

## An Entity Gone

For a week now, the Eastern Shore of Maryland has ceased to exist as an entity. This was brought about by the congressional redistricting bill enacted by the Maryland General Assembly.

While such a breaking-up of a political unit which has existed since the earliest days seemed inevitable under Supreme Court rulings, it is, nevertheless, to be regretted.

Certainly, there are more things to be considered than population in determining representation in the legislative halls. It is incongruous for a miner from Western Maryland to represent a waterman from the Eastern Shore. It is just as much so for a tavern-keeper in the suburban environs of Baltimore to represent a High Street merchant in Chestertown.

It is to be hoped that Maryland will continue its fight against reapportionment of the General Assembly with population as the only factor.

KENT COUNTY NEWS had suggested, before the Maryland Senate adopted such procedure, to delay, as long as possible the dictates of the Supreme Court. The ball game isn't over until the last man is out in the ninth. Something could happen to prevent the wholesale take-over of the legislative process by the populated areas.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Shore of Maryland should make every effort to revive and strengthen the social and economic ties which have so-long made this area east of the Chesapeake an entity important to most of us.

## A Time Of Faith

This is the month of Easter. And throughout Christendom, the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the central fact of the Christian religion will be celebrated. On that first morning, a great rock stood rolled back from the doorway of an empty tomb. The Lord had risen and the Christian faith was born.

In this fast paced world, the swift passage of events often leaves us breathless and occasionally wondering how best to be ready both personally and as a nation to meet the shifting circumstances which are sure to arise with the new day's sun. At such a time, each of us needs a firm base founded on faith in divine purpose and a sense of direction and continuity in our lives.

This is a time to strengthen our faith and sense of direction. Easter signifies renewal and rebirth -- appropriately the word itself was derived from the name of an ancient goddess of spring. Aside from its religious significance, the ritual that is part of the Easter observance in every church has a meaning for us of its own. It is rooted deeply in tradition, and it imparts a feeling of permanence as we realize how strongly the traditions of the past are with us today. Even my lady's Easter bonnet is after all not such a frivolous and meaningless thing. It is part of a tradition and happily enough, in most cases, an eye pleasing one. But tradition and Easter finery aside, as we inwardly renew our dedication to the Christian faith, we pass it on to future generations as the focal point of life and the continuing key building block of western civilization.

## A Terrific Toll

Week after week, for several years, KENT COUNTY NEWS has printed brief news stories detailing the number of highway fatalities in Maryland. It is a sad and disheartening task to compile these weekly stories from information supplied by the Maryland State Police.

This week, Colonel Carey Jarman, a Chestertown native who heads the State Police, reveals that 86 percent of the fatalities in the past 143 weeks had "driver error" as a contributing factor. He said a similar percentage prevailed in non-fatal accidents.

Colonel Jarman feels that such a statistic calls for a continuing educational program for all drivers -- young and old and in-between with emphasis upon the responsibility for safety that rests upon the shoulders of each and every driver.

But Colonel Jarman went further when he said: "While such a program is of high priority, its implementation is not easy and its acceptance is not assured. No other conclusion is possible when you consider that nine out of ten drivers rate themselves above the average and resist the suggestion that they do not drive safely; that only one out of every hundred admits he is a poor driver; and that 82 percent of all drivers involved in accidents blame the other fellow."

It would seem to be about time for all of us to stop deluding ourselves and face up to the facts. It is the human element more than the mechanical that can be blamed for traffic mishaps and this ever-increasing toll will never be lessened until drivers try to live up to the human status allotted them.

## Waiting For Handouts

What is the ultimate effect of a welfare state on the individual? A striking and unusual little editorial which recently appeared in the Richmond, Virginia, News Leader helps answer that question: "In Mount Rainier National Park, Wash., a ranger cautions visitors against feeding the animals. The ranger explains that deer grow accustomed to visitors' handouts and lose the ability to fend for themselves. Bears, he says, come to believe that free food is their due -- and become grouchy and violent if they don't get it. Chipmunks and squirrels congregate where handouts are supplied, and thus upset the balance of nature."

"There is a lesson here for people -- and for their governments." There certainly is -- and it's about the most important lesson we can learn. The welfare state is the enemy of individual pride, individual responsibility, individual initiative and individual freedom. It makes for a faceless mass of human statistics, waiting supinely for handouts from their masters.

