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Many Highway Employees To Be Dropped

Hundreds In Maintenance Work Are To Lose Jobs In Few Weeks

Step Taken By State Roads Commission As Economy Measure

Hundreds of employees engaged in maintenance work in the State highway system will be dismissed by the State Roads Commission in a few weeks as an economy measure, it was learned this week.

Auditing and engineering officials of the commission have been working over the maintenance budgets for several days, and their deliberations are expected to result in a decision on just how many employees the commission can afford to keep.

Two Factors Cited

The economy move is a result of two factors—the reduced maintenance budget of the commission for the fiscal year which began October 1, and the higher wages which the commission must pay for labor under the new uniform wage scale, providing for a minimum of 35 cents an hour, which the commission adopted at the request of Governor Nice.

The sum available for maintenance of the primary system and general administration of the State Roads Commission during the next twelve months is $2,148,672.89. This is a reduction of $115,000 from the amount allowed in 1936-37.

Increase May Exceed $300,000

What the increase in labor costs will be under the new wage scale has not been ascertained, but it will be at least $100,000 for the year and it may be as much as $300,000, or even more.

Most of the increase will be concentrated in sections of the State where the wages were lowest prior to the change. These districts may be expected to suffer most drastically from the curtailment of personnel.

Counties of the Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland probably will be hardest hit, as it will be these sections where the district maintenance budgets will be thrown most out of balance by the pay raises.

Those counties which lie in Central and Western Maryland will be comparatively little affected, because their budgets were prepared in the expectation of wage rates which were as high as the minimum rates now to be uniform throughout the State.

Agitation for a uniform wage rate was started some months ago by Harry T. Phœbus, State Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, who maintained it was unfair that laborers in his home county, Somerset, should not receive as good wages as laborers in Western Maryland.

Requested By Governor

An appeal was carried to the Governor, who asked the Roads Commission to put a uniform scale with minimum wage rates and a fifty-hour week into effect throughout the twenty-three counties. The commission consented to do this, warning that it would raise maintenance costs.

Dr. Homer E. Tabler, chairman of the State Roads Commission, has asserted repeatedly that the maintenance situation was going to be serious this winter because of a provision made by the Legislature last winter which gives the commission a "frozen budget" for the next two years.

Under this provision, the maintenance budget for each of the six districts into which the State is divided for maintenance purposes is set for each of the two years of the new biennium.

If maintenance funds are exhausted in one district before the end of the year, no funds may be transferred from another district which has a surplus. There is a contingent fund of $175,000 for emergencies, but this is much smaller than has been allowed in the past. The fund contained $300,000 last year.

Money Not To Be Shifted

No construction funds, or money available anywhere else in the State budget, may be used for maintenance, and not even the Board of Public Works may authorize any budget shifts for the next two years, so strict was the mandate which the Democratic Legislature placed over the Republican commission.

Dr. Tabler has ordered that each district engineer shall have a daily budget for the next twelve months, showing him just how much he can afford to spend each day. The number of employees he will be allowed to have on his various maintenance gangs must fit into his budget.

This is regarded by the Roads Commission for maintenance may be spread in such a way that they will last throughout the year.

Extension Education Expert

ROBERT B. CRISWELL

New Fire Prevention Service

Extension Education Expert To Tour State

In an effort to reduce fire hazards in the State of Maryland, Robert B. Criswell, recently appointed extension education expert of the College of Engineering of the University of Maryland, is starting a tour this week to lecture and give practical table demonstrations on fire prevention work to schools, organizations, and civic groups throughout the State.

This new fire prevention service to the communities of the State is to consist of practical educational lectures designed to fit into forty minute periods making it possible for organizatons to hear the lectures without disturbing their usual programs.

The topics to be discussed include electrical fire dangers, the hazards of toys and toilet articles made of cellulose materials, home dry cleaning dangers, the nature of gasoline and its fumes, and the means of avoiding dust explosions often incurred by improper handling of house cleaning devices.

Consultation, active training and demonstration in the proper use of hose, ladders, gas masks, salvage technics, first aid and other pertinent subjects for the volunteer fire departments of the State will be the main work of Mr. Criswell, and he expects to visit every volunteer fire organization in the State in the near future.

