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## September Term Of Circuit Court

### Grand Jury Scores Liquor Law Violators--Rigid Enforcement Is Urged

The Grand Jury completed its labors on Thursday afternoon, and was discharged, after submitting the following report:

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Circuit Court for Cecil County:

We, the Grand Jurors of the September Term, 1936, of the Circuit Court for Cecil County, having completed the work brought before us, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined 7 Constables, 99 Witnesses and found 25 Presentments, 25 True Bills and ignored 13 cases.

A committee appointed to visit the Alms House, composed of Mr. J. Edward Crothers, Mr. Norman R. Touchston, Mr. Fred P. Connelly and Mr. Hugh S. Shoff, have made the following report and wish to commend Mr. Crouch, the over-seeer and his family for the condition of the building and premises. There were 26 inmates, namely, 18 white males, 2 colored males, 5 white females and 1 colored female.

The live stock, supplies and implements on the farm are as follows:

8 cows, 2 heifers, 3 horses, 16 hogs, 15 shoats, 9 pigs, 100 chickens, 19 turkeys, 35 ducks, 100 bushel potatoes, 2 barrel of fish, 1 barrel of molasses, 175 bushel oats, 100 bushel wheat in barn, 22 acres of corn in shock, 6 tons of hay, 20 tons straw, 1 tractor, 1 set tractor plows, 1 binder, 1 drill, 1 corn planter, 1 mowing machine, 1 side delivery rake, 1 hay loader, 1 double disc, 1 spring tooth harrow, 1 roller, 1 sulky plow, 1 horse plow, 1 farm wagon, 1 seed sower, 1 feed mill, 1 grain fan, 1 corn sheller, 3 sets harness, 1 wood saw, 40 tons of coal.

The Jury in a body inspected the County Jail and Sheriff's Office and found 30 prisoners, namely 18 white males and 12 colored males. The condition of the Jail and residence clean and sanitary.

The Grand Jury recommends some new mattresses and bed clothing be purchased and that the necessary plumbing be done to take care of the water which has been draining in the back yard from the scrubbing of the floors.

It has been brought to the attention of this Jury that there is much flagrant violation of the law by a number of holders of beer, wine and liquor licenses. Sales of liquor are being made on Sunday. Package liquor is being sold by hotels to other than occupants of rooms. The legal closing hours are being ignored. Sales have been made to minors, and in spite of warnings made by the State's Attorney such violations are continued unchecked. This Jury recommends to the Sheriff and other officials and officers charged with the enforcement of the law that evidence be secured against these offenders as promptly as possible.

We further recommend that upon the securing of this evidence that the State's Attorney request the Court to recall the Grand Jury to hear and sit upon the same.

We wish to thank the Court, the State's Attorney and the Sheriff for the courtesies extended to this body, and having completed our deliberations regarding all matters brought to our attention, we request to be excused.

Robert J. McCauley,  
Secretary.

W. D. Bratton,  
Foreman.

The appeal case of Walter H. Starkey, of Farmington, fined by Police Justice Geo. L. Ewing, \$100 for drunken driving, was tried before a jury and the verdict of guilty sustained, as was that in the appeal case of Chester Russell, of North East, who had been fined by Magistrate Rawson for drunken driving and other charges.

The appeal of the Town of Elkton vs. Edward Minor in the Marriage Sign case was heard before the Court and decision reserved.

The case was appealed from the decision of Justice of the Peace Walter Miller, who held that the town ordinance regulating the erection of signs in the matter of ministerial services was unconstitutional.

In the appeal case of Edgar Brady, colored, of Chesapeake City, charged with conducting a disorderly house, the Court found Brady guilty and sentenced him to three months in the House of Correction. A suspended

## Short Paragraphs

Gifford Scarborough, of Elkton, has been appointed as a CCC Educational Adviser.

Mrs. H. M. Wilson met with painful injuries by a fall down the steps at her home on West Main Street.

Thirty-six new names were added to the registration list in the Sixth District on Tuesday. The party affiliation was about equally divided.

