

This bill appears to be a desirable piece of legislation but careful consideration reveals it to be impractical and it is likely to leave the people of Caroline County without an adequate milk supply. It provides for testing cattle for Bangs Disease. Since Bangs disease is one of the most difficult to control, I question whether producers or distributors in Caroline County or elsewhere can insure that their supply comes from herds free of Bangs disease.

I have been informed that there is no law in any State or political sub-division, or regulation by any Health Department, requiring pasteurized milk to originate in Bangs free herds. There are two reasons for this: first, it is impossible to insure a stable supply from such a source; second, pasteurization destroys the organism.

The State Department of Health has studied this bill and is opposed to its approval. The Department states that the dairies which supply Caroline County with milk would be unable to comply with the provisions of this law and that the people of Caroline County would not have an adequate supply of milk.

If it is true that several cases of undulant fever in Caroline County were traced to pasteurized milk, the reason lies in improper pasteurization and indicates that more rigid inspection of the pasteurization plants is needed.

For the above reasons, the bill will be vetoed.

## CARROLL COUNTY

### HOUSE BILL 497

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-section (Carroll County) of Section 100 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrate System", relating to number, compensation and duties of trial magistrates in Carroll County.

This bill abolishes the office of a magistrate who is required to sit at Manchester, Mt. Airy, Taneytown, Union Bridge and Sykesville, and imposes those duties upon the magistrate who is required to sit at Westminster. It has been passed as an emergency law to take effect May 5, 1947.

The constitutionality of the bill is questionable under Section 2 of Article XVI of the Constitution.

The bill has been vetoed.

### HOUSE BILL 722

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 6 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939