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County Plans Group to Evaluate Basic Laws

PERSONALS
FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. John Short of Laurel Del. ,visited friends here for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Lane spent the weekend in Dover with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roe.

Mr. Clarence R. Saddler of Baltimore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dishler and daughter Dorothy of Baltimore were Sunday guests of Mr. andd Mrs. George Saddler.

Mr. Robert Walters, Sr. spent Sunday in Baltimore visiting his mother, Mrs. Ella Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters, Jr. and sons have returned to their home in Girdletree, Md., after spending two weeks with their respective parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wedge Jones in Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowen entertained on Saturday evening at a New Year's party. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mossberg of Glenburnie, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eberts of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Bowen of Catonsville, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walls of My Lord's Gift, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Atkinson of Queenstown and Mr. Robert J. Bowen of Catonsville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wooters and sons were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing of Easton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goodman and family were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Prettyman of Easton were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony.

Mrs. Roscoe Knox is spending this week in Easton with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baker and family.

Mrs. Lillian Wehberg of Baltimore spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wehberg and daughters and on Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wehberg and daughter of Baltimore visited with them.

Mrs. Ivan Huff and children and Mrs. Carrie Briscoe spent Sunday in Annapolis with S|Sgt. and Mrs. "Boots" Briscoe and family.

Mrs. Morris Barsoti of Baltimore, was the weekend guest of her mother, Mrs. Lillian Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes, Jr. of Silver Springs, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brantley and children of Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rhodes and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhodes were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes ,Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Messick and family and Miss Ruth Warner spent Sunday in Chester, Pa. visiting Mr. and Mrs. Francis Messick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis of Wilmington, were the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roser.

Miss Ellen Shawn and Mr. Walter Herold, Jr., were Sunday guests of his parents in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Willson of Fort Ritchie, Md., were the New Year's holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kaufman.

Mrs. Ann Embert spent the holidays in Baltimore visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wagner and family.

Mrs. Maggie Metzdorf and Mr. Toodles Metzdorf were Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Booker and family in Baltimore.

Mr. Clarence Moore of Chester, Pa. was the recent houseguest of his sister, Mrs. Robert Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swann had as their dinner guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony. Miss Susie Comegys and Mr. Clarence Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Meeks,Mrs. Dora Meeks, Mrs. Mary Clark and Miss Ada Copper were dinner guest on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bishop entertained at a family dinner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oldham and son Jay, were Saturday visitors in Baltimore.

The WSCS meeting has been postponed to meet at the parsonage

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39th Farm Bureau Convention Opens Jan 10

The 39th Annual Convention of the Maryland Farm Bureau opens in Baltimore the week of January 10 with the main session scheduled for January 12-15.

Commodity groups affiliated with the Farm Bureau dominate activity until January 13 when the Associated Women and Young People of Farm Bureau hold their meetings. On January 14, the nearly 300 Farm Bureau delegates will take over the entire program for general sessions at which numerous speakers will present the latest views on agriculture and related fields.

The principal usiness program will be January 15 at which time Farm Bureau's voting delegates from the 23 Maryland counties elect officers and adopt resolutions for the state and local legislative action.

The annual banquet, highlight of the convention, will be held the evening of January 14 and Frank K. Woolley, the legislative director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will be the principal speaker. Other speakers during the convention will include Charles Marshall, President of the Nebraska Farm Bureau and one of the leading spokesmen for agriculture in the midwest; Dr. Wilson H. Elkins, President of the University of Maryland; and, Ewell K . Jett, Vice-President of WMAR-TV in Baltimore.

A special publicity clinic for Farm Bureau public relations committees will be conducted the afternoon of January 13 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel convention headquarters with the aid of Conway Robinson of WBAL-TV and radio and others prominent in the farm news field.

During the banquet, WilsonHeaps President of the Maryland Farm Bureau, will be presented with the "Farmer of the Year" award made by Progressive Farmer magazine.

Seal Drive Continues In Queen Anne's

While the Queen Anne's County Christmas Seal campaign continues through the month of January, the tuberculosis committee reported today that figures received here show the drive is running almost $300 above last year at this same time.

It announced that a total of $2,314.53 has been turned in while at this same time last year the county had contributed $2,098.35.

The Kennard Elementary School, the only one in the county to take up the tuberculsosis drive as their project, collected $14.88, according to Mrs. Alberta Brown, and a "sizeable" donation was received from the New Homemakers of America of Kennard High School.

