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County School Board In Session

Driveway Ordered Closed--Officials To Attend Convention In St. Louis

The Cecil County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13th. Those present were Mr. J. E. Crothers, President; Mrs. Wallace Williams, Vice-President; and Dr. T. B. Moore.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 9th were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

A letter was received from Miss Mary Emily Clark, Principal of the Cecil High School, inquiring whether or not the school name had ever been changed from George Biddle to Cecilton. Since this change had not been made and since the new school was now being occupied, the Board decided to officially change the name of the Cecilton school from George Biddle High to Cecilton school.

A letter was received from the Mount Faucon Post No. 482, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. O. N. Harkins, Post Adjutant, asking permission to hold regular meetings of the Post in the Perryville High School. The Superintendent was instructed to get further information concerning this request.

A letter was received from Malone & Williams, Architects, expressing their appreciation and thanks to the Board for the privilege of serving as Architects on the new school recently completed in the County.

The Boy Scouts of the County were given permission to use the various buildings for their meetings without any charge being made other than the fee they might arrange to pay the janitors.

A letter was received from Mr. George J. Balog, Secretary of the North East Parent-Teachers Association, calling the attention of the Board to the fact that the school driveways are being used as a public thoroughfare. This condition could be remedied, it was stated, if the Wallace Avenue entrance at the lower end of the playground could be closed. After some discussion this was approved by the Board.

A delegation of patrons from the Warwick district, Mr. Richard D. Aiken, spokesman, came before the Board with the request that transportation be furnished from the Church Road section to Warwick. The Board agreed to consider this request when the budget is prepared for the next school year.

The Superintendent reported that the one-room schools of the County were being fitted up with good second-hand desks, replacing much old and dilapidated furniture.

The Superintendent reported that the new buses of Mrs. Mary M. Mearns and Mr. John M. Lilley had been received and were in use.

The Superintendent reported that he had received prices covering the installation of wire screens over the auditorium windows of the Perryville, Chesapeake City and Cecilton schools. After some discussion, the Board decided to have these screens installed by the Enterprise Wire and Iron Works, Baltimore, Maryland, at their bid of \$895.00.

The Superintendent also reported that he had received prices on draperies to cover the windows in the above mentioned auditoriums and also the windows of the other school auditoriums in the county. Since one bidder had not submitted prices on all schools, the Board decided to secure from this bidder a price covering the installation of draperies in all schools before making any decision in the matter.

The Board granted Dr. Moore and the Superintendent permission to attend the Convention of School Administrators in St. Louis from February 24th to the 29th.

The Board then adjourned.

Autos Collide In Storm

During the blinding snow storm on Wednesday evening, an auto driven by Peter Hassen, of Principio, and one occupied by Mrs. Mary Absher and sister, Miss Margaret Tyson, of Rising Sun, collided on the roadway in front of the George Cox home, near Rising Sun. Both machines were badly damaged. Mrs. Absher was injured about the head and Miss Margaret Tyson cut on the forehead and injured about the back. The driver of the other car escaped injury.

Real Estate Sale

Wheeler & Grier, Realtors, have sold for S. E. Ayers, a tract of land at the corner of the Dual Highway and Middle River Road, Whitmarsh, Maryland, to Irvin F. Hawkins, Whitmarsh, who will erect a large Tourist Camp and Restaurant on the property.

Briefly Noted News

R. Delbert Aiken, of Warwick, has been appointed bailiff for Cecil Circuit Court, to succeed W. Palmer McFadden, deceased.

Mrs. Joseph B. Dickerson has been substituting for Mr. George Prettyman at the High School here, during his illness for the past two weeks.

The Chinese checkers party held at the home of Mrs. Francis Kennard, for the benefit of the Westminster Guild, netted the sum of \$18.00.

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Mid-Winter Debate

Friday evening, February 23, the Debating Club of West Nottingham Academy, Colors, Maryland, will hold its fourth annual Mid-Winter Debate.

