

THE WEEKLY WEATHER

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Date	THIS WEEK		26 YEAR RECORD	
	Max.	Min.	Max. (yr.)	Min. (yr.)
April 14	63	42	89 (1941)	24 (1950)
April 15	53	45	88 (1960)	28 (1940)
April 16	65	43	83 (1942)	27 (1943)
April 17	63	35	84 (1941)	30 (1962)
April 18	60	43	90 (1957)	31 (1948)
April 19	45	40	86 (1963)	36 (1948)
April 20	60	39	90 (1941)	34 (1953)

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BIG FOUR IN FIGHT against polio were on hand Monday night at the Chestertown Rotary Club when Henry Gill was presented a certificate for 26 years of service with the National Foundation. From left are: Dr. A. F. Whitsitt, medical advisor to the local chapter; Mr. Gill, who has headed the March of Dimes all these years; W. J. Stenger, long the chapter treasurer; and Reade W. Corr, current president.

School Budget Tops In County Tax Levy

An increase of more than \$200,000 in the expenses of the Board of Education was one of the major items in the approximately \$300,000 rise in the Kent County levy for the fiscal year which begins July 1.

The levy, published as an advertisement elsewhere today, was struck last week and necessitated a \$2.20 tax rate, the same as prevails for the current year.

The Board of Education expense item jumped from \$737,875 to \$954,880—an increase of \$217,015.

One of the major reductions in the levy was for elections—dropping from \$10,000 to \$3,000 because the year will be election free unless the change in the primary from May to September is upset by petition.

Property taxes—land and improvements—continue to be the major sources of revenue, estimated to produce \$978,842.70 under the \$2.20 rate. Taxes, from all sources, will produce \$1,288,802.70.

Some other revenue sources are: Income tax, \$45,000; Race tracks, \$8,000; Recreational, \$10,000; Alcoholic beverages, \$10,000; Tobacco, \$45,000. These are state-shared taxes.

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Figured in the assets was \$196,053.69, the estimated available resources at the end of the current fiscal year.

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Chestertown High Seniors Are Accepted At Colleges

Chestertown High School, back in session today after Easter recess, numbers more than 30 in this year's senior class who have been notified of acceptance at various colleges, schools of nursing, and business schools.

Local Dairy Cattle Sold In Italy

The export sale of 17 Registered Holstein dairy cattle from Maryland herds to a buyer in Italy is reported by Holstein-Friesian Association of America. All of the animals were under two years of age.

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Three senior girls have been notified that they have won scholarships, but others may be awarded at a later date. Thus far, Connie Lambert, Marty Silcox and Virginia Willis have been awarded grants.

Probably headed for a nursing school, and already accepted at the schools listed, are the following girls: Anne George and Donna Fogwell—Union Memorial Hospital; Mary Ann Kimbles—Easton School of Nursing; Christy Sparks and Harriet Taylor—Wilmington School of Nursing.

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serve without compensation. Commission members shall be selected and appointed by the Governor of Maryland upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation of Kent County. One of the persons so selected shall be designated by the appointing authority as Chairman of the Commission.

In appointing the members of the Commission, the appointing authorities shall endeavor to select those whose devotion to the County and its people, whose knowledge of government and sense of historical perspective and whose education and experience especially equip them for membership on the Commission and will assure that the Commission reflects the several interests and regions of the County. In addition to the nine (9) members herein provided, the County Commissioners, State Senator and members of the House of Delegates shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission and render advisory assistance thereto.

"The Commission shall examine the existing structure and form of county government in light of present and future needs of the people of Kent County, giving due consideration to the prospective growth of the County and to the character and nature of such growth. It shall meet and hold hearings as often as may be necessary to accomplish this purpose. It shall as-

semble such data and obtain such technical advisory services as may be needed. It may recommend to the County Commissioners that a part-time or full-time research assistant be employed to assist it in the discharge of its duties. The Commission shall consider and make recommendations concerning all proposals for change in the structure of county government including revision of the County Commissioner system, adoption of charter form of government, code home rule and any other legal form of government.

"For these purposes the Commission is to be appointed by April 15, 1965, and is directed to hold its first meeting not later than May 1, 1965.

"The Commission is directed to report to the County Commissioners, to the State Senator, the members of the House of Delegates and the people of Kent County on or before December 15, 1965. Such report shall be in writing and shall include its detailed findings, recommendations and a draft statement of government together with such other pertinent matters as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate.

"The Board of County Commissioners is directed to provide the Commission with such assistance and funds as may be required to enable the Commission to carry out its duties under this section."

Complying with the provisions of House Bill 945, an emergency measure, Governor Tawes has named a nine-member Kent County Governmental Study Commission.

Named were: Gerard K. Bos, David A. Bramble, P. M. Brooks, Jr., James D. Davis, III, Mrs. Elmer T. Hawkins, James A. Hill, W. Vernon Kirby, Frank L. LaMotte, Mrs. Richard S. Tarbutton, Jr.

Mr. LaMotte was designated as chairman of the group. Recommendations for membership on the Commission

were made to Governor Tawes by Kent's legislative delegations—Senator Percy M. Hepburn and Delegates Elroy G. Boyer and W. Paul Joiner. The latter two authorized the bill.

These three members of the General Assembly, along with the three county commissioners—Edgar D. Lusby, Thomas A. Haddaway, Jr., and James E. Woodall—are designated as non-voting members of the Commission.

Under the provisions of the bill, the Commission is directed to hold its first meeting not later than May 1 and report its findings not later than December 15, 1965.

The primary function of the body is to study and make recommendations for changes, if any, in the structure or form of the present county government.

The creating bill is null and void, without further action of the General Assembly, as of June 1, 1966.

Appeals Board Approval For Used Car Lot

The Kent County Board of Zoning Appeals, under date of April 12, granted the application of County Commissioner Thomas A. Haddaway, Jr., for a conditional use of the South Airport Building, Route 213 near Chestertown, for storage and sale of used cars. He had formerly conducted a similar business on the opposite side of the road.

T. Allan Stradley, chairman, and Albert T. Nicholson, in approving the application, said: "This grant is conditioned upon full compliance with the provisions that the Kent County Planning Commission is to set forth as to buffer strips and marginal access road at such time as such provisions are set forth; provided further that the existing entrance way only will be used for ingress and egress to and from Route 213 and provided further that no junked automobiles shall remain on said lot for more than 72 hours."

Plumbing Board Members Renamed

The five members of the Kent County Plumbing Board were renamed to new one-year terms as the County Commissioners met yesterday.

They are: Herbert F. Ward, James W. S. Meikle, Anthony Johnson, Burgess Tucker and Frederick Cornelius. The one-year terms begin June 1.

Town Budget Public Topic At Meeting Due May 17

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