Eventually four assistants are to be appointed by the Fire Service Extension Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the University of Maryland. They are to be stationed in three sectors of the State: one man on the Eastern Shore, two men in the central counties, and one man in Western Maryland.

Besides consultation work, these men are to administer a carefully planned and supervised correspondence course for volunteer firemen under the direction of Professor Criswell.

The public education plan and the intensive correspondence and training course for firemen form an expansion and improvement of the service the University of Maryland has been offering the State during the past four years by its Fireman's Short Course.

"What Sin Causes The Most Sadness In The World"

If you can answer this question correctly you will receive a beautiful Bible Sunday, October 24, when Rev. R. W. Campbell of the North East Methodist Church will answer this question in a unique sermon.

His message, "The Most Horrible of Sins" will be the first of a series of special messages that are to be given by Mr. Campbell in the ten weeks Loyalty Campaign which starts October 24.

Many answers have been submitted such as: war, murder, lying, stealing, dishonesty, rejecting Christ, hatred, etc. Mr. Campbell states that all of these answers are wrong. However, if you submitted one of them you will have another opportunity next Sunday to give the correct answer.

Funeral Service For Mrs. Philip M. King Held Monday

Mrs. Mary Purnell King, aged 35, wife of Philip M. King, of Elkton, died at Union hospital last Friday morning, after a short illness. Before her marriage, she was Miss Mary Purnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Purnell of this town. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Patricia, aged 7, and Nancy, aged 5 years. The funeral was held at 9 o'clock Monday morning, with services in Elkton Catholic church. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

Dr. W. E. Gunby Speaks At Church Parley

Christian workers, Sunday school superintendents and teachers and others from all parts of Cecil County, and many from other sections gathered at Cherry Hill Methodist Episcopal Church this morning to attend the annual county convention of the Cecil County Council of Christian Education.

There will be three sessions—morning, afternoon, and evening. The address of welcome was made by the Rev. Frank McCorkle, pastor of the church, and the responses were made by the Rev. F. C. Buckley and Harry C. Cole. At 10.30 o'clock the convention was addressed by the Rev. Paul R. Koontz on "The Church as a Whole Family."

After the president delivered his mesage and reports were received from the various departments, Miss Lillian McCormick addressed the gathering. The afternoon session was devoted to a number of subjects regarding church life followed by an address by the Rev. Dr. W. E. Gunby of Wilmington.

A young people's rally will be held this evening under the supervision of Prof. John Lord of Perryville, superintendent of youth department of the council.

Benefit For Old St. Augustine Church

A benefit to aid old Saint Augustine Church, at St. Augustine, this county, will be held in the Parish House, at Chesapeake City, on Thursday evening, the 21st instant, starting at eight o'clock.

The Hanover Glee Club, composed of thirty-six members, of Wilmington, Del., under th edirection of Miss Sarah Hudson White, Associate American Guild of Organists, will present a program consisting of a short comedy entitled "I Want To Get Married" and secular musical numbers both classic and modern among them "On Great Lone Hills" by Sibilius; "Blue Danube" by Strauss and such jolly numbers as "Come To The Fair" by Martin and a few popular songs.

An evening of fine music and entertainment is promised. The admission is twenty-five cents.

The benefit is being given especially for repairs to the interior of Saint Augustine Church which was damaged, in the summer, during a heavy storm.

Returns From Business Trip

Mr. Thomas B. Dutcher, General Manager of the Victory Sparkler and Specialty Co. of Elkton, has returned from quite an extensive sales tour.

Visiting Parents Here

Reed Harnett a student at Washington College, Chestertown, is visiting his parents on Howard street for a few days.

Fractures Collar Bone

Marie Racine, a student at the Cecil County Agricultural High School, Calvert, is confined to her home with a fractured collar bone, suffered while participating in a field ball game.

Chas. Biddle Appointed On Election Board

Governor Harry W. Nice appointed Mr. Charles Biddle, a member Supervisor Board of Election for Cecil County to succeed Mr. Victor Bennett, deceased. Mr. Biddle was the unanimous choice of the State Central Committee. He has been a life-long member of Republican party and has spent his entire life at North East.