This year the two teams which represent the two divisions of the school, the Maroons and Whites, will debate the topic: "Resolved, That the Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads."

The affirmative team, coached by Mr. Francis C. Lindaman of Gettysburg College, head of the German and French departments, consists of: George Funk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Funk, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Richard Randall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Randall, Cambridge, Ohio; George Mooney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mooney, Bellaire, Ohio; Richard Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Alexander, Laurel Springs, New Jersey.

The negative team is coached by Mr. George E. Stetson, assistant headmaster at the Academy. The members are: Frank Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Evans, Elkton, Maryland; Vance Mitchell, son of Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Mitchell, West Somerville, Massachusetts; Gwilym Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gwilym Price, Carnegie, Pa.; Samuel DeBlasis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick DeBlasis, Bellaire, Ohio.

Heretofore the Whites coached by Mr. Stetson have won all three debates. The topics debated include: "Resolved, That all Electric Utilities Should be Governmentally Owned and Operated"; "Resolved, That the Several States Should Adopt the Unicameral Form of Legislature"; and "Resolved, That the United States Should Establish an Alliance with Great Britain."

Urges Special Legislative Session

State Senator Wilmer F. Davis, (Rep.) of Caroline County has proposed to the Maryland Legislative Council that a special session of the Maryland General Assembly be held to empower the State Roads Commission to speed up the acquisition of rights of way on various road projects without the tedious process of condemnation.

Ezra B. Whitman, chairman of the State Roads Commission, placed first among his recommendations to the council the request for more power in dealing with property owners in the acquisition of rights of way.

Ordinarily, the council members agreed, it would suffice to await the next regular session of the Legislature--next January--to pass the proper enabling legislation, but, in the event a constitutional amendment is necessary, that could not be voted upon until the general election of 1942.

Committeeman Resigns

J. Mercer Terrell, of Elkton, who has been a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for the past six years, has resigned. His succession will be chosen by the other members of the committee.

Award For Filling Station Property

Proprietor Gets \$27,500 For Road Right Of Way

One of the largest awards made in the condemnation suits heard in the campaign of the State Roads Commission to acquire rights of way for the new dual highway went to William S. Whitlock, owner of a filling station, a diner and about an acre of ground. The verdict was \$27,500 for the defendant.

The property is on the outskirts of Elkton and forms an important link in the road construction plans between the Susquehanna River and the Delaware State line near Glasgow, Del. Most of the rights of way for the last link in the dual road have been obtained.

Support Safety Program

Thirteen outstanding Educational, Fraternal, Civic and Service organizations in Cecil County have pledged their support to Governor Herbert R. O'Connor's Safety program. This week these thirteen groups adopted Resolutions which were mailed to the Maryland Traffic Committee in Annapolis.

They are--Tome Institute, Port Deposit; Rising Sun Parent-Teachers Association at Rising Sun; Chesapeake City Parent-Teachers, Chesapeake City; Mattahoon Tribe No. 118 J. O. U. A. M., Elkton; Little Elk Tribe, No. 50, Cherry Hill; Little Elk Council, No. 40, Cherry Hill; Cherry Hill Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., Elkton, Md.; Cherry Hill Council, Sr., No. 19, O. U. A. M., Cherry Hill; Elkton Council, No. 22, Jr., O. U. A. M.; Bohemia Lodge, I. O. O. F., Chesapeake City; Charlestown Home-makers Club, Charlestown; Water Witch Fire Company, Port Deposit; Chesapeake Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, at Chesapeake City.

D. A. R. Dedicates Grove

At the February meeting of the Head of Elk Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, held at the home of Mrs. H. Arthur Cantwell, North East, Mrs. Cantwell was appointed delegate to the National Congress, and Mrs. Wirt Lynch, Miss Mollie Howard Ash and Mrs. Charles Day were named alternates. At the conclusion of the business session a bronze marker was presented in dedication of a grove of penny pines, to be planted in Elk Neck Park, by the Maryland State Society, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the National Society in honor of Mrs. Henry M. Roberts, president general. A program of entertainment was carried out. A number of the members of the CCC Camp, Elk Neck, were present by special invitation.