Mrs. Vernon Sultenfuss and Mrs. Wayne Blunt, co-chairmen of the seal drive this year, urge any citizen who has not answered the Christmas Seal letter to do so this month, so that the total may be announced when the drive ends the last of January.

Denton Man Faces Added Check Charges

Maryland State Police reported last week that Robert Hobbs Knotts, 30 of Denton, faces two more worthless check-passing charges in Queen Anne's County following his release under a $250 bond on the same charge last week.

Knotts is accused of passing two more bad checks in this county in two more warrants sworn out this week. A hearing was slated last night.

In the Trial Magistrate's Court last week Knotts was fined $175 and given a 3 day sentence on three traffic violations. He appealed and posted $500 bond. He was also charged at the same time on the bad check charge and posted a $250 bond.

State Police say he is also facing a charge of assault and battery and a worthless check charge in Caroline County.

Second List of Honorary Members Listed Below

Listed below is a second list of honorary members in the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company for 1955. The first list was published about Nov. 18.

Joseph Anthony, Percy Allen, J. Tilghman Bishop, R.B. Baker & Sons James H. Booker, Blakeford Farms, Bennett's Point Farm, W.H. Blakeslee, Clarence Berry, Norman Bouldin, Sidney Breckenridge, Howard Coleman, Harry Cross, Morgan Chance, Bernice Conyer, Raymond F. Coursey, Grayson Chance, Jr., E. N. Cherrington, Algernon Carter, Harmon Collier, Jr., William Chambers, Willard Dodd, Richard Davidson, Raymond L. Ewing, Tilghman Emory, Roy Fishpaw, Thomas E. Gernert, Robert Gise, Albert Greaves Jr., Bryson Griffin, Mary Griffin, Greenspring Milk Co., Linden Gabler, H.B. Hammond, Guy Harmon, Jr., W.H. Hardy, Jr., James Hughes, Norman Hitch, Morris Hammond, Howard Wilson, Winifred Washington, Willard Wrightson, W.E. Walbert, Benjamin F. Howard, Charles E. Hurley, Jack Hunter, Frank Haddaway, Emily Hopkins, Howard Ireland, John A. Janetzke, RoscoeKnox, Evelyn King, Margaret Kornbau, Martha Lovelace, Annie Lane, B.H. Lane, Mrs. George Lane, James Lingle, Estella M. Lloyd, Dr. William Martin, Earl Meeks, James Mann, Henry Melvin, Charles Metzdorf, S. O. Neal, Harry O'Donnell, Frank Patchett, Jr., Perfect Garment Co., Norman Pierson, S.E. Paswater, Ephriam Parks, Jr., J. Thomas Rhodes, Harry Rhodes, Fred Roser, Wesley Ruth, Fred Risley, Julius J. Roe, Charles Rathell, Frank Smith, Spencer Smith, Merton Shawn, Ross Swann, Mrs. M.A. Stafforfld, Mina Saddler, John K.Sewell, Clara Thomas, W.I. Tuttle, W.A. Thomas, William E. Thompson VFW Post 7464, William E. Wooters, John Whaley, Robert F. Walters, Madeline Walters Mrs. Arthur Woods.

Frostbite Regatta Slated For Sunday, Jan. 23

The first Frostbite Regatta ever held on the Chester River has been scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 23, 1955, off Chestertown under the auspices of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

Entries will be confined to the Penguin Class and five races are scheduled, starting at 10 a.m. Trophies and crew prizes will be awarded.

The regatta is sanctioned by Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association and the International Penguin Class. Similar regattas have been in progress around the Chesapeake Bay area since early November and a large entry from other clubs is expected to join the Kent County fleet for the affair.

Commodore Brian B. Kane, Jr., has named Richard McCown as regatta chairman, who will handle the entries. Mrs. Walter Volker is in charge of providing Saturday night accommodations for the visiting sailors and their crews.

Queenstown P.T.A. Meets Tuesday, January 11

The regular P.T.A. meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, 1955 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Leon Stack, Supervisor of Elementary Schools will talk on "Reading Techniques in the Schools Today", and also give a demonstration Reading lesson with our Third Grade students.

Reports of the P.T.A. Convention which was held in Baltimore last November will be given by Mrs. Philip Hogue, President. Mrs. Ross Swann, Secretary and Mrs. William Lowe, Program Chairman.

The hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. R. Gernert, Mrs. H. Collier, Jr., Mrs. William Rada and Mrs. F. Jewell.

NOTICE

I will not be responsible for any bills made by anyone other than myself.

CAMERON HUTCHINS

Centreville Firemen Get 2 Fires, 2 Ambulance Calls

The Goodwill Firemen of Centreville are hoping that the rest of 1955 will not be like the first two days of the new year.

The volunteers have been kept on the jump since 1 a.m. Saturday by two fires and two ambulance calls.

The first alarm was sounded at 1:05 a.m. Jan. 1 when a house used as a storage place for straw on a farm owned by William Jacobs, near Centreville, burned to the ground.

Firemen responded with two engines but, the 400 bales of straw were consumed in the blaze.

At 11:30 a.m. the same day the firemen who also operate an ambulance service took Arthur Coppage ,of Price, to the University Hospital, Baltimore, and made their second ambulance run on Sunday at 2 p.m. when they took Leo R. Boyse, also of Price, to the Memorial Hospital in Easton. He was suffering from a heart condition.

While the ambulance was out on its second run a chimney fire in the tenant house on a farm owned by Hazel Dudley, near Wye Mills, summoned two engines and 16 fire-fighters to the scene .There was no damage reported.

New Maryland State Trooper In County

A new Maryland State Trooper has been assigned to work in Queen Anne's County, while another living here has been transferred to criminal investigation.

Trooper John W. Baker will join three other troopers in this county, while Trooper First Class C.A. Kirkpatrick has been assigned to criminal investigation out of Easton Barracks, according to word from Lt. Harry F. Trumpower, Easton Barracks commander.

Trooper Baker, a Pittsville native, has been on the force three years and has been working out of the Easton Barracks until being assigned to this county. He is presently living in the jail building in Centreville.

The 24-year-old trooper is a graduate of Pittsville High School and is married with a small daughter. His family lives in Pittsville.

Other troopers still working here are Corporal W.H. Massey ,Trooper First Class M.S. Clevenger and Trooper First Class J.W. Eckstorm.

Trooper Kirkpatrick, although residing in Centreville, will work the entire five counties covered by the Easton Barracks doing criminal investigation work.

Centreville Man Held On Robbery Charge

Police reported Sunday that one man has been charged in the latest of a series of robberies that have plague state and county police in Queen Anne's County over the past six months.

Orville W. Schelhouse of Centreville was arrested over the weekend and has been released under $1,500 bail. His hearing was held last night on a charge of breaking into Epstein's Store on Commerce Street before Trial Magistrate J.W. Thompson, Jr.

Epstein's Store was entered New Year's Eve, the same time when Thompson's Garage was also broken into. Nothing was taken in either place. The garage had been broken into and $120 worth of tools taken in September.

Authorities have reported 10 breaking and entering, including a $1,000 haul in Centreville in the past few months. The $1,000 burglary was at Draper Brothers liquor store, and police are still looking for the thieves.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the many useful and lovely presents that were given to me by the officials of the Queenstown Methodist church, and the Queenstown Lions Club. They made my Christmas a very delightful one.

Mrs. BESSIE WARNER

Registration Fees May Affect Highway Program

If the law raising automobile registration fees does not become effective this year, the State's 1955 highway construction program will be adversely affected by some $3,000,000 and necessary road improvements already programmed for the coming year probably will have to be curtailed or eliminated, according to Russell H. McCain, Chairman of the State Roads Commission.

Mr. McCain's comments were made in a letter written over the weekend to members of the Legislature. One of the first items of business in the new session which opens Wednesday will be action on the gubernatorial vetoes of the 1954 session.

Last year the Legislature passed a bill calling for a one-day delay in registration fee increases, scheduled to become effective this year in amounts of five to seven dollars per passenger car. Governor McKeldin vetoed this delay on grounds, among others, that it would seriously impede the progress of the States 12-year highway construction program.

Mr .McCain's letter to the legislators included figures recently compiled by the State Roads Commission outlining the losses in highway funds which will be sustained by each one of the counties, as well as the State and Baltimore City, if the proposed increase in fees does not become effective.

The tables show that, if even a one-year's delay is enacted, each one of the counties will lose substantial sums from their highway programs and Baltimore City will lose $1,800,000, which money the City could use for either highway construction, maintenance of streets or both.

The losses to the counties range from $18,123 for the 1955 county road program in Calvert county to $128,523 in Baltimore county. Other counties lose proportionately according to their road mileage.

