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Worst Snow Storm Of Year Paralyzes Business In County Few Accidents Are Reported

The heaviest snow-fall of the year blanketed the county this week bringing commerce almost to a standstill and causing numerous accidents to motorists, although few injuries were reported. The snow, which was general throughout the peninsula, was accompanied by lowering temperatures which threatened, for a time, to transform all highways into a sheet of ice.

Yesterday morning, however, when snow began falling for the second time this week, a slight rise in the temperature caused the snow to turn into slush as it fell and no serious drifts occurred.

Snow plows were out in full force on all county roads and kept the highways cleared as rapidly as the snow fell. Although numerous motorists reported being stuck and ditched, few accidents of consequence were reported. State police stated that no accidents involving personal injuries had been brought to their attention.

Business in all the county towns was slowed down by the storm and merchants in some places stated they had done little all the week. Some business houses in the larger towns said, however, that their business this year was up to that of last year, and they believed the month of January would be above the corresponding month in 1938.

Although frozen streams have caused some little drop in the take of oysters, shucking houses of this county say they have been able to fill all demands to date. If the cold weather continues they expect a shortage within the next few days, they said, with consequent probability of soaring prices for raw stock. The extremely cold weather has kept many tongers in, and others working part time for the past few weeks.

There is no scarcity of oysters on the bars this year, tongers say.

MEETING OF SHORE FARM AGENTS PLANNED

A regional conference for University of Maryland extension agents of the Eastern Shore will be held at Salisbury Jan. 25, 26 and 27. It will be one of three in the state arranged by Dr. Thomas B. Symons, director of the University of Maryland Extension Service. It takes the place of the usual State-wide conference.

The theme of the conference will be "Land Use Program Planning."

Participants will be E. I. Oswald and Miss Venia M. Kellar, assistant directors of the extension service; all the county and home demonstration agents of the Eastern Shore; specialists of the university; representatives of county farm organization committees and State directors of Federal agricultural programs.

The federal experts will be C. Z. Keller, executive officer of the AAA; O. C. Bruce, State coordinator of the Soil Conservation Service; Alan Ebert of the Farm Security Administration; Paul E. Nystrom, State Supervisor of farm crop insurance; A. V. Krewatch, State specialist for the Rural Electric Administration, and James W. Coddington, secretary of the State Land Use Committee.

REVEALS PLAN FOR NEW U. OF MD. SPORT CENTER

The "Diamondback", University of Maryland student paper, announced last week that the university intends to build a large recreation center to be attached to the present Coliseum.

Three basket-ball courts and a swimming pool 50 by 150 feet would be included in the sports center, the paper said.

Funds for the project would be obtained by continuation of a special student fee that was inaugurated eight years ago by the Student Government Association.

Fees totaling approximately $24,000, collected this year, would be the nucelous of the fund.

The new building is to be attached to the Coliseum by an archway and would contain two large classrooms and office space in addition to the basket-ball courts and pool.

JAMES MILLS

Funeral services for James Mills, who died Saturday at his home near Wittman, were held at Vienna Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. C. L. Reiter, who had been Mr. Mills' pastor for a number of years.

Mr. Mills is survived by his widow and five sons, Ralph Howard, Lester, Gilbert and Arthur, and one daughter, Pauline.

Mr. Reiter, who preached the sermon, has been retired and is engaged in special advertising work under church auspices.

Burial was in the Methodist Episcopal cemetery at Vienna.

Shore Scouts Hold Ann. Meeting

District Scout Leaders of the Boy Scouts of America met at the Riverview Inn at Federalsburg to report on 1938 Scout progress and to prepare the annual Council operating budget for 1939. Charles H. Gant of Wilmington, President of the Boy Scout Council, presided.

Boy Scout Troops in the peninsula districts outside of Wilmington at the close of 1938 totaled 76. This represents a 19 per cent growth for the year, and a 55 per cent growth in Troops in the past five year period. Scout enrollment is 1357 boys.

