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State Outlines Plan To Improve Low-Cost Roads

Expect Less Maintenance Cost On Smooth, All-Weather Wearing Surfaces

Seven Miles Of New Type Road Already Completed In Cecil County

A program calling for progressive improvement and stabilization of low-cost roads throughout the State was announced today by Dr. H. E. Tabler, Chairman of the State Roads Commission. Under the plan adopted by the Commission, it is expected that the State not only will be able to build smoother, safer, all-weather wearing surfaces, but that the maintenance costs will be reduced considerably.

One of the important steps in the development of each project by stages is the construction of a stabilized wearing surface by scientific methods of road soil stabilization. The United States Bureau of Public Roads has been developing this process and the State Roads engineers are following the procedure recommended.

"Road soil stabilization is destined to replace the old haphazard, costly methods of maintaining gravel and dirt roadways and pavement shoulders," said Dr. Tabler.

Local Materials Used

A road soil survey has been completed on more than 100 road projects and numerous deposits of road building materials through the State. Laboratory tests of these soils have provided data through which the Commission hopes to better the unpaved surfaces on Maryland roads. Materials from local pits are being used where possible to obtain proper proportions of gravel, sand and clay.

Twenty-two sections of roads and pavement shoulders in various sections of the State are being conditioned in this manner and treated with a special binder to maintain this condition in traffic-bound surfaces.

Important improvements have also been announced by Dr. Tabler in the widening and drainage of low-cost feeder and service roads, and it is felt that hundreds of miles of highways will be saved by such methods.

Draining Necessary

"It is well known that almost any type of soil, when dry and well compacted, is capable of carrying enormous loads," said the announcement. "But it is equally obvious that these soils, when saturated with water, lose their stability to such an extent that vehicles sink into them instead of being supported. Therefore, in order to protect the existing roads from further destruction, they must be kept as free as possible from the influence of rain and melted snow.

"The placing of a hard surface over the traveled portion of the road does not necessarily provide the answer, for if water is permitted to stand along the edge of the pavement, it will soak into the subgrade and destroy the supporting value of the material under the surfacing with the inevitable result that failure occurs."

Permanent Improvements

By providing a shoulder from 7 to 10 feet in width, with side ditches of sufficient depth to keep the free water below the average frost line, the operation of the State grading equipment is expected to save hundreds of miles of existing highways.

The State Roads Commission has been urging rural property owners to provide additional widths for right of way of feeder and service roads so that these permanent improvements can be made.

"As we see it," said the announcement, "there is no present need for a high type hard-surfaced road where the average daily traffic is only about fifty vehicles a day. The need on these roads is to have ample drainage facilities so that the water will be kept away from the traveled area. For this purpose we need to grade 30 feet between ditches."

Dr. Tabler reports that many property owners are offering the additional rights of way in order to obtain 365-day-a-year, smooth-surfaced roads.

Work In Cecil County

In Cecil county, examples of the work out of the county's allotment of road funds may be found on the Bohemia Mills and the Bunker Hill-St. Augustine roads. Both have been widened to 30 feet, graded and drained, the former for five miles and the latter for two miles.

Appleton Couple Celebrate Gold'n Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Daragh Short of Appleton, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Monday by entertaining about 30 relatives at a dinner at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Short were married at Warwick, in 1886. Mr. Short is a retired farmer. Among the guests were the four children of the aged couple and their daughters-in-law and sons in law as follows: Mr. and Mrs. George Short of Iron Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Short of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Vansant of Marshallton, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Anderson, of Newark.

Albert Wincnester Gets Orphans Court Judgeship

Albert C. Winchester, Pennsylvania Railroad employe and Republican leader in the Seventh District, has been appointed to the Chief Judgeship of the Orphans' Court of Cecil county by Governor Harry W. Nice to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Chief Judge Joseph F. Holt.

Mr. Winchester has been a life-long resident of Perryville and has always taken an active interest in Republican politics. His commission arrived several days ago and he took over his duties for the first time on Wednesday of this week.

Elkton Man Victim Of Hit-Run Driver In Baltimore

Howard C. McClintock Struck And Painfully Injured Saturday Night

Hurt About Head And Left Arm; Was Unconscious For More Than Two Hours

Struck by a hit and run driver in Baltimore last Saturday evening, Howard C. McClintock, proprietor of Mac's Laundry, was taken to the Maryland General Hospital, near the scene of the accident, where he remained in an unconscious condition for more than two hours. Mr. McClintock suffered severe and painful injuries about the head and left arm it requiring six stitches to close a wound in ihs left temple, and ten on his left arm and wrist.

