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## Census Enumeration Begins

### Forty Enumerators For This District—To Canvass Business Establishments

Mr. Daniel W. Davis, who has been named local Supervisor of the Census of Business, announces that enumeration work began in this area on January 30. He said 40 enumerators will be named within the next few days to make the canvass in this District, which includes nine counties.

Offices of the Census are to be established at Denton and a staff of 44 persons will be employed to handle the work. All Census employees are bound by a strict Census oath not to reveal any information contained on business reports and the law makes any violation a criminal offense.

Mr. Davis stated that every retail and wholesale business, all hotels, places of amusement, business service companies, insurance agencies, real estate offices, and trucking and bus companies; all banks, office building managers and contractors will be canvassed for reports on their operations during the calendar year 1935. The results are to be tabulated in Philadelphia, headquarters of the Business Census, and become the basic statistics which businesses use in planning their operating policies.

All enumerators will be instructed thoroughly on all phases of the Census, Mr. Davis said, prior to the beginning of the canvass. Mr. I. Fulton Catlin, who has been selected as Assistant Supervisor, will help conduct the training courses.

Supervisor Davis explained this Census has been extended considerably beyond the limitations of the Census of Distribution for 1929, and the Census of American Business for 1933, as a result of business requests that all fields of business be included.

"It is designed," he said, "to supply a definite answer to the question of how many concerns there are in business, the total volume of annual business, and the total payrolls and employment. More than 100 representatives, delegated by various business associations in each field to be covered, met with Census officials and formulated the questions to be asked."

Retail trade will be divided into two size classifications: Stores with total sales of \$50,000 and over, and those with sales of less than \$50,000. Commodity data will be sought from the larger group and from all wholesale establishments including exporters, importers, and limited function wholesalers.

For the first time, Mr. Davis announced, the Census includes banking and finance for the entire range of commercial, agricultural and mortgage and personal credit finance as well as security brokers and dealers.

Construction, including building, highway and heavy construction by contractors is included again, as in 1929. General contractors, operative builders and sub-contractors are to be covered.

Highway and street transportation, including trucking for hire and bus operations are included in the census for the first time. Commercial warehousing is included in the comprehensive plans announced today.

A census of the business of operating office, commercial and other non-residential buildings will be made in cities of more than 10,000. For the first time the operations of insurance companies, agents and brokers, real estate brokers and dealers, management and rental agents as well as the business aspects of non-profit associations and organizations of every type, (exclusive of religious bodies) are included in the Census.

The census of Service establishments, which in 1933 included only personal, business and mechanical repair services, is extended in the plans to include certain classes of professionally-trained persons. Mr. Davis explained these include advertising counselors, architects, auditors, certified public accountants, engineering services, private detective agencies, market research services, map drawing and cartography services, and sales consultants. Theaters and hotels are to be covered as in 1929 and 1933, he said.

Mr. Davis declared the present census is in answer to the request of business for dependable 1935 information for sounder planning of expansive programs, and is a continuation of the similar business censuses of 1929 and 1933.

## Short Paragraphs

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Scott Wilson on Thursday, February 13, at 2:00 p. m.

The Ninth District Farmers' Club met Wednesday, February 5, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, Zion.

Walter Meyerheim, of Liberty Grove, is exhibiting a yellow mouse that he caught in the Stively mill.

Herbert Janney, clerk in the C. E. Irwin store, this town, fell recently while skating and fractured two of his ribs.

The business men of North East are planning a "Dollar Day" Sale, in that town, during April, the exact date to be announced later.

Addick Bailey, of Chesapeake City, was found dead in the barn of Grover Tosh, near Armstrong's Corner, by a farm hand. Death was due to exposure.

Sunday was bright with sunshine, and those who care to pin their faith on the groundhog are sure winter is not nearly ended yet, but that we may expect plenty more of it for the next six weeks.