During the year, leadership training courses and conferences for men were held in Elkton, Chestertown, Dover Easton Centreville, Queen Anne, Cambridge, Salisbury, Georgetown, pocomoke City, and the Rodney Scout Camps.

Overnight encampments for Scouts were held in Cecil, Kent, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicimico and Somerset Counties. Courts of Honor were conducted in all districts twice during the year.

New Troops organized during the year were those at Leipsic, Frederica, Delaware; Calvert, Providence, Sudlersville, Cordova, Easton, Cambridge, Chestertown, Salisbury, and Crisfield Maryland.

An area Scouting budget of $8,000.00 for Council operation in 1939 was adopted by the district leaders. Plans were discussed for raising the fund in the annual Scout Campaign to be held in all communities of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland from February 6-14.

Mr. Gant announced that the Annual Dinner and Meeting of the Council will be held at the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, on January 25th. All Scouters and their wives have been invited. Scoutmasters will be guests of the Council. Guest speaker will be Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, of Columbia University.

District Scout officers invited

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ST. GEORGES TUNNEL WOULD COST $4,000,000

A tunnel under the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to replace the wrecked St. Georges bridge would cost $4,000,000, and a high fixed span, $1,400,000, army engineering sources revealed this week.

Replacement of the span with the same type of structure would cost $850,000, it was said.

A vehicular tunnel would cost about four times as much in maintenance, these sources declared, since crews would have to be on duty 24 hours a day for ventilation, with a wrecking crew also on duty.

GEORGE W. MILLARD

Funeral services for George W. Millard, age 78, well-known merchant of Vienna, were held Friday at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, and were conducted by the Rev. William McClelland, assisted by the Rev. D. W. Charlton. Interment was in St. Paul's Church cemetery, Vienna.

Mr. Millard was a son of the late John and Harriet Millard of New York State. He had been vice president of the Vienna bank of the County Trust Company. He was an active member of Choptank Lodge of Masons of East New Market.

He is survived by a sister, Miss Emma Millard of Vienna.

MANY FROM COUNTY AT BUREAU MEET

The 23rd annual convention of the Maryland Agricultural Society of the Maryland Farm Bureau was held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel on January 10, 11, 12 and 13. The convention was attended by a number of residents of this county.

The county also was represented at the annual meeting of the following affiliated organizations: Meeting of Associated Women of the Maryland Farm Bureau, Maryland State Poultry Council, Maryland Vegetable Growers' Association, Maryland Crop Improvement Association, Maryland Stockman's Association, and the Maryland State Bee Keepers' Association.

These meetings were attended by various individuals from the county and the general session of the Farm Bureau were all held on Thursday, Jan. 12, at which time no meetings of affiliated associations were held.

The State Poultry Council in cooperation with the Maryland State Fair Board, put on a poultry and egg show in the 5th Regiment Armory.

A number of important resolutions affecting county farmers were passed at this convention including the endorsement of the recommendations made by the joint tax committee of the Grange and Farm Bureau, including the 2 1-2 per cent net income tax on individuals, the 1 1-2 per cent net income corporation tax; support of the Japenese Beetle program and a State appropriation of $60,000 for control; an appropriation of $2,000 per year for Bangs Disease irradication; a general overhauling of the system of handling of roads, allowing any county that so desires to take over its own county road, and also strenuously opposing any diversion of road tax; approval of all of the special appropriations asked for by the University of Maryland in connection with various agricultural agencies and also regular appropriations for the general work of the State University.

Other resolutions were passed in connection with farm credit, farm tenancy, public safety, wild life conservation, forestry, land use, cooperative development, relief, in connection with the latter, it was recommended that local authorities be given more authority in fixing of rates for the relief of the general unemployed, State grading law, rural health, needed annual improvements, reciprocal tariff, rural electrification, train length bill, state wide dog law, state fair board, wage and hour law, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Baltimore markets, and the sale of alcoholic beverages.