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## Voice Raised In Defence Of Kent

# Boyer Blasts Columnist

## In Speech At Annapolis

Editors Note: The following remarks were made by Kent's Delegate Elroy G. Boyer on the floor of the House of Delegates during the final days of the past legislative session. According to Kent countians who were present and heard Delegate Boyer's remarks, he received a standing ovation at its conclusion.

With a great bit of reluctance and some trepidation, I arise to ask for the floor on a point of personal privilege. I have heard many sincere speeches on this floor of this Honorable body on the subject I will discuss and I have often -- not always -- but often thought of how futile we are in attacking the power of the Press.

I have often listened with admiration and respect when now Judge Jerry Robinson would rise in his unequalled oratorical splendor to tilt with the poise and pens of the Ivory tower of the Sun Papers. Many other memorial expressions have been uttered here in opposition to various editors, writers, papers and articles, and I have often wondered if -- no matter how sincere the speeches were given, or the wisdom of the talks -- I wondered if we weren't spinning our wheels and sort of trying to sweep back the tide with a broom.

But when the Press steps on your own little toes you get a different perspective of the big picture and are stung into rebuttal action where it becomes compelling to fight back with the only tools you have and let the public know your feelings on some unfair reporting. To let this go unanswered, would be cowardly.

I have reference to an article appearing in the Montgomery COUNTY SENTINEL by one Barney Welsh. This irresponsible reporter has taken upon himself after one short visit of several hours to malign and belittle the County of Kent. Normally I would refuse to get in a contest with a skunk, but the vicious, unfounded and completely untrue article breaks down my resistance. Mr. Welsh manufactures a column called "Welsh's Rarebit". It's a spicy and juicy dish, but like any other concoction that is improperly prepared, this one is rotten.

He recites that he and "Cousin Clinch" -- whoever that is -- one day visited the four upper Counties of the Shore. That in

itself is a lot of territory to cover. It seems that Cousin Clinch had to get down on the floor of the Packard when they came over the Bay Bridge. (I hope it wasn't the parallel Bridge, though I'm not sure). Why Clinch was on the floor isn't clear either. I certainly hope his hangover wasn't too bad.

But then after tracing the history of Kent back to 1642 -- and after riding the horse with Trench Tilghman to Philadelphia -- and after beating around the bush on several other mental hallucinations -- and meanwhile Cousin Clinch has gotten his head off the floor -- thank goodness -- the misguided writer tears into Chestertown, our County Seat. He says there are only three things there. Washington College, Episcopal Church -- (there are many other churches by the way of all faiths) and slavery.

He condemns Washington College for granting a law degree to George Washington and then one to F.D.R. and then the little Captain -- Harry Truman. This latter degree he smirks is in honor of Hiroshima.

After some caustic and sarcastic remarks about the Protestant Episcopal Church, he gets into the spicy substance of his scandal. He alleges that Chestertown is a desolate slum area. He alleges that squalor and wretched poverty is rampant. He alleges a blight lies over the land. He alleges a deadening spirit prevails and that people are in a stupor as they walk about the dirty streets littered with cans, shoes, tires, garbage, filth, disease and ignorance. He alleges extreme racial problems. He alleges he bought three rock fish and had to pay \$2.85. Maybe that's why he was mad. He calls Chestertown a "dunghoop".

But let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, this rare Welsh is all wrong. Chestertown is not a slum area. It is a pioneer in housing redevelopment. There is no place else in the State of Maryland that has the revitalized spirit in the housing area as exemplified in the Springfield Foundation. No other county in the State has such progressive and enlightened benefactors towards housing redevelopment. Chestertown is not riddled with poverty as many of you duck hunters, fishermen, tourists, and other guests can well attest.

Many of you Delegates have attended or visited Washington

College, and after talking with many of you I can't help but feel that you agree with me in my respect and admiration for this venerable institution. In fact this bit of Welsh journalism is completely false and erroneous. I challenge, no I defy -- Mr. Welsh to prove one iota or scintilla of his accusation.

Chestertown and Kent County enjoy the finest reputation as to the brotherly love that prevails there, and the dignified state of living we enjoy in the land of pleasant living. In conclusion Mr. Speaker and ladies and gentlemen of this House, though I have differed from time to time with some articles of reporting as written in the Sun papers, it seems ironical that on the very day this Welsh hogwash was brought to my attention, there appeared a feature article in the Sunpapers congratulating Chestertown and Kent County for modern efficiency and progressiveness.

