

Editorials

More On Consolidation

An editorial here last week, "Complete Poll Needed", has drawn an interesting letter from Kent School Superintendent Reade W. Corr. We commend it to your attention in "Readers Write" today.

Our comments last week were prompted by letters sent to selected school patrons, seeking opinions on consolidation. We felt more than a selected few should be permitted to comment. The letter of Mr. Corr invites such.

The news that the idea of consolidation was tabled by the Board of Education at its most recent discussion by unanimous consent is interesting in view of the fact that a majority of the Board will be new within the next two years. A new member will be named this year to replace Dr. Joseph H. McLain and, next year, two additional members will be appointed, for a total of five.

This new Board might well feel just the opposite from the present one, the one which tabled further discussion.

There are a number of reasons for favoring what Mr. Corr terms the "present official policy" -- that of adding to existing buildings as funds are available.

This, most certainly, will be a topic here at another, and later, date.

Additional Police

The people of Chestertown have had little complaint about the police service offered. Nevertheless, the study now underway to provide clock-around protection is a sound one.

Some place along the line the rapidly-increasing population of the town has been overlooked. The same is true of its expansion, not only of the boundaries but of the numbers of houses and business properties within the corporate limits.

A rubber band can only be stretched so far before it loses its utility. The same is true of a police officer. Given too much territory and too many hours, the performance of his duties must suffer.

If Chestertown has pretense of being a first-class community -- and we trust it has -- adequate police service is essential.

The recent appointment of a traffic officer and his unformed presence on the main streets has, if nothing else, removed Chestertown from the category of many southern towns of comparable size where the police power is represented by a shirt-sleeved officer with a star attached to his suspenders.

If Chestertown needs additional police, let's have them. And without delay.

A Further Service Needed

It is too early to predict how the people of Kent will fare in overall legislation when the current session of the General Assembly comes to an end next week.

At this point, though, it would appear that strictly local legislation, to little of which there can be any great objection, has reached the point of being assured. To this end, the county's Senator and two Delegates are to be congratulated for the service to their constituents.

They owe a further service, though -- and this not only to the people of the Kent but to the nation at large. That is a never-ceasing fight against the reapportionment of local legislative bodies on nothing else but population.

The Maryland House of Delegates already has an approved plan which bases its membership on population, with the heavily-populated areas in over-whelming control. This should answer the question. To include the Senate under a similar plan would eliminate the system of checks and balances which has so long assured the nation of a truly representative form of government with consideration for minority and area interests.

The threat is greater than most people realize. It is malignant in its nature with death of the time-tested system of representative government the only possible result.

What the Supreme Court is trying to force upon the states, if successful, will be followed by similar steps at the county level, as sure as night and day follow each other.

The answer seems to be the call on Congress to convene a Constitutional Convention on legislative apportionment. But that is some time away. To this end it would seem a delaying action on the part of the various states would be the proper tactic.

Thus, it might be well and proper for the Maryland General Assembly to continue to disagree on plans for changing the Senate seating and see what happens.

Ah, 'Tis Spring

Spring got in a couple of licks locally yesterday but the official arrival last Saturday was a better herald for winter's approach.

In speaking of New England weather, Mark Twain once said: "In the Spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six kinds of weather inside of twenty-four hours."

It is to be hoped that such won't be the lot of Kent. Nor is there any desire to be confronted with the statement of Henry Van Dyke in "Fisherman's Luck" -- "The first day of spring is one thing and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."

To be preferred is the Spring of Henry Timrod:
 "Spring, with nameless pathos in the air
 Which dwells with all things fair,
 Spring, with her golden suns and silver rain,
 Is with us once again."

One reason for the high cost of education could be the rivalry between pupils and teachers as to who drives the most expensive cars.

If these electric brains get any more advanced they're going to start demanding the vote.