On an official visit to a Baltimore group of members of the Maryland Federation of Men's Bible Classes, Mr. McClintock, who is vice-president of the National Federation and past president of the Maryland Federation, had just alighted from a street car at Howard and Monument streets when he was struck by an automobile and rendered unconscious. He was removed to the Hospital by a motorist but Mr. McClintock was unable to say whether or not the man who took him to the hospital was the driver of the car that struck him. Hospital attendants stated that the man left immediately after delivering Mr. McClintock to the hospital and while they gave the police a description he has not been located.

After regaining consciousness and his wounds were dressed, Mr. McClintock was discharged from the hospital and was able to return home that evening.

Elkton Kiwanis Club Sponsoring Lighting Contest

Local Merchants Donate Prizes For Best Decorated Homes And Shrubbery

Judges Will Determine Winners. Lights Will Be On Each Evening

The Elkton Kiwanis Club is again sponsoring its annual home Christmas lighting contest and many prizes are being offered for exterior lighting of homes and shrubbery and also indirect lighting from exterior decorations.

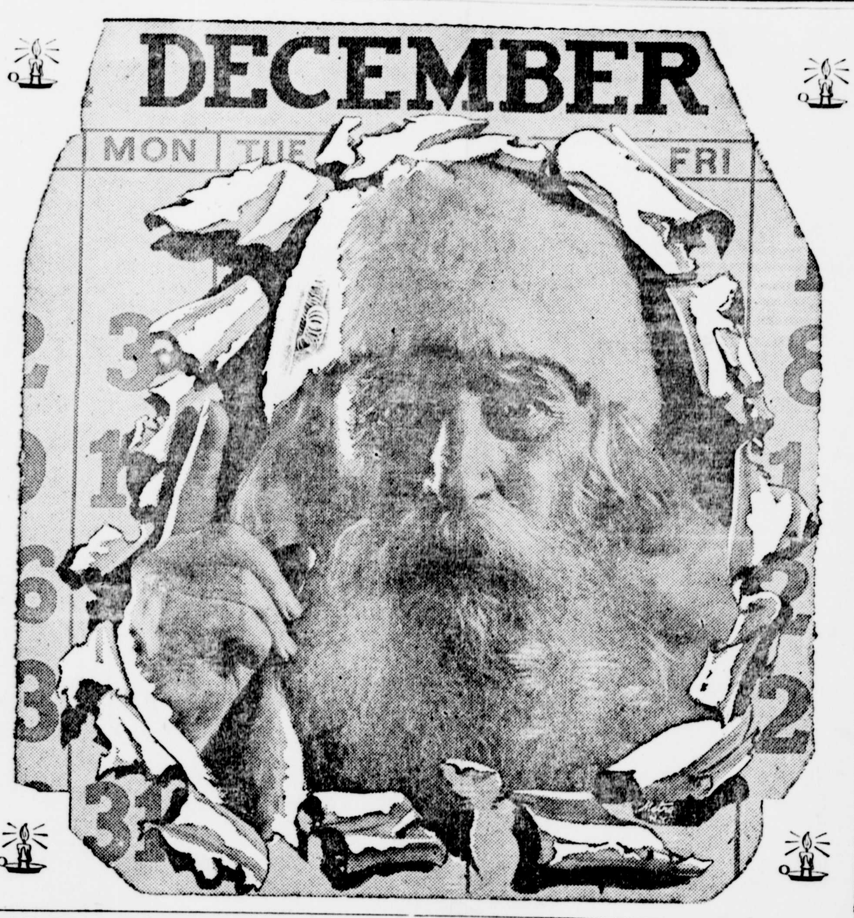
The Kiwanis Club has entry blanks for those desiring to enter the contest and two types of homes will be considered, and prizes awarded accordingly. One class will be for homes of two stories or more while the other class will be for the bungalow type. Those entering the contest are requested to designate which of these types they will enter. C. Ellis Deibert, chairman, Horace B. Lilley and Edwin S. Dorcus, opposite the committee in charge of the arrangements for the Kiwanis Club.

Those entering the contest are requested to have the lights on their homes turned on Christmas Eve' and each night from 7 to 10 until New Year's night. During the week judges will tour the community and determine the winners.

