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New Oyster Tax Proposed by Md. and Va.

Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That some of the publicity handouts from congressmen reaching this office are marked "Not printed at government expense." Well, in most cases they're not read on company's time, so we're even.

That just as Mike was crossing the street for his morning bracer, last Saturday morning, he met Ben Avery, Ben Cook, Ben Lane and Ben Howard. Parking at the Cupid Lunch Room he was pleased to meet Ben Lane and Ben Austin of Benn avenue.

That Maryland had its coldest weather of the winter Tuesday night, with the temperature dropping to the zero mark in some parts of the State and 12 degrees in Queen Anne's county. However, the Baltimore Weather Bureau did not refer to the sudden and steep drop in the temperature as a "cold wave" but merely "cold wave her." The bureau emphatically reported it is not a "cold wave."

That Olin Pippin of Centreville, has a real water dog. While duck hunting last Friday morning he broke the wing of a duck and his dog went out and grabbed the duck by the game wing and delivered the duck safely. When the dog grabbed the wing of the duck the duck flopped on the back of the dog and there remained until reaching shore. John Sudy, an artist, will shortly paint a picture of the incident.

That Nathan Draper tells the folks it is surprising, how many excuses some people can find for not contributing money.

That Elmer Anderson opine: "Individuals who set out to reform the human race will find themselves pretty tired before the work is completed."

That incidentally, when making up your Christmas gift list don't overlook The News, which makes an ideal all-year gift to absent friends and relatives.

That now that the Presidential election is over, both parties have their eyes on the Congressional elections of 1942. That is what George Aldridge call unity.

That John Mears think every social organization has for its purpose the betterment of human beings, but some of them forget it as soon as they acquire prosperity.

That Bronson Willis tells the boys who watches the hour hand they will always remain a hand.

News To Publish Letters To Santa

The Queenstown News will publish in the issues of December 13 and 20 all the letters to Santa Claus sent in by his little friends. Kiddies, bring in your letters or mail them to Santa Claus, care of The Queenstown News. We will see that your letters are published and forwarded to Old Santa himself in time to fill your orders.

Ira B. Harrison

Ira B. Harrison, widely known resident of Tilghman's Island, Talbot and Queen Anne's counties died at his home Monday after a lingering illness of heart trouble, age 74 years. Mr. Harrison has been a resident of the Island his entire life where he was born. After retiring from the well-drilling he operated a restaurant on the island. He is survived by a widow one son, Milton, and four daughters.

PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. W. Frank Delahay has returned home Sunday, after enjoying a month's vacation at Miami, Fla.

Mr. Nelson Swann and Mr. Thos. Rhodes are among the workmen at Camp Meade at only \$1.25 per hour, with double pay for Sundays and overtime.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Canterbury, Sr., and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Canterbury, of Woodville, Pa., spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Harriett E. Cockey. Mr. and Mrs. Canterbury Sr. remained over for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Anders moved from the Barton property adjoining Wye Filling, to the property of J. Griffin Embert, adjoining the Queen Theatre.

Miss Viola Baker has returned home after a weekend visit with her sister, Mrs. Lorain Saulsbury of Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson of Baltimore, returned home Sunday after a three day vacation at Belhaven, the residence of his father, "Honk" Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schweizer had a narrow escape from being elected, Sunday, when the mast of their yacht, Midget, struck the electric wires that crosses Little creek to My Lord's Gift. The mast was broken into several pieces and the broken parts struck and slightly bruised both Mr. and Mrs. Schweizer who were standing on deck looking for the lost tender of their yacht.

Mrs. Bronson Willis has been boused several days with a bad case of ptomaine poison.

Mr. Harry F. Roberts left yesterday to join the carpenters gang at Camp Meade, near Baltimore.

Mr. John Embert is spending a short vacation with friends in Baltimore. He still takes time to keep the readers of The News interesting articles.

Mr. William Usilton who was headman on the "Gov. Grason" farm belonging to the late Henry Dusenbury, purchased a lot of land off Mussel Heights last Spring, and has completed a neat bungalow thereon.

Mrs. Edward Seward after finishing removing to her new home Delrhodes ave. is taking a much needed week's vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Barton, Jr., of Tilghman's Island.

Mr. Howard Greaves and family removed to their recently purchased home on First avenue on Tuesday. Their many friends of Queenstown will be pleased to welcome them to our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Howard Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skaggs and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jester pulled off a triple wedding anniversary on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Howard celebrated their fifteenth anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skaggs their tenth, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jester, their eighth.

Miss Maude B. Sherwood

Miss Maude B. Sherwood, daughter of the late Benjamin and Ann Cross Sherwood, died at her home in Baltimore on Saturday, aged 62 years. Miss Cross has been in bad health for over a year when she finally grew weaker. She was born in Queenstown, and lived here until reaching womanhood when she left for Baltimore to teach school which she continued until her retirement seven years ago.

