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Speaking of reducing the amount of the Bond issue to one half when the need of the whole has been acknowledged someone got off the wisecrack that it was like buying the coat and vest of a much needed new suit and wearing old trousers.

That the ENTERPRISE lives up to its slogan "Kent's Newest Newspaper" was recently confirmed when some one handed an Enterprise to a man in the middle of the week. "Drat the ENTERPRISE" (he really said "Damn") but we don't want to shock anybody "if I read that what will I do all day Saturday," was his surt comment.

Between Dr. Hepburn's reference to Commander Byrd in the Transcript and the mention of terra firma by our own Editor-in-chief we are reminded of a story Commander Byrd told of one of his colored helpers. Byrd tried to coax the negro to try a short trip with him in the plane but the helper was terrified at the thought, "No sah, no sah, Capt. Byrd he said, "if the good Lord wanted me to fly he'd have given me wings, I was meant to stay on terra firma. The farther I done got away from firma the worsser my terra would git."

A man writes to ask if \$700 is enough to start one crabbing. We know some people who crab for nothing.

A Mr. Herd inquires as to dairy- ing!

Every kind of insurance seems possible these days but until we read of a man taking out insurance against the birth of twins we did not know it was ever done. Fate held loaded dice. The cautious father was presented with triplets.

Farmers who have done the kind of loafing described in the following poem by Roberta Stiles and which appeared in the winter issue of the popular verse magazine "The Country Bard" will appreciate the thought.

THE IDLE FARMER  
In winter time a farmer has  
No work at all to do  
For when his harvest days are gone  
His labouring is through.  
He does not have to plant his crops  
Nor hoe and cultivate  
Perhaps—he sits before the fire  
Or sleeps till very late.  
Of course he has to milk the cows,  
To feed three times a day,  
To bed and clean the horses off,  
And give them oats and hay.  
Yes, there are buildings to repair,  
Some harnesses to mend,  
And very often chores to do,  
For some poor suffering friend.  
He has to chop up cords and cords  
Of wood for fuel, too;  
And cut his ice when wintry winds  
Make ears and noses blue.  
Of course, there are a few more  
tasks,  
One hundred, maybe two—  
But otherwise in winter time,  
He has not work to do."  
Roberta Stiles.

In the Spring of 1923 the Kent News copied an article from the Baltimore SUN signed by McC. on Kent County and Chestertown and for some reason we cut it out and saved it. Sometimes it is good to "see ourselves as others see us" even if hard on our vanity. We will quote parts of it without further comment. "The history of this county is glorious and should be perpetuated. Too much, however, are the people living in the past. It was good enough for father" is the answer to the school question. The peak of the population was reached in 1900 when the county counted 18,786 people, in 1920 the census return was 15,026. One other county in the State has more improved land and in only five others is land more valuable. Sixteenth in rank in education it ranks fifth in sheep. It ranks sixth in acreage and eighth in production. A landowner who operates his own farm says the answer to that is "20 percent of the farms operated by owners." Chestertown is a beautiful place but it needs a coat of paint. The park is one of the finest on the Shore, it is a regular beauty spot. The county should be the wonderland of Maryland and it should be for the fact that property is in the hands of a few who, candor compels one to say, are not progressive."

Five years have passed for better or worse since that was written. Which?

## Voting Machine Bill Is Brought Before Senate

### Would Leave Baltimore And Counties Power To Use Or Not Would Do Away With Election Clerks

Annapolis, March 8.—A measure authorizing the use of voting machines in elections in Baltimore city and in the counties was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Meyers, Sixth Legislative district of Baltimore city. It was referred to the Committee on Elections.

The bill is permissive and not mandatory in character. If it is passed the Supervisors of Elections in Baltimore and the counties at their discretion would have the power to install voting machines in their respective jurisdictions and to use them in primary, general or special elections both state and municipal.

According to persons interested in the measure, it is similar to legislation already in force in other States. A copy of it has been submitted to Attorney-General Thomas H. Robinson for an opinion as to its constitutionality and its non-conflict with the existing election laws.

The measure has the indorsement of the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore city, the Baltimore Association of Commerce and the Maryland League of Women Voters.

The measure gives the supervisors the right to combine or otherwise reduce the number of voting precincts within their jurisdiction and also permits election boards to dispense with the two clerks in each precinct. The clerks, it is said, would not be necessary if machines are used.

