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50 Million Dollars Used on Highways

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That the housewie is busy getting the home spic and span to entertain anSta Claus and friends.

That because Herb Broomhall filed early as candidate for Congress he feels sure other candidates should take a vacation.

That Amos outSh toast to Mr. and Mrs. Grasonville, "the noblest of all dogs is the hot dog. It feeds the hand that bites it!"

That Doc Reese, the weatherwise, of Turtleville predicts a green Christ mas as he has been reading the Hagerstown Almanack.

That Dick Collier, the sage of Bry antown, opines, "Love is what make you think you are stealing a kiss when actually it is being oreed on you."

That Harry A. Moore, a business man and farmer of Queen Anne met with the painful misfortune to be a patient at the Easton hospital when he lost control at Lankford and bumped a tree. The car was badly damaged but the other passengers in the car was unhurt.

That editor Shelton of the Eastern Shore Times sees it this way: "It wont all happen at once—but gradually, and surely, this part of the Shore will bloom as it never has before. We can think of no section of the country which, right now, faces brighter prospects."

That the businessmen, their wives and children are busy getting every thing in readiness for Santa Claus who is scheduled to be in Queenstown, Saturday, December 22, 1951, in the afternoon about 2:30. Santa has been making his annual visit to Queenstown for many years and making good children happy, which he promises to repeat. He also promises them plenty of sweets and a free movie at the "Queen" theatre. We urge all the children to be good and welcome Santa Saturday, December 22.

That it looks to Mike that candidates for Congress on the Democratic side of the political fence to thick to win, but they are helping Ted Miller to go over the top with high honors. The latest is the States Attorney, Hamilton P. Fox of Salisbury who promises to heave his hat in the ring next week for Congress. Wonder if he is another Johnson and not able to carry his own county in the primaries? Mike was never able to take a post-graduate course in politics ,but he would pick W. Mason Shehan as the most logical candidate to beat Ted Miller, as we believe he could carry Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's counties with good ajorities. Worcester and Cecil would help the good work. Politicians think deep and select a winning candidate.

Undergoing Research Training at Bainbridge

Undergoing recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., is William J. Thompson, seaman recruit, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel A. Thompson of Chester, Md.

Before entering the Navy, Thompson was employed by Kaufman Construction Company.

This initital training includes instruction in such fields as seamanship, fire fighting, gunnery, signaling, and other courses designed to make the recruit well-versed in every phase of Navy life.

Upon completion of their 11-week training period at the recently reactivated training center, graduates are assigned to duty stations with the Fleet or at Navy shore staitons, or are sent to service schools for advanced technical training.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Marie Kaufman, Mrs. Charles Bishop, Mrs. Lorraine Rice, spent Tuesday in Baltimore shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steinfelt and children, Winnie Mae Jester, Margaret Jane Jester, and Georgia Carol Steinfelt spent Friday in Baltimore on a shopping trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Embert and two children of Greensboro, are spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Embert on Steamboat avenue.

Mr. Harry Roberts who was gaining his health and felt fine, suffered another heart attach Saturday night which has kept him housed and under the care of his physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Rhodes of near town, are preparing to have a family reunion during Christmas week and butchered an extra 225 pound porker to take care of their children's appetite.

It is good news to his many relatives and friends, that Mr. William Potter of "The Elms,'" is able to eat three meals a day and attend to his farm operations. His many friends hope he will be able to enjoy a family reunion during Christmas week.

Mr. Jerry Skaggs arrived home Monday night after spending a week in Cecil county as the guest of friends deer hunting. His luck was good, but his aim was not so good as he missed several shots and returned home without a deer but had a good time.

Three Oyster Areas Opened Last Monday

Three closed areas of oyster bars in Maryland were opened Monday to catchers, the Department of Fisheries announced this week.

The first area is in the Chesapeake Bay, along Kent Island and Poplar Island. It starts at Red Nun Buoy N 20B off Kent Island, goes east to south range on shore, then south along Kent Island shore to Kent Point, then southerly to Bloody Point Light Station, then southerly to North Point on PoplarIsland then south along the shore to the southermost tip of Poplar Island, then west to Red Uun Buoy N 20, then north to point of beginning.

