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Error In Election Law Boosts Cost

New Statute, Designed For Economy, Adds Expense

A discrepancy in Cecil county's new election law, which was passed to save money, will cost the county \$69 per hour during the time taken to count votes, the Board of Election Supervisors has disclosed.

Originally, four judges and two clerks were required at the polls. These received a flat sum and 50 cents per hour more after the polls closed.

The Legislature, in 1935, enacted a bill introduced by State Senator Harold E. Coburn to amend the original law. It provided for two judges and two clerks to come on duty when the polls closed and count the votes.

The new statute, however, did not strike out the old provision for keeping the four judges and two clerks on duty, nor for paying them 50 cents an hour. As a result, the Board of Election Supervisors has notified all judges that they would have to remain at the polls until the vote was counted.

Although the six officials who function while the polls are open will have no duties at night, they must remain and be paid, the board said.

MARYLAND W. C. T. U. EXECUTIVE

The Maryland Women's Christian Temperance Union at its Executive Meeting held at the State Headquarters in Baltimore on April 23rd had encouraging reports from the County Unions and from the various Departments of work. The membership drive is to be completed this month so that the report may be in for the National Meeting to be held at Tulsa, Oklahoma in June. Several Maryland women are planning to attend this Convention, and Cecil County will probably be represented by Miss Bertha M. Tyson, County President and State Corresponding Secretary. Plans were also made for holding the State Convention in October at Rising Sun and it is the prospect that the National President Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith will honor our State and County with her presence at that time.

This week one of the outstanding national speakers is in the State, Mrs. Mary Harris ARMOUR, some times spoken of as the Georgia Cyclone, and will speak at the Kent County Convention meeting at Betterton on Thursday, April 30, in the evening. She will be in Cecil County Saturday and Sunday, speaking at Perryville M. E. Church Sunday afternoon at 2.30 and at the Presbyterian Church, Head of Christians, on Sunday evening at 7.30, Standard Time, May 3. Mrs. Armour has a wonderful gift as a speaker and is one who makes such an impression wherever she goes that having once heard her you can never forget her enthusiasm and urge for better Christian living. Don't fail to hear her if you can get into the church where she is speaking, as she draws a crowd wherever she speaks. Mrs. Armour will speak at the new Baptist Church at Conowingo, on Saturday evening, May 2, at 8:00 o'clock.

Cecil County was represented at the State Executive by Miss Bertha M. Tyson, Mrs. Miller Hall, and Miss Bertha Balderston.

A County Executive Meeting was held Monday, April 27th, with representatives present from five of our active unions. Chesapeake City Union deserves credit for the active part it is taking to secure better living conditions in their town.

PEACE MESSAGE FROM FIRST LADY

W. Sterling Evans, of Elkton, who is a pigeon fancier, sent five homing pigeons to Washington last week to be released in the "campaign for peace." All of them returned late Wednesday evening with the following message bound to the leg of one of the birds: "Greetings and congratulations to the owner of this pigeon flying for peace upon the occasion of the launching of the Emergency Peace Campaign throughout the country. This is sent a message from the First Lady of the Land."

A notation said the pigeons were released from grounds of Washington Monument Wednesday by Dr. John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education. On the reverse side of the paper was printed Mrs. Roosevelt's peace message.

Short Paragraphs

The Elkton Odd Fellows will hold their annual carnival June 5 to 13. Parade night will be June 10.

The recent drive for funds made by the Chesapeake City Fire Company resulted in donations amounting to \$635.

The fishing season thus far this year is reported to have been very poor on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, owing to the continued cold weather.

The Machine Shop & Manufacturing Co. has been organized at Perryville, with C. N. Cooper at its head. The new concern will operate a large machine shop.

The Liquidating Trustees of the People's National Bank of Delta, Pa., have notified all holders of certificates of participation in a five per cent dividend.

Richard Sewell, colored, of Cecilton, has been sentenced to six months in the House of Correction by Magistrate Alderson for driving a car after his license had been revoked.