Mutual Fire Insurance Company

The policyholders of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Cecil County, at their annual meeting held in Elkton, Feb. 13, elected the following directors to serve for the ensuing year: Dr. Winifred T. Morrison, James F. Evans, S. Willis Lusby, Dr. H. Arthur Cantwell, Joseph T. Tyson, Marion E. Rose, Harry H. Howard, Perre N. LeBrun and W. Sterling Evans.

The board organized by re-electing the following officers: President, Dr. H. Arthur Cantwell, and W. Sterling Evans, secretary-treasurer.

The report of the officers showed the company had a most successful year during 1939.

Dates For Political Conventions

The 1940 Democratic national convention will meet in Chicago beginning Monday, July 15, to pick nominees for President and Vice-President.

Postmaster General James A. Farley, acting as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, made the announcement on Saturday. The Republican National Committee had previously selected June 24 as the date for their national convention, and Philadelphia as the place of meeting.

Business Women Organize

Plans are going forward for the formation of a Business Women's Club in Cecil County. The following women have been named to assist with the organization:

Miss Marion Blackburn, Port Deposit; Miss Martha Tush, Rising Sun; Mrs. Esther B. Foster, Elkton; Miss Mary Kay, Elk Mills.

The plan is to bring the business and professional women of the nation into one organization. Miss Goldie L. Waite is field representative in Maryland.

Freight Wreck Near Elkton

Seven Refrigerator Cars Leave Rails--Traffic Delayed

A southbound freight train was wrecked one mile north of Elkton, at 6:50 o'clock Monday morning disrupting main line service over the road between Washington and New York for four hours.

Seven refrigerator cars near the center of the 111-car freight were derailed across the four tracks which carry all service of the road between Washington, Philadelphia, and New York. Railroad officials announced no one was injured.

Through passenger trains of the road were transferred to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks at Elsmere, Del., and Perryville. Freight trains were held up on either side of the wreck.

Wrecking crews had cleared one northbound and one southbound track by 10:45 o'clock and passenger traffic was resumed.

The train was made up of 106 empty refrigerator cars and five loaded cars. The latter cars were not damaged. Overhead electric lines also escaped damage as the wreckage piled up along the tracks.

The freight, MD No 7, south bound out of New York for the Potomac Yards, Washington, was nearing Elkton when the wreck occurred.

To Lecture At Tome

The Tome School announces a lecture by Mr. John C. Reed to be held in Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, February 27th, at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Reed will speak on "The History of the Printed Book." A friend of the school has loaned for this lecture a small but valuable collection of books that illustrate in striking fashion the development of printing from its infancy to the present day. Chief among the exhibits is an original page from the Gutenberg Bible, the first book ever printed by movable type. Mr. Reed, the head of the English Department at Tome School, has for many years been interested in the history of printing and has a wide acquaintance with the great libraries of both America and England. This year of 1940 is considered to be the 500th anniversary of the invention of printing; this lecture is Tome's method of commemorating the anniversary. There is no admission fee; a cordial welcome is assured all who wish to attend.

Returns From Red Cross Roll Call

The Cecil County Chapter, American Red Cross, reports the returns of the roll call for funds for 1939-40, were as follows:

Appleton, Barksdale and Cowentown, \$11; Andora, \$4; Calvert, \$21; Charlestown, \$6; Cherry Hill, \$9; Childs, \$1; Cecilton, \$25; Colors, \$11; West Nottingham Academy, \$8.50; Chesapeake City, \$29; Conowingo Power Co., \$56; Conowingo, \$2; Earleville, \$2; Elkton, \$288.35; Fair Hill, \$1; Fair View, \$5; Fredricktown, \$3; Leeds, \$12; Leslie, \$5; North East, \$59.25; Providence, \$1; Perryville, \$1; Principio Furnace, \$8; Perry Point, \$26; Port Deposit, \$71; Tome Schools, \$37.08; Rising Sun, \$76.63; Town Point and Cayots Corner, \$20; Warwick, \$18; Elkton Chapter, O. H. S., \$5; total \$822.81.