The State Roads Commission's report which accompanied Mr. McCain's letter, points out that actual contract commitments, under contracts let under the low bid system, are running ahead of the 1952 estimates by some $2,40,000.

The report shows that as of last November 30 approximately $76,400,000 had been actually committed by the State in highway contract authorizations under the 12-year program.

It is further pointed out that loss of the anticipated revenue would deprive the State Roads Commission of funds for projects not scheduled in the 12-year plan, such as reconstruction made necessary by storm damage, and projects such as new traffic light and traffic sign installations, widening and repaving of roads and traffic channelization, all of which are designed to promote highway safety.

The report concludes with the statement that the proposed increases should be maintained and that "no action should be taken to defer the registration fee increases scheduled to go into effect in 1955."

2nd Deputy Slated For Queen Anne's

Carrying out a recommendation of several past grand juries, the Queen Anne's county commissioners last week strengthened the county's police system by authorizing the appointment of a second deputy sheriff.

A Sheriff and one deputy are now provided by law.

A salary of $2,100 plus a travel allowance of $300, is provided for the new deputy.

The Sheriff, elected in November, is Alexis Butler.

Recommending additional help on the police force in the past was State's Attorney Clayton C. Carter, who is now president of the Board of County Commissioners.

A sarcastic tongue is always dangerous—especially to the person who possesses it.

Queen Anne's Plans Group To Evaluate Basic Laws

The new Board of Queen Anne's County Commissioners plans to appoint a seven-man commission "to examine and evaluate the entire structure and operation" of the county government and the county's basic public laws.

The commission will be asked to recommend a new code of public laws for the county after sifting through the existing laws, many of which are "obsolete, outmoded and ambigious.

These laws are now contained in the 1930 edition of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland.

Resolution Passed

Appointment to the commission, one from each of the county's seven election districts, will be announced shortly. The board passed a resolution authorizing the commission at its regular weekly session last week.

The commission will be asked to have the new code completed, if possible, by February 15. It is then expected, said board president, Clayton C. Carter, that separate bills concerned with law changes may be introduced by the county's Annapolis delegation.

Also, an enabling act to empower the county to adopt the new code would probably be needed, he said.

Other Counties Cited

He explained that other counties in the State, Cecil and Harford for example, had had separate county codes published. He said that if the county had the sale rights of the up-to-date county code, this would likely cover or nearly cover the cost of publication.

Also approving the resolution were Commissioners E. Oliver Legg, Sr., and S. Grayson Chance. Mr. Chance, like Mr. Carter, is a new member of the board.

The resolution begins by noting that "Queen Anne's County is a growing community" and is "faced with more and more complexities of present day life and shouln be able to meet the many challenging and difficult problems presented in the most expeditious and economical manner."

As it is now, the resolution points out, "reference must be had to the many volumes of the session laws of Maryland since the year 1930 in order to determine what laws are now in effect for Queen Anne's county."

Baltimore Auto Show Sponsors Beauty Contest

Baltimore Auto Show officials this week were screening dozens of snap shots to select candidates for the title of Miss Baltimore Auto Show of 1955.

Girls 18 years of age or over who are residents of Baltimore and vicinity are eligible for the contest However, the girls must be single and they must not be professional models or actresses.

To enter the contest a girl simply mails a full-length snapshot of her self to Auto Show Headsquarters, 1010 St. Paul Street, Baltimore 2, Md., with her name, age, address and phone number. Entries must be in the mail by Saturday, Jan. 8.

On the basis of the sanpshots the most attractive twenty-five entrants will be selected to appear in the final judging on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 9 p.m. on the stage of the Town Theatre, Baltimore. No talent assets will be necessary. Judging will be based on general attractiveness, poise and charm.

Winner of the contest will receive a $100 U.S. Savings Bond. Second and third places will be awarded $50 and $25 bonds. All these will reign over the weeklong 1955 Baltimore Auto Show when the colorful display opens at the Fifth Regiment Armory on January 22.

FOR SALE—1 Room Cottage, 14x 20, city convenience, heat, water lights, 50x50 ground plot, shrubbery around premises, house insulated, on public highway, 3 minutes to public landing on Chester River. Very suitable for a single man or a eldery couple, or a small gunning club. Easy Terms. Apply to the Queenstown News, Queenstown, Md., Phone 2161-2001.