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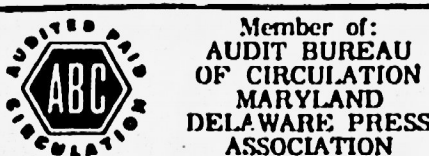
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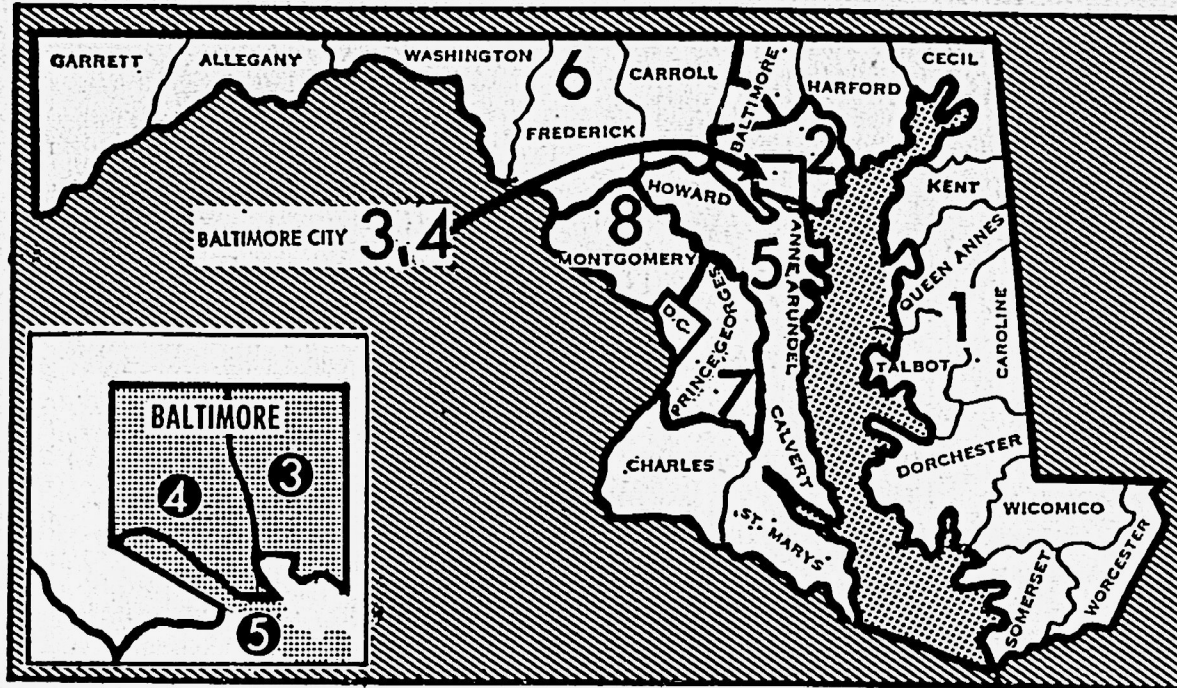
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Senate Plan Adds Harford To 1st Congressional District



Map shows proposed realignment of Maryland's eight congressional districts under a plan approved yesterday by the State's Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

READERS WRITE....

To The Editor:

As a result of recent misunderstandings, the Young Republican Club of Kent County restates its policy as follows -

1. To provide the opportunity for young people to become interested in good government and to engage in an active political program.

2. To develop political knowledge and the understanding which will lead to more effective and better informed citizens.

3. To look into the duties of a citizen in a free country, to perform them and to help others perform them.

4. To share the activities of the 50 State organizations representing some 270,000 young Republicans, 2,800 County Young Republican Clubs and 700 College and Teen-age Young Republican Clubs.

5. To provide as social activities a program of new friendships, enjoyable dancing, relaxing picnics, swimming parties, informal suppers, interesting talks by able speakers and quick snacks for interested friends of all political affiliations.

6. To inspire interest and to spearhead activities among all young people in behalf of health programs, employment opportunities, civic and social programs, and advancement in all fields.