She and her only sister, Miss Mary D. Sherwood continue to make the old home their country home during vacation, and always were welcomed by their many friends. W. Stedman Cross is her only surviving brother. Funeral services were held in Baltimore Tuesday afternoon, followed by interment on Wednesday in the family burial lot in Centreville cemetery.

Many Farms Face Political Rule

Albert S. Goss, Federal Land Bank Commissioner, said in an interview this week that what he termed a "trend toward government ownership" in farm credit "would give the government political control over 1,000,000 farms carrying land mortgages."

Mr. Goss said such control would result from absorption by the Department of Agriculture of the formerly independent farm credit administration, from which he said he resigned last March following a disagreement over policies.

Under the present setup, he declared, there has been developed "a governmental lending institution with highly centralized control located in Washington."

"The Department of Agriculture took over the credit system July 1, 1939," Mr. Goss continued. "No essential changes were made until the end of the year, but the trend towards government ownership and control finally took definite form in the Wheeler-Jones bill, also known as the farm debt adjustment bill."

"This bill would have completely destroyed the cooperative features of farm ownership in the land bank mortgage lending system and would have substituted political ownership."

Mr. Goss declared that farmers in the long run "will get cheaper credit by not relying on the government."

"The solution to the 'credit muddle,' he asserted, "is the establishment of a bipartisan board to conduct it on a strictly cooperative basis, farmer-owned and farmer controlled."

"You can't lend money politically," Mr. Goss concluded, "that is, you can lend it, but you can't get it back."

The National Grange urged enactment of the Walter-Lock bill providing that administrative rule implementing federal legislation must be issued within one year after the legislation is enacted.

In a resolution, delegates said this was necessary to "protect the people against the exercise of arbitrary power" on the part of federal administrative agencies.

At the same time, the grange proposed in another resolution the agricultural extension service be "separated from control of any farm organization or other private group."

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To Offer Law Requiring Headlights Be Dimmed

Among the safety measures under contemplation by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor's Maryland Traffic Safety Committee, is the matter of legislation requiring the dimming of auto headlights when passing other cars. A Bill to this effect is among several safety measures now being prepared by the Legislative and Engineering Committees of the Traffic Safety Committee.

The danger of glaring headlights was one of the first issues raised by the Traffic Safety Committee when it was instituted last September, and throughout the year the attention of motorists of the State has been called time and again to this simple act of courtesy which means so much to the cause of safety.

MASS at St Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, at 9 o'clock. Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville, at 8 o'clock.

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For all Occasions



Sport Dope

By Ed Nichols

After riding out one of the most difficult seasons in years, during which they battled adverse weather conditions, a presidential campaign year and the threat of War (d-m-n that guy, Hitler), the minor league baseball clubs gathered at Atlanta, Ga. this week for their thirty ninth convention. Though some-what bruised and battered, the National Association reported during the 1940 season the loss of only one league of the 44 leagues that started the season—yes, a record seldom equalled in the most prosperous times in the game has known.

True the threat of war remains and there is a likelihood of the game losing some of its players under the national selective service draft. However, millions, and millions of other men will be employed in expanding defense work, and increasing the total number of potential spectators for the national pastime, while the game as usual, will serve as a safety valve for the United States in a time of stress.

Our own Eastern Shore loop experienced a rather disastrous campaign, many of the club owners losing money, all attendance of the towns was 40 per cent below par. Many of the early season games were postponed because of inclement weather while all holiday's were washed out with the exception of Labor Day. The future of Cambridge, Pocomoke and Federalsburg will no doubt be brought to light at the conclusion of the on-fab at Atlanta. From all reports, the Shore loop next year will operate with six clubs. Joe Fowler would like to un-load Cambridge while Brooklyn is most anxious to purchase Pocomoke, but will move franchise from the league. Federalsburg remains a deep mystery. Dr. Knott's local took a financial shellacking last summer with only 9,000 paid admissions.

Many local baseball fanatics have but your correspondent on the pen many times during the past six weeks asking, "Will we have a Shore League club in Queen Anne's County next year?" Well, my dear readers, judging from the results of the public meeting of the fans last Monday evening at the County Courthouse, we will again have the national pastime in our midst next summer, but a little bit of government letence will be necessary to carry on plans. The Boston Red Sox are most anxious to re-new their working agreement with the Queen Anne's Athletic Association and a telegram addressed to Herb Penneck, Field Executive of the Sox at Atlanta this week just about sealed the deal. A plan is in order to raise enough greenbacks before spring to cover all pre-season expenses. Will give you the low-down next week.

The final game of the Eastern Shore Soccer game will be played this Sunday at the Centreville High School grounds when Bob Yates County hoopers tangle with the lowly Federalsburg eleven. The county booters now stationed in third place of the loop standings seemed to be assured of a play-off berth which starts next week, however, a victory would not do any harm what-so ever. Last Sunday the Yatesmen traveled down Talbot way and battled St. Mike's to a 2-2 deadlock. The localities having only eleven men due to the injury of Alvin Holden, Grasonville boy. "Here's hoping your unfortunate spill does not prove serious, Alvin, and hope to see you in uniform this Sunday."