One resolution in particular that was unanimously passed is the one requiring canners and their agents to be licensed by the State Board of Agriculture and as a prerequisite to sell any license to post bond with the State Board of Agriculture, which bond shall serve to the benefit of growers of produce and be the growers' security for the payment to them of all sums which may be due and owing from canneries or their agents as the purchase price of produce sold to such canneries.

The convention in general was well attended, individual counties having representations that were as large or larger than past years.

EASTERN SHORE MASONS HOLD INSTALLATION

For the first time in seventy-five years in the history of Shore Masonry the son of a past grand master of the Maryland Grand Lodge was made the master of his father' lodge. This is the case in regard to Harry B. Wright, past Grand Master, whose son, Harry B. Wright, Jr., of Preston, as master-elect of the Preston Lodge, 207 A. F. & A. M., with four other Masonic masters-elect, received initiatory Masonic degrees last Friday night

FLOWERS THAT USUALLY BLOOM IN SPRING NOW WRAPPED IN SNOW

The flowers that usually bloom in the spring, such as jasmine, japonica, and liiacs are sheathed in ice in this area.

Never in the recollection of even the oldest residents of the county have roses budded in January, but during the recent spring weather they put in an appearance at the home of Harry Whaples at Chateau. Then came snow and ice to nip the buds.

State Police Get Awards

Awards for cleanliness and all-around appearance of substations during the past two years were presented yesterday by Major Elmer F. Munshower, Superintendent of State Police.

Sergt. William H. Weber, commander of the Easton substation, adjudged the winner of the 1938 contest, was given a plaque.

A similar award was presented to Sergt. Charles R. Blizzard, commander of the Randallstown substation, which won the contest in 1937.

Business Men Elect Officers

At the annual election of the Cambridge Business Men's Association this week, Norman C Slacum, oleal automobile accessories and supply dealer, was elected to serve as president of the organization for the ensuing year.

Other officers elected were: Cecil Applegarth, vice president; and W. Henry Hooper, secretary and treasurer. The Board of directors is made up of the president and vice president and three additional members, A. N. Brown, Guy Lowry and Russell S. Davis.

Rebuilding Md. Oyster Industry To Be Major Project In 1939

Rebuilding the Maryland oyster industry to its former size, as proposed by leaders in that business, would mean an increase of $5,000,000 annually in the ncome of Chesapeake Bay communities which depend in large measure on that industry and would create several thousand new jobs for unemployed oyster tongers, Lewis Radcliffe, Director of the Oyster Institute of America, said.

"Maryland formerly produced 10 million bushels of oysters annually and now is down to about 2,500,000," he said. "Moreover, because of the lack of aggressive sales promotion and advertising, Maryland oysters are selling at a discount, bringing prices so low as to discourage tonging. Through co-operative advertising, financed jointly by the State and the oyster producers, Maryland in a few years easily could double its present market and before long could restore the industry to its former position of prominence and increase the number of jobs several fold."

Studies of oyster consumption in various sections of the country show an amazing variation, indicating that sales can be stimulated greatly in certain of the larger cities, Radcliffe stated. "Although modern means of transportation, including air express, assure consumers of far better oysters than they could get ten or more years ago, per capita consumption has been declining steadily," he continued. In 1883, for example, the average person in this country consumed five pints of oysters, whereas this year it is estimated that per capita consumption will be only about four-tenths of a pint.

"Other oyster producing sections of the country also have

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Abandonment Of Present Farm Program Expected By Industry

The two-price scheme for increasing the sale of surplus farm products in this country has been abandoned in name by the Department of Agriculture and virtually discarded as a possible solution to present marketing problems, it was indicated this week.

The plan, which was discussed at some length last fall by Henry A. Wallace, Secertary of Agriculture, involved the maintenance of two price levels for certain products—one to be the usual figure for persons able to pay it and the other to be a low er level for those with small incomes. Government subsidies were to make possible the second level.

