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Our Watermen Need Joe and Amos Badly

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That Buck Kaufman claims when you are arguing with a drunk or a fool be sure he is not similarly engaged.

That Claude Walls opines: "Legislators should not only preach economy, but should practice it. They might begin right at home in their own counties."

That Alec Thomas at the Narrows claims, thereason that big flocks of swan are winging north is because the maniose diggers are molesting their feeding grounds.

That the census report Maryland farms have decreased in total in the past ten years by 6,000 to 36,000, the lowest figure recorded since 1870 it was revealed yesterday.

That according to the beer parlors proprietors whose business is on the wane "Television is the kind of radio that lets people at home see what people in the studio are not laughing at."

That a "Consent decree' 'which Chief Judge W. Cronwell Smith is expected to sign later this week will admit the first negro undergraduate student of the University of Maryland's campus at College Park.

That Judge Henry Bowen claims strikes don't make sense. They and consumering public pay the bill—the formen in lost wages, which they never can make up, and the latter, which also includes the strikers in higher prices.

That a new effort toward lasting settlement of Maryland-Virginia disagreement over oystering in the Potomac river will be made soon by three members of Virginia General Assembly from the Northern Neck at Annapolis.

That the distance is not far away before we'll be looking back to the good old days" when we could buy beefsteak at a dollar a pound. Steer sold last week at 84½ cents liveweight in Western stockyards. By the time these steers reach he retailer—O' Brother!

That Thomas Marsalis has purchased the property of Mr. Kenley, situated on our harbor, which includes theOld Gerloch and Bronson Willis homes and land. The Gerloch property offers an inviting site for a small hotel and restaurant the year-round. Yachtsmen and summer boarders from May to October and hunting later.

That action started in the House of Delegates, Wednesday, on the always hotly disputed bill to repeal the State's Jim Crow law, requiring segregation of white and negro passengers on the interstate common carriers. Let City Delegates pass the law and us Shore whites will be as good as a negro if we behave ourselves. Remember the letter of William Conyer a swell-headed negro who claimed he was as "Good as any white man." His letter was published on the front page of The News and it took four extra editions to supply the trade.

Maryland Target Of GOP for 1952

Republicans are currently eyeing Maryland as the potential source of another GOP senator in the next 1952 election.

Heartened by Senator John M. Buler's decisive victory over the veteran Democratic Senator Tydings last Noember ,Republican party leaders have not hesitated to put Maryland in the list of states where they consider the prospect good for further Republican triumphs the next time the voters go to the polls.

The Maryland seat for which the GOP will be gunning next November is now held by Senator O'Conor, Democrat a first-termer whose race with D. John Markey, Republican, in 1946 was so close that it resulted in a contest.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Miss Rebecca McClyments who is a student at St. Mary's Seminary, still enjoys a weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop McClyments of Warrenton, near town.

Capt. Ralph Baker and his friends made the run to Miami, Fla., in his yacht, last week, and will linger around for three weeks. Ralph is a member of the Miles River Yacht Club.

Members of St. Luke's P. E. Parish gave their new paster and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Harve Zuckerman a welcome at Friendship Hall, Tuesday evening. About fifty members attended the blowout.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop left last week for a month's vacation at Miami, Fla. Eddie Goodhand, his head man, feels sure that Jack will bring home a pony or a dog and he is arranging quarters to care for them.

Mr. W. I Tuttle, cashier of the Queestown Bank, was rushed to the Easton Memorial Hospital, last Thursday morning. He is suffering with heart trouble and a blood clot. He is a very sick man and is in a very serious condition according to reports.

Miss Margaret Jane Jester held a birthday party at her home near town last Saturday January 27. She was 11 years old. Quite a [illegible] of her school mates attended and [illegible] received many valuable presents. Games were played and ice cream and cake was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Seward who moved to Baltimore over a year ago so he could be close to his work in the state Income Tax Department, moved back to the old Bronson Willis Property, now owned by Mr. Thomas Marsalis, on the river front, Tuesday, because the office was removed back to Annapolis.

Dr. Wm. C. Lowe, Seriously Hurt in Auto Accident

Dr. William Cook Lowe, 33 of Queenstown, was critically hurt Monday morning in a strange highway smashup on United States 50, near the Airport road north of Easton.