The rear wheels and tires were stolen from a truck belonging to Vernon Delp, farmer, of near New Texas, Lancaster county, one night last week.

The Midland Journal is indebted to Mrs. M. F. Johnson for a beautiful bouquet of marigolds and cockscomb which now graces ye editor's desk.

Winter is giving advance warning. A light frost is reported in some low lying sections on Thursday morning. The reds and yellows of autumn are creeping into the leaves.

William J. Wilson has closed his fish market at Port Deposit for the season, and reports it the poorest year he has experienced for forty years. Few shad, herring or rock fish were caught, and the pack of salted fish small.

Rev. David S. Crumley, Jr., rector of All Saints' Reformed Church, Manoa, Pa., extended a call to Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Havre de Grace, will assume his new duties on October 15, and occupy the pulpit on Sunday, October 18.

George Brown, 81 years old, of upper Cecil County, has been removed to Havre de Grace Hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain and a possible fractured skull sustained by falling from a load of wood. His condition is quite serious.

Wilbert and Edmond Howery, formerly of Cecil county, were convicted in United States District Court, Baltimore, of operating a still in Queen Anne county. Judge W. Calvin Chestnut, imposed a fine of \$500 and costs and two years in the penitentiary, on each.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. G. Clinton Logan on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 2:00 p. m. Devotional Leader, Mrs. F. P. Keppel; Program Leader, Mrs. C. S. Pyle. A full attendance is desired at this meeting to make final plans for State Convention on October 20, 21 and 22.

**BURNED TO DEATH IN HIS HOME**  
The small dwelling of Benjamin Quam, at Swan Creek, Harford county, was destroyed by fire on the night of Sept. 21. Firemen from Aberdeen were called but were unable to save the small frame structure. The body of the unfortunate man was discovered in the ruins. The origin of the fire is not known.

**FRIENDS MEMORIAL MEETING**  
The annual Memorial Meeting of Friends will be held at West Nottingham Meeting House on Sunday 10th Mo. 4th at 2 p. m. Bliss Forbush, of Baltimore is the speaker. Everybody welcome.

sentence was given Brady's wife but imposed the cost of the case on her.

Frank C. Nash, formerly of near Childs, now of Baltimore, worked with assault on a welfare worker, plead guilty and was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction.

In the case of State vs. Arthur Murphy, of Elkton, charged with bastardy, the accused pleaded guilty. The Court ordered him to pay to Dolly Harrison, the sum of \$10 monthly until the child arrives at the age of 14 years; also ordered to pay for the medical attention.

The Court reversed the decision of Magistrate Miller, of Elkton, who had ruled that the law requiring a double set of Judges and Clerks be appointed for elections held in Cecil county, was unconstitutional.

The decision of the Court upholds the law.

Herbert M. Dean, 25, of North East, was convicted Tuesday of attempted attack and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Dean's case was heard before a Circuit Court jury, with Judge Thomas Keating and J. Owen Knott on the bench. Judge Knott imposed sentence.

Dean was charged with having attacked a 13-year-old girl. The jury's verdict, however, was that he was guilty of attempted attack.

## Old Covered Bridge To Be Retained

The city of Salisbury would like to have one of the four remaining covered bridges in this county but the Cecil County Commissioners are disinclined to give it up.

The bridge is over Northeast Creek, near Bay View. A new span of modern steel and concrete has been constructed and Salisbury asked the State Roads Commission how much it would cost to buy the bridge and erect it in the Salisbury municipal park. The contractors' estimate of the cost was relayed to Salisbury.

Meanwhile, the Cecil County Commissioners, who own the bridge, decided not to sell it. They asked that the new bridge be placed on a new site and the road relocated, leaving the present 75-year-old span where it is.

The decision to hold the bridge focused attention on the few left in Maryland. Cecil county has another one, on the Farmington road, and there are two smaller ones on the Blue Ball-Leeds road. There is also one near Jerusalem and another near Kingsville, in Baltimore and Harford counties. Of the others which once dotted the Maryland road map, many were eliminated by new structures in the early 1920's.

W. C. Hopkins, bridge engineer of the State Roads Commission, said that seven or eight were removed during 1921 and 1922 in Frederick and Washington counties.