Following is a list of the prizes and donors: Manning Bowman electric coffee percolator set, donated by Conowingo Power Company, Elkton; large silver meat platter, donated by J. J. Minster & Son, Elkton; fine electric heating pad, donated by Davis Supply Company, Elkton; order for $5.00 worth of laundry work, donated by Mac's Laundry, Elkton; electric heating pad, donated by Lyon's Pharmacy, Elkton; order for $7.50 worth of merchandise, donated by Paxton's Pharmacy ,Elkton; fine smoking stand, donate dby Jacob Rubenstone, Elkton; fine Chesterfield man's hat, donated by Lynch's Men's Store. Classification of prizes will be announced later.

Port Deposit Inn Keeper Convicted on Liquor Chg.

Roy C. Price, proprietor of Anglers' Inn, Port Deposit, was convicted by a jury in the Circuit Court here Monday, he having been found guilty of selling intoxicating liquor to a minor. On several other counts he was acquitted.



Cecil Post Will Sponsor Annual Treat For Children Of Elkton Community

Legion Party Will Be Held Christmas Eve On Court House Plaza. Santa Claus Will Be Present To Distribute Gifts To Kiddies

Santa Claus is not going to forget the Elkton Kiddies this year as arrangements have been made by the members of Cecil Post No. 15 American Legion, with the jolly old gent to make his annual appearance here at their treat for the children of Elkton and community on Christmas Eve. Santa Claus was delighted to accept the invitation again this year and he has promised to appear at the gaily decorated community tree on the Court House plaza at exactly 7 o'clock Christmas Eve to meet the kiddies and distribute the treat that has been provided by the American Legion.

Workmen were busy yesterday trimming the beautiful cedar tree on the Court House plaza, and it is now resplendent with lights of varied colors and other decorations. As has been the usual custom Santa will begin his distribution at exactly seven o'clock and all children are requested to be present at that time as he has many other engagements to fill that evening.

The Cecil Post Committee making arrangements for the affair is composed of John K. Burkley, Sterling E. Dunbar, Calvin Fox, John J. Maloney and C. K. Eder.

Abandoned Car Found To Be Their Own

While enroute to their home from Elkton last Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Keithley discovered an abandoned car at the foot of their lane along the Elkton-Cherry Hill road.

Going to the car to investigate ,Mr. Keithley found the abandoned car belonged to him and was one used for milk deliveries. It is presumed the thief or thieves had left the car where it stopped when the gas tank went dry.

Youth Charged With Robbing Road House

Adolphus Campbell, 19, of the Porters Bridge section, is being held in the county jail awaiting a hearing on a charge of entering and robbing Huff's tavern near Porters Bridge. It is alleged Campbell robbed the place of $25 in cash and about $80 worth of stock. Deputy Sheriff Elwood Racine, who made the arrest, said he found a .38 calibre revolver on the youth at the time of the arrest. He will be given a hearing next week.

"Santa Claus"

(Affectionately dedicated to Childhood)
Old Santa Claus is on his way,
He's working every night and day;
He's making toys and streamlined trains,
Big steel balloons, and real airplanes
Which are for children if they're good—
But this, of course, is understood!

His wheels and tools, and buzzing saws,
Mid laughter, shouts and wild hurrahs,
Are working overtime at night
So there will be no oversight;
Each empty stocking he will fill
On Christmas Eve when all is still.

He's packing candy, nuts and balls—
If there should be some extra calls;
He carries large supplies in case
He finds new folks about the place;
He would not want to miss, you see—
Not anyone, no sir, not he!

His work shop is a happy place,
No sorrow there can leave a trace;
Within its humming, gay-decked walls
Are tinseled trees beneath snowfalls,
And smiling dolls with curling hair,
For little girls, are waiting there.

His sleigh's been tested for its speed,
Its safety where its path may lead;
Eight tiny reindeer, fast or slow,
Are ready for the word to go
When they will make amazing leaps
From house to house where childhood sleeps.

Much mystery, of course, is shown
As time has ever made it known;
It's faith and love that prompts each deed
That fills the cup of human need—
That makes all Christmastide more bright
When Santa Claus has said "good-night!"

—*Orvilla Adele Gilpin.*

Physical Audit Is Suggested By Dept. Of Health

Many Diseases Of Middle Life May Be Checked By Prompt Treatment

"Treat yourself to a physical audit if you have not had one made lately" is the advice of Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, to grown-ups in Maryland.