It was a hard blow to medical service in neighboring Queen Anne's County. Dr. Lowe has been its most active practitioner. Five of the other six doctors are more than 60 years old and a committee at Cenreville has been working for several weeks to get another physician to locate in the county.

Dr. Lowe delivered a baby at Easton Memorial Hospital after being up most of the night. About 4:30 A. M. he left for home in his 1950 sedan.

The State police report on the accident showed a car had gone into the ditch north of Easton and Edward Perry of Cordova was standing at the edge o fthe road near it trying to flag down help.

Dr. Lowe apparently swerved his machine to avoid the man, the report said. The physician's machine turned over several times on the highway.

several hours at the hospital and Surgeons worked over the doctor indicated he had exremely critical injuries of the head.

The physician was alone in his car. The accident happened before rain and sleet started falling Monday morning and the highway apparently was dry and clear at the time.

Dr. Lowe has a wife and three daughters and a number of patients and friends who grieve his serious accident.

FOR SALE—2½ h. p. Fairbanks-Morse air-cooled motor. Good condition. Apply to Joe Tyler, Grasonville, Md. Phone Queenstown 2622.

WANTED—All kinds of Junk Will pay top Price. W. H. Bishop, Queenstown, Md. Phone 2441.

5,000 in State May Get New Draft List

Approximately 5,000 Marylanders may be subject to re-examination under lowered physical and mental qualifications for military service, Col. Henry C. Stanwood, State selective service director, estimated yesterday.

Colonel Stanwood based the estimate o nthe fact that that number of Maryland draftees have been rejected for physical or mental reasons since the induction program was renewed last June.

He gave the figure after Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, assistant Secretary of Defense, told the House Armed Forces Committee in Washington that the department proposes to lower the standards for inducion "as far as security will permit."

Colonel Stanwood had received no official notification of the revision of standards yesterday and was not able to say whether all those so far rejected would be reexamined or only men found ineligible for certain specific psysical or mental reasons.

"I have no way of knowing just ho wthe Surgeon General will relax the standards," he said "but I am sure it will be done in a careful and cautious manner.'

"The fitness of a man for military service is important to other members o fhis unit, whose lives may depend on him.

"The standards areset by the Ar[illegible] We have nothing to do with [illegible] Our function is to present [illegible] for reexamination."

[illegible] testimony yesterday [illegible] told the House committee [illegible] estimated 150,000 men might [illegible] for limited service under the [illegible] standards.

According to a mathmatical formula which has proved accurate in every instance since the WorldWar II draft, Maryland's share of the 150,000 would be 2,250 or 1½ per percent, Colonel Stanwood said.

Until he has received a directive from the national selective service headquarters, Colonel Stanwood will take no steps toward implementing the new program in Maryland.

Delmarva Press Group Elects New Officers

Richard I. Rinard, cit yeditor of The Journal Every Evening, Wilmington, was elected president of the Delmarva Press Association at the organizaion's winter meeting in the Hotel du Pont, Wilmington, last Saturday.

Other officers elected are: Norman Harrington, of The Easton Star-Democrat, vice-president; and Harold Berg, Director of Production for the News-Journal papers, secretary-treasurer.

New directors elected are: W. Wright Robinson ,of The Seaford Leader; Dan Tabler, Editor of The Queen Anne's Record-Observer, Centreville and G. Marshall Townsend, II, Publisher of The Milford Chronicle.

Approximately 50 members of the association attended the affair, with guests and wives of the members bringing the number to about 90.

The association is composed of editors, owners and publishers of weekly papers in Delaware and Maryland and personnel of The News-Journal Company

The business meeting was followed by a social hour and luncheon, with the News-Journal Company host at cocktails preceeding the luncheon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors fo rtheir many acts of kindness and expression of sympathy and for flowers at the death of our mother, Lottie U. Jones, also the members of the S. D. A. Church.

THE CHILDREN

FOR SALE—A full line of Batteries. $3.00 for your old Battery when purchasing a new battery. W. H. Bishop, Queenstown, Md. Phone Queenstown 2441.

Bill Asks 25-Day Race Track Limit

The House of Delegates was asked to place sharp limits on the power of the Maryland Racing Commission to transfer racing days from one track to another.