Hopkins said the bridges usually were built of first-quality white pine. Some of them were long spans—the one at Bay View is 100 feet long and had a 12-foot roadway. The narrow roadway makes them unsuitable for present-day traffic and they are not strong enough to carry heavy highway loads. If the roadway is widened, the flooring makes a load too great to be borne by the span without making it too large.

The exact age of the Bay View bridge was unknown, but a Union soldier scratched his name and the name of his company on the inside of the bridge, with a date in the 1860's. Hopkins said there were reports in the county that it was built about 1855.

**REPUBLICANS PLAN RALLY AT RISING SUN**

A Republican Mass Meeting is planned for Rising Sun on the evening of Wednesday, October 14, at 7:30 o'clock, in the interest of Landon and Knox, presidential and vice-presidential standard bearers, and Senator Lloyd, candidate for Congress from the First Maryland District.

The speakers include such distinguished men as Governor Nice, former U. S. Senator France and others, as will be seen by the display advertisement published on the last page of this issue.

The North East and Elkton Bands will be present to help enliven the occasion. A special invitation is extended to the ladies to attend the meeting, which will be held in the public hall.

**TRUCK AND MERCHANDISE DESTROYED**

A large tractor-trailer truck, loaded with buttons, hosiery, underwear and notions was destroyed by fire, together with its cargo near Bel Air. Bel Air and Aberdeen firemen were called but arrived too late to save anything. The truck belonged to the Horton Line Company and was enroute from New York to North Carolina.

**BOY KILLED RABBIT WITH STONE**

Game laws are not intended to cover killing of a rabbit by a stone thrown by a boy, Judge Walter W. Preston of Harford County Court ruled in reversing a \$25 fine imposed on Blain Plummer by a magistrate. Judge Preston said such killing was an accident.

**PURCHASE SHORE PROPERTY**

J. B. Eliason, of Wilmington, has purchased the Rose Hill estate of 400 acres on the Sassafras River through O. B. Burrell of Earleville.

John Martin of Philadelphia, is reported to have bought the Thomas Cruikshank estate of 405 acres, known as Bloomingdale on the Sassafras River. It is said more than 1,800 acres of waterfront properties on the river has been sold to wealthy purchasers during the summer.

## Rally Of Democratic Women's Clubs

October 8 has been selected as the date for an all-day rally of the United Democratic Women's Clubs of Maryland, in Baltimore.

The high spots of the day will be an address by Miss Henrietta Additon and Mrs. Arthur J. White who are coming from New York Headquarters with helpful ideas and suggestions for the advancement of the campaign among the women. Mrs. White is from New Jersey, a graduate of Vassar, a forceful speaker and an able organizer. Last spring she was selected as permanent Chairman of the New Jersey Democratic State Convention. Miss Additon was for some years deputy police commissioner of New York City and is one of the outstanding women of the country in this field. She is from Georgia, and likewise is a splendid speaker. She may remain in Maryland for several days, working in cooperation with our women in their active campaign for the re-election of President Roosevelt. Both of these women will have worth-while and helpful messages for our women.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Marian Bannister, Assistant Registrar of the U. S. Treasury. Mrs. Bannister is a Virginian and a sister of Senator Carter Glass of that State. When she was appointed to her present position by President Roosevelt, she became the first woman to hold that job. Through her office passes all the money that the Federal Government possesses. With the Treasurer, she is in immediate charge of seven divisions of the Treasury Department, and directs 1500 women workers. She is an extremely interesting speaker, writer and newspaper woman, and her first visit to us is being anticipated with keen interest.

The other speakers will be Senator Tydings, Senator Radcliffe, the six Democratic Congressmen, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Meneff, National Committee-woman and other prominent Marylanders.

Dancing will follow to start promptly at ten o'clock.

**BE SURE AND REGISTER**

There is only one registration day left, Tuesday, Oct. 6. October 13 is revision day only.

All persons who will arrive at the age of twenty-one on or before election day, and who have never registered, are qualified to register on October 6, provided they are citizens of the State of Maryland and have resided in Cecil county for six months.

