session, convening early in January, is composed largely of newly-elected, rather than re-elected members, there were indications a number of individual plans and programs might be forthcoming.

Most specific among the first group of replies was that of Delegate Leon A. Rubenstein, (Dem., Fifth, Baltimore City), who urged that a balanced budget be presented before problems of taxation were considered.

The budget, he asserted, "must be cut to the bone," and recommended to that end that civil service be extended to every branch of the government including "the most important key position . . . now used as a basis of political award."

"Stability and efficiency will result in the administration of the various State departments," Mr. Rubenstein said.

A proper tax program, he added, must embrace an income tax, levies on real estate, personal property "and the sundry smaller methods of taxation." At the same time, he termed legalization and taxing of gambling devices basically unsound.

John B. Funk, of Brunswick, new State Senator from Frederick county, led proponents of higher taxes on luxuries and amusements, suggesting such levies might even be made the basis of a permanent fiscal program.

Senator Clifford Friend, re-elected Garrett county Republican, had support in his contention no new taxes should be levied, but normal running expenses of the State reduced by at least $1,500,000 annually.

Senator Friend also favored continuation of the present one half of one per cent. State income tax and opposed increased real estate taxes or the levying of gross receipts or sales taxes.

## Reorganization Of Conservation Setup In Maryland Is Proposed

Officials of the Outdoor Life Federation have announced that adoption of their suggested conservation program would put the Conservation Department on a plane where it might function as a major agency of the State, such as the State Department of Health of the Department of Education.

Adoption of the program as suggested, it is said, would mean a complete reorganization of the conservation setup.

Under the terms of the plan, which is to be submitted to the Legislature, conservation work by the State, neighboring States and the Federal Government would all be tied in.

Within the State, the plan calls for the cooperation of four distinct agencies—the Conservation Department, the University of Maryland, the State Board of Health and the State Department of Education.

The Universiy of Maryland would be in charge of such programs as reforestration and soil conservation. The Department of Education, through courses in schools, would aid in the general educational program carried on to "sell" the need for conservation.

The State Department of Health would be represented on a new Pollution Control Board, which would be granted broad power to correct the pollution of streams, rivers and bays.

Under the immediate supervision of the Conservation Commission itself would come five distinct agencies—a division of game and inland fisheries, a division of the Chesapeake Bay and tidewater fisheries, the biological laboratory, the educational division and the pollution board.

Thus, the sponsors claim, all aspects of conservation in the State and even in this area of the country would be coordinated.

Copies of the program have been sent to members of the new Legislature which will meet at Annapolis in January. About seventy of the candidates pledged themselves to support the program before election

One of the major features of the plan would involve abolition of the present three-man Conservation Commission and creation of a six-man non-paid board representing all sections of the tate.

In describing its plan, the federation says:

"In presenting this conservation plan the federation has recognized the vital importance of the conservation and restoration of all natural resources of the State. It is hoped that the attention of the people of Maryland may be focused on the great need for placing conservation under a commission empowered, staffed and equipped to deal intelligently and effectively with this all-important problem."

## Sportsmen Again To Seek Law Barring Bass Sale

Sportsmen, who for seven year have sought to oblish commercial bass fishing in Maryland, will make another attempt when the 1939 Legislature meets in January, it was learned yesterday.

According to sources at the Conservation Commission, the State Game and Fish Protective Association will sponsor a bill designed to prohibit the sale of bass and provide for a uniform season.

Under present laws, sportsmen may catch bass n fresh-water rivers and streams from July 1 to November 30. However, commercial fishermen are permitted to take them in tide-water from August 1 o March 31st.

The proposed measure would band the sale of bass except to the Conservation Commission for propagating purposes. It also would provide for a single season, from July 1 to November 30, and would set the daily catch limit at ten in fresh water and tide water.

Measures to halt the activities of the commercial fishermen have been introduced in every Legislature since 1931, but none of them were passed. Thirty-eight States now prohibit commercial bass fishing, it was reported.

In the last three years the Conservation Commission purchased thousands of live bass to stock fresh-water streams, and this year orders have been placed for approximately 12,000 more.

The first shipment of 500 fish was placed in the Potomac river near Hancock last Saturday. Additional shipments will be placed in the river near Williamsport, Shepherdstown, Brunswick and Great Falls. Bass also will be dumped into fishing streams in Frederick and Carroll counties.

The adult fish range in size from one-fourth of a pound to five pounds and serve a double purpose—as brood stock in the spring and as legal game fish when the season opens in July.

The Conservation Commission also announced that it had stocked ponds and lakes with approximately 500 adult sun fish.

### POSTPONEMENT

The organization meeting of the Dorchester County Older Youth Council, originally scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2, has been postponed until Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 P. M., in order to avoid a conflict with the high school Variety Show. The meeting will be held in the old extension service offices in the Cambridge courthouse.

## Firemen To Give Extra Protection

Under a plan being worked out by members of the department, Rescue Fire Company again steps forward in its efforts to furnish the citizens of Cambridge with quick and efficient service.

December, January and February are the bad months for fires. Beginning the first of December and until March 1, not less than two active firemen will be on duty at the fire house each night and all night. Thirty four active members have volunteered for this new service without pay.

Chimney fires can be handled fithout sounding the siren and disturbing the slumbers of the citizens, and in case of a general alarm, these extra men arriving at the fire a few minutes sooner can do lots of good, because two minutes at the start of a fire can make a lot of difference.

With the approach of colder weather the company again warns all citizens to be careful about fires, avoid putting hot ashes in wooden containers, do not dump hot ashes near a shed or fence, see that beds, chairs, and curtains are kept away from the stove and smokepipe A back draft may set them on fire. Do not leave small children alone with a fire.

The officers and members of Rescue Fire Company will gladly at any time at the request of residents, inspect homes or business places and advise about any fire hazard. A number of company members are graduates of the Fire College at the University of Maryland, and can advise on fire hazards.

Keep the Home Fires Burning, but keep the fires from burning your home. The company asks your cooperation.

## O'Conor Loses Job For Three Weeks Dec. 20

Herbert R. O'Conor will be without a State job for the first time in seventeen of his forty-two years when William C. Walsh, of Cumberland, a former member of the Maryland Court of Appeals, is sworn in as Attorney General of the State on December 20.

After Governor Nice has administered the oath to Mr. Walsh, Mr. O'Conor will leave the Attorney General's office, which he has occupied for the past four years and technically will return to private life until he again enters the State service on January 11 to become Governor of Maryland.

However, although Mr. O'Conor will draw no State pay for the first time in nearly two decades, he will be engaged during the intervening three weeks with strenuous duties of preparing his message to the General Assembly, with his inaugural address, studying ways and means of meeting State fiscal problems, and drawing up a list of appointments that must be sanctioned by the Legislature. Other job appointments, he has announced, will wait until May.

Mr. O'Conor first entered the State's employ in 1921 when he was appointed as Assistant State's Attorney. After two years of this he was appointed People's Counsel of the Public Service Commission and the following year was elected to the first of three successive terms as State's Attorney. In 1934, he was elected Attorney General.

## Duck, Diving For Fish, Caught By Oyster In Choptank

Capt. Amos Creighton, commander of Maryland's conservation patrol fleet, told this one the other day about an oyster killing a duck.

The duck dived after a fish in the Choptank river, hit bottom just as the oyster opened its shell to feed, and was caught when the oyster shell closed on its bill.

The duck rose to the surface, but the weight of the oyster pulled its head under water, and the duck was drowned.