Observers of racing matters said that if the proposals became law it might kill the deal whereby the owners of Laurel and Pimlico plan to purchase the Havre de Grace plant, close it and share its racing days.

The House bill, introduced by Jerome Robinson Baltimore would limit the racing days at any one track to 25.

Mr. Robinson said that the purpose of the measure was to give the Legislature the power to establish, by statute ,three permanent one-mile tracks in Maryland, and set their racing dates.

Emergency moves of racing from one track to another would still be possible, he declared, and he suggested that the 25-day provision of the bill might be amended.

"I want the State Racing Commission to come to the Legislature and tell us how it feels the days should be allocated," he said.

"If its views are reasonable and sensible, we could amend this so that by statute Maryland would have three permanent tracks."

Mr. Robinson said that it was not his intention to oppose the sale of Havre de Grace.

"I personally am in favor of the sale," he said, because if it isn't consummated there will be a loss of revenue to the State.

"But I don't think that the advisability of a sale ought to becloud the principle that is involved—he establishment by the Legislature of permanent race tracks in the state.

He declared that there was "strong sentiment" in the Legislature for a clarification of the present law, which he said had passed without careful study in a one-day session in 1946.

It was assumed by most legislators, at the time, he added, that the law followed the recommendations of the 1946 report of a commission headed by Albert E. Donaldson.

Mr. Robinson said that if it did not do so, and that his present bill would bring the law into line with the Donaldson suggestions.

"The newspapers have carried recent items regarding the sale of Havr de Grace," he said.

Queenstown Homemakers Club Met Last Month

The Queenstown Homemakers Club held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. Jack Kinnamon. There were 14 members present and a new member, Mrs. Thomas Knox joined The meeting was in charge of Miss Catherine Golt, the new President. Miss Ruby Brant gave a very interesting demonstration on fitting and altering ready made clothes. All officers were asked to attend the executive Board meeting in Centreville January 31.

All members who didn't give to the County wide bake in November were asked for a donation of money A centulation was made towards the March of Dimes. It was discussed whether our club would like to talk over the radio some Saturday morning in Easton, Md.

The following committees were appointed for 1951:

Partianmentarian — Mrs. George Aldridge; International Relations—Mrs. Guy Harmon, Jr., Publicity—Mrs. Kennard Rhodes, Food and Nutrition—Mrs. Spencer Smith, Clothing—Miss Catherine Golt, Home Management and Family Life—Mrs. Albert Greaves, Jr., Home Furnishings—Mrs. Jack Kinnamon, Membership—Mrs. Sam Comegys, 4-H—Mrs. Edward Goodhand, Sunshine—Mrs. George Aldridge, Music—Mrs. Kennard Rhodes, Reading—Mrs. Earl Meeks—Art—Mrs. Frank Delahay, Dramatics—Mrs. Algernon Carter, Recreation—Mrs.Oliver Greaves. After refreshments were served by the Hostess the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Albert Greaves, Jr., in February.

Constitution Change Put Up To Assembly

J. Millard Tawes, State comptroller and top Democratic leader in the State administration, today declined to take the lead in the fight to ge he Legislaure to approve a consitutional convention.

The suggestion that he do so had come from Bernard S. Melnicove, State senator from Baltimore's Fourth district.

In a letter to Senator Melnicove, Mr. Tawes replied that the "initiative should stem from the legislators themselves."

Mr. Tawes noted that both political parties, during the campaign, carried platform planks indorsing a convention to revise Maryland's constitution of 1867, and that the voters ,in the election, had cast a majority of ballots in favor of such a convention.

But, the State comptroller added, there are many legislators "competent to assume the leadership" in getting General Assembly approval for the convention.

Senator Melnicove's suggestion that Mr. Tawes push the fight for the convention came after many legislators, and particularly those from the Tawes home grounds on the Eastern Shore, indicated they were against a convention.

Mr. Tawes, in his letter wrote: "I have noted with interest what you say about the role I should assume in providing leadership to further this legislation.

"It is true that prior to he recent election, both the Democratic and Republican parties, favored a constitutional convention and included such a plank in their respective platforms.

"More significant [illegible] the fact that the voters [illegible] of Maryland expressed their desire for a constitutional convention when they voted on this question.

It now seems to me that the only remaining obligation is for the members of the General Assembly to pass legislation necessary to stimulate the procedure in order to carry out the express mandate of the people they represent.

