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ADOPT FULL TIME HEALTH OFFICER PLAN

County Commissioners Voted At Meeting Yesterday

STATE DEPARTMENT AIDS Chamber Of Commerce Interested In Project

The plan for a full time health officer for Kent County was adopted at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners yesterday, April 15. Kent is the twelfth county in the State to adopt the full time health officer plan.

At a previous meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Walter M. Kirkman, Chief of the Bureau of Personnel and Accounts of the State Department of Health and Secretary of the State Budget, and Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health appeared before the Commission together with a number of members and officers of the Kent County Public Health Association and urged that the change be made in Kent. The movement was endorsed by practically all of the County physicians and the Kent County Chamber of Commerce placed itself on record as favoring the plan. The Chamber presented its reasons in a letter to the Commissioners.

The full time health officer for any county has been considered by various state boards of health as decided step forward in the practice of preventive measures as sponsored by the state. It speeds up the work by cutting down the round about method in which reports must be made by local part time health officers who, particularly in rural sections, are overworked with their own practice and the demands made on their time by their own patients.

Kent has a high rate of maternal and infant mortality and has been a matter of concern for some time to State authorities who, for this reason, placed a State public health nurse to care especially for the negro group.

So anxious was the State to see Kent put on a full time health service that they generously promised the extra service at no greater cost than is now being borne by the County. It was under that condition that the County Commissioners accepted the change.

Old Kent D. A. R. Has April Meeting

Old Kent Chapter, D. A. R., held the April meeting at the home of Miss Ann Smith, Washington Ave., Saturday, April 14th.

The Regent, Mrs. Charles H. Skirven, president, and introduced Dr. S. S. Hepburn, of I. U. Parish, who made the address of the afternoon.

Dr. Hepburn made a plea for the marking of historic spots in Kent County, that may soon be lost to sight unless some steps are soon taken to mark them. He called attention to the sites of old churches, and old mills, each of which had an important place in the life of the colonies.

J. D. FERGUSON DIED MONDAY AT CECILTON

Jefferson E. Ferguson, 61, a former resident of Chestertown, died at his home in Cecilton on Monday, April 14, of a complication of diseases. He is survived by a widow and one brother, Robert Ferguson.

FIREMEN'S BAND WILL CONCERT ON APRIL 22

The band of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company will make its first appearance in concert in several years when it will appear in the Old Lyceum Theatre here on Tuesday, April 22. The concert will be directed by Professor C. A. Bacon, leader of the band, and the members will appear in their new uniforms for the first time.

Bridal Couple In Auto Case Here

Miss Marie McQuillan, 18, and Robert Stanley Porter, 21, came to Chestertown last Friday to be married. But before they could secure a license and take the marital vows before a local parson they had appeared in a local court as witnesses in the case of their taxi driver.

Just as the taxi driven by Robert J. Jackson of Elkton and owned by Mayor Taylor McKenney of that Cecil county Gretna Green, drove into town, State Highway Officer Carl G. Storm placed the driver under arrest on a charge of operating a taxicab outside of the legitimate limits prescribed for that particular vehicle.

In other words the cabs operated by Mayor McKenney from Elkton to Chesapeake City are not permitted to continue into Kent county or to run outside its defined stretch of highway.

Magistrate Olin B. Stafford fined the driver \$13.90 and costs and at that point in the proceedings it was discovered that not only did the driver not have the money but that the couple bent on matrimony were provided with money sufficient only to pay the costs of the marriage license and the parson's fee with a little left over to take them back to Trenton.

The local magistrate in this emergency called up Mayor McKenney who got in touch with friends here who in turn paid the fine, releasing the taxi driver and enabling the happy couple to proceed to secure a license and a clergyman. The pair left for home immediately after the ceremony.

THREE ARE NAMED FOR WATER BOARD POSITIONS

The names of Thomas W. Eliason, Harry C. Coleman and William L. Fowler will be on the ballot in the town election next Monday, April 22 as candidate for positions on the Water Board. Three are to be elected.

Mr. Eliason and Mr. Coleman are members of the present board. Mr. Fowler is nominated in the place of C. Lee Gill, who did not care to continue as a member.