The second area is in LeCompte Bay, a reserved area in Dorchester County, for tongers and is south and west of a line from Castlehaven Point to Horn Point.

The third area, also tonging bottom, is Stone Church Bar in the Tred Avon river in Dorchester County, and is located between the shore and deep water channel from red beacon off Town Point to the southernmost railroad terminal dock in Oxford, Md.

A tax of 20 cents per bushel will be collected to defray the cost of planting these areas.

The Department of TidewaterFisheries calls attention to the following regulation: "Any person who takes or catches oyster from any reserved area or any person who resorts to any reserved area for the purpose of buying oysters,shall each day, before leaving such reserved area, procure a certificate from an officer of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries in charge of the area," as provided in Article 72, Section 11.

It is understood that both in the bay area and in the two tonging areas the oysters are in good shape and in good supply, and the areas will be kept open for the benefit of the watermen until further notice.

The opening of these areas will add considerably to the volume of oysters available for the Christmas holiday trade, will add to the income of watermen, and also result in the State receiing a fair amount of cash from the tax to use for further plantings of shells and seed oysters.

FOR SALE—Modern Equipped Barber Shop in Queenstown. Good stand. Low Rent. If Interested, call 2271 or 2161.

Maryland "Complete Guide" Is Now Being Published

A complete guide to the State of Maryland telling you what to see; where to go; how to get there; what to do; and how much to pay is being prepared by Andrew H. Hepburn of Travel Enterprises, Inc., New York City.

The American Travel Series takes the guesswork out of travel. Fine pictures, clear, simple, practical maps, showing all normal topographic features, intergraded with a concise, accurate interesting text, make this series nationally popular.

The Guide will contain much special feature material on famous houses and gardens, historic battlefield museums, exhibits, resorts, and recreational areas. Both the cultural and industrial centers of large cities will interest the vistor makng use of this Guide.

Since the first book in the series was issued two years ago, hundreds of thousands of American's in every part of the country, have bought and used these practical and unique books.

In the preparation of each Guide exhaustive research is undertaken to insure completeness and accuracy. Qustionaires have been sent out to newspapers, Chambers of Commerce, and other agencies in all areas of the state, which will furnish source materials for the informative text. This material will be checked by the publisher's representatives sent to the state.

The Guide will be available for use about June 1, 1952, and will be distributed through thousands of outlets on an intensive national scale.

High School Students Again Plan Movie Week

The Centreville High School Student Council will embark on its second annual Movie Week for the purpose of raising funds for the school library, during the week of December 17-24.

Having successfully inaugurated its own business venture, the student body will augment this year's program with the showing of new pictures: "No Highway in the Sky," starring James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich, on Monday and Tuesday, plus a stage show of variety vaudeville. "Her First Romance," starring Margaret O'Brien, in addition to a stage show, comprising the Glee Club and other entertainers. On Wednesday and Thursday, "Streets of Laredo," starring MacDonald Carey ,along with a hillibilly show, on Friday and Saturday.

The entire theatre business will be operated and manned by students which, in addition to raising needed unds, will give them practical experience n operating a business.

Special reduced prices are being inaugurated, wherein a person for the price of one dollar, may see the 3 shows during the week. High school studnts are being sold tickets for four admissions, costing $1.00 Balcony patrons may purchase tickets admitting them to the three shows for 75c Balcony high school students are being admitted for the shows at a cost of 50c. Children prices will be ten cents during the entire week.

Last year's tremendous success of the Movie Week venture has made the students more determined than ever to make this year even better. For that reason they have added the stage shows with each showing of a new picture.

Centreville High School is the first school in the United States to engage in the actual operation of its own business, and this is considered to be quite a "feather in its cap."

In order to obtain advantages of the special prices, citizens are urged to purchase their tickets from students, otherwise the regular prices at the box office must be paid in order to see the shows.

TAKEN—From my shore, a 8-ft. dingy or row boat, flat bottom, clinker style, mahogany, N. J. Disappeared November 31. Notify C. P. Carter, Queenstown, Md.

Governor McKeldin To Present One Budget

Governor McKeldin yesterday adopted one of the major budget reforms proposed by the Sobeloff Commission and imposed rigid restrictions on use o fthe supplemental budget.