The machines will be given a practical test in Baltimore, according to Robert B. Ennis, president of the Board of Supervisors of Elections in that city, in the municipal election this May, when ten machines will be set up in various precincts.

Seeking Chicken Thief Find Still

Entering the dwelling of Joe Donato at Goffs, Kent county, to arrest him on a charge of stealing chickens, Sheriff J. Thomas Hadaway and Deputy Sheriff Jack Jester unearthed a 25 gallon still, three barrels of mash and a gallon of corn whiskey.

Donto is being held in the County Jail here for the arrival of prohibition officers from Baltimore.

He will be tried on the first charge before a local police magistrate and then will be taken to Baltimore to appear before the United States District Court on the Federal charge.

The still and liquor have been brought to the jail here as evidence.

## Lee Warns Against Delay

### Speaker Urges Committees To Report Bills Before Too Late

Annapolis, March 8.—E. Brooke Lee, Speaker of the House of Delegates, called the attention of members today to the constitutional provision that, except by unanimous consent, no bill could be introduced within ten days of the end of the session, which he said, would be March 25.

The speaker again urged committees to report the bills in their files promptly, unless they intended they should die there.

## Fewer Oysters Being Taken In Lower Bay, He Reports

### E. O. Townsend Asserts, However, Catches Are Bringing \$1.72 A Bushel

Returning from an inspection trip in the lower Maryland waters, E. O. Townsend, chief inspector of the State Conservation Department, reported to Swepson Earle, State Conservation Commissioner, yesterday that few oysters were being obtained from the natural bars in the lower Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Townsend said that the oysters, however, were of select quality, and were bringing \$1.72 a bushel.

A dredge boat, caught operating near the mouth of the Patuxent river with engine, propeller and wheel, was taken to Cambridge, where its master was fined \$200. Mr. Townsend reported. He explained that dredge boats were not allowed to have motors connected for use.

The State steamer McLane will leave Baltimore today on an inspection trip of fish nets of the upper part of the bay.

## Apartment House Construction Begun

Mr. Frank Dwyer began work on the apartment house he is erecting on Maple Avenue on Monday morning. This will be the first building in Chestertown or Kent County built primarily for that purpose.

According to plans the building will contain four apartments, two on the first floor and two on the second.

It is said that all four of the apartments have been reserved and that Mr. Dwyer is considering the construction of a second building of a similar nature.

## 4-H Calf Club Holds Annual Banquet Here

### High School Auditorium Scene Of Dinner Sewed By Ladies Of St. James Church

The fourth annual banquet of the Kent 4-H Clover Calf Club was held Friday night in the high school and a splendid menu was served by the women of St. James' Christian Endeavor Society to about eighty-five members and guests.

Martin L. Sutton, one of the leading members of the club, was the toastmaster, and short addresses were delivered by Franklin Moffett, Norman E. Pennington, Wilbur H. Morris, Jr., Walter T. Morris and Stanley B. Sutton, club members; Horace B. Derrick, organizer and promoter of the club, and Edgar R. Pennington, a leading Holstein breeder.

Special speakers included Granville H. Hibberd, who discussed "Calf Club Work and the State Fair"; Dr. Thomas B. Symons, of the State Extension Service, who talked on "4-H Club Work"; E. G. Jenkins, State Superintendent of Boys' Club work, and former Senator William F. Russell. The banquet brought together some of the outstanding dairy cattle breeders in the State, all of whom are members of the Kent 4-H Calf Club.

Norman E. Pennington, owner of the State's champion dairy cow, is a member; Stanley B. Sutton, of last year's national cattle-judging team, is also a member; Wilbur H. Morris, Jr., is the owner of several prize-winning heifers at the last State Fair at Timonium, and Martin L. Sutton, the toastmaster, has just been selected by County Agent Derrick as Kent's contestant for the honor of being one of the State's four representatives at the National Calf Club Camp to be held in Washington next June.

Everyone connected with the organization realizes that the money contributed by the county banks and the energy exerted by the county farm officials is one of the best investments that could be made for the welfare of the county's dairy industry.

The officers of the club are: President, Norman E. Pennington; vice-president, Franklin Moffett; secretary, Martin Sutton; treasurer, Walter T. Morris; local leaders, Stanley B. Sutton and Edgar R. Pennington.