Recently, at a press conference, Secretary Wallace said he thought the phrase, "two-price system" had died.

"The phrase is gone," he added. "It's dead."

He went on to say that the phrase did not describe the idea accurately, and that what the department actually wants to do is to take all steps possible to boost consumption.

Mr. Wallace cited two instances of the Government's efforts to increase consumption. One deals with grapefruit and the other with cotton matresses. Neither involves the two-price plan as it was explained last fall.

In the case of grapefruit, the Surplus Commodities Corporation is buying up a part of this year's surplus and is giving it to relief agencies for free distribution to needy families.

In the case of cotton mattresses, the department hopes to arrive at a plan in cooperation with the cotton industry, by which prices on the cheaper quality articles are reduced to the lowest possible point in order ta facilitate sales. The low-priced mattresses would be equally available to various income groups, however.

Members of a cotton industry committee appointed to investigate the possibilities of utilizing surplus cotton were to meet at the department last Friday to examine the results of the

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Rural Sections Urged To War Actively On Reckless Driving

A study of automobile accidents according to place of occurrence brings out quite clearly the fact that the weight of the auto accident problem lies in the rural districts rather than the cities and that greater attention should be given to traffic on rural highways if the mortality from automobile accidents is to be reduced or even effectively checked.

According to the Safety Council, the main causative factor of automobile accident is careless driving. The regulation of traffic in urban centers is becoming more strict and more effective. When a car makes its way through congested city streets and finally reaches open country the person at the wheel usually increases speed in a spirit of relaxation. The effects of this release from enforced caution are seen in the comparative rates of fatal accidents.

Here is a recipe, issued by a safety organization for individual control of accidents:

1. Appreciate the seariousness of accidents and actually desire to prevent them. Out of this will come a sense of personal responsibility for their prevention.

2. Forget all about luck, or fate, or Providence as a possible dispenser of these unexpected mishaps. Accidents are man-made. Believe yourself the master of your own life and have faith in your ability to foresee its dangers and guard against them.

3. Do not consider yourself immune from accidents; realize that your past experience may mislead you. All persons are subject to accidents.

4. Understand that physical injury is not the accident, but is only one of the possible results of an accident. Appreciate that an accident which produces no injury may result, when repeated, in injury or even death. Prevent, if possible, the accidents, and the injuries will take care of themselves.

5. Persevere. Learn something constructive from each of your own experiences and those of others. Adopt it into your own life. The stakes are high—the results will be worth while.

6. Do not fear danger. Try to meet it unafraid.

7. Remember that life is our most priceless possession—and. next to life, lifetime.

CAPTURES 'COONS BY PUSHING THEM IN MUD

Richard Slacum, Cambridge high school junior, caught two raccoons on his muskrat trap line—but not in his traps.

HOLC FIGURES SHOW BETTER CONDITIONS

Improved conditions in the real estate market are revealed in figures released this week by Herbert L. Grymes, State manager of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, showing an increase in average rentals of HOLC-owned dwellings and a steady pickup in sales of repossessed properties.

Average rentals of HOLC-owned dwellings for last month for the State as a whole stood at $35.47, as compared with $33.87 for December 1937, or an increase of 4.7 per cent.

By the end of last year the corporation had disposed of 733 dwellings, or more than one-fourth of the total of 2,631 it has acquired through foreclosure sales or forfeiture.

The sales to date are considered by Mr. Grymes to be "satisfactory in that the corporation's policy permits sales only at a rate stabilized market can absorb.

To maintain the properties it has acquired in a high state of repair the HOLC is spending approximately $48,500 monthly on improvements.

Of the accounts now on the books of HOLC in this State, 77.2 per cent are on a good basis a term which designates payments account of interest, principal and expenses, such as taxes and ground rents, are current.

To date, 8'8 distressed Maryland home buyers granted HOLC loans have paid in full their accounts, totaling more than $2-350,000.

Collections last month were 92.8 per cent of billings, while payments in the preceding month ran to 91.3 per cent of billings. For the whole of 1938, the figures stood at 92.6 per cent., figures complied by Mr. Grymes' office show.

Repayments to date are taken to indicate the borrowers do not look upon the Government-owned corporation as a Santa Claus, the State head of HOLC observed.

While the figures are looked upon as decidedly encouraging, the State office observes that they do not mean the HOLC has accomplished its task. Many borrowers, currently meeting payments, still have delinquencies to overcome.

The fate of a large number of borrowers depends on how they meet their problems in the next few years. These so-called borderline cases are accordingly being given special attention.

The records of the corporation's books tell only a part of the story of the efforts to rehabilitate home buyers.

But aside from these factual details are the unrecorded stories of the assistance rendered in aiding borrowers to find jobs; of assisting them in getting relief, if entitled to it; and in consulting with family heads in an effort to solve budget difficulties

Again families overhoused have been aided in selling or renting the properties or else in utilizing the houses to produce additional income.

REV. G. E. BROWN DIES SUDDENLY

The Rev. George E. Brown, age 63, retired minister of the Methodist Protestant Church in Vienna, died suddenly at his home Sunday afternoon after going into the house after feeding his chickens. Death was due to a heart condition. He gave up active work about five years ago.

Entering the ministry in 1899, he was ordained in 1904. He served at St. Paul's Church, in Cambridge; North Carolina Avenue Church, Washington, and the Methodist Protestant Church at Georgetown, D. C.

During his pastorate in Baltimore, Grace Methodist Protestant Church was built.

He was graduated from Western Maryland College and Westminster Theological Seminary, where he was prominent in athletics.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Carl W. Uhrif, of Pittfield, Washington, and two sons, Edwin Brown, Jr., of Baltimore and Sheldon Brown of Hagerstown.

Funeral services were held at 11 A. M. Wednesday from the home. The body was taken to Centreville where services were conducted in the Methodist Protestant Church by the Rev. Dr. Gideon I. Humphries, president of High Point (N. C.) College, and the Rev. Dr. E.A. Sexsmith, president of the Maryland Annuall Conference. Burial was in Centreville.

National Comet Races To Be Held At Oxford This Year On Week End After Labor Day

The races of the National Comet Association will be held at Oxford this year, it was learned this week. The races, which will bring sailing enthusiasts to the Eastern Shore in unprecedented numbers, will be held the week-end after Labor Day.

The President of the Association, Dr. John Eiman, and Edward Merrill, the defending champion, of Philadelphia, visited Oxford recently and decided the Tred Avon river would be suitable for the races. The site of the course will make it convenient for members of the Miles River Yacht Club, the Cambridge Yacht Club, the Tred Avon Yacht Club, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, and numerous other boating organizations along the bay.

Racing at the Eastern Shore town is certain, it was stated, as the Executive Committee of the Comet Association has ratified the recommendation of the president.

The races last year were held in New York and more than fifty boats were entered in the events. It is expected, due to the increasing interest in sailing races, that the entry list this year will be greater than that of last year.

Local yachtsmen predict there there will be a good size entry list of comets from the Eastern Shore counties alone. The nearness will make it possible for many boats to be entered which otherwise, would be unable to take part, countians said.

Dorchester Recreation Body Meets

Reports at the Dorchester Recreation Council meeting showed the work is moving forward with gratifying results.

There are four white leaders and five colored in charge of activities. Since the WPA has not been renewing its quotas of workers recently and as three white leaders have been transferred from the program, the four remaining leaders are carrying a heavy schedule to cover as much of the organized work as possible.

There are 26 children of four and five years enrolled at the Peach Blossom Pre-school This work was begun on Dec. 5 in the newly renovated Peach Blossom Annex. The children enjoy story telling, games, songs, simple dramatics, and are learning the use of scissors, crayons, pencils and paste. They form an interesting group. Sessions are held four morning a week from 9 to 12 o'clock.