"Go to your doctor and to your dentist," Dr. Riley said, "find out how you stand so far as your physical resources are concerned. If you reserve supply of health needs watching or if you have been overdrawing your account they can help you either to build it up again or to conserve what you have.

Continuing the comparison of one's physical resources to a bank account, Dr. Riley said: "We all start out in life with a certain amount of biological capital. We conserve our physical resources and build up our health account by hygienic living. The account needs close watching, because we draw more heavily upon it than we realize, in the ordinary and extraordinary wear and tear of daily life, when we disregard the rule sof health and when we have illness of any sort. Unless we have the account balanced from time to time, we are likely to find ourselves with very little reserve supply to our credit.

"This is particularly true of grown-ups. The health accounts of a great many young children, and of girls and boys of school age, are audited regularly ,through the child health conferences that are a feature of health protection work, everywhere, and through the periodical physical examination and inspection of school children. The grown-ups are the ones who need to form the habits of the periodical health examination.

"Over half of the deaths that occur each year and a great part of the disabling illnesses are due to conditions that have slow beginnings, and that ordinarily do not make much headway until middle life. Ilnesses and deaths from heart disease, diseases of the kidneys, cancer, cerebral hemorrhage, diabetes and diseases of the arteries are in this class. The deaths from these diseases—which we usually speak of as the degenerative diseases of middle life and the older age groups—constitute over half the deaths recorded in the State, from all causes and at all ages. Many of them could be checked, much suffering could be prevented and lines prolonged for usefulness and enjoyment, through a periodical health audit, prompt treatment and the necessary conservation of the physical resources under the direction of the family physician.

"To prevent the accumulation of avoidable liabilities, and the old year, or start 1937, by having the necessary audit made of your physical resources."

New Counsel Named For Cecil Liquor Board

G. Reynolds Ash, Elkton attorney, has been named counsel to the Liquor License Board of Cecil county to succeed William J. Bratton who tendered his resignation to the Board. Mr. Bratton has been counsel to the Board since the enactment of the new liquor, wine and beer law, two years ago.

Elkton Banker Injured In Automobile Accident

Mr. Harvey H. Mackey, president of the Elkton Banking and Trust Company is recovering at his home near Blake from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. While enroute to his home accompanied by his cousin, Miss Anna Yerkes, he turned his car off the Fair Hill-Rising Sun road to the road leading to Blake when the machine skidded. In attempting to steer the car back on the roadway it collided with an embankment. Miss Yerkes was also injured aboutthe face, but not seriously.

Highway Users To Make Fight On Gas Tax Diversions

Will Support Legislative Program From Current Highway Planning Survey

Deplores Condition Of Maryland Roads And Looks To Help From New Program

(Special Dispatch To The Star)

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—The Highway Users Conference, organized in 1934 to fight diversion of motor tax revenues from the highways of the State, announced today that it will support any legislative program that may emanate from the current Highway Planning Survey and the deliberations of Governor Nice's special planning committee.

Awaits New Program

"We are convinced," said John A. White, of the Society of Automotive Engineers, who is Executive Secretary of the conference, "that only a workable program would be introduced by such a combination. The Highway Planning Survey is being conducted by the State Roads Commission with Federal funds, and in collaboration with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the State Planning Commission. The committee which will draft the plan is made up of both civil and traffic engineers, financial and legal experts, statisticians and leaders in other lines. And, best of all, it rises above party politics."

At the same time, Mr. White announced the conference is still unalterably opposed to diversion of highway funds, a practice charged with hastening the decay in Maryland's once-great roads system.

To Start Campaign

The resolution passed by the conference was released by Mr. White. tI reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the highway system of Maryland today stands in dire need of improvement and modernization in every section of the State; and

WHEREAS, it will be to the advantage, not only of the motorists, but of the unemployed, who can be given jobs, and of general business and industry, which depend so greatly upon the highways, if a sound, thorough program of road beterments is instituted; and

WHEREAS, Maryland motorists have contributed heavily every year in license fees and gasoline taxes without obtaining the adequate highway benefits which they believe possible with the amounts paid;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maryland Highway Users' Conference shall inaugurate immediately an intensive campaign for a sound physical and financial highway plan in the interest of the future of Maryland's highways."