New Post Office Site To Be Selected Friday

Announcement was made this week that T. L. Starr of the Post Office Department, will be in Elkton on Friday of this week to look over sites for the new post office here. Several sites were offered several weeks ago ranging in price from $14,000 to $34,000. An appropriation of $99,000 was made for the building and lot and while nothing definite has been done in the way of selecting a site, the post office authorities state that the price of the building site will govern the amount to be put into the building.

Recuperating After Long Illness

George Houck, superintendent of assessments for Cecil County, who has been ill in a hospital and at his home for several months, has sufficiently recovered to be out again. He has been unable to resume his duties.

Auto Inspection Campaign Set To Start Nov. 1

Examination Of Cars This Year To Include Condition Of Tires

All Machines Must Be Tested By December 15, Rudy Says

The annual safety campaign of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in Maryland will open officially on November 1, and all automobiles in active operation must have their major working parts inspected and approved by the time the campaign closes on December 15, Walter R. Rudy, the commissioner, announced today.

This year's examinations will be more extensive than those in past seasons, he explained, in that the report sent to the commissioner's office by the examiners at garages must have a record of the conditon of the tires.

Open New Phase

These reports will be valuable sources of tire and safety statistics, the commissioner feels, and may perhaps shed light on some hitherto obscure phases of safety work. It may also, it is felt, give more details on those accidents attributed to bursting or skidding tires, as it will place on record in the commissioner's office the status of each motorist's tires at the time of the examination.

Aside from this, the test will consist of the usual trial of brakes, lights, steering gear, windshield wipers and horns.

No Cost To State

Appointment of agencies where examinations may be obtained will begin on Monday, October 18. Each examining agent pays a nominal fee to the Commission, which goes to pay for the report blanks and approval stickers necessary for each examination. State law provides that the tests shall be made without cost to the State or to the motorist.

Last year there were 1,400 places in Maryland for examination of automobiles, and it was predicted that there would be approximately the same number this fall.

In addition, the safety campaign has other phases, including frequent talks and demonstration and other methods of bringing safety measures to the attention of the public.

Giant Negro Held On Murder Charge

Frank Allen, a giant 28 year old negro, was arrested last Friday at Havre de Grace by Lieut. Fred Fadely of the Pennsylvania Railroad police department. As the detective approached Allen when he alighted from a freight train, the negro whipped out a revolver but Fadely was ready for just such an emergency and closed in on his man. In a tussle he overpowered the man and placed him in the Havre de Grace Station house. At a hearing in which he was charged with illegal train riding and attempting to assault an officer, he was given 18 months in the Maryland House of Correction.

After a report was made to headquarters, an investigation of the negro was made and he is believed to be the man who held up and shot a grocer at Bay View one night last week. Allen admitted to the detective that he had been at Bay View and when questioned about his gun, a .38 calibre revolver, which showed signs of having been recently fired, he stated he fired it in the Bay View yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Sunday Service At Harts

Services Sunday, October 17, on the Elk Neck Charge will be as follows: At Harts, Sunday School at 9.45 a. m., Epworth League at 7.30 p. m., leader, Lewis Ulary; Preaching at 8 p. m.

Wesley: Special services. Sunday School at 11 a. m., Preaching at 11.30 a. m. by the Rev. Howard Heath; at 2.30 service by the Rev. M. E. Wheatley of Elkton Church. Special singing at both services. You are invited to bring a box lunch and stay for both services.

Dorothy Futty and Vernon Reynolds Wed

In the Rock Hall M. E. parsonage last Saturday night, Miss Dorothy S. Futty, of Elk Neck, Md., daughter of the late Mr. John Futty, became the bride of Mr. Vernon Reynolds of North East, son of Mrs. Alice Reynolds and the late Andrew Reynolds. The Rev. F. Charles Louhoff, Jr., pastor of the Rock Hall M. E. Church, performed the ceremony. Miss Ann Futty, sister of the bride, and Mr. Allan Conway of Elkton attended the couple.

Gunners Asked To Be Careful Near CCC Camps

There are thirty-two CCC Camps located in Maryland and the young men of these camps have done excellent work and need your cooperation. Therefore, we appeal to you at this time to be careful when you go hunting, not to shoot toward a CCC Camp or in the vicinity where men are working. In fact, there should not be any hunting done within one-half mile of any CCC Camp of where men at work either on roads or in the forest and we request your cooperation in preventing the injury of anyone through negligence on your part. Look before shooting.

