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DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That Roscoe Knox planted cabbage seed on Sunday and they were up Monday—his chickens did the act.

That a bill which would lower age voting in the State to 18 was lost in the closing hours of the Legislature.

That Jimmie Boyles claims when the owner is at the wheel of a new car you feel perfectly safe, well knowing that he will not take the slightest chance of a sashup.

That notwithstanding the rough weather that our watermen are unable to put in full time, work on the dual highway is being rushed and the contractors will start laying cement soon.

That Uncle Sam banned spare tires for new automobiles and ordered tire manufacturers to use the rubber saved to produce tires for trucks, tractors and farm equipment.

That the Delaware State Roads patrolmen are getting hot under the collar for the way motorists are disgracing the highway with rubbish. Wait until the dual highway is completed next year and there will be a harvest for junk buyers.

That our hook and line fishermen are awaiting a bright sunshine Sunday to try their luck catching a few white and yellow perch. They claim that hook and line on the Western Shore are having plenty of luck with rock and hardheads.

That none of our net fishermen have as yet reported that crabs are cutting their nets. Perhaps the cold weather is holding them back, but "Cep" Anthony thinks they will be ready for the table about May 1 when the season opens.

That Senator Turner and his colleagues, Delegates Baker and Bishop, didn't think it was fair to allow the veterans to sell beer on Sundays and not allow the beer parlors who pay a plenty of tax, and some would pay more for the Sunday privilege.

That C. P. Carter opines the garden soil is ready to work when a freshly dug handful will fall apart readily after being pressed into a ball in the palm of your hand. To work sooner may cause formation of clods which would be a bother to you the rest of the season.

That surveys in U. S. city areas show that 52 per cent of al auto trips are made for purposes of making a living, 13 per cent for shopping, 16 per cent for recreation and 19 per cent for miscellaneous purposes, like going to the doctor or dentist or taking the children to school.

That Willie Gilmore bumped a car with his truck one day last week and had to be taken to the Easton Hospital for the once over, but was allowed to return home and take a rest for several days in his bed. The car was driven by Grace Berry, colored, of Bryantown. Willie was driving a truck of Ralph Ducher with whom he works for.

The Beautiful Flowers Of March and April

In spite of the cold weather of the past week, there are any unmistakable signs of spring in the air. Jonquils and Miss Daffidils are blooming in profusion, forthyia and Japanica are flaming yellow and red, and buds on the trees are swelling. Fields and gardens have been plowed and already the hardier vegetables have been planted. Days are getting longer and in another three weeks daylight saving time will have arrived. Maryland's racing season is underway, and the big leagues are winding up their spring training in the South and southwest. Spring is truly a grand season—particularly if you don't mind for a comprise truck weight bill.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Mildred Anderson of Old Steamboat avenue has returned home after spending a week with relatives and friends in Easton.

Mr. Thomas Swann of First avenue who has been in bad health for several years was taken quite sick Tuesday, and is now confined to his bed under the care of his physician.

Mr. Charlie Lloyd, who has been a resident of Queenstown for several years, working as a carpenter, pulled up stakes Saturday and excepted a job as foreman of a farm in Kent county near Chestertown. Best wishes for an easy job. ffl

Mr. William Lane, one of our youngest schoolboys, only 88 years old and some months on this planet suffered a slight paralytic stroke Sunday afternoon. He is suffering much pain and is a very sick man at his home on Steamboat avenue.

Will the Gambling Probe Be Worthy of Cost?

The gambling probe, recently conducted by the Senate and broadcast as a free exhibition by television has excited the public as nothing has since the start of the fighting in Korea.

It is probable that the investigations will be dropped without any action being taken, but this does not mean that nothing has been accomplished.

In the first place the public has become aware of the vast and complex ramifications of gambling. Certainly it is not confined to any one city or state, and just as certainly it has roots in politics.

This gambling probe is like the grip. It has broken out in Ocean City and Salisbury and is rampant. States Attorney Carter is taking it easy as he remembers the school kids with money for their lunchs gambled it in slot machines which caused the machines removal.