There are three candidates for the single town commissioner post to be voted upon at the same election. Mayor John W. Barnes, who is seeking reelection, Henry Gill and William A. Burk are the candidates.

Kent School Superintendent Recommends Consolidation Of Thirteen County Schools

A recommendation to consolidate some thirteen Kent county schools, including the high school at Millington, was made by County Superintendent of Schools Louis Robinson in letters to members of the Kent school board this week. Professor Robinson bases his recommendation of the proposed plan on the facts that it will save the county money and give the school pupils of Kent better educational facilities.

The consolidation movement would reduce the teaching force of Kent by some ten teachers, one from the high school ranks and nine from the elementary division. Professor Robinson estimated that the savings in teachers' salaries would exceed the additional transportation costs by more than \$2000.

The recommendation is made in a letter to members of the Board of Education of Kent County in which the budget for the next school year is discussed. Professor Robinson's recommendation is as follows:

"The time for the adoption of a budget for next school year beginning August 1st, 1930, is only a few weeks off. I have, therefore, in accordance with one of my duties, prepared a budget for your consideration and present it herewith.

"As shown in this budget, the estimate of ALL the needs of the schools in the county, OPERATED ON THE BASIS OF THE PRESENT ORGANIZATION, for the year 1930-'31, is \$192,645. Of this amount, the sum of \$169,970, is shown in the budget proper as the estimated requirements for Current Expenses. This does not, however, include the estimated needs for Maintenance of School Plant (Repair of Buildings and Upkeep of Grounds, and Repair and Replacement of Equipment). This item for which \$15,275, are needed is shown in the Supplementary School Budget on the last two pages along with Capital Outlay (Land, Improvement to Sites, New Equipment, and Alterations of Old Buildings) the estimated requirement for which is \$8,200.

"For the entire program, \$135,675, (\$192,645 less \$56,870, estimated receipts from the State and Other Sources) would be required from the county levy, the equivalent of 83.26 cents on each \$100, or for assessable bases for the current year (\$16,294,028),

Broad Neck Cops Attendance Lead

A "dark horse" in the race for attendance honors among Kent County Schools swept into the lead for March when the Broad Neck school topped the list with a percentage of 98.2. Mrs. Louise Akers Hirsch is the teacher at Broad Neck.

St. Paul school slipped into the honor class with a slight lead over Worton, one of the consistent leaders. Turner's Creek, heretofore among the top few, dropped into fourteenth place with an average of 93.2.

- Galena led the county high schools with a mark of 94.8. The complete list for the county is as follows:
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| 1. Broad Neck | 98.2 |
| 2. St. Paul | 97.6 |
| 3. Worton | 96.9 |
| 4. Lankford | 96.5 |
| 4. Kennedyville | 96.4 |
| 6. Locust Grove | 96.1 |
| 7. Morgone | 95.9 |
| 8. Skinner's Neck | 95.8 |
| 9. Galena | 94. |
| 10. Pomona | 93.9 |
| 11. Swan Creek | 93.9 |
| 12. Rock Hall | 93.8 |
| 13. Lynch | 93.7 |
| 14. Turner's Creek | 93.2 |
| 15. Janvier | 93.2 |
| 16. Hanesville | 93.2 |
| 17. Millington | 92.1 |
| 18. Cherry Lane | 92.1 |
| 19. Worton Point | 92.1 |
| 20. Chestertown | 92.1 |
| 21. Fairlee | 91.7 |
| 22. Pley Neck | 91.1 |
| 23. Betterton | 90.3 |
| 24. Sasafra | 89.1 |
| 25. Still Pond | 88. |
| 26. Flatland | 87.9 |
| 27. Golt | 87.4 |
| 28. Cliffs | 87.2 |
| 29. Chesterville | 86.4 |
| 30. Massey | 75.9 |

Frank Lambert, well known builder of this town left here last week for California, where he will make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Paul V. Hayes, who lives in Ingleswood.

Mr. E. R. Malhale, of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jennie Johnson.