Special Services For Christmas In St. Mary's Parish

Christmas Eve Midnight Service With Carols And Communion At North East

Christmas Morning Services With Communion At Perryville, North East And Chesapeake City

The Rev. J. Irving Insley, rector of St. Mary's Parish, has announced special services for the churches of the parish and also at Chesapeake City for Christmas Day.

At St. Mary's Church, North East, the Christmas season will be ushered in with a midnight service Christmas Eve' starting at 11:30 and continuing until 12:30. Christmas carols will be sung and Holy Communion will be celebrated. Following the service at the church, the choir and members will continue their usual Christmas custom by singing the carols in the streets.

On Christmas morning at 8 o'clock, Holy Communion service will be held at the Perryville Parish House, and at 9:30 a. m., there will be a Holy Communion service and sermon at Chesapeake City. The Communion service will also be celebrated at St. Mary's at eleven Christmas morning.

At St. Mary's Church, the Christmas music will be repeated at the Sunday morning service, and in the evening at 7:30 the children's Christmas service will be held.

Stanley Dupree Found Guilty Of Attack On Wife

Denies Accusations But Wife Identifies Him As Man Who Attacked Her

Faces Sentence to 10 Years In House Of Correction When Court Reconvenes

Convicted by a jury Tuesday of assault with intent to kill his wife Mrs. Goldie Dupree last October, Stanley Dupree, young white farmer, living near Elkton on the Glasgow road, is being held in the Elkton jail awaiting sentence for the crime. Sentence was deferred until January 4, when the court will reconvene after the holidays. The maximum penalty is ten years in the House of Correction.

The State charged that Dupree complained one night last October of being ill and sent his wife to the home of a neighboring farmer, Eugene Everett, for medicine.

The prosecution alleged Dupree's plan to murder his wife was frustrated in his first attempt because two members of the Everett household accompanied her back to the house.

Identifies Husband

Mrs. Dupree identified her husband as the person who beat her over the head with a wrench, rendering her unconscious. Dupree denied the accusations, alleging he had only heard her screams.

Mrs. Dupree testified that on a second return trip with medicine that night, she met her husband and spoke to him before he attacked her. She said she begged him not to hurt her.

She quoted Dupree as stating he intended to kill her. She said he struck her over the head with the wrench, knocking her unconscious. Forty-two stitches were required at the Elkton Hospital to close the wounds in her head.

Heard Victim Scream

Samuel P. Deaver, who worked on the Dupree farm, testified he was in bed asleep and was summoned about 11 o'clock at night by Dupree. The latter, he said, believed something had happened to his wife.

Dupree was quoted by Deaver to have remarked he had heard Mrs. Dupree scream several times.

Dupree Denies Attack

Deaver told how Dupree drove his car up the side road, directly past his wife, who was lying unconscious in the ditch. The witness said he called Dupree's attention to the woman, but his employer drove at least a quarter of a mile before turning around.

Deaver said Dupree acted like he was stalling for time, and also asserted Dupree acted the same way while taking Mrs. Dupree to a physician's office in Elkton and later to the hospital.

Dupree, taking the stand in his own behalf, denied he had attacked his wife, and said he went to hunt for her after he had heard cries for help.

The jury deliberated less than an hour before returning its verdict.

Governor And Dr. Tabler To Confer Over Roads Post

Rumors That Commission Chairman Will Tender Resignation By January 1

Decision on the rumored resignation of Dr. Homer E. Tabler as chairman of the State Roads Commission rests with a conference he is to have with Governor Nice sometime this week.

Dr. Tabler said that he would talk to the Governor, and that he "could not tell anything about it" until after that conference. He said that the Governor had no desire to see him resign, but that if he should decide to do so, he would return to his private practice of medicine in his Washington county home.

Dr. Tabler has been the target of many attacks from both Democrats and Republicans since he assumed the post as head of the highway body, with the result that it was reported that he would tender his resignation by January 1 in reply to attacks from Republican members of the State Senate.

Members of his own party have assailed Dr. Tabler for his administration of the roads system in their counties, and the Democratic attacks have centered on his efforts to dismiss Democratic employes of the Commission and replace them with Republicans.

Edw. J. Campbell Resigns North East Bank Position

Edward J. Campbell ,assistant cashier and director of the First National Bank of North East, has resigned his position and will leave after the holidays for Florida where he will spend the winter. Mr. Campbell has been the efficient assistant cashier of the North East bank for a number of years and his many friends will regret his removal. He will spend the Christmas holidays with his son at Wallingford, Pa., after which he will leave for the South.