It should be kept in mind that professional gamblers, even if protected by law, could not succeed if the public, the everyday citizen did not contribute.

Thus we have the picture: The gambler, the politician, and the public. What is the answer? The Federal government is almost powerless to intervene because of the prerogatives of the states. At least one man on the witness stand suggested that the states should realize all gambling and thus control it and receive the revenue. That is one way to control gambling and perhaps the easiest way.

Senate Supports Yacht Sale Plan

The Senate adopted a favorable report Monday afternoon on a joint resolution to direct the Board of Public Works to sell the State yacht, Potomac and buy a new boat for the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and the Governor.

Senator Leroy W. Preston of the Fifth district, voted against an amendment because it would 'put the new yacht back in the Tidewater Fisheries Commision,"

"It seems to me we are certainly in a position to buy a boat for the Governor anl let him operate it," he said. "This will cause the same budgeting problem in the future we've had in the past."

Expenses of the Potomac were referred to in the resolution as "the enormous sum of $60,855." Savings through less costly operation of a new boat would be spent for conservation, under the dictates of the resolution.

Senator Frederick C. Malkus, Jr., Dorchester, one of the sponsors of the measure, told the Senate the State could purchase a 47-foot craft to sleep nine for $29,000. The Potomac, with a crew of eighteen, sleeps eight, he said.

FOR SALE—Frost Proof Cabbage plants now ready at Meadowbrook. See George Aker, Queenstown, Md

McKeldin Going to Use Heavy Veto

Governor McKeldin laid down Monday a policy of unrestricted use of the executive veto, without regard to pilitical consequences, upon all legislation he considers doubtful or unwise.

His statement indicated that the Governor may establish a record high in the use of the axe on the legislative output.

Likely to go down under his veto are the soldier bonus bill, pay-rises for schoolteachers, and similar legislation the Democratic majority in the General Assembly is rushing to passage under pressure from political blocs.

"I am a one-term Governor," said McKeldin," and so the vetoes will fly."

A byproduct of the Governor's declaration appeared to be an increase in the prospect of favorable legislative action on measures to which he is opposed. Legislators being harried by lobbyists and pressure groups would be glad to shift responsibility to the Governor if assured that his veto could be depended upon to correct their mistakes.

This attitude was represented in the first Senate vote upon the $90,000,000 bonus bill last Saturday.

Voting in the affirmative were a number of lawmakers who had ready to take a fight on the measure but considered it more predeunt to go along with the proponets since the career of the bill would end in the Governor's office.

In the same fashion the Democratic leadership quickly dropped its position against fostering new taxation when it became evident that a gesture could be made to the public school teachers while relying upon Mr. McKeldin to block the taxation and expose himself to the wrath of the school lobby.

Truck-Weight Bill Sent to the Governor

In the closing hours of its 1951 session, the House of Delegates Monday passed and sent to the Governor a coproise truck weight bill.

While the legislation falls short of the limitations preposed by the Maryland Truck Weight Commission,some weight limits are lowered and fines are increased and made mandatory.

The Truck Weight Commission, the State Roads Commision and the Maryland Motor Truck Association agreed on the compromise.

Moving swiftly and with considerable orderliness through the last stages of its work, the lower chamber also passed a measure changing the cycle of property assessments from five years to three.

If Governor McKeldin signs the measure the change will take place in 1954.

The House had suggested that it become effective a year later, but withdrew the suggestion when the attorney general's office pointed out that the change would leave a gap of a year with no assessment system operating.

Centreville To Have Sunday Movies

The town election for Centreville which was predicted to be as warm as the Democratic Primaries to elect a Commissioner for three year term and Sunday movies.

In the race for Town Commissioners were Capt. Harry Butler, Spencer Hammond and Trial Magistrate, William C. Mitchell. When the Judges gave the word to go Mitchell took the pole and was nevere headed and won with ease by 324 to 133—more majority than Hammond or Butler got votes. It looks like Capt. Butler's political fences need plenty of repairing before he branchas out for another office.

The Sunday movies vote trailed along with Mitchell and will be open for business shortly.