He told his department heads he intended "to include in one budget document and one budget bill all appropriations proposed for the operation of the State Government and its various divisions for the 1953 fiscal year."

"Consequently, there will be no supplemental budget bill sent to the Legislature unless one becomes necssary to corrct mechanical errors in the main bil lor to meet appropriations rquired by acts of the Legislature during the session," he wrote.

"In that event it shall be confined to those purposes."

The restrictions adopted by the Governor are those recommended by the Commission on Administrative Organizations of the State, of which Simon E. Sobeloff is chairman. The budget must go to the Legislature February 6, the first day of the 1952 session.

Earlier, Mr. McKeldin had said he was "encouraged' 'about the prospect of tax reduction after the Board of Revenue Estimates told him more than $98,600,000 in General Funds would be available for the new budget ,including about $10,100,000 in surplus.

In other developments at the board's meeting, hld annually to pin down the income side of the budget picture for the Governor;

1. J. Millard Tawes, State comptroller and chairman of the board renewed his proposal, vetoed by Mr. McKeldin last year, to let alholic beverage dealers buy liquor and wine tax stamps on credit ,paying taxes due after the end of each month instead of making pre-payments. The switchover would cost the State about $500,000 the year it took place.

2. Governor McKeldin indicated he believed he might hold the trump card in any new fight to put the State Police budget back under general funds.

3. A projection of the property-tax rate showed that ,if no new bonds were authorized, it could be held close to the present 6.25 cent leel for two more years through use of surplus in the annuity-bond account.

In proposing restricted use of the supplemental budget the Sobeloff Commission had said the power of a governor to amend or supplement his budget had been "abused" and the financial picture "thereby distorted."

Political trading on both sides—executive and legislative—has been another result, the commission said.

Governor McKeldin noted that the supplemental-budget recommendation was part of the commission's proposal for a program budget to replace the line-item budget.

With New Improved Highways, We Can Ramble

Super highways are the order of the day. Motorists who have traveled the recently-opened portion of the New Jersey toll road, say it shortens the time by as much as an hour, and the reduced wear on the nerves is even more valuable. Travel at 60 miles an hour plus is accomplished with ease, without stoplights, sharp cures or intersecting roads.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike is now completed to the Ohio line, thus avaiding the congestion of Pittsburg fo rthose traveling West. Ohio and Indiana will also build a similar type of road.

All such toll roads, so far, have been readily financed by the traveling public at a cost of about one and one third cents per mile.

The question naturally arises as to why Maryland has not built toll roads, particularly from Baltimore west and south.

Phone Rates Rise Held Unjustified

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company's requested rate relief, requiring an additional $4,620,000 in annual revenue, last week was described as unjustified in a hearing before the Public Service Commission.

As the commission opened its third series of hearings on the company's request for a new rate base structure, Joseph Allen, people's counsel, declared that "a fair rate of return on a proper rate base has been and will be produced by the telephone rates now in effect."

Later William G. Gassaway, counsel for the company's described Allen's testimony as "consistent with that taken by other people's counsels" in rate cases.

Mr. Gassaway then added that he was sure that the commission would "decide this case . . . on the basis of facts ,which clearly demonstrate that the company is entitled to relief."

Mr. Allen not only attacked the company's request for additional revenue, but through expert testimony and exhibits ,he sought to prove that:

1. A debt ratio as proposed earlier by a company witness "unreasonably increases the over all cost of capital."

2. That the "only fair, practical and realistic rate base that can be adopted is net book cost", rather than a rate base determined some where between net book cost and reproluction cost as advocated by the company.

Dr. Lionel W. Thatcher professor of economics and head of the Department of Business Administration at the University of Maryland, took the stand for two hours last week as the people's counsel's expert witness.

Dr. Thatcher told the commission that a debt structure of 50 per cent bonds and 50 per cent stock, rather than a 33 1-3—66 2-3 ratio as proposed by the company would result in a savings of $2,879,000.

To illustrate his point, the witness set the company's 1951 capital structure at $120,000,000, with one third debt (bonds) amounting to $40,000,00 and equity capital (stock at two thirds or $80,0000,000.