## Florence Conrath Weds W. B. Wilmer

The marriage of Miss Florence Conrath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Conrath of Mahaffey, Pa., to Mr. William Blackiston Wilmer, of Chestertown, Md., took place on Thursday evening, March 3, at Mt. Vernon Place Church in Baltimore. The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore white satin with a coronet of orange blossoms and pearls and carried a shower bouquet of brides' roses with lilies-of-the-valley.

Miss Conrath was attended by Miss Mary F. Fueselbaugh as maid of honor, who wore yellow georgette and carried a bouquet of pink roses and blue lace flowers; Miss Eleanor Conrath of Mahaffey, Pa., and Mrs. Manly K. Fuller, of Baltimore, sisters of the bride, wearing green chiffon and carrying pink bouquets; Miss Eleanor Gatch, of Baltimore and Mrs. Donald F. Stam, of Chestertown, sister of the groom, wearing pink chiffon and carrying yellow bouquet. The flower girls were the little Misses Frances and Norma Fuller, and the ring bearer Master Manly K. Fuller, Jr., nephew of the bride. The bride's mother wore blue georgette with silver.

Mr. Philip Wilmer, of Chestertown, brother of the groom was best man, while the ushers were the Messrs. Thomas Massey, James G. Metcalf and Donald F. Stam, of Chestertown and Dr. J. P. Franklin of Baltimore.

The ceremony was at 6 P. M., the Rev. Dr. Olson officiating. A reception was held immediately afterward at the Hotel Stafford, after which the bride and groom left for a Southern motor trip.

## Road Conditions Better Than In Three Months

After being in the worst condition for the longest period of time in the memory of Kent County citizens the dirt roads throughout the county are beginning to improve.

For the past three months the roads have been practically impassable. Thaw and freeze following close upon each other had kept the roads in their terrible condition.

For the past several days the condition has been so much better that it is now possible for rural carriers to cover their routes in automobiles. For a long period of time the carriers were compelled to revert to the horse and carriage days of other years.

With the improved road conditions business which has been rather dull in county towns should begin to increase.

## EDITOR ASSAULTED

### SUES ASSAILANT

Down in Princess Anne they treat their Editors rough. If they treat something they don't like in his journal they proceed to use the pugilistic method of redress.

The case in question was that of Editor James E. Byrd, of the Maryland and Herald, who criticized his county road engineer and the road engineer hit him. Editor Byrd has entered suit for \$5,000.

## TODAY IS FISH DAY

Just as last Wednesday was designated as "Oyster Day," today will be known as "Fish Day" at the state capital at Annapolis.

Kent County Watermen, members of the Watermen's Protective Association of Kent County, will visit the General Assembly in a body for a joint hearing before the Senate and the House.

Prof. W. A. P. Strang, of Rock Hall, secretary of the Watermen's Association announced last week that a special steamer would carry the Kent County delegation to Annapolis.

DePinedo, Italian air ace, is every day making air history in his great flight, Italy to Africa, to South America—and soon to fly North to the United States, Canada and home again.

## FIRE DESTROYS DOCTOR'S HOME IN ROCK HALL

### Residence of Dr. W. O. Selby In Lower County Town Prey To Flames

Fire, supposed to have originated from a defective flue, destroyed the beautiful home of Dr. W. O. Selby in Rock Hall last Saturday morning. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

The fire was discovered shortly after 2 A. M. Saturday by Mrs. Selby. At the time of discovery the entire roof was a mass of flames and practically the whole of the third floor destroyed. Mrs. Selby was awakened by the sound of falling objects in the room above her bedroom. Investigating she found that flames were eating their way toward the second floor.

Dr. Selby and his son, Owen, were out on a sick call. Beside Mrs. Selby those in the house were Mrs. Owen Selby and her day old child and a colored nurse.

Neighbors carried the ladies from the house and notified the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, who arrived at the scene but were unable to get into action because of the lack of water.

Most of the furniture on the first floor of the house was carried beyond the reach of the flames by neighbors. All of the occupants clothes except the few they could hastily throw around them were destroyed.

## Large Audience Enjoys "Bluebird"

The recital given by Miss Sallie Sharp of the Sallie Sharp School of Expression, Wilmington, Del., under the auspices of the Literary Club of Chestertown in the Court House was very well attended. The program of the evening opening with musical selections by Dr. Livingood and Mr. Rolfe after which Mr. Huey spoke briefly on the work of the Literary Club in support of the Chestertown Public Library and introduced Miss Sallie Sharp. Miss Sharp began her program with two short humorous poems closing with a group up of dialect poems and a portrayal of a country school on Friday afternoons.