7. To provide outlets for the initiative and know-how of a large body of Americans whose

support of American principles and whose enthusiasm for political participation has not been utilized heretofore.

8. To supply respected young statesmen in every district and ward of Kent County who are a dynamic source of leadership for social progress - providing guidance today for the challenges of tomorrow.
 Eleanor Cooper, V. Pres.
 Elmer E. Campher, Advisor

To The Editor:

I feel that you and the public deserve the following information regarding your editorial entitled: Complete Poll Needed.

For nearly a quarter of a century the idea of a central consolidated high school for Kent County has been discussed from time to time by various groups and individuals. You may recall a report issued in January, 1941, by a group known as Citizens' Committee on Public Education. As you indicate, there are advantages and disadvantages. Some of these are constant, others change over the years.

This matter has been considered by the professional staff and members of the Board of Education on several occasions. The last time it was discussed, the idea, by unanimous consent of the Board, was tabled. The present official policy of the Board of Education of Kent County is to build additions to the existing buildings as funds

for the needs are provided.

It shall continue to be our aim to offer the best possible educational program and services to the pupils enrolled in our schools that the facilities and funds made available can provide. We shall be interested in hearing the reactions of various groups and individuals to your editorial.

Reade W. Corr,
 Superintendent of Schools

To The Editor:

It has come to my attention that there have been several men in trucks driving through the entire Eastern Shore area asking for unwanted cats and dogs. A member of my own family who lives near your county has been approached with that query.

I know that there are many dealers who sell to hospital laboratories, therefore I am inclined to believe that might very well be their purpose. I can certainly not think of any other reasonable explanation.

Please alert your readers of this danger and save their pets from such a horrible fate.

Dorothy Tegeder
 Baltimore, Md.

Kent School Leaders Attend Conference

The Maryland Conference on Elementary Education sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education was held Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore.

Among the seven hundred elementary principals, supervisors, and other educational personnel attending the conference were six elementary school principals from Kent County: Mrs. Hilda Hill - Rock Hall; Mrs. Miriam Kieffer - Chestertown; Mrs. Phyllis Walley Sharpstown; Stanley Wilson - Millington and Galena; Mrs. Mildred Dwyer - Betterton; Mrs. Helen Sutton - Worton; and Mrs. Sara Chambers - Elementary Supervisor and Vice Principal of Garnett.

The keynote address, delivered by Dr. Frank T. Rafferty, Director, Child Psychiatry Service at University Hospital in Baltimore, was "The Impact of Our Changing Culture on Children." Following this address Mr. James W. Rouse, President, Community Research and Development Corporation, spoke at a luncheon on the topic "Developing a Planned Community."

Thursday afternoon, Miss Anne S. Hoppock, Director of Elementary Education for the New Jersey State Department of Education, discussed "Strategy for Making Changes in the School Program." At the dinner meeting on Thursday, Dr. Raymond Birdwhistell, Professor of Research in Anthropology, discussed the topic "Change - - Threat or Promise?"

Four assemblies on selected topics of concern were scheduled for Friday morning. These assemblies dealt with health needs of children, developing values in children, widening cultural opportunities for children, and fostering mental health of children. Dr. James A. Sensenbath, State Superintendent of Schools, gave the closing address at the luncheon meeting on Friday. He discussed "Challenges Ahead" and charged those in attendance with improving educational opportunities for all youngsters attending Maryland schools.

Chesapeake Cove

by GILBERT BYRON



During the rainy spell, the lone swan that has been feeding near my pier for days disappeared, and I decided that the miserable weather must have driven him back to the flock. Then soon after my column about this solitary swan appeared in print, the telephone jangled and there was further news about this lone whistler. The caller, a neighbor on the creek, reported that others had seen the single swan and wondered why he had withdrawn from the flock.