Our County Commissioners Are on the Job

These are strenous times for those responsible for the operation of our county and have the responsibility for fixing the tax rate to pay the bill.

To add to their usual difficulties is the fact that this nation is now under a National Emergency—preparing—if need be—for war itself. This National Emergency is going to increase the tax burden, and impose other hardships on all of us.

It seems agreed by everybody the expenditures outside of the war preparation measures and requirement should be cut—to the bone.

Yet all over the land from the Capitol in Washington, to the State Legislature and down to the local level, there is the same old demand for service-the same old demand by groups for more money. Everyone seems othink that 'cutting down" expenditures just means the other fellow.

That our County Commissioners were on the job and isued the county Tax budget on schedule, but they admit burning the midnight oil to hold the tax rate as low as the tax basis would allow. The taxpayers of Queen Anne's County ought to be proud that the voters elected aBoard of able,experienced business men,dependable and trustworthy.

How **to give the county** what it wants—or what it even really needs—without increasing the tax burden has made them twist and squirm many times, it may be assumed. All the taxpayer can say is: 'do your best."

It takes nerve to resist pressure groups—and we have the on the local level, as well as in Washington and Annapolis. We still think that during this emergency the test should be 'what can we do without" —not what we want and could use to great advantage in normal times.

Good Roads Vital To Every Citizen

Recent legislative action at Annapolis has again high-lighted the importance of motor truck service to the welfare of farmers and merchants throughout Maryland's rural area.

The complete dependence of so any communities on trucks has also brought out the vital need for good roads, designed to take care of the future development of truck transportation .

The entire question of what consitutes a good road is up for discussion in all parts of the country, and Marylanders are especially interested in what our new State Roads Commission will have to say on this subject.

The once proud boast that Maryland's roads were the best in the Union can become a fact again. All it takes is a sincere interest in the public's needs, intelligent planning for the future and careful supervision of the assets we now have.

Kent Island Firemen to Hold Supper April 10

The Kent Island Volunteer Firemen will hold a supper on Tuesday April 10, from 5 to 8 P. M. in the Fire House, Stevensville, Md. The supper will be planned, cooked and served entirely by the men. There will be Golden Brown Turkey, Oysters prepared in many styles, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, corn, cole slaw, celery, cranberry sauce, rolls. butter and coffee. Price $1.25 adults and 65 cn children.

Chairman of the Supper is Wendell Shawn, Co-chairman, P. E. Thomas, Chief Chef Charley Lane, Assistant chef, Emory Horney,Chairman of tickets, Claude Lowery, chairman of publicity, Lee G. Bell.

The Kent Island Firemen take great pride in their suppers that they put on entirely by the men. Even the ladies of The Auxiliary concede that they do a wonderful job and serve delicious food.

After Oyster Season Maninose Will Start

The lowly softshell clam, the fellow with the long snout known commonly as "Maninose" bids fair to provide a new source of income for Maryland watermen hard-pressed by the decline of the oyster.

Ralph C. Hammer, Department of Tidewater Fisheries shellfish culturists discloses that scientific studies as to the clam's prevalence in State waters and their habits in these particular climes are being undertaken by his department.

Without too much data at present Mr. Hammer was cautious about hailing the maninose—his scientific name, by the way, is **Mya Arenaria** —as a sure cure for tide-water ills.

"But it does look as though this clam could provide the State with a modest new industry, one that would cover the slack period beteween the end of the oyster season and the beginning of the crab season for such watermen as do not fill the gap with spring fishing," he said.

Aware of the possible importance of the maninose, Senator Mason Shehan has introduced a bill that would place the soft clam under the provisions of the law applying to hard clams and would forbid any one but bona fire Maryland resident to dig them.

He would make their taking for sale subject to a cheap license, and would not permit their taxing by the State once they were in the hands of seafood dealers.

In the case of the Maninose, Maryland oysters history is repeating itself. The first big commercial demand for Chesapeake oysters came out of the states to the north of Maryland.

Maryland Milk Production Hit all Time High

Dairy farmers in Maryland helped set a new record in 1950. Total milk production in the Free State hit an all time high of 1 billion 300 million pounds. This was 5 per cent over the 1959 figure.