Using three per cent cost on the debt and 8.35 per cent on equity, Dr. Thacther said the cost of capital would be $1,200,000 and $6,680,000, respectively or a total of $8,880,000.

Would Finance Oyster Farms

The Maryland Conservation Federation, backed by public subscription, would finance an oyster farm of its own under a plan announced yesterday by H. Lee Hoffman, fedcration president.

The board of directors of the federation has appropriated $1,000 toward the project. Mr. Hoffman said, with the hope that people of each county and of Baltimore city will come forward with a matching contribution.

He emphasized that money for the farm would not come from public tax funds and that hoped-for profits would be put back into conservation education in Maryland. The federation proposes to apply to the Tidewater Fisheries Commission for the use of oyster bottoms in Chesapeake Bay, Mr. Hoffman said, the selection of the farm site to be made with the advice of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratories and a committee of practical watermen.

Management of the proposed farm would be in the hands of experienced oystermen, the federation officer added.

"We are convinced that under proper management oyster farming can be made more profitable than any other type of farming," Mr. Hoffman deciared.

"The amount of acreage to be sought and the use to which it would be put will depend upon public response and the advice of expert cnservationists," he added.

$50,000,000 Used in Improved Road Work

Funds in hand, revenue in sight and money to be raised through sale of the remaining $50,000,000 unsold authorized bonds insure the financial ability of the State Roads Commisssion to build roads at the rate of $30,000,000 annually over the next two years.

Three years from now revenues in sight based on conservative estimates of gas tax and tilting tax yields, plus Federal Aid Funds, indicates awards may safely be made at the rate of $13,000,000 annually.

Governor McKeldin speaking before members of the Ancient and Honorable Mc[illegible]al Company Thursday evening, said that Maryland would build roads at the rate of $30,000,000 annually for the next two years. He said this is a rate at which the present force of the commission is able to "spend efficiently and economically, assuring citizens of 100 cents return fo reery dollar spent."

Inasmuch as it takes up to eighteen months to complete major highways and bridge projecs ,it appears, on the basis of official figures, that Marylanders can expect road building to proceed fo rthree years at [illegible]000.

This assumes that no more bonds least at the annual rate of $30,000,000 will have been issued after the selling o fthe $50,000,000 of the $100,000,000 authorized in 1947.

Here is how the financial picture may be summarized;

As of October 31, 1951 the State Roads Commission had awarded pay for authorized projects to a to-contracts and committed itself to tal of $35,661,870.

It had on hand on October 31, 1951 in cash an din United States Government sceurities, bought with bond proceeds, $81,130,687.

That meant that to pay for projects authorized, meaning jobs actually under construction—some having been underway for 18 month—it needs cash of $27,531,183.

It will get the cash as follows:

On December 11, 1951, to improxe its cash position (it is estimated that it will take most of the $8,130,687 in hand to pay contractors, employes, overhead running expenses, etc, for November and December) it will sell a block of $25,000,000 bonds leaving a balance to be sold of the same amount.

Federal aid available to June 30, 1952 will ap[illegible] the State's [illegible] 670 of wh[illegible] ned" [illegible] fiscal [illegible]

Ga[illegible] o collecti[illegible] Commissio[illegible] timated at [illegible] "take" is fi[illegible]000, of which $4,722,000 w[illegible]ulted in the first four months of the current fiscal year.

Titling tax revenue to June 30, 1952 will run to approximately $4,698,000, figured at the rate of $7,000,000 a year, with $2,302,000 having been received in the first four months.

That would bring the total available to June 3, 1952 to $40,529,767.

By the end of 1952 it is planned to sell the last $25,000,000 of the authorized highway bonds, in addition to which there will be available $1,935,063, federal aid; $14,387,355, gasoline taxes, and $6,500,000 from titling tax.

That would bring the total cash and revenue in the next fiscal year to $47,812,185, which added to the $40,529,767 in sight for the current fiscal year rings the two year total to $87,852,185.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT QUEENSTOWN

Sunday night, December 16 at 7:30 P.M. there will be a special Christmas Candlelight Service at the Calvary Methodist Church, Queenstown. The Combined Adult Choirs of the Charge—totaling 40 voices—plus the Junior Choir will sing. Special solo numbers have been planned. Everyone is invited to attend.