Royden Powell's Independent

aggregation seem to be setting the pace in the Centreville Bowling circuit, holding eight victories as against four losses. Powells percentage elbowing took a sudden drop from 108 to 101 this week but his mates, Henry Lewis and Dick Tarr proved to have their eye on the ten pin rolling scores over the century figure in all three games with great Hopes.

The second place Farmer's, led by Wilson Dukes, leagues high scorer at present with a 100.5 figure, will endeavor to knock off the very much Independent clan this Friday when they tangle in a three match affair.

Bob Banberry tells me he has Grasonville boys in line to take all comers throughout the county even though Matt Dadds, E. S. Adkins keggers nosed 'em out last Thursday. The village team consists of Willie Jones, Marion Coursey, Ray Risley, Grant Chance Walton Thompson and of course Skipper Banberry.

Holton Harris has been rather active during the past few weeks, making plans for his Chester Soft Ball Club for '41. That's the boy Holton, be ready when the bell rings next spring.

Headliner this week, New York Post—"Al McCoy, Boston boy training hard for his scheduled title fight with Louis to be kayoed."

Bill Zepps, Jr., Baltimore lad of seventeen writes to ask for try-out on a Shore League club next Spring. Bill is a catcher, weighs 170 pound and stands six feet half inch in height, played 39 American Legion games last summer and hit the onion for a .327 average. Yes, that's the spirit a few more youngsters should have, and feel confident some club will give him every chance to produce with the goods.

So long 'til next week.

Government Defense Course to be given at University

Technical courses to supply the needs of defense industries in Maryland and the District of Columbia to be given entirely at Government expense will be offered at the University of Maryland, it has just been announced by Dean S. Steinberg, dean of the College of Engineering. The courses will include training for the Army, Navy and other government departments as well as for private industry.

All courses will be of college grade and will require from two to six months of study for completion, with the training geared to meet the needs of specific defense jobs. Classes will be held for the benefit of part-time and evening students at the University at College Park, in Baltimore, and in or near industrial plants.

Courses will be designed for upgrading those now employed in defense industries and for training a reservoir of new technicians to supply expanding industrial needs. Minimum qualification for taking the courses will be graduation from high school and students taking the courses will not be required to pay any charges.

Instructors will be regular members of the college teaching staff supplemented by additional instructors, including specially qualified men from the industries to be served.

A survey is now underway for the industrial and governmental needs for engineering and supervisory personnel in this area. Dean Steinberg said, "It is already evident that there is a shortage of draftsmen, tool designers and inspectors in the aircraft and the radio industries, inspectors or armament and designers of instruments and machinery."

Additional information concerning the program can be obtained from Dean Steinberg's office, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

Tax Proposed on Oyster Packers

Maryland and Virginia oyster packers Wednesday agreed to recommend to their respective legislatures a new tax on the packing industry to raise \$150,000 to be used for the promoting the sale of Chesapeake Bay oysters.

The agreement was reached at a conference at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore. Attending were a committee of packers from each State and the heads of the Maryland and Virginia commissions dealing with sea food.

It was decided the industry would be asked for a tax of 3 cents a bushel—or per gallon, in the case of shucked oysters—which would be paid by the packers as a part of their cost of production.

A proposal for a larger tax was voted down on the ground that \$150,000 would be all the two States could spend profitably at first on advertising and other merchandising schemes.

Under the plan, the money would be spent by a bi-State commission of six members. It would be composed of the chairman of the Maryland Conservation Commission, the chairman of the Virginia Commission of fisheries, and two members from each State to be appointed by the Governors from a panel of five men recommended by the industry.

G. Waller Mapp, head of the Virginia commission, termed the agreement "a very marked step forward by two neighbors who own together this great body of water in Chesapeake Bay."

Many Cars Are Yet Uninspected In County

Thousands of Maryland motorists who neglected to get their cars inspected in the State's save-a-life campaign are being stopped by policemen and given summonses. W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, said:

Mr. Elgin said motorists on reporting were directed to the nearest automobile inspection there, they must return to the commissioner's office and have the car checked a second time, to make sure it is in safe mechanical condition.

New Judge gets His Commission

On December 1 Stephen R. Collins was given the oath of office by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor, thereby elevating him to the bench of the Second Judicial Circuit in the capacity of Chief Judge and automatically making him a member of the Court of Appeals. Judge Collins' Commission has been received.

Judge Collins said that he expects to go to Annapolis around December 17, to spend several days reviewing with the Court of the Appeals work that they have already handled. Then, he said, he will sit with that court for two full months.

He is 43 years old, is one of the youngest men in the state to receive appointment to the bench of the Maryland Court of Appeals. The post carries a salary of \$11,500 a year with the jurist being occupied for the greater part of the time with work in the Court of Appeals at Annapolis.

Social Security

Announcement is made that Norman P. Foster, manager of the Salisbury Field Office of the Social Security Board, will be in Centreville, on Tuesday next, December 10. He will be available for interview on that day at the Post-office between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon.