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## Electricity Rates Are Cut By P. S. C.

### Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That our gardeners wish the chicken would join the union and realize they are working for the defense and strike for a few months or until next summer.

That Scott Roberts, a prosperous farmer up Ponctown way, says Sunday relatives have dropped in on him via everything but parachute, and he isn't ignoring that possibility.

That the recent announcement concerning the AA corn program has caused some confusion in the minds of producers, according to R. O. Stelzer, executive officer of the program in Maryland. It was announced by the Secretary of Agriculture that, due to the Lease Lend program, greater efforts will be placed on production of pork, butter and eggs, and that there will be no corn marketing.

That according to Eddie Lowe, the business that considers itself immune to the necessity for advertising sooner or later finds immune to business.

That our citizens are again complaining about dogs doing so much damage to young vegetables which are now growing as well as flowers. This complaint comes in every year, but it seems that our town fathers does nothing about the worthless and stray dog situation.

That some fanatic has mailed out a chain of post cards of a prayer which they say unless the same is forwarded to thirteen other people, then some great calamity will fall on the one who breaks the chain. There ought to be some way to break up such foolishness.

### Charles Roland Price

Mr. Charles Roland Price a lifelong prosperous farmer of near Bloomingdale, died at his home last Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock, after four or five years of failing health at the age of 78 years.

He married Miss Laura Agnes Rhodes in November, 1900, and from this union the following children survive: Mrs. Hazel Dudley of near town, Mrs. Arthur Dudley of Chester, Pa., Mrs. Alderson Carter near town, Roland and Bryan Price near Centreville.

Three years after the death of his first wife he married Miss Mildred Walls. From this union the following children and his second wife survive: Mrs. Walter Leucke of Baltimore, Mrs. Eleanor Cannon of Easton, Miss Katherine Price of Wilmington, Del., Charles and Mary Price at home.

Funeral services and interment were held in Centreville, last Saturday.

### Wins Scholarship Award

Marion G. Golt of near town, was announced Tuesday as the winner of the second scholarship award of the National Farm Youth Foundation in this area.

G. M. Stull, who directs foundation activities in the area, said Golt, as winner, was eligible for a year's advanced training in the operation and maintenance of power farm equipment with a local equipment distributor. During this period he will be paid \$125 a month.

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### PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. Burley Thompkins of Hopewell, Va., returned home Wednesday, after spending weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Albert McGuire and family.

Mr. Thomas R. Seward who recently removed from Church Hill to Queenstown, didn't like that Easy street life; Monday, accepted a position with Calahan's Appliance Co., Centreville.

Mrs. Charles E. Bishop and Miss Erma Hall of Hebron, spent the weekend seeing Mrs. Bishop's son, Charles, off to camp. He will be station at Arcada Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Seward and daughter, Juliet, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Edgar Willis of Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Booker of Baltimore, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Charles H. Metzendorf and her brother, Mr. Charles H. Metzendorf, Jr.

Mr. Thomas I. Seward of Fort George Meads spent the weekend at home with wife and his father, Thomas R. Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Jester spent the weekend with her mother in Philadelphia, who is ill.

Mr. Charles Bishop, son of Mrs. Charles E. Bishop, left Baltimore, Sunday morning for Arcada, Fla., to join U. S. flying air corps. He is expected to remain in the service for three years. We wish him the best of luck and happy landings.

### Bills Passed For Queen Anne's County

There follows herewith a partial digest of legislation affecting Queen Anne's county passed at the last session of the General Assembly.

To add Section 218A to Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws (1930 Edition) relating to the fiscal year of Queen Anne's county and the date of finality in said county.

To direct the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county to issue \$180,000 of bonds for school buildings at Centreville and Suddersville.

To authorize Queen Anne's County to issue \$30,000 of bonds for auditorium to Church Hill High School.

To amend Section 233A of Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws, as said section was enacted by Chapter 76 of the Acts of 1935 increasing the appropriation to certain fire companies in Queen Anne's county.

To add Section 34A to Article 33 of the Annotated Code (1939 Edition) providing for general registration of voters in Queen Anne's county in 1942. Emergency.

To amend section 42 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code (1939 Edition) prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday in Queen Anne's county and the giving away of such beverages by licensed dealers in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties on Sunday.

To amend Section 1 of Chapter 276 of the Acts of 1933, as said section was amended by Chapter 109 of the Acts of 1939 extending the time during which the Town Commissioners of Centreville may borrow \$15,000.

To amend Section 45 of Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws (1930 Edition) relating to the qualifications of voters at town elections in Centreville.

To add Section 266A to Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws (1930 Edition) authorizing the Justices of the Peace and Trial Magistrates in Queen Anne's county to release persons taken into custody for violating the Motor Vehicle Laws upon deposit of cash collateral.

### Piney Neck Tips

Crabbers were busy early Thursday morning—the opening of the crab season. The catch was better than our crabbers anticipated and the price good.

Farmers are pleased with the warm Spring. They claim that wheat and grass are several weeks ahead. Trees are in full foliage, and a trip through the country is as beautiful as the middle of May for many years.

Our gardeners are as busy as a hen with one chick. They hope to be able to supply their family with fresh vegetables from the garden instead of so much canned vegetables.

Our oyster packers are busy unloading their oyster shell crop, which will mean the distribution of \$20,000 to \$25,000 in our community.

The ice man has reached first base and with the help of a few warm days hope to score.

Wood fires have kept the Queenstown Volunteer Firemen on the jump. They were called out Wednesday night to fight a wood's fire, which threatened to destroy some homes. The reflection of the blaze awoke some of the dwellers who sent in an alarm. Much damage was done by the fires which have been raging for the past ten days.

### Training Period Of Drafted Men Maybe 3 Years

Army officials were reported today to be considering a plan to induce thousands of selective service trainees to remain in uniform voluntarily for two years beyond the compulsory one-year period.

The proposal army men said, might involve increasing the total land forces beyond the present goal of 1,418,000 men by mid-1941. Some Senators said they had heard unconfirmed report that the army might seek legislation to keep draftees in training "for the duration of the emergency."

However, sources in the War Department inclined to the view that needed combat strength could be raised without resorting to new draft legislation—perhaps by offering reenlistment bonuses to the ablest draftees.

Hope was voiced that a large percentage of trainees would like army service sufficiently to continue in khaki without added inducement.

In case of war, it was said, the 473,000 regular army troops would be spread dangerously thin along coastlines, through the island possessions and Alaska, and in the Atlantic base sites recently acquired from Britain.

The opinion was expressed that perhaps 400,000 men should be added to the regular army from the ablest of selective service men. This would necessitate upward revision of the total-strength objective of 1,418,000 by June 30, in which Congressional appropriations have been based.

One inducement under consideration was the offering of bonuses, perhaps exceeding the \$75 and \$150 gratuities now given soldiers who sign up for new "hitches."

Senator Johnson (Dem., Col.) member of the Military Committee, said he had heard reports originating in army circles that Congress would be asked to declare a complete state of emergency, under which conscripts would be held in service until the end of the emergency. He expressed the opinion that it would be unfair to require more than one year's training of selectees when other eligible registrants had not been called.

Senator Reynolds, Dem., acting committee chairman, said he had heard similar reports of an extension plan, but added that no decision was likely until June.

### O'Conor Approves Bill Setting Lowest Tax In Thirty Years

One of the most important tax measures enacted into law in many years was signed Monday by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, fixing the Real Estate Tax for 1942-43 at the lowest point in 30 years.

At the same time the Governor made known that the bonded indebtedness of the State will have been reduced more than one-third during the present administration.

In stressing the importance of the reduction to be put into effect in taxes on real property, Governor O'Conor declared: "The Real Estate Tax of our State, as fixed by the law signed today, will be the lowest in thirty years, I am gratified to say."

Under this new law, the State Tax on real property, currently set at 23.35c per \$100 of assessments, will be 22c per \$100 of assessment for the year 1942, and 20.75c for the year 1943.

"Not since the year 1911 has it been possible for a State Administration to set the rate at such a low figure as is provided for in Chapter 447, Senate Bill 66 approved Monday."

With regard to the possible ultimate elimination of the States bonded indebtedness and of the Real Estate Tax, an eventuality toward which, as I announced some time ago, I think the State Administration should work, it is most interesting to note that during the four years of this present administration, the total public debt will have been reduced more than one third, or an aggregate of \$16,147,000.

### Fish Conservation Measure Is Signed

Maryland is authorized to enter into an interstate compact with Virginia and other Atlantic Seaboard States for the promotion and protection of the fishing industry under a new law on statute books today.

Signed by Governor O'Conor after its passage by the Legislature, the bill calls for the establishment of an Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission which is to make recommendation to State legislatures for the enactment of legislation to protect fisheries against overfishing, waste and depletion of resources.

It permits Maryland to enter into a compact with Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, in addition to Virginia.

The compact would become effective when two or more States enter into the agreement and the Federal Interior Department would act as the research agency for the commission.

Each signatory State is to appoint three representatives to the commission, one the chairman of the State's Conservation Department, the second a legislator and the third a citizen interested in the marine fisheries problem.

### W. W. Story

Mr. Wesley Wilmer Story who has been a progressive citizen of Queenstown for thirty years, died at his residence on Steamboat avenue evening at 8 o'clock, after a short illness, aged 84 years. After retiring from the Baltimore Police Force, he removed to Queenstown. A widow survive. He was a tin smith by trade. Masonic burial was given him in the Centreville cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

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### Treasury Program for New Revenue Would Double Tax

Thousands of taxpayers—little men and big men alike—will have to pay two or three times—their present income tax, informed sources predicted this week, if Congress adopts the treasury program for raising \$3,500,000,000 in new federal revenue. The program, authoritative reports said, carried the following major provisions:

Individual incomes—An increase of the present 4.4 percent basic tax rate to 6.6 percent. Also elimination of the existing 10 percent earned income credit reduction. Personal exemption rates would remain unchanged.

Income surtaxes—Steep increases. Whereas surtaxes are now imposed on taxable incomes in excess of \$4,000 they would begin with those \$2,000. Present surtaxes range from 4 to 75 percent and are levied in addition to the basic 4.4 percent "normal" rate.

Corporate incomes—An increase from the present 24 percent to 30 percent.

Travel—A tax of about 10 percent on railroad, plane, bus and other transportation tickets.

Checks—A cent tax on each check drawn.

Gasoline—1 cent more, making the federal tax 2½ cents per gallon.

Cigarettes—8 cents on a pack of 20, a 1½ cent boost.

Other items—Increase in beer, wine, whisky and automobile purchase taxes. New levies on candy, chewing gum and soft drinks.

Federal securities—A plan to reach with taxation all or part of the income from the billions of dollars invested in hitherto tax exempt government bonds.

An advance in the basic income tax rate to 6.6 percent and repeal of the earned income credit would hit taxpayers' pockets something like this:

A single person with a taxable earned income of \$1,000 after all deductions except his personal exemption of \$800 would pay \$13.20 instead of \$4.40 as at present.

A childless married couple with a taxable earned income of \$3,000 would pay \$66 instead of \$30.80.

### Doctor Finds Peace At Queen Anne

From old Vienna to the town of Queen Anne has been a welcome change to Dr. Kurt Lederer, who began the practice of his profession in that town about two months ago. After his graduation at the University of Vienna, he practiced medicine in his native city until the domination of Hitler made life in Austria intolerable.

"I would not go back for a million dollars," said Dr. Lederer, as he sat in his office recalling his uneventful voyage to the land of the which, which was his objective.

With his books and other personal possessions, he has come to this country to make a permanent home for himself, his wife, now a teacher of French in Wilmington, and their young son, Anthony, a lad of nine years.

He took out naturalization papers, passed the state board examination, then started his career again at the age of 44, in Queen Anne and Hillsboro. Like other Europeans, he speaks German, English and French, and has a smattering of other languages.

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### Electricity Rates Are Cut \$100,000

Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland customers of the Eastern Shore Public Service system will get an electricity rate reduction of approximately \$100,000 a year as the result of negotiations just concluded, the Public Service Commission announced yesterday.

Total reduction for the nine counties of the Eastern Shore will amount to \$77,000, while in more thinly settled Southern Maryland the saving will aggregate \$23,000.

In a separate announcement, Lewis Payne, president of the Eastern Shore Public Service Company of Maryland, said that still another reduction, amounting altogether to \$32,000, was being extended voluntarily to customers of the company's Delaware affiliate.

The two Maryland affiliates of the system are the Eastern Shore Public Service Company of Maryland, serving the upper Eastern Shore counties, and the Maryland Light and Power Company, serving the lower Shore counties and Southern Maryland.

Negotiations leading to the rate reductions were conducted by Joseph Sherbow, People's counsel for the Public Service Commission. Rate reductions negotiated by Mr. Sherbow in the past two years have now covered every part of the State.

### Jacob E. Gibson

Funeral services for Jacob Emest Gibson, 92, retired livestock dealer, bank director and sportsman, were conducted at his home in Bridgetown Sunday, by the Rev. Otis Reed. Burial was in Greensboro Cemetery.

Beginning his business career as a blacksmith, he retained his interest in horses to the end. He declined to own an automobile, preferring to keep his horse, which carried him across fields and thru the woods on hunting expeditions after failing health prevented strenuous exercise.

Known as a fine marksman, he could score more hits than many younger sportsmen. Horse racing, fox hunting and fishing were among his favorite sports.

He is survived by three sons, Thompson Gibson, of Bridgetown; Harry Gibson and Jacob A. Gibson of Queen Anne, and two daughters Mrs. Malcolm Pollack, of Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania, and Miss Beulah Gibson, of Bridgetown.

### Doings at Fort Meade, Md.

By Corp. JAS. E. THAWLEY.  
Company K News

Things are stepping along at a fast pace here at Meade but the selectees still have not arrived. They are expected sometime this week. The men are prepared to instruct and to try to make these new men as good soldiers as possible. There will be 76 of these chaps from various sections of this State and nearby states. They will bring the company strength up to 171 men.

Every regiment in the 59th Division has an "At home" weekend the 115th's will be on May 17 and 18. Quite a few home folks are expected to be here to accept army hospitality. Information will be supplied on training by demonstrations. Meals will be served to as many as possible. The entire regiment will remain in camp on that day.

If any one has any used furniture they would be willing to give the boys for the recreation room they would appreciate it. They need one piano, eight game tables magazine stands, smoking stands and about 25 chairs. Arrangements to have anything transported to Meade can be made through Mrs. E. E. Coursey in Centreville.

Many thanks for all the previous cooperation.

Frost-proof cabbage plants for sale at 25 cents per 100 George L. Aker, Meadowbrook