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## REP. GOLDSBOROUGH SEEKS APPROVAL FOR WATERWAY PROJECTS

### Ten Enterprises To Aid Navigation, Fishing Industry To Cost $559,700; North East and Elk Rivers Included In Program

Representative Goldsborough of Maryland, Monday appeared before the sub-committee of the appropriation committee in charge of the War Department non-military supply bill and made a personal plea for funds to carry out ten waterway projects on the Eastern Shore, totaling $559,700.

The ten projects have been approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, and have also been authorized by Congress.

**Crisfield Harbor Asked**

The improvement advanced for Crisfield is the dredging of a boat harbor approximately 1,200 feet long, 160 feet wide and seven feet deep, at a cost of $33,000.

The other projects for which Representative Goldsborough asked funds are: Rock Hall harbor, $58,000; Island Creek, $6,800; Fishing Bay-Goose Creek, etc., $38,600; Nanticoke River, $82,000; Upper Thoroughfare, $26,000; North East River, $7,300.

Mr. Goldsborough displayed a map to the committee and pointed out the various projects and their importance to the people of the Eastern Shore.

Congressman T. Allan Goldsborough has also introduced a bill, which has been referred to the Committee on Flood Control, House of Representatives, providing for a preliminary examination and survey of Big Elk Creek and Elk River, Cecil County, Maryland, looking to flood control in the valley of these streams.

## National Guard Inspection Began This Week

The annual Federal Inspection of the Troops and Armories of the Maryland National Guard began this week, and will continue until the end of April.

All companies in the State have been put through a period of intensive training in preparation for the inspection. At the inspection the men are put through close order and extended order drills; and give demonstrations with the weapons with which they are armed. There is also a rigid inspection of all equipment and an examination of the company records.

Summer Camps — Following the Federal Inspections, the work of getting the various units of the First Infantry ready for summer camp will be gotten underway.

This year the First will be stationed at Cascade in Western Maryland from July 16th to July 30th. During a week of this time they will share Camp Ritchie with the Fifth Regiment from Baltimore. This will mark the second successive year that the 58th Brigade has assembled for maneuvers. Until recently the First and Fifth Regiments were not in camp at the same time.

Guard units stationed on the Eastern Shore will be taken to summer camp by train. Companies of the First Regiment located on the Western Shore will make the trip by truck.

Elaborate plans are being made that indicate that the 1938 encampment will be the most successful in the history of the National Guard.

In addition to the usual training, maneuvers, and firing on the range, a comprehensive athletic program is being worked out. Inter-Regimental competition in baseball, softball, track and boxing will be among the features staged during off hours.

### Play Contest at North East

The Dramatic Club of North East High School will compete in a one-act play contest the night of March 25. Chairmen of the competing groups are: Freshmen, Charlotte Murphy; sophomores, Eugene Owens; juniors, Dean Krumrine; seniors, Jane Howard.

### Vice President of Club

Mrs. AtleeArmour, president of the Cecil County Federation of Homemakers' Club, has been elected vice-president of the newly organized State Council of Homemakers' Clubs.

### Card and Bingo Party At Chesapeake City

The Ladies Auxiliary of Chesapeake City will hold a card and bingo party in the Auxiliary Building on Wednesday evening, April 20. Many beautiful prizes will be given including a door prize of $2.50. Refreshments served. Admission 35 cents.

### Newark-Glasgow Road Construction Started

Work on the new concrete highway from Glasgow to Newark was started Monday under the direction of the State Highway Department, Vincent Shiavi is contractor.

The department will open bids April 6 on projects as follows: New sidewalk on Division and Forrest Streets, Dover; new sidewalk at Hartly school; widening of Georgetown-Bridgeville road; supplying 9,600 tons of concrete for maintenance work in New Castle County.

### Willing Workers To Present Play

The Willing Workers of the Elkton M. E. Church will present "In the Fountain of Youth," at the Church House, Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 21 and 22.

The cast of characters:

Tabitha Tidbits, Mrs. Howard Biddle
Rosemary Ruggles, Mrs. Walter Miller
Martha Mulberry, Mrs. Bessie Scott
Arabella Allenby, Mrs. Carroll Van Pelt
Dora Dummer, Mrs. Archie Wolever
Miss Breeze, Mrs. Thomas McIntire
Leah La Verne, Mrs. Robert Brown
Theresa Trotter, Mrs. Florence Kirk
Abigail Apricot, Mrs. Harry Alexander
Ophelia Oldgal, Mrs. Jacob Biddle
Sabina