"It is, therefore, my sincere belief that the initative should stem from the legislators themselves, among whom there are many in both the Senate and the House of Delegates who are competent to assume the ladrship which you think is necessary."

Despite the fact that Maryland voters decided in favor of a constitutional convention last fall, the final decision as to whether it will be held rests with the General Assembly.

Railroads to Seek Freight Rate Increase

The nation's major railroads have said they will seek a 6 per cent freight rate hike to offset their recent wage boost offers and other increased costs.

Three big rail unions already have rejected the wage offers, demanding even better terms.

Informed sources said a 6 per cent freight rate increase would add roughly $400,000,000 to the railroad's anticipated revenue in 1951.

The annoucement, by traffic officials representing railroads in the east, west and south, said petitions would be filed with the ICC and state regulatory bodies.

Bill Set 18 As Voting Age

A legislator who believes that youthful Marylanders "would probably vote more intelligently than man adults," is preparing a bill to lower the voting age from twenty-one to eighteen.

Orlando Ridout IV, twenty-nine year old Democratic delegate from Anne Arundel county, said that as a campanion piece to his forthcoming eighteen-year-old franchise measure, he would prepare a resolution urging greater emphasis on the study of American history and government in the State's high schools.

Our Oystermen Need Joe And Amos on the Job

Those with book knowledge, but lack the teck, want to use the Haman system to have oystering farming. The State Junior Chamber of Commerce believes the solution of the whole oyster conservation lies in allowing private oyster farming. The way they tell it:

Past atempts to preserve public oyster fisheries, throughout the world have been unsuccessful. Due largely to the oystering activities of the industry all oysters produced naturally were harvested and the beds laid barren.

With the decline in the natural oyster supplies, laws were passed to restrict the efficiency of the industry and considerable public funds were spent for policing and planting efforts. In spite of these efforts no country or state has been able to maintain a high and continuous level of production.

If, therefore, history does repeat itself we can expect Maryland's public oyster fishery to continue to decline and eventually to go completely out of production.

As a final solution most of the states and all of the foreign countries have returned to oyster farming under private management.

Among the advantages which suggest the desirability of resorting to private development in Maryland insofar as the Bay bars are concerned are: Private funds in substantial amounts largely supplied by those now engaged in the oyster industry would most probably be available for investment in bringing into production the Bay bars.

The flow of this money into the [illegible] would eli[illegible] large State subsidy.

Under private planting, the recovery of production should be considerably accelerated as compared with progress under State management ,not only because of the availability of adequate funds, but also by reason of the fact that more numerous and abundant seed sources are available to private plants than is the case with the State.

In addition, to obtaining seed from seed areas within the State private planters would greatly increase their purchase of seed from outside of the State and would also no doubt purchase large quantities of oysters of poor quality from tributary bars to be grown to larger size and conditioned on the more favorable growing and fattening bars of the Bay. The State could not so readily or effectivel yresort to either of these two latter practices.

Country Fair At Kent Island, February 16

A night of fun on Kent Island is being planned by the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Company. The company will stage a Mid-Winter Indoor Country Fair on February 16 in the Fire House from 6 to 12 P. M.

George L. Taylor, Fire Marshall of the Island Company is Chairman of the affair. P. E. Thomas, assistant Secretary of the Island Company is Co-chairman, Sol Grollman Orem Thompson and Mrs. John Daniels will serve on the Finance Committee. Lee G. Bell is chairman of publicity. Miss Catherine Kirwan is chairman of Chances with James White as co-chairman. Solicitors for the affair are: Leonard Risley, Emory Horney, Orem Thompson, Joseph Baxter, Reba Horney, Dorothy Baxter, Benton Gardner, JuliusGrollman, Wendell Shawn, John Holden, Joshua Bullen and Oliver Legg.

Two Grand Prizes will be given away during the evening. The first, a General Electric Rotary Ironer. The second, a Universal Electric Iron with a white metal folding laundry basket and plastic cover.

FOR SALE—New 53 gallon Frigidaredare Electric hot water heater, used one month. Also a 20-gallon kerosene automatic hot water heater with oil drum, used, practically new. Both heaters can be seen at Knotts & Jewell, Cenreville, Md.