Elkton Chamber of Commerce will be represented at the convention of the National Chamber of Commerce, which meets in Washington in the month of June, by F. duPont Thompson.

Injured about the head and face in an auto accident, George Greininger, of Havre de Grace, was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, where it was found necessary to remove one of his eyes.

The Eastern Shore District Federation of Woman's Clubs will be held in the M. E. Church at Chesapeake City, May 7th. The Civic Club will be the hostess. Mrs. Frank Hadley, State President, will be the speaker.

Bernard Hitchens, of Elkton, was fined \$100 and costs by Magistrate Walter C. Miller on the charge of driving an auto while under the influence of liquor. In default of payment he was committed to jail for 45 days.

Officers elected by Calvert Ladies' Aid are: President, Mrs. Helen Foster; vice-president, Mrs. Florence Brown; secretary, Mrs. Winnie Tice; treasurer, Mrs. Eugenia Hall; parsonage committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds, Mrs. Iva McKinney.

Elkton Woman's Club has elected Mrs. John K. Birkley president; Mrs. Sidney H. Dixon, vice-president; Mrs. Robert D. Brown, 2nd vice-pres.; Mrs. Russell M. George, cor. sec.; Mrs. Gilbert Russell, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles H. Gatchell, treasurer.

STATE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT GETS ELK NECK FARM

Dr. William L. Abbott's 350-acre farm on the Elk River at Elk Neck, Md., originally bequeathed to the Wilmington Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, was finally willed to the State Forestry Department of Maryland. It was learned Friday when the will was filed for probate in Cecil County Orphans' Court. Dr. Abbott died on his farm in lower Elk Neck about three weeks ago.

A codicil was attached to the will a few months ago and directed that the farm go to the forestry service for park purposes or a state game preserve.

Scout officials say that Dr. Abbott wanted the farm converted into a forest reserve and the council did not have sufficient money to carry on this work. The codicil was added after the forestry department volunteered to make a state park of the farm.

Dr. Abbott was a hunter of big game, making numerous trips into tropical jungles. He gave collections of rare birds and beasts to both the Academy of Natural Science in Philadelphia and the National Museum in Washington. He also mapped uncharted waters in his schooner "Terrapin," manned by a Malay crew.

ELK RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

Cofonel Rex M. Ingham, Director of Public Relations, Alfred Tamargo of the Publicity Department and Chief Blow Snake of the Winnebago Nation, have returned to the new Elk River Indian Reservation located near Elkton on Route 40, after an extended trip through the Northwest. Returning with them were Indians from South Dakota, Oklahoma, Iowa, Kansas, and other states. The Indians are erecting summer homes on the reservation.

High School Senior Class Play

Presentation Well Received By Appreciative Audiences

Members of the Senior Class of Rising Sun High School presented their class play, "A Full House," in the school auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings last, before fair sized audiences.

The play was greatly enjoyed by everyone who witnessed its production, the members of the cast winning praise for themselves and their coach, Miss Eva Nutter, of the English Department, for the manner in which the interesting three-act sketch was given.

The plot centered around stolen jewels, and the story as it was unfolded by the young actors, was full of misunderstandings and funny situations.

Music was furnished by the Rising Sun Orchestra of eight pieces.

The cast: Parkes, an English servant, Paul Graybeal; Susie, from Sioux City, a maid, Mary Thomas; Ottily Howell, a bride, Jean Poist; Miss Winnecker, from Yonkers, the aunt, Ruth Little; Daphne Charters, Ottily's sister, Lorraine Johnson; Nicholas King, a stranger, Spencer Murphy; Ned Pembroke, Jr., an only son, Robert Benjamin; George Howell, a bridegroom, Alvin Lucas; Doherty, a police sergeant, Clifton Brown; Jim Mooney, a policeman, Alfred Gyles; Kearney, another Raymond Jugler; Mrs. Fleming, who owns the apartment, Hope Reynolds; Vera Vernon, a show girl, Helen Taylor; Mrs. Pembroke, from Boston, Neva Grason.