The increase cae about because of higher production per cow and a 10,000 jump in the number of milk cows on farms in Maryland. The average cow produced 5,600 pounds compared to 5,550 the year before.

Dr. G. M. Beal of the agricultural econoics and marketing department at the University of Maryland rereports that Maryland's milk contion has shown "a remarkably consistent upward trend ever since annual figures were first compiled in 1924. During that 26-year period, the quantity of milk produced has never declined more than two consecutive years. This happened only once—1929 and 1930."

McKeldin Signs Seventh District Bill

Governor McKeldin Tuesday signed a law placing Maryland's Seventh Congressional district entirely in Baltimore.

The new district is a result of population increase shown by the 1950 census. The seventh congressman will be elected in 1952.

Baltimore now has three districts, the counties have four .The Second District has been taken completely out of the city; the Fifth loses all but none of its South Baltimore precincts.

Among about 30 other bills signed by the Governor was an amendment of the so-called Bouse Act allowing police in some areas to "frisk" suspects for concealed weapons, which would then be held as valid evidence in court.

The law takes effect in Baltimore city and in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Caroline, Carroll, Kent, Prince Georges, Queen Anne's, Worcester, Frederick, Harford, Montgomry, Talbot Washington and Wicomico counties

HELP WANTED—MALE

General Plant work. Green Spring Milk Company, Queenstown, Md.

McKeldin Diversion of Highway Funds to Police

Funds to State Police

Governor McKeldin Monday won his battle with municipal authorities of Baltimore for legislative permission use highway funds to foot the cost of the Department of State Police and free other funds for pay increases generally in the State government.

Mayor D'Alenandro, who had led the fight against the Governor's proposal, reacted immediately with a statement denouncing the scheme as "ill-conceived manipulation.

The passage of a bill making the State police a charge upon highway funds was the final step in legislative action dealing with Governor McKeldin's $163,000,000 budget for the year beginning July 1.

Action favorable to the Governor was taken as the General Assembly neared the completion of its 90-day session that began January 3.

It followed a passage of a measure providing for a $5,000,000 office building for State agencies to be erected at Annapolis probably on a site 3 miles distant from the center of the capital city.

Final adjournment of the session, postponed from last week when a fire in Carvel Hall scatered lawmakers to hotels elsewhere, was further delayed by a leisurely pace which prvailed during the day in the State Senate. The House of Delegates, which had been further advanced on its calendar than the upper house, spent most of Monday in recess waiting for the Senate to clear bills still pending there.

Left to itself, the House of Delegates would have adjourned in mid afternoon, but the Senate carried the session into the night.

Highway Extend Limit on Weight

The State Roads Commission yesterday extended existing emergency weight limits on two highways in Western Maryland and applied even more drastic curtailment of weights on two roads in Kent county.

The extreme variotions in temperature that Maryland has been experiencing this winter have necessitated the emergency restrictions, it was announced.

Periods of unseasonable warmth several times have caused the subsurface soil to "defrost" and while this is in progress the highways are temporarily valunerable to damage from the normal 22,400 pound axle-load limit.

In Kent County a 6,000- pound axle-pound limit was ordered on Maryland Route 297, which runs from Butlertown northwest through Smithville to Newton, and on the county road from Newton to St. James Church.

The commission authorized the Kent county restrictions for 60 days Itw sa explained, however, that they will be lifted as soon as the It was explained, however, that turn of freezing weather hardens the subsurface sufficiently to withstand normal loads.

Queen Anne To Be Incorporated

All that is needed is the Governor's signature to make the incorporation of the town of Queen Anne a reality.

The bill providing the authorization and machinery for the move to set up a new incorporated town passed the Senate on Monday.

Senators Shehan, of Talbot, and Turner of Queen Anne, who introduced the measure, concurred in amendments which had been made in the House of Delgates and the measure finally passed.

The proposal for incorporation had been made at two town meetings at the fire house in Queen Anne. The first session was called to discuss pros and cons of incorporation.