By cooperating in this manner you may save a life, which is much more valuable than any species of game you may miss or probably kill.

We are requesting superintendents of all CCC Camps to post notices one-half of a mile from their respective camps, and request your cooperation in prohibiting hunting within said area.

Also, when the huntng season comes on be very careful and assist us in preventing the "red menace" from destroying our forest areas. Do not drop matches or empty your pipe or throw a lighted cigar or cigarette on the ground. If you desire to get rid of either, put your foot on same and be sure the fire is out before leaving the spot. Your cooperation will prevent serious forest fires.

Democratic Club Card Party

The Women's Democratic Club of Cecil County will hold a card party at the Howard Hotel on Wednesday, November 10, at 8 p. m. Auction and contract bridge, "500" and pinochle will be played. There will be prizes and refreshments.

Observe Fifty-first Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reed of Bay View quietly observed their 51st wedning anniversary at their home yesterday. A number of relatives and guests called.

Organizing Legion Post

A post of the American Legion is being organized at Perryville. A campaign for members has disclosed that there are more than a sufficient number of veterans in the locality to warrant the organization.

Rock Church To Hold Rally Day

Rally Day service will be held in the Rock Presbyterian Chunrch Sunday morning, October 17, at 10.45 a. m. The Astels from Ebenezer M. E. Church, will sing and Rev. Stubblebind will deliver a message on "Marching Forward." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Fishing Fair In 1938 Goes To Rock Hall

B. Frank Sherman, of Annapolis, was relected president of the Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair Association at a meeting held at Federalsburg, Maryland, October 8th.

Rock Hall was selected as the site of next year's fair. Hammond Brown of Baltimore, was elected vice-president at large.

Calvin Fox Heads Elkton Firemen

The Elkton Fire Department has elected Calvin Fox, for several years past, first vice-president of the organization, president to fill out the unexpired term of Oliver C. Giles, deceased. William P. Titter has also been elected a member of the Board of Directors, succeeding Mr. Giles. John J. Denver was elected first vice-president.

Pencader Grange To Hold Series Of Card Parties

The Pencader Grange, P. of H. No. 60, will hold a series of card parties in Brook's Hall, Glasgow, Del., starting at 8 p. m. on the following dates: Saturday, November 6, 1937; Saturday, December 4, 1937; Saturday, January 1, 1938; Saturday, February 5, 1938; Saturday, March 5, 1938.

Saturday, November 20, 1937; Saturday, December 18, 1937; Saturday, January 15, 1938; Saturday, February 19, 1938; Saturday, March 19, 1938.

There will be prizes and refreshments.

C. I. O. Invades Elkton

Several men visited Elkton yesterday, Wednesday, distributing C.I.O. literature and cards at several plants.

W. C. T. U. Speaker

MRS. MARGARET C. MUNNS

Local Members To Participate In W.C.T.U. Parley

Annual State Convention To Be Held At Hyattsville

Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, National Treasurer, To Speak October 20

Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, of Evanston, Illinois, treasurer of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, and since 1925 Treasurer of the World's W. C. T. U., will be the speaker on Wednesday, October 20, during the State Convention of the Maryland W. C. T. U., which will be held at Hyattsville, Prince George's County, October 19, 20 and 21. Miss Flora E. Strout, World Missionary for the W. C. T. U., will speak on Thursday, and Miss Rebecca T. Miller of Sandy Spring, who has spent the past few years in Hawaii, will tell of her visit there the same day.

As Treasurer of the National W. C. T. U., Mrs. Munns is naturally closely identified with the campaign to complete a Million Dollar educational fund for temperance authorized by the 1936 National Convention of the organization. Regarding this Mrs. Munns says:

"The inception of the Million Dollar temperance educational fund was God-given. At a time when newspaper advertisements, the social column, the fiction of the day reeks with cocktails, when beer is held up as food for babies and undernourished mothers, when young men and women seem to feel they must be connoisseurs of all kinds of liquor or they will be thought unsophisticated, alco-

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Civil Service Examinations Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Associate geophysicist, $3,200 a year, and assistant geophysicist, $2,600 a year.

Special agricultural economic writer, $3,800 a year, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Cottonseed technologist, $3,800 a year, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Full information may be obtained from H. W. Bauchelle, Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office or customhouse in this city.