TOWN MEETING

The annual town meeting called for Tuesday evening, April 28, to hear the report of the town treasurer, make nominations for Commissioners for the ensuing year, and transact any other business relating to the affairs of the town of Rising Sun, was attended by but twelve citizens, and five of these were the board of commissioners.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1517.47 on hand, as of March 31, 1936.

Numerous questions relating to the sewer system were asked. The report showed construction work on the job probably about one half completed, pipes having been laid on West Main street, Wilson avenue, Cherry street and Queen street.

The improvement is a Public Works Project. Fifty-five per cent of the cost is financed by a Federal loan, and forty-five per cent by a \$20,000 twenty-year bond issue. To date the total expenditure of \$10,413.37 has been made.

The old board of Town Commissioners was renominated, which renders an election this year unnecessary. The commissioners are: J. T. Cameron, J. Earl Tyson, Walter M. Cameron, John C. Hindman, Edwin L. Haines.

BI-STATE LEAGUE OPENS

The opening games in the Bi-State Base Ball League were played on Sunday, April 26. The Havre de Grace-Perryville game, at Havre de Grace resulted in favor of Perryville by a score of 3 to 2. The Perryville team is under the management of Taylor R. Biles, of this town, and has a number of Rising Sun boys in its lineup.

At Bel Air, the Aberdeen-Bel Air team took the Providence, Cecil County, boys into camp by a score of 6 to 4.

The Elkton-Newark game resulted in a slaughter of the county seaters by the top-heavy score of Newark 17, Elkton 0.

Schedule for May 2: Havre de Grace at Elkton; Newark at Providence; Aberdeen-Bel Air at Perryville.

May 3—Elkton at Havre de Grace; Providence at Newark; Perryville at Aberdeen.

BUILDING GARAGE AND SHOP

Calvin Reynolds is tearing down the large barn on the rear of his property on Cherry street, and replacing it with a smaller structure that will be used as a garage and work shop.

The pre-primary registration in the Sixth district was very light, but 21 new names being added to the list. Of these sixteen were Republicans and five Democrats.

The total registration in the Sixth district is now 1412 voters.

Fire Destroys Barn On Hammer Farm

Structure And Contents Are Burned--Livestock Saved

The Rising Sun firemen were called to the Margaret E. Hammer farm, east of Calvert, about eleven o'clock Thursday morning, where fire had broken out in the large barn on the property.

The blaze was first discovered in one of the hay mows. A fodder cutter was in operation, blowing the cut product through a long conveyor into the mow. The theory is advanced that a nail going through the machine may have caused a spark, starting the fire.

The flames spread with great rapidity, the barn being doomed before the arrival of the firemen with equipment, and the firemen devoted their efforts toward preventing spread of the flames to other farm buildings.

Forty head of cattle and horses in the barn were released and driven to safety, but all the fodder, hay, grain, together with farm implements, were lost.

Adjoining the barn was a newly constructed milk house which was destroyed including a new \$500 electric milk cooling machine. The barn is insured with the Farmers and Mechanics Mutual Insurance Company at Zion.

The property is known as the John M. Clayton farm, and was purchased by the Hammers several years ago.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RECTOR

Memorial service to the late Rev. E. K. Miller, who was rector at St. Mary's, North East, from 1877 to 1894, were held Sunday, April 26.

During his seventeen years service as Rector of St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Mr. Miller baptized nine hundred and twenty-five Cecil children and performed the marriage ceremony for several hundred couples.

Mr. Miller was a volunteer and joined the Northern forces during the war between the States, leaving college at the age of 13 years to serve his country. He was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg, and was left on the field because his case was considered beyond help. The next day he was sent to a hospital in Annapolis. By the time he had fully recovered his health, he had prepared himself for the ministry, and was ordained. He returned to the service as a Chaplain and was with the army of occupation in New Orleans.

One of the treasured possessions of St. Mary's Church, a communion service set bearing the date of 1716, was used in the communion service Sunday and a Bible printed in London in 1717, for many years a possession of the church, was also used in the service.