The main feature of the evening was Miss Sharp's interpretation of Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" which was given in a charming manner and held the closest attention of the large audience. The sympathetic magnetism of Miss Sharp's personality was best displayed in her painting of the scene in which the two children meet the Soul of Mother Love.

Two more entertainments will be presented on the Lecture Course before the closing of the season. These courses play an important part in the cultural life of Kent County each winter as the library does throughout the year. The high school students are the guests of the Literary Club at each entertainment and lecture and the selection of books for the library is made always with the coming generation in mind in regard to fiction and non-fiction. Students are urged and encouraged to use all reference books which may suit their needs, the library holds a large number of the classics, the Encyclopaedia Britannica as well as the highest types of modern fiction. Although the support of the library is dependent upon the public at large, the Literary Club shoulders a large portion of the responsibility and burden of its upkeep and increase.

## Herbert Made Dry Chief For Maryland

John F. J. Herbert, deputy prohibition administrator for Maryland, who some time ago in an address here said that Maryland was the wettest spot in the United States, has been named administrator for the Maryland District of Columbia district. He succeeds Herbert H. White who has been made an investigator.

Mr. Herbert spoke in Chestertown several months ago under the auspices of the Kent County Law and Order League. His address was listened to by a large number of the members of this organization.

## Bridge Bill Expected To Pass House This Week

Delegate Arthur H. Brice said yesterday that the Chesapeake Bay Bridge bill would probably go thru the House some time during this week's session.

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## DID HIS BEST

Doctor: "What! Your dyspepsia no better? Did you follow my advice and drink hot water one hour before breakfast?"

Patient: "I did my best, but I couldn't keep it up more than ten minutes."

—The Enterprise \$1.00 a year.

## LEGISLATION ON OYSTER SETTLED SAYS RITCHEY

### Has Been In Shape For Past Two Weeks Too Late To Consider Suggestions

Governor Ritchie said yesterday that he considered the character of oyster legislation to be enacted at the present session of the Legislature as settled.

The Governor was asked if he had received the letter of C. A. Lockerman, of Crisfield, chairman of the Maryland Seafood Committee, in which it was suggested that the State give individual oystermen five to ten acres of bottom free for three years and lend them \$250 to \$500 to seed the bottom.

"I received the letter yesterday," the Governor replied, "and was somewhat surprised to note that Mr. Lockerman wrote that personally he had always been opposed to private leasing of public rocks, inasmuch as he was chairman of the committee which recommended it in the report transmitted to me.

"But it is too late to consider any suggestions now.

"The oyster question, so far as the present session of the Legislature is concerned, has been settled for the last two weeks.

"I have made my suggestions and the two committees on the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tributaries have accepted them, with some modifications.

## Rabbits Liberated By County Game Warden

Several shipments of cotton tail rabbits have been liberated in Kent County within the past two weeks. These rabbits were sent to Game Warden Edward J. Watson and by him were set free in different sections of the county, it is stated.

This is in keeping with the policy of the State Game Commission as rabbits and other game are liberated each year in the State that the supply may not become extinct.

## Farm Education Progresses In County Meetings

### Development of Dairy Industry Sought Girl's And Women's Clubs Active

Farm organizations have begun an intensive campaign of education in the county which will continue practically throughout the year, having for their object the development of the dairy industry and the work being done by the girls' and Women's clubs.

In order to stimulate interest in growing dairy feed crops, County Agent Horace B. Derrick arranged to have J. A. Conover, extension dairy specialist, to come to the county for four days this week for a series of meetings for instructing dairymen in preparing balanced rations for their herds and in growing such crops as will produce these rations.

Beginning Tuesday meeting will be held daily until Saturday from 9:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M. for the dairymen in the upper section of the county and on the same dates meetings will be held here at the courthouse from 1:30 P. M. to 3:30 P. M. for the dairymen of the lower section.

These meetings are a part of a program for increasing the county's milk production.

Miss Helen N. Schellinger, county home demonstration agent, has arranged a series of meetings for the girls' and women's clubs for practically the same dates.

Monday the Fairlee Women's Club entertained the Flatland Women's Club at luncheon in the school building when important farm topics were discussed.

The Kennedyville Girls' Club met in the school building at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon when creamed vegetables was the subject for discussion.

On Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock the Quaker Neck Community Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Howard Hadaway to discuss fancy work; on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the Rock Hall Women's Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Walter Wirtz, and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock the Chestertown Women's Club will meet in the high school.