A newcomer to Cecil county, if he has voted in any other county in the State, must get a transfer from the Supervisors of Election there.

New citizens from other states must declare their intention of becoming citizens of this state one year prior to the time they can register. They can declare their intentions at the registration offices.

**REPUBLICAN VICE - PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN BALTIMORE**

Arrangements are being completed for the appearance in Baltimore of Colonel Frank Knox, Republican Vice-Presidential nominee, on the night of Thursday, October 8, at the Lyric Theatre, William P. Lawson, State Chairman of the Republican Party announces.

The special train carrying Colonel Knox and his party will arrive at 5:45 o'clock in Baltimore.

The Vice-Presidential nominee will be escorted to the Lord Baltimore Hotel, where a private dinner will be given in his honor and where he will meet various heads of the Republican Party until time to arrive at the Lyric Theatre at 8 o'clock.

A special program will be given between 8 and 9 o'clock, when Colonel Knox is scheduled to go on the air for an hour over the Baltimore Station of WFBR.

**SURPRISED ON GOLDEN WEDDING**

Thursday, Sept. 24, was the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Grason. In celebration of the notable anniversary, their daughter, Miss Verna Grason arranged a surprise, in the form of a family reunion and dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Malvin Grason and children were guests who helped observe the happy event.

Nearly every time man displays his temper he loses it.

## Personal And Social

Mrs. Mary Cherry is visiting Miss Agnes Cherry, Germantown, Pa.

Mrs. Benjamin Briscoe visited her aunt, Mrs. James Patterson, Aikin, the past week.

Miss M. Liddle Stewart entertained her niece, Miss Mary Gramling, of Philadelphia, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morrison, of Philadelphia, were visitors last week of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Terry.

The members of the Komrade Klub were entertained Thursday evening by Mrs. Norris J. Reynolds.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Vanneman and daughters, Princeton, N. J., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines.

Caroline Bird had as her guests to help her celebrate her tenth birthday Isabel and Virginia Little, Mary Sprinkle and Ada Reed.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Mary E. Baldwin, of Port Deposit, and Harry W. Jones, of Havre de Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Alver C. Reynolds, Indianapolis, Ind., were visitors the past week of Misses Mary and Stella Reynolds and Mrs. A. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hartenstine, of Principio Furnace, were week-end visitors of Rising Sun relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Hartenstine had just returned from an extended tour to the Pacific coast and Mexico.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Marjorie Kane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Kane, of Chesapeake City, to Marion S. Roberts, of Newark, Del. The wedding will take place in November.

A family birthday dinner was enjoyed Sunday, Sept. 20, at the home of W. K. Bird, Harrisville. Guests included Mrs. Ira Craig, Oxford, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Forest Baker and members of the Bird family. The dinner was in celebration of five birthdays of members of the family that occurred during the month.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Eudora Sheridan, of Easton, Md., to Benjamin R. Fogue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Fogue, of this town, on Saturday, October 10.

Miss Sheridan has taught for a number of years in the Elementary School here, tendering her resignation this year.

**WEDDINGS**

**KATZ—SWEET**  
Miss Betty Sweet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sweet, of North East, was united in marriage to H. Deats Katz, of Lynchburg, Va., at Washington, D. C., Episcopal Cathedral, on Monday, Sept. 21, at noon, by the Rev. Mr. Peters. The bride was given in marriage by her father and only the immediate family attended the service. After a wedding trip to Moosehead Lake, Maine, the couple will reside at Lynchburg, where the groom is connected with the Heald Paper Company.

**CONLEY—SIMPERS**  
Miss Edith B. Simperts, of Perry Point, became the bride of Mr. William J. Conley, of Wilmington, on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the home of Rev. Jeffers, Philadelphia.

The bride's only attendant was Miss Elizabeth Shouck, of Perry Point. Mr. Willard Schaffer, of Wilmington, acted as the groom's best man.

The bride was attired in a white lace dress with accessories to match and carried white roses and gardenias. Her attendant wore brown lace with accessories to match and carried yellow roses.