CECIL COUNTY LICENSE BOARD

At the session of the License Commissioners for Cecil County, last week, Millard O. Ayers, near Rising Sun, was granted Beer and Wine license in place of the former beer license; Lillian B. Spratt was granted license in removal to another building at Luton's Corner; the application of Donald P. Groff, at Conowingo, was postponed a week on account of an irregularity.

The application of Paul W. Burke for a license at the premises near Appleton where the license of Frank Truhlar was revoked, was refused, it being within the discretion of the Board to refuse to grant license at any property where a former license had been revoked.

FARMER KICKED BY HORSE

Arthur Divers, a Harford county farmer, of near Webster, was seriously injured on Saturday by one of his horses kicking him on top of the head. Mr. Divers had unhitched the animal from the plow and was preparing to take it to the stable, when the horse became frightened and kicked, striking the man on the head and arm. The cut in Mr. Divers' head required several stitches to close.

INSTALLS DEISEL ENGINE

The Cecil County Milling Company, of this town, has just installed a crude oil burning 88-horsepower Deisel engine, to furnish power for cutting and grinding. Heretofore the entire mill was run by electric power, and the Deisel engine was installed in order to cut down the heavy electric load carried by the mill.

Personal And Social

Miss Vernice Parsons spent Saturday-Sunday with friends in Elkton.

Mrs. John A. Barker, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Hindman, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell, of Oxford, spent Sunday with Mrs. Rachel Campbell and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson K. Patten and children, of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of Mrs. H. B. Patten.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Kelsey and Mrs. Rosalie Mundy, of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Dare, of Alexandria, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Dare's brother, Ralph T. Wilson and family, Maple Lawn, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Humphreys, Jr., of Merchantville, N. J., announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Marguerite L. Humphreys, to Mr. George McQuilkin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George McQuilkin, of Merchantville, on Thursday, April 16, in the Grace Episcopal Church, Merchantville. Upon their return from a wedding trip, Mr. McQuilkin and his bride will make their home in Clarendon, Virginia.

Miss Emma Virginia Wilson, of Lansdale, Pa., elder daughter of Walter G. and the late Emma Roberts Wilson, formerly of Collingswood, N. J., and Horace L. Poley, of Limerick, Pa., were united in marriage in the M. E. church at North East, by Rev. R. W. Campbell, on Saturday afternoon, April 18, at four o'clock.

Miss Alice Poley, sister of the groom, presided at the organ, and the attendants were Miss Anna C. Wilson, sister of the bride, and Edward Poley, brother of the groom. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and the ring ceremony was used.

AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Thirty young men and women who will graduate from their high schools in June have been awarded open scholarships by Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, according to an announcement by Dr. Parke R. Kolbe, President of Drexel Institute.

Thirteen of the scholarships, awarded by action of the Board of Trustees of Drexel Institute on a competitive basis to those who rank highest in scholastic ability, character and leadership, go this year to graduates of the Philadelphia High Schools. Eight of the scholarships go to graduates of schools in the metropolitan area, while nine others have been awarded to seniors in high schools elsewhere.

The scholarships, which provide for tuition for two years and are awarded annually, are in the Schools of Engineering, Business Administration, and Home Economics at Drexel.

Among the winners outside of Philadelphia was Margaret K. Deaver, of Peach Bottom, Pa., graduate of Friends' Central School; School of Home Economics.

Anne Carver of Perryville, a member of the Campus Dramatic Society, University of Maryland, College Park, will take part in "The Tavern," which will be presented at the University of Maryland on May 13, 14, and 15.

Anne, who is the daughter of Nelson H. Carver, will play the role of the wife of Governor Lamson. Although, this is her first major part in a footlight club production, Anne has been active in dramatic work while at the university. She is a Sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences.

MET INSTANT DEATH

Kenneth Walker Fry, aged 23 years, was instantly killed April 1st, by contact with an electric wire while working for the Dundee Telephone Co., Wayne, New York. Mr. Fry was the only child of Roy J. and Eunice Walker Fry, and a nephew of C. C. Walker, former principal of West Nottingham Academy. Mrs. Fry, mother of the deceased, was a member of the class of 1907 at the Academy.