Eugene Arbour, of Elkton, against whom extradition proceedings had been started, appeared voluntarily in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Wilmington, last week, and was held under \$2,500 bail for the next term of court.

## FEBRUARY A MONTH OF HISTORICAL DATES

February, our shortest month, has a quota of historical dates that rival all other months. Beginning with Candlemas Day, on the 2nd, commonly referred to as Groundhog Day, some of the other notable dates are:

Baltimore fire 7th, 1904; Thomas A. Edison born 1847, on the 11th; Abraham Lincoln, 1809, on the 12th; St. Valentine's Day, 14th; destruction of Battleship Maine, in Havana harbor, 15th, 1898. Among those to lose their lives on the ship was John A. Kay, machinist, of Rising Sun; Susan B. Anthony born 1820, on the 15th; George Washington, 1732, on the 22nd; Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent, the 26th; Henry W. Longfellow, 1807, the 27th.

## ANNUAL FARM BUREAU BANQUET

The sixth annual meeting and banquet of the Cecil County Bureau will be held at the North East High school Friday evening, February 14. Speakers will include Arthur Wood, of the Maryland Bureau Federation; A. H. Lauderbach, Sales Manager, Inter-State Milk Producers' Association, and Mrs. Randall Sporelein, of Carroll county.

The banquet, which as usual is one of the features of the evening, will follow the annual election of officers.

## POLITICAL RALLIES PLANNED

The Democratic clubs in Cecil county are pushing plans for the ensuing campaign. A dinner meeting of the Elkton Club was held Wednesday. The guest speakers were Representative T. Alan Goldsborough and Zack Wells, of Wilmington, Del.

The North East club will hold its first meeting of the year Friday night. There will be several guest speakers.

## TREE CRASHES ON HOUSE

During the high wind one night last week the top was blown out of a tree in the yard of Mrs. Effie Kidd, at Calvert. One of the branches tore through the weather-boarding, going through the wall into the room, breaking windows and doing much other damage.

## ZIMMERLY PROPERTY SOLD

The property of Dr. H. C. Zimmerly, at Mechanics Grove, Pa., was sold at Sheriff's sale to Joseph H. Pepper, father-in-law of Zimmerly, for \$2,500.

## DOG LICENSES IN PENNSYLVANIA

A preliminary report from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Animal Industry indicates that over 560,000 dogs were licensed last year in Pennsylvania exclusive of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton. This represents a gain of 25,000 over the 1934 total.

## CRUSHED UNDER FALLING TREE

Earl Sterling, 33-year old woodsman of Bengies, Md., was fatally injured one day last week, when a felled tree struck him on the head and fractured his skull. He died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore.

## Deadly Carbon Monoxide Gas

A man identified as Clark J. Brumigan, of Hillside road, Dumbarton, Va., was found dead in the cab of his parked truck at Elkton on Thursday.

Coroner Stanley Jeffers attributed death to carbon monoxide gas from the motor of the truck. Jeffers said the man apparently stopped the truck to take a nap and was overcome by the fumes from the engine.

The body was discovered by Mitchell McKeown, who has a store near where the truck was parked. He noticed the truck early in the morning, and the motor was running then. Later, he noticed it was still there and that the engine had stopped. Investigating, he found the man's body on the seat. The engine apparently ran until lack of fuel stopped it. The truck was returning from Philadelphia, where it had taken a load of furniture. The dead man had a driver's license made out to Brumigan.

It developed later that the man to lose his life in the cab of the truck by the deadly gas was not Clark J. Brumigan, but Wilfred Bacon, aged 36, of Providence, R. I., when Mr. Brumigan came to Elkton and told Coroner Jeffers that the body of the man found Thursday in the cab of a truck, and carrying papers bearing his name, was that of Bacon. He said he hired Bacon to drive the truck from New York to Virginia. He read of the death in the New York papers and came to Elkton.

## STUBBORN CHIMNEY FIRE

Rising Sun firemen were called to the residence of Harvey W. Ewing and family, on Walnut street, Monday evening, about six o'clock, to fight a chimney fire. And it was a stubborn fight the firemen had before the fire was extinguished. A defective flue had permitted sparks to communicate with the woodwork, next the chimney and directly under the roof, making it difficult to get a stream from the chemical truck where it would do effective work. After working for fully half an hour, and preventing the blaze gaining headway, the firemen finally succeeded in extinguishing the threatening fire. The damage done was not great.

## HARFORD COUNTY POSTOFFICE APPOINTMENT

The Democratic State Central Committee of Harford County, being deadlocked over the recommendation for an appointee for postmaster at Street, decided to place the selection in the hands of Congressman Wm. P. Cole, Jr. Three of the committee, J. Wilmer Cronin, chairman; Mayor Pennington and F. W. Reasin, supported Mrs. Evelyn McBride, while Dr. Wheeler, Thomas Gladden and Robert Esley favored Frank T. Amoss for the place.

## REMOVING OLD CANAL LOCKS

The Arundel Corporation, which has the contract for the removal of the old stone canal locks of the C. & D. canal at Chesapeake City, has removed approximately 6,700 tons of stone, which has been placed upon scows and taken to Edge Moor, near Wilmington, where it is being used in building a dike. The work, it is said, is about one-third completed, and the company will, in all probability, be working on the project until June.

## CUPID GOING STRONG

Cupid did a big business at the Elkton Gretna Green during January. Records in the office of the Clerk of Court show 583 marriage licenses issued during the month. During January 1935 marriage licenses to the number of 308 were issued, and in January 1934, the number issued was 331.

## DEER KILLED NEAR CARPENTER'S POINT

Charles W. Baynes, of Principio Furnace, and District Forest Warden, reported that a large doe deer was killed at the railroad near Carpenter's Point road on the Pennsylvania, about 5 o'clock Thursday evening by a northbound train.

## BOY SCOUTS TO HOLD RALLY

The Boy Scouts of Cecil county will participate in the national celebration of the 26th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during the week of February 7 to 14, by holding a rally in the State Armory, at Elkton, on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

## Sleet Storm Slows Up Traffic

The winter's worst sleet storm on Monday night and Tuesday morning just about paralyzed travel of all kinds for several hours.

Snow started falling Monday evening, but turned to mist and rain later, covering everything with a heavy coating of glistening ice. Roads and walks, already slippery with ice from previous snows and rains, were soon made almost impossible to travel for either vehicle or pedestrian.

Tuesday morning the foot passenger had many an up and down while autos slipped and skidded about, many bringing up in side ditches, while the hills were impossible to negotiate. State road patrolmen were early on the job sprinkling sand and doing everything possible to make travel conditions safe. Numerous accidents of more or less serious nature were reported.

With rising temperature, later in the day, the ice softened and it was possible to pick your way along cautiously, but freezing weather at night again made slippery and treacherous travel.

## DEATHS

**MRS. SOPHY E. DEMPSEY**  
Mrs. Sophy E. Dempsey, aged 81 years, widow of the late Archibald Dempsey, for years a resident of near Singler, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Watson Koelg, at Elsmere, Del., on Jan. 27. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Koelg, she is survived by several sons.

## NEVIN O. McVEY

Nevin O. McVey, a native of Zion, Cecil county, died Jan. 25 at his home in Oxford, Pa., where he had resided for several years past. He was a son of the late Absolom and Margaret McVey. Surviving are two brothers, Wilmer of Zion and Alfred of Elkton; one sister, Mrs. Milton Campbell, of York county, and a daughter Edith, at home. The funeral was on Wednesday; interment in Zion Presbyterian cemetery.

## WILLIAM STEELE

William Steele, aged 72, died at his home in Russellville, Pa., Jan. 28 of pneumonia. He was a carpenter by trade. The deceased was a son of the late David and Eliza Steele, of Nottingham.