Robbed Automobiles

William and Raymond Webb, of near Symar, have been arrested and turned over to Chester county, Pa., authorities. The brothers are charged with robbing the automobile of Herbert Neff, of East Nottingham, of blankets, tools and various other articles, and suspected of robbing various other cars during the past several weeks.

A number of other car owners have made complaint to the police that their machines had been robbed, some of them stating the wheels had been removed from the car and carried off. The police believe that with the arrest of the Webbs they have captured the guilty parties.

Hit And Run Driver

While Everett Donache, who is employed in Rising Sun, was on his way home to Oxford, Pa., one evening last week, his auto developed trouble, as autos will. While Mr. Donache was remedying the trouble a reckless driver of another car ran into his machine, and also narrowly missed running Everett down. In addition to having his car damaged Everett was struck on the leg by the passing machine, the driver of which did not stop.

Personal And Social

Mrs. Joan Shepperd is one of those who are numbered among the ill.

Miss Olive Daughton spent several days with her parents, near Rock Springs.

Mrs. Willis L. Ely has been entertaining Mrs. Anna Hambleton, of Lancaster, Pa.

J. C. Hindman and other members of his family have been sufferers from the gripe.

Lewis Garvin, Sr., was absent from his filling station several days on account of illness.

Miss Martha Tush spent the weekend with Miss Virginia M. Richards, in Harrisonburg, Va.

Mrs. Mary Cherry has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. M. Workman, Mount Joy, Pa.

Mrs. Clarence Ashby has been housed for the past two weeks with a severe attack of illness.

Mrs. E. L. Haines has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Jos. Vanneman, Princeton, N. J.

The Pafford brothers, who enlisted in the U. S. Army a few weeks ago, were home over the week end.

Mrs. William A. Reeder is spending some time with relatives in Philadelphia and West Chester.

Dr. G. M. Knauf, who has ministered to the ills of numerous gripe patients, has been a sufferer from the same malady.

Richard Gordon, Havre de Grace, and Miss Violet Coulter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Coulter, Colors, were married recently in Havre de Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Veasey Stradley, of Chesapeake City, observed their 41st wedding anniversary on February 11th, entertaining a number of friends at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Gibson, Mrs. Bertha Terry and Mrs. John Astle left on Tuesday morning for Miami, Florida, where they will spend some time.

The family of Robert Vincent, of Atlanta, Georgia, has moved to the apartment in the Thos. B. Robinson dwelling, Mr. Vincent is employed on the North East water system job.

An announcement party and surprise shower was given for Miss Josephine Reburn and Mr. Owen Hastings at the home of Betty Hillman, Barnsley, Pa., Friday. The engagement was announced by notes concealed in English walnuts.

Gicker--Connell

The wedding of Miss Ellen Marguerite Gicker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gicker of Bear, Del., and Mr. Robert Jerome Connell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Connell of Marshallton, took place on Feb. 9, in North East, with the Rev. Robert Hodgson, pastor of the North East Methodist Church, officiating.

Ansavlish--Greiggs

Mr. Herman Lamar Ansavlish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Ansavlish, of Perryville, and Miss Bessie Margaret Greiggs, of Baltimore, were married Saturday afternoon, Feb. 10th, in the Havre de Grace Methodist Church, Rev. G. Custer Cromwell, pastor, officiating. A reception followed at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ansavlish receiving many beautiful and useful presents.

Eberhardt--Hasson

Miss Naomi Eberhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Eberhardt of Port Deposit, and Mr. Norman Hasson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hasson of the same town, were married Friday afternoon at Rev. John Jones, of the same town, pastor of the church, officiating. The bride has been a clerk in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Elkton, for several years. The couple will live in Port Deposit.