To let Mr. Welsh's inaccuracies or his outright lies go unanswered, would be cowardly. I have too much pride in my County to let his opinions create any suspicion among the rest of the State citizens. Above all, Mr. Speaker, to let Mr. Welsh's article remain unanswered would not be doing justice to my County, my people or myself. Thank you for allowing me these few moments in the busy schedule of the House of Delegates to express my feelings.

## Young Republicans Hold Their First Spiritual Hour

The Young Republican Club of Kent County held its first Spiritual Hour Program at the Club on south Water Street on Sunday April 4, 1965, at 1 P.M.

The purpose of the program is to provide Religious entertainment for both members and friends who are not and were not able to attend religious services at a Church on that day. The Club hopes this service will help those who give excuses a shortage of suitable clothes, being too busy at the earlier church time to go and who were away as other reasons) for not attending church and getting the truth which will set a man or woman free to live as children of God.

The "Hour" featured religious music by the Queen of Spirituals -- Mrs. Mahalla Jackson, the soulful hymns of the ever popular Harmonizing Four, the old reliable Mrs. Ethel Waters and the rising Professor Alex Bradford.

For the present, the program is all records but assistance is expected on coming Sundays by the Young Republican Singers including the Wallace Sisters, The Brown Sisters and the Thomas Sisters -- all of Chestertown.

Delicious home made cake by Eleanor and coffee or cocoa are served to take care of the expenses involved in this undertaking. It is hoped that our county ministers will accept the call to bring 10 minute religious meditations to these listeners. The program is open to all and is free. The club also has other plans to bring good selected music and good direction to the people of the area.

Sunday favorites on the Spirituals Hour were -- All Things are Possible and God Will Take Care of You by the Harmonizing Four and The Lord's Prayer and How Great Thou Art by Sister Mahalla Jackson. The Hour was a new experience and was enjoyed by all.

Esther Wallace  
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Advisor

## My Neighbors



"Please, I'm not a candidate!"

## Chesapeake Cove

by GILBERT BYRON



In the afternoon, when I looked out on the cove, a line of corks stretched along the shore--the eeler had set his pots. It was a bit early, and the next day we had that late March snow, but his bateau was the first boat to enter the cove since last fall.

In the middle of March, I did have a couple of visitors who carried an aluminum canoe on top of their car. It was easy to launch and the couple paddled down the creek, carrying with them a number of cameras equipped with telephoto lens that were powerful enough to catch the waterfowl, woodland birds, and other wildlife.

They returned just before nightfall exuberant with what they had seen near Willey's Island, only about a mile down the creek, and beyond where the water widens into what would be called a bay if the Chesapeake were not so near. The canoeists found Willey's Island as primitive as it was in the days when the first white man, Captain William Claiborne, or one of his lieutenants, brought a pinnace up the creek to trade with the Indians--and that was more than three hundred years ago. What the canoeists saw and heard was a contrast to the scene on our wooded cove. Twenty years ago, it was almost as primitive as Willey's Island, but now a number of cottages spread along its shores and seven piers project over its water, and this kind of development is widespread throughout the Chesapeake country.

But our smaller islands often become more primitive and unspoiled with the passing years, and this is largely due to the fact that they are slowly disappearing beneath the water. Man hesitates to build so the islands are saved for our wild-life and these humans who enjoy and learn from such a scene. Actually less than one hundred years ago, Willey's Island contained a farm with a house and outbuildings; one elderly waterman who still comes down the creek was born on the island. Now all signs that humans once lived on the island are gone, the rising waters and storms have cut the island into two parts, and the highest tides further shrink its size. Still some good trees remain and enough high ground to last perhaps another one hundred years. In the warm months, terns nest on the island. During the winter, deer leave the prints of their hooves in the wet sand. Below the island, where the creek widens, hundreds of Canada geese, whistling swans, and lesser wildfowl find a refuge during the cold months. Each night I hear this great chorus.

Broad marshes have the same effects as water, for the marsh creeps in just as the water rises. Years ago while ducking in the broad marshes along Delaware Bay, we would sometimes see an old colonial mansion that had been abandoned after the marsh crept to its

door. One of these manors had belonged to John Dickinson, who was born just a few miles from this cove, near Oxford, Maryland. In recent years this old home has been rescued from the marsh and restored.