He leaves his wife, who was Emma Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee, of Lee's Bridge, and two daughters: Mrs. Homer Cann, of Marshallton, and Mrs. John Jackson, with whom he resided; a brother, Harry, of Reading, and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Cochran, of West Grove. Burial was in the Oxford Cemetery.

## STATE-WIDE POLICE SYSTEM

Plans for the organization of an Association of Maryland Police Chiefs for the purpose of coordinating law enforcement activities throughout the State, are being considered.

Among the projects designed to bring the State Police into closer contact with local officials throughout Maryland is a proposed teletype system of twenty-six stations operating on a twenty-four-hour schedule. Authority for installation of the system, it was indicated, may be sought at the special session of the Legislature, planned for March. Its approximate cost would be \$65,000. The system not only would link the Maryland towns, but would become an arm of a system that embraces eight other States to the North.

## PLACED ON HONOR ROLL

Charles M. Murphy, of Charles-town, employed for more than 31 years as trackman by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has been retired. James F. Wells, of Perryman, Md., helper in the telegraph and signal department of the Maryland Division, was also retired, after having served for nearly 45 years. Their names have been placed on the honor roll of the company.

## DEADLOCKED OVER P. O. APPOINTMENT

The contest for the appointment of postmaster at Port Deposit is deadlocked, between Raymond Westfield, present acting postmaster, and George Hohn. The Democratic State Central Committee from whom the appointment must be recommended, has been unable to agree at several meetings held to consider the recommendation, the vote standing three to three. Another meeting to consider the matter will shortly be held.

## Personal And Social

Miss Shirley Ewing is visiting Miss Jean Smith, Baltimore.

Mrs. Serella Powell, Port Deposit, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tosh.

Rev. Thomas P. McKee is a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

Mrs. William A. Reeder is the guest of Mrs. Walter Reeder, Springfield, Pa.

Miss Alta Grason, Philadelphia, has been visiting Mrs. Harold Jones, near town.

The Girls Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. Carl Hanna Thursday evening.

Mrs. Jesse Lynch entertained the Contract Bridge Club at her home at Farmington on Tuesday evening last.

Richard A. Lane was taken to West Baltimore Hospital on Friday last for observation and treatment for nervous trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Scott, of Swarthmore, Pa., announce the marriage of their daughter, Emeline, who is a trained nurse, to Richard Fellows, of Betterton, Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Betterton, Md.

Miss Mary Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Thomas, entertained very delightfully about forty of her young friends on Thursday evening last, at her home on Cherry Street. The occasion was in celebration of the sixteenth birthday anniversary of the popular young hostess.

## LANDIS-FELLENBAUM

Howard Fellenbaum announces the marriage of his daughter, Madeline M. Fellenbaum, of Little Britain, Pa., to Leon Landis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Landis, of Little Britain, the event being solemnized Jan. 27, at Lancaster. Alderman John Burkhardt officiated. The couple were attended by Howard Fellenbaum, father of the bride, of New Providence; Christian Landis, father of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. George Atland, of Little Britain. They will reside at Elim, Pa.

## NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

A Cecil County unit of the National Youth Administration has been organized at Elkton by Director of the Eastern Shore, Max Chambers, of Easton. Plans are being made to give employment to young people out of school and those not able to find work by projects under the Administration such as the construction of bus shelters and a survey of Cecil County towns.

A committee, composed of Guy Johnson, F. A. Alexander and Edwin B. Fockler, will select a superintendent for the bus project. Shelters will be built and placed at locations along the bus routes for the protection of school children.

## MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Men's Bible Class of James M. E. Church, Rising Sun, held a business and social meeting on Monday evening. Following the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Wm. M. Pogue, president; Howard R. Brown, vice-president; M. U. Zimmerman, secretary; Thomas B. Roberson, treasurer, and F. J. Ham, teacher, Rev. W. H. Kohl, of Cherry Hill, delivered an address on the subject of "Faith in God." During the social hour refreshments were served.

## CECIL CHURCH MAY BE CLOSED

A joint meeting of the official boards of the churches at Cherry Hill, Big Elk and Elk Mills, comprising Cherry Hill Circuit in Cecil county, was held Thursday evening, at which time the proposition of closing either Big Elk or Elk Mills Church was discussed.

## PRESIDENTIAL BIRTHDAY BALL

More than 350 couples attended the President's Birthday Ball held in the State Armory at Elkton Thursday night. The receipts were over \$500, 70 per cent of which will be turned over to the Children's Aid Society of Cecil county, to be used in fighting infantile paralysis.

## LIVESTOCK BURNED TO DEATH

In a fire that destroyed the barn on the property of New London, Pa., Hotel six heifers, three bulls, two ponies and a horse were burned to death. A large quantity of hay, feed and farm machinery were lost, and also an automobile. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## Telephone Exchange Swept By Fire

### 450 Telephones Put Out Of Commission—Operator Gives Alarm

Fire swept the Cecil Farmers' Telephone exchange, located on South Queen street, in this town, about seven o'clock Sunday evening, putting the 450 telephones completely out of commission. But for the prompt and effective work of the rising Sun firemen the two-story frame building housing the exchange and office would have been completely destroyed.

The blaze was discovered by Miss Nettie McVey, operator on duty in the exchange, which is on the second floor of the two-story frame building. She remained at her post after calling the volunteer fire department, and answered routine calls until the fire put the lights out.

In addition to burning out the exchange office, the fire damaged the apartment of Miss Mae Johnson on the same floor and water and smoke damage was suffered by the undertaking establishment of Ralph Reed and the phone company offices on the first floor.

The fire originated in a partition between the switchboard room and battery room, in the rear portion of the building on the second floor, and crept along between the ceiling and roof to the front of the structure.

The firemen played a stream from the chemical engine through a second story window from one side, and a stream of water from the town hydrant almost directly in front of the building from the other side, and soon had the flames under control, but not before the switchboard and equipment had been almost completely ruined by the intense heat, water and smoke.

All telephone service was put out of commission, but word of the fire reached C. & P. telephone officials from the exchange at Port Deposit, where one of the Rising Sun operators went by auto, and Wire Chief Sullivan and other C. & P. experts immediately came to the rescue, and before the building was entirely clear of smoke were at work on temporary repairs. To such good purpose did these experts lend their untiring efforts and hearty cooperation that service, in a measure, was restored by Monday morning.

The loss is placed at \$3,000 by adjusters of the insurance company, as it will be necessary to install an entire new switchboard and equipment.

After a thorough investigation, including the report that the fire was caused by the thawing out of frozen water pipes, the insurance inspectors arrived at the conclusion that the cause of the blaze was an overheated stove-pipe, as the portion of partition nearest the pipe was completely burned through, while all other woodwork was but partially burned.

## FEBRUARY HAS FIVE SATURDAYS

For the first time in years this February will contain five Saturdays. The first was Saturday of last week, the first day of the month, and the last will be February 29, the last day of the month. It is all due to leap year.

This has happened only seven times since the new style Gregorian calendar was adopted in Great Britain and America in 1752. The previous occasions were in 1772, 1812, 1840, 1868, 1896 and 1908. It will not happen again until 1946 and after that not until 1992.

## TO BRIDGE GRADE CROSSING IN NEWARK

Bids are soon to be asked for the construction of a bridge over the Pennsylvania Railroad crossing at South Avenue, Newark, Del.

The bridge will consist of a 500 foot long approach at each end, five approach spans of 44 feet each at either end, and an 80 foot long span directly over the railroad. This makes a total length of 1520 feet.

## ROAD ROUTE THROUGH CECIL

While the State Roads Commission of Maryland is contemplating rebuilding the Philadelphia Road through Cecil county the coming year, much concern still exists among property owners and others along the present route, as to what changes will be made, particularly because of reports that the new road will detour both Elkton and North East.