In March Headline Detective

The Hattie Stone poison trial, held in the Bel Air court room in 1929, is featured in the March issue of the Headline Detective, streamlined magazine thriller. The caption is "The Riddle of the Poison Deaths and the Family Curse." Hattie Stone a resident of Havre de Grace, was accused of poisoning her husband, a son and other persons. The late W. Worthington Hopkins prosecuted the case for the state and the late Senator Harold E. Cobiurn defended the woman. She was convicted and sentenced by Judge Preston to eighteen years in the Maryland House of Correction.

Two large porkers were recently butchered by Wm. E. Brown, of near Wrightsdale, Pa. One dressed 406 and the other 641 pounds.

Blizzard Brings Blocked Highways

Drifting Snow Ties Up Traffic--Town Crowded With Snowbound Travelers

Following more than a week of mild weather, that seemed to hold out promise of something better, the winter's worst storm blew in on a howling blizzard Wednesday last. Starting about noon with a drizzle of rain that soon turned to sleet and hail, then to snow, travel conditions were made slippery and dangerous on highways, and began to slow up, then bog down almost completely.

The storm grew in intensity as the day wore along, and raged all night, the terrific wind swirling the snow about and piling it in big drifts everywhere.

A big State Road plow, manned by a force made a futile attempt to keep highway No. 1 open, but the high wind whipped the snow back into the road as soon as the plow had passed. Through traffic was brought to a standstill and by Thursday morning the town was crowded with snow-bound busses, cars and trucks, and it became a problem to get accommodations for their passengers.

A committee of citizens took matters in hand and found lodging places for everyone, it being estimated fully two hundred and fifty storm-stayed persons were provided for until the main highway was reopened by a big rotary plow sent here by the State Roads Commission.

In all this scramble to house the snow-bound traveler, we heard of but one place where racketeering was practiced, the proprietor of a roadside and cabins, east of town, demanding exorbitant prices for food and accommodations from everyone who stopped at his place. This will not soon be forgotten by the traveling public.

The schools were closed on Thursday, as it was impossible for out of town teachers or pupils to get anywhere, due to the drifted roads.

By Friday things began to assume normal again, but it required the work of the big rotary plow to open some of the main roadways, and this was not fully accomplished until Sunday evening.

The rain and "soft" weather the fore part of this week, assisted greatly in the reopening of many of the rural roads, the task of shoveling them out having been left to the farmers living along them.

Shore Murder Suspect Held

Arthur Collick, 28, Negro suspect denies slaying Harvey Pilchard, 61, Stockton farmer, and blames another Negro, also under arrest.

Collick, in a confession made in the Cecil County jail at Elkton, Friday night, however, admitted that he assaulted and shot Mrs. Annie Pilchard, 57, wife of the slain man, authorities added. Mrs. Pilchard is recovering in a Salisbury hospital.

Details of the crime, committed Sunday night, Feb. 11, in the Pilchard farm home at Stockton, were related by Collick in the presence of state troopers and Daniel H. Henry, Cecil County court stenographer, who made transcriptions of Collick's confession, officials said.

Collick, according to authorities, said that his companion fired the shotgun, instantly killing Pilchard.

An early trial for the two suspects was in prospect. It was indicated unofficially that the trial may be held in Harford county instead of Worcester County because of the intense feeling along the Eastern Shore. Bel Air is in northern Maryland on the western side of Chesapeake Bay.

Collick, hunted through Worcester County marshlands since Monday, was captured near Girdletree at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon and taken to the Harford County jail, where the others including two women were being held.

Collick, as he entered the jail, was served with a warrant charging him with the murder of Pilchard at the latter's home Sunday night, Feb. 11. Pilchard's wife was shot in the back by one of the men who entered the Pilchard farm home, demanding money.

A. & P. Founders Week

The founder of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, George Huntington Hartford, who created the modern retailing method of direct buying and straight-line, mass distribution, is being honored by all A. & P. stores during Founder's Week, February 14-24.