While the low islands and broad marshes discourage man to build, such wilderness areas encourage wildlife and provide humans with a temporary escape (perhaps "discovery" is a better word) and a change from the routine cares of our mechanized civilization. The wilderness is good medicine--Henry Thoreau wrote of the "wild tonics" of the woods and waterways, and other naturalists have recognized its therapeutic value.

At a time when there is a great surge for learning in all areas, we must not forget that much can be learned close to nature, to be experienced firsthand rather than vicariously from books and pictures.

I have no doubt that there will come a day when each county and city throughout our land will, besides providing a public library for all citizens, also preserve a nearby marsh, or lake, or river, or island, or mountain, or woods as a place where both young and old may have a personal contact with the sources of much of our American heritage. For a wilderness area is as rich as a university library in facts and a source of impressions that often reach far deeper than the printed word. Perhaps this means even more since I am a great reader and lover of good books.

## READERS WRITE

To the Editors:

The Kent County Tuberculosis Association wishes to thank the Kent Countians who contributed so generously to the 1964-1965 Seal Campaign. Not only did the public contribute \$5055.63, but \$487.73 was collected in excess of last years Christmas Seal Campaign total. In addition Kent County was the first association in the state to exceed last years total and as a result have received a silver bowl awarded by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

The Association also wishes to express special appreciation to KENT COUNTY NEWS which did such an excellent job of telling the story of the Tuberculosis Association and to the many volunteers who helped with the campaign.

Dr. Marvin H. Jacobs  
Christmas Seal  
Campaign Chairman  
Kent County  
Tuberculosis  
Association

## You're Miles Ahead with



### TIDES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10

|                     | HIGH WATER             | LOW WATER                |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Saturday, April 10  | 1:19 a.m.<br>2:11 p.m. | 7:10 a.m.<br>8:46 p.m.   |
| Sunday, April 11    | 2:32 a.m.<br>3:16 p.m. | 8:29 a.m.<br>9:36 p.m.   |
| Monday, April 12    | 3:36 a.m.<br>4:14 p.m. | 9:41 a.m.<br>10:20 p.m.  |
| Tuesday, April 13   | 4:32 a.m.<br>5:06 p.m. | 10:45 a.m.<br>11:01 p.m. |
| Wednesday, April 14 | 5:22 a.m.<br>5:52 p.m. | 11:43 a.m.<br>11:39 p.m. |
| Thursday, April 15  | 6:19 a.m.<br>6:36 p.m. | 12:43 a.m.               |
| Friday, April 16    | 6:53 a.m.<br>7:16 p.m. | 12:15 a.m.<br>1:26 p.m.  |

Point of reference:  
Gratitude, Swan Creek, Kent County, using times shown above.

| TIDES AT OTHER POINTS | HIGH WATER        | LOW WATER         |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Georgetown            | add 2 hr. 13 min. | add 2 hr. 14 min. |
| Betterton             | " 2 " 13 "        | " 2 " 8 "         |
| Worton Creek          | " 1 " 19 "        | " 1 " 22 "        |
| Tolchester            | " 28 "            | " 31 "            |
| Sevenfoot Knoll Lt.   | " 2 "             | subtract 1 "      |
| Love Point            | subtract 11 "     | " 21 "            |
| Kent Is. Narrows      | " 1 hr. 32 min.   | " 1 hr. 19 "      |
| Queenstown            | add 4 "           | " 5 "             |
| Shipyard Ldg.         | " 26 "            | add 24 "          |
| Centreville Ldg.      | " 18 "            | " 18 "            |
| Cliffs Pt.            | " 10 "            | " 2 "             |
| Chestertown           | " 51 "            | " 54 "            |
| Crumpton              | " 1 hr. 30 "      | " 1 hr. 32 "      |
| Millington            | " 2 hr. 15 "      | " 2 hr. 49 "      |

To find the time of high or low water at one of the other points listed, add or subtract the difference indicated against high or low water at Gratitude. EXAMPLE: At Chestertown, tides are later than those at Gratitude, and for high water, 51 minutes are ADDED to high water time at Gratitude. To get time of low water at Chestertown, 54 minutes are added to Gratitude's low water time. Points where tides are earlier than at Gratitude are always shown by figures to be subtracted, as at Love Point.

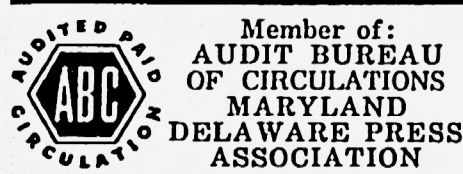
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