After a wedding trip through the New England States Mr. and Mrs. Conley will reside at Perry Point.

**SCHOOL BOYS HURT PLAYING BALL**

Colliding in running to catch a fly ball, while playing on the school grounds at Rising Sun, on Monday afternoon, Marlin Zimmerman, young son of the principal, and Ralph Underwood, another school boy suffered painful injuries. The Underwood boy, although pretty well shaken up, was not very badly hurt. The services of a physician were required to attend "Sonny," who it was at first feared had suffered concussion of the brain. However, he has greatly improved, but has a painful injury of the shoulder and an X-ray will be taken to determine the extent of the injury.

## Survey Of Condition Of County Jails

### Welfare Board Prober Gives Report On 23 County Institutions

Howard C. Hill, who recently completed an inspection of the twenty-three county jails of the State, reported to the State Board of Welfare that he found a number of "empty whiskey and gin bottles" in a cell of the Worcester County Jail at Snow Hill.

He also reported that there was insufficient segregation of male and female prisoners in the Worcester jail, as was the case in several others. The report was made public Saturday.

In the case of the Harford County Jail, at Bel Air, Mr. Hill, who is the inspector for the board, noted that a hole in the floor of the women's quarters had been "plugged with broken glass to shut off rats."

The report to Charles J. Butler, chairman of the Board of Welfare, pointed out that a new jail is being constructed at Salisbury, in Wicomico county, and that it will be a first-class institution.

He continued, however, that "there are still some of the jails which call for substantial correction of faults and a few others which are totally unfit."

The strongest language used in the report on any county jail was that applied to the Snow Hill institution where Ernest West, sheriff of Worcester county is in charge. Of this institution the report says: "There is little to be said about his jail except to call attention to previous reports as to its unsuitability and its dilapidated condition. In one cell, this time, there was found a pasteboard carton containing about twenty to twenty-five empty whiskey and gin bottles."

"No improvements have been made in respect to the various shortcomings reported from year to year, and the jail must be classed in the most unsatisfactory group."

These county jails which received a Class A rating were: Baltimore, Allegany, Montgomery, Washington, Dorchester, Prince George's, Garrett and Wicomico.

Class B—Frederick, Anne Arundel, Talbot, Harford, Carroll.

Class C—Charles, Howard, Caroline, St. Mary's, Queen Anne's.

Class D—Somerset, Kent, Cecil, Calvert, Worcester.

At the time of the inspection there were 454 prisoners in the twenty-three county jails of the State. Some of these were serving short sentences while the remainder were awaiting trial.

Of the Cecil county jail, at Elkton, Mr. Hill says: "Eugene Racine, Sheriff: Improvements in the cleaning and feeding and in the use of the jail yard for exercise, not noted last year, were being continued. These help to offset some of the faults of this old and generally unsatisfactory jail. There is almost a total absence of segregation; inadequate beds, bathing and toilet facilities, and poor ventilation in the cell rooms."

**DELAY IN PHILADELPHIA ROAD WORK**

Declaring it would be impossible to complete the surfacing of the new Baltimore-Philadelphia road by the first of the year as had been predicted, Nathan L. Smith, chief engineer of the State Roads Commission, said he expected the new dual highway would be available to motorists about June 1.

The delay, he explained, was caused by a number of surveys necessary to determine the degree of stabilization to fill in the marshes along the route. Now that these surveys have been completed, the surfacing work is proceeding rapidly, he said, but will be halted with the arrival of winter weather.

Grading of the entire new Philadelphia road route from the city line to Havre de Grace has been completed and only the surfacing remains to be done.

**WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

The Women's Democratic Club of Cecil County has been organized with the following officers: Mrs. Robert Mackey, of Fourth district, chairman; Mrs. Mercer Terrell, Elkton, secretary, and Mrs. Bertha Phillips, Elkton, treasurer. District chairmen are: Mrs. Louis Taylor, Oakwood; Mrs. Eleanor Jenness Moore, Rising Sun; Mrs. William Henry, Charlestown, and Mrs. Lewis Senftman, Port Deposit.