Mrs. Jennie M. Dunbar Buried

Mrs. Jennie M. Dunbar, 50 years old, wife of Morris Dunbar, a farmer near Iron Hill, died in a Wilmington hospital last Thursday, after about 10 days' illness.

The funeral was held from Pippin's Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, with interment in Elkton cemetery.

She was the daughter of the late Frank Moody of near Elkton. Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Morris Dunbar, Jr., of Yermo, Calif., and one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Dunbar at home.

Union Hospital Directors Elect Officers

The Board of Directors of Union Hospital, for Cecil County at a meeting in Elkton yesterday elected the following as Directors for the ensuing year:

Abel J. Cameron, of North East; Murray J. Ewing, Miss Grace Price, Miss Virginia Abrahams, David McDowell, Dr. Delmar Smithers, Carroll Short, Thomas J. Murray, Wirt Bouchelle, Thomas B. Miller, Harry W. Pippin.

The new Board organized by electing Abel Cameron, president; David McDowell, vice-president; Murray J. Ewing, secretary and treasurer; Miss Elizabeth Stewart, superintendent.

Annual Xmas Seal Sale To Open On Thanksgiving Day

All Counties In State Will Join To Fight White Plague

Cecil County Workers Organizing For Local Campaign Here

In anticipation of the thirty-first annual sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals, which will commence as usual on Thanksgiving Day, twenty-eight million seals have been received at the offices of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association. These seals have made possible the organized fight against tuberculosis that has been going on in this state with increasing success. Since 1904, when the tuberculosis association was started, the death rate from this disease has been decreased from 234.2 per hundred thousand people to 81.9 per hundred thousand.

The officials of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, the officials of the local associations, and the county seal chairmen all hope that the 28,000,000 seals will enable them to continue this fight. Last year the counties of Maryland sold .027 seals per capita. The record for the state was .038 per capita. It is hoped that the sale this year will be successful enough to raise the record for the state to over .040 per capita. If this was accomplished much additional work could be done that would hasten the ultimate victory over this disease.

The Christmas Seal design this year features an old fashioned town crier. Red faced and jovial, he is pictured making his rounds crying out his message to the people which this year might easily be, "Fight Tuberculosis by using me on all your Christmas mail." With his three cornered hat, red muffler and mittens, frock coat, bell and glowing lantern; he makes a charming picture with a background of a deep blue winter sky and snow covered houses, sparkling light from every window. High in the sky is the flaming double-barred cross, emblamatic of the world-wide struggle against tuberculosis.

Members of the staff of the association are already hard at work preparing these seals for distribution to the people of the state. The greater part of the sale will be conducted by mail, seals being sent to people at their homes and to business organizations. In some centers, the time and place will be announced later by the various Seal Sale Chairmen, seals will be made available to those persons who did not receive them in the mail.

Annual Poultry Supper At Wesley M. E. Church

The annual poultry supper of Wesley M. E. Church, Elk Neck, will be held October 21, in the Racine School House. First table 5 p. m.

Annual Poultry Supper At Bethel M. E. Church

The Ladies Aid Society of Bethel M. E. Church has announced Thursday, October 28 as the date of the annual poultry supper sponsored by that organization of the church. First tables will be served between 5 and 5.30 and the patronage of the public is cordially solicited.

Cemetery Association Elects Officers

The Harmony cemetery and Memorial Association of Liberty Grove has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, J. Howard Griest; first vice-president, Frederick Mitchell; second vice-president, Walter McGuire; secretary, Miss Roberta Graham; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Mitchell.

New Building To Be Dedicated At U. of Delaware

In connection with the dedication of the new Chemistry Building at the University of Delaware on Saturday of this week a two day conference of chemistry and chemical engineering, starting Friday morning, has also been arranged by the university. This conference will bring to Delaware some of the noted chemists and chemical engineers in this country and at least one from abroad.

The Svedberg, Professor of Chemistry, University of Upsala, Sweden, who several years ago was awarded the Nobel prize, will give a talk Friday afternoon on "The Ultra-centrifuge and Its Field of Research." Charles M. A. Stine of the duPont Company will preside at this session.

The actual dedication exercises will take place at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The new Chemistry Building which was completed and equipped at a cost of about $400,000 is the gift from a friend of the University.