POULTRY SPECIALIST TO SPEAK HERE ON FRIDAY

Dr. H. M. DeVolt, poultry disease specialist from the University of Maryland, will make two appearances in Chestertown on Friday, April 18. He will conduct the monthly poultry disease clinic at the farm Bureau office on Friday morning.

Friday afternoon he will address the regular monthly meeting of the Maryland Turkey Growers Association in the Court House here on the known facts concerning the diseases of turkeys, their prevention and treatment.

Committees For Shore Institute Will Gather Here On Saturday, May 10

Committees for the Eastern Shore Institute of Public Affairs which will be held at Washington College on Saturday, May 10th, have been announced.

Committee on Program—Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, Dr. Esther Dole, Dr. William Howell, Dean Genevieve Boland, Miss Lavinia Engle, Miss Clara Meredith.

Committee on Registration—Miss Ida Crow, Miss Mary Morris, Miss Elizabeth Huszek, Miss Kay LeKites, Miss Helen Towers.

Bay Bridge Group In Session Today

The State Bay Bridge Commission will meet in the offices of Governor Ritchie in the Union Trust Building today at 1:30 p. m. It will be its second session and will be devoted to hearings. The Governor's offices, according to B. Howell Griswold, Jr., chairman of the commission, were placed at the disposal of the bridge group today.

Among those expected to be heard at the meeting today, Mr. Griswold said, will be given over largely to hearings, are Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, president of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce and Marion deK. Smith, Jr., and H. C. Willis, members of that body. The Kent County Chamber of Commerce has prepared a chart showing the relative distances to Baltimore from Eastern Shore points under the present route and under the route if the Bay span were built from Miller's Island to Tolchester.

Among those expected to be heard at the meeting today, Mr. Griswold said, will be representatives of the Annapolis-Claborne Perry, W. Roscoe Bonsal, engineer, who drafted plans for the proposed span from Miller's Island to a point near Tolchester, and advocates of a bridge from Sandy Point to Kent Island.

The ferry representatives will testify as to the probable effect a Chesapeake Bay bridge would have on existing and proposed bay ferry companies and concerning the volume of traffic now handled by the ferries.

Mr. Bonsal advocates of the Sandy Point span will be asked to give their views on bay bridge sites in general.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE GETS HARVARD AWARD

Washington College has been selected as one of twenty institutions by the American Institute of Architecture to enjoy a full scholarship in Fine Arts in the Summer School at Harvard for 1930.

R. W. McADAMS NAMED PRO AT LOCAL GOLF CLUB

Richard W. McAdams, formerly of the Philmont Country Club, Philadelphia, has been secured as golf professional at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club for the 1930 season. Mr. McAdams was to take charge at the local club on April 15.

College Students Vote Dry In Poll

Washington College voted dry by a margin of one vote in a three-way poll recently conducted by the Washington COLLEGIAN, student publication at the local institution. Although the college voted wet if the modification and repeal votes are counted together the dry votes numbered 74 while Modification polled 73 and repeal 43.

Shore Commissioners Meet Here Tomorrow

The annual spring meeting of the Eastern Shore County Commissioners' Association will be held in the court house here tomorrow Thursday.

The feature of the business session will be a round table discussion of problems of county government.

CHIMNEY BLAZE ROUTS FIREMEN EARLY SUNDAY

A chimney fire early Sunday morning caused the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company to be called to the home of Hulbert Townsend, on Front street here. The blaze was extinguished without any damage being done.

The nature of the structure of the house made it difficult for the firemen to reach the roof. By climbing a nearby tree and working the ladders to the roof from that point the firemen were able to reach the chimney.

Washington College closed for the Eastern holidays at noon yesterday and will reopen next Tuesday morning. The students and many members of the faculty left immediately after the closing for their respective homes.

M. deK. SMITH CHAIRMAN FOR ROADS FETE

Chamber Of Commerce Is Busy With Plans

SPEAKING AT COLLEGE Chamber Directors Hold Important Meeting

Announcement was made today that the route for the tour of road inspection in Kent in connection with the Road Day and Homecoming Celebration on May 26 had been chosen.

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Local Men Attend Meeting In Baltimore

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The public schools of Kent will close Thursday afternoon and the school children will enjoy Good Friday and Easter Monday as holidays.