Basketball is being supervised for both girls and boys three afternoons a week at the armory and on Friday afternoons at the Cambridge High School. Social recreation is being enjoyed at the recreation hall of the Nurses' Home on Monday evenings. There are also supervised games in the assembly room of East Cambridge School.

Social recreation and music groups were held in the county at Galestown, Toddville, Woolford, Hudson, Beckwith, Taylor's Island, Hoopers Island and the CCC camp at Vienna. White groups for December totaled 504 participants.

Social recreation and music gorups met daily at Jenifer Hall. Basketball practice is held two afternoons a week at St. Clair High School. Groups for dramatic training, music, supervised games and social recreation meet at the Recreation Center on Pine Street. Also, weekly groups for craft, Gospel singing and Forum are held. The colored groups are all in Cambridge and for the month of December totaled 324 participants.

All of this work is sponsored by the Dorchester County Recreation Council. All facilities and equipment for conducting activities are furnished by the people of the community.

COUNTY FIREMEN FORM NEW ASSOCIATION

Four Dorchester county volunteer fire companies have formed the Dorchester County Volunteer Firemen's Association. The association the object of which will be to give greater efficiency and service in the county, was formed at a meeting last week.

Officers of the association are as follows:

President, J. E. Parks of Cambridge.

Vice-President, Donald Wheatley, of Secretary.

Secretary and Treasurer, Martin Sellers of Hurlock.

Directors are: Hurlock, James S. Bradley and C. R. Pitts; Cambridge: Leroy Willey and Granville Hales; Vienna: J. Otis McAllister and James Noble; Secretary: Webster Hurley and Winfield Webster.

CHURCH CREEK GIRLS' 4-H CLUB MEETS

The Church Creek 4-H Club girls held their regular meeting at the home of the leader Ruth Gillis, on January 6, 1939.

The girls were shown how to cook eggs and also taught table etiquette, after which they enjoyed games that Miss Brooks, the Home Demonstration Agent sent them. The club will meet again Jan. 20. Annie Gillis is club reporter.

Shore Group Hold Banquet At Salisbury

Representatives of the Home Beneficial Association from all parts of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia last Friday night attended the annual banquet of the association held in the ballroom of the Wicomico Hotel at Salisbury. Several officials from the home office in Richmond, Va., attended and addressed the gathering of agents and those who accompanied them as guests of the association.

Talbot county representatives who attended the affair said it was the largest and best banquet to be put on by the association. Among those who made brief addresses were the Mayor of Salisbury, and B. F. Dye, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, which includes this section of the Shore. The Salisbury office, incidentally, was rated as leading office for 22 district for 1938.

The banquet for which L. R. Brockson, of Salisbury, was toastmaster, was followed by a dance to the music of a well-known orchestra.

MARK 58th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schaffner, formerly of Walbrook, but now of Cambridge, celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of their marriage at their home, Riverview Farm, recently. Mr. Schaffner is 76 years old and his wife is 74 years old.

They have a son and daughter living in Cambridge and a son and daughter living in Baltimore.

SEAFORD PLANT WORK TO START IN FEW DAYS

Construction engineers threw up temporary quarters this week at Seaford as preparations weremade to start actual construction work on the new $8,000,000 nylon plant of the duPont Company. The excavation work is expected to begin later in the week.

Some 200 men were at the site early this week but were sent home. They were a little too early to go to work.

CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL TO MEET CRISFIELD

Cambridge High School will meet the fast stepping Crisfield High School boys' team in a doubleheader on the local floor tomorrow night The first part of the twin attraction will see the Collegians vs. Crisfield National Guards.

In a previous game at Crisfield, Cambridge trailed at the half, 11-10, but pulled away in the last quarter to outscore one of their greatest competitors for Shore honors this year.

Last Friday night's anticipated thriller was called off by Caesar Rodney, after the Delaware roads were deemed unsafe for travel. Had it been a clear night, it is believed all attendance records would have been broken at the high school.