The week's program will close on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock when the Flatland Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Linwood A. Sutton.

These meetings for the farmers and their families are doing much toward stimulating interest in farm work and are proving potent factors in keeping the younger generation on the farms, it is claimed.

## Finis J. Garrett To Speak To Eastern Shore Society

### Representative From Tennessee Will Make Address At Annual Dinner

Representative Finis J. Garrett, of Tennessee, Democratic floor leader in the last House, will be the principal speaker tonight at the fourteenth annual dinner of the Eastern Shore Society. The dinner will be held at the Hotel Rennett. The event was postponed recently because of the inability of Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri to attend.

The committee in charge of the dinner has arranged an entertainment program, according to Walter R. Gale, secretary-treasurer of the society.

## Like The Way Its Done Here

Inspired by the apparent permanence of marriages contracted in Chestertown Joseph C. Brown, aged 22, a widower, and Grace C. Rounding, 18, both of Vineland, N. J., were married here Monday after having motored down the Delaware Valley. They were accompanied by the brother and sister-in-law of the groom who became man and wife here two years ago. Both couples reside in Vineland.

## SENATOR LEGG FAVORED BY ALL WATERMEN

### Petitions Sent Governor Ritchie Asking His Appointment Commissioner Would Succeed Earle

Tide water Maryland, by a series of spontaneous petitions and enthusiastic meetings is going on record as emphatically favorable to the appointment of former State Senator J. H. C. Legg, of Centerville, as conservation commissioner of Maryland to succeed the present incumbent Swepson Earle.

Two weeks ago the movement was launched by watermen of Queen Anne's, Kent and Talbot counties, when petitions bearing the names of nearly 2000 oyster tongers, crabs and fishermen were forwarded to Governor Albert C. Ritchie. It is stated that the Democratic State Central Committees of these three counties probably would lend their active endorsement of Senator Legg for the post.

The first of a series of watermen's meetings advocating the appointment of Senator Legg was held last Saturday night at Rock Hall when nearly 300 oystermen and fishermen unanimously went on record as his endorsers. The meeting was held in the hall of the Rock Hall Watermen's Prospective Association, and a resolution was enthusiastically adopted calling for the removal of Commissioner Earle and the appointment of Senator Legg.

It was stated that petitions would soon be forwarded from Kent county bearing the names of not less than 1000 citizens.

Watermen of the three counties state they will exert every effort to obtain the appointment of Senator Legg, believing that his selection would tremendously benefit the oyster and fishing industry of the state. They point out that a great measure of co-operation could be obtained between the state and the active workers in the field, if the conservation commissioners' post is filled by a man who is familiar with situation and understands the attitude of the watermen.

## Chamber of Commerce Asks Suggestions

Following a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce, letters of inquiry are being sent to all members of the Chamber asking for their suggestions as to what special and timely problems now confronting Kent County might best be considered by the Chamber along with its organized program. The invitation is also extended to all citizens of the County to offer plans along lines which will make for the civic and commercial welfare of the County to which this body has pledged its efforts.

Since the opening of the Chamber of Commerce headquarters at 105 Court Street at the first of the year the work has progressed steadily and the Chamber has cooperated in all things which have been for the betterment of the community.

## Kent Island Woman Beaten By Negro

Brutally attacked and beaten into unconsciousness by a giant negro who found her alone in her farmhouse, Mrs. Roy Radcliffe, thirty-eight, rallied from a twenty-four hour coma yesterday long enough to cause the arrest of Louis Thomas, colored, twenty-six. Mrs. Radcliffe is in a critical condition.

The attack occurred at the Radcliffe farmhouse on Kent Island, Thomas was arrested yesterday at Stevensville while he was making an attempt to leave the island. He was spirited away by Sheriff Whitley, probably to Baltimore, because of the fear of a lynching party.

## Adelaide Lambert Swims Record

### Medley Swim Record

Once again Miss Adelaide Lambert native daughter of Kent County, bettered the established world record time for the 300 yard medley swim. This time she shaved the mark by a closer margin than in any of her recent record breaking swims. Four-fifths of a second was the length of time clipped from the former record. The time made by Miss Lambert for the 300 yards was 4 minutes and 36 seconds.

This record was made during the Olympic tryouts at the Penn Athletic Club in Philadelphia, and practically assures Miss Lambert of a place on the next Olympic team.

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