This observer thought that the great white bird was injured and told of a lone swan that had been seen several weeks ago feeding with a single canvasback. Whenever the swan moved his position the canvasback followed him, only a few feet away—they appeared inseparable. Then someone noticed that the duck was not feeding, at least it was not diving as canvasbacks do. A closer study of the strange pair with field glasses disclosed that the canvasback was a decoy, and that in some manner, its anchor line had become entangled around the legs of the swan. A call to the local game warden brought a quick response. Not without difficulty, the swan was caught and the decoy was cut loose.

My neighbor has concluded that the swan may have been injured by this entanglement with the decoy and perhaps weakened in the process and now is a bit confused. This would explain its withdrawal from the flock for it is well-documented that groups of creatures, both wild and domesticated, will destroy or drive away individuals that are sick, or injured, or of different appearance or actions from the group. Anyone who has raised chickens knows what happens to the baby chick that is marked or colored differently. As the biddies become active, they will start to peck the non-conformist, and once the blood appears, if the different chick is not separated from the others, they will destroy him.

Early yesterday morning, when I looked out on the cove, the lone swan had returned to his spot near the pier. Only a few yards away, half-hidden by the marshy fringe, a great blue heron stood, quietly watching the great white bird. Off and on, all the year round, the great heron fishes along the shore, and now he measured the wild swan—it was plain that he considered the great white bird a trespasser. When the swan stuck its head under the water to feed, the great blue heron took a couple of steps toward the swan, his marlin-spike-like bill poised to strike. But when the swan surfaced, the heron retreated, and later flew away.

A new book, "Wild Heritage," by Sally Carrighar, was recently published, and while I have not as yet read it, I did watch Hugh Downs talk to the author on the Today Show. The thesis of the book is the changing point of view of many

biologists toward all kinds of wildlife.

For years most scientists have insisted that animals had small intellects and acted largely by instinct. Now, after much careful experimentation and observation, the scientific ones are concluding that the members of our wild kingdom do have considerable brains and often use the gray matter.

Sea creatures, such as the dolphin, have a language used to communicate with one another, and some day the playful dolphin may carry on a conversation with a man or perhaps it will be with a robot invented by man—once man has learned how to speak Dolphin—the sea creatures already have a sense of humor, one of man's saving graces.

The author of "Wild Heritage," pointed out that the gibbons are monogamous and find time from their hunting to take personal and loving care of their senior citizens in the bosom of their families.

The news of man's world followed the book report, and as I listened, it seems that it was man, rather than the animals, who was following his instincts, to kill or be killed, driven on by emotions such as fear and hate rather than the mind. Yet there were also reports of great nobility and the greatest human sacrifice of one's life by individual men.

Business NEWS

Herman Jacob, who has operated the College Heights Mobil Station for a number of years, is relinquishing his lease with D & R Supply and expects to leave in mid-April to become mate on a private yacht in Florida. John Cole is reported his successor.

Robert B. Rust has been named general manager at CORY Chrysler-Plymouth, Inc. on Washington Avenue. He had formerly been a salesman for the firm.

Long with Crouch Motors, Chestertown, George Neal is now associated with Bill Fairlie at Worton Creek Marina, now the official station for servicing Mercruiser power units.

Three notices have been given of hearings on April 12 in the Court House, starting at 8 p.m., involving rezoning of properties in the vicinity of Goose Hill. Two are by order of the County Commissioners and one by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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TIDES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27

	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Saturday, March 27	2:14 a.m. 3:13 p.m.	8:19 a.m. 9:34 p.m.
Sunday, March 28	3:11 a.m. 4:03 p.m.	9:18 a.m. 10:14 p.m.
Monday, March 29	4:02 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	10:09 a.m. 10:49 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30	4:47 a.m. 5:24 p.m.	10:58 a.m. 11:20 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31	5:28 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	11:42 a.m. 11:52 p.m.
Thursday, April 1	6:08 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	12:25 p.m.
Friday, April 2	6:48 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	12:23 a.m. 1:09 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.	" 25 "	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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