CECIL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Board of Education for Cecil County, has announced that there will be 213 graduates from the various high schools in Cecil County at the annual commencements to be held on Thursday, June 11. The number is slightly larger than last year.

New Castle Presbytery Meets

Delegates Elected To Attend The General Assembly

The Rev. William H. Leishman and the Rev. Albert E. Thomas were elected ministerial commissioners to the Presbyterian General Assembly at Syracuse, N. Y., May 28 to June 2, Tuesday, April 21, in the concluding session of the spring meeting of New Castle Presbytery in First Presbyterian Church, Newark, Del.

Mr. Leishman is stated clerk, and pastor of Presbyterian church at Lewes. Mr. Thomas is pastor of Elkton Presbyterian church.

Ministerial alternates elected were: The Rev. Clyde E. Rickabaugh of near Newark, first alternate, and the Rev. I. Marshal Page of Buckingham Church, Berlin, Md., second alternate.

John P. Chandler of Lower Brandywine Church and John S. Brokaw of Westminster Church, Wilmington, were elected elder commissioners to the General Assembly. Elders elected alternates were: Charles Morris, Zion Church, North East, Md., first alternate, and Dr. Arthur Patterson, First Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, second alternate.

Plans for a memorial to Francis Makemie, pioneer of Presbyterianism on the eastern shore and in Virginia, presented by the Rev. Harman Bischoff, Rehoboth pastor, were approved by Presbytery.

The Rev. Harley B. Kline, pastor of Greenhill Church, near Wilmington, and secretary of the special judicial commission, presented a bill for \$228.20 for court stenographer costs at the trial of the Rev. Harold S. Laird. Presbytery voted to refer the bill, with power to pay, to a special financial committee to be appointed by Moderator John Herrick Darling.

MARYLAND EDUCATORS IN PARLEY ON BUSINESS STUDY

Commercial teachers, high school principals, and county school superintendents from Harford, Cecil, Kent, Talbot, and Caroline counties, were in a conference held in the high school at Chestertown on Thursday to discuss a proposed revision of commercial courses in the state high schools to make them more practical and to conform with demands of modern business methods.

Dr. E. Clark Fontaine, state supervisor of high schools for the Eastern Shore area gave a summary of a recent conference held in Baltimore by the State Board of Education.

Commercial teachers of the five counties who discussed the advisability of revising the courses were Miss Margaret Blandford, Bel Air; Miss Lola W. Willoughby, Denton; Miss Margaret Reddie, St. Michaels; Mrs. Elsie Benton, Miss Clara Mason, Easton; Prof. John W. Martin, Chestertown. High school principals who took part were: Benjamin S. Carroll, Easton; Wilbur J. Stenger, Chestertown; Earle T. Hawkins, Bel Air; W. K. Cummings, Denton; William C. Fink, St. Michaels; Guy Johnson, Elkton. County school superintendents attending were: C. Milton Wright, Harford; Benjamin C. Willis, Caroline; J. Willard Davis, Talbot; Louis C. Robinson, Kent; Edwin C. Fockler, acting head of Cecil County schools.

COLORED MEN IN DRUNKEN BRAWL

In a free for all fight at Cecilton, on the night of April 20, several colored men were seriously injured. One man, Russell Fields, alleged to have been shot by William Coates, was taken to Union Hospital, Elkton.

Sheriff Eugene Racine arrested Richard Carleton, James Harris, Norman Wilson, Wesley Garrison and Wilbur Wilson, all colored, and they are held in jail pending the outcome of Fields' injuries.

Edward Harris was cut in the throat and was also taken to the hospital. Carleton was stabbed in the chest and several of the others were treated for cuts and other injuries.

SPEAKING DATE CANCELLED

Because of his official duties which will detain him in Washington, Hon. George L. Radcliffe, United States Senator from Maryland, will be unable to keep his engagement to speak at The Tome Institute, Port Deposit, Friday night, May 1st.

This is to be regretted but we hope to have the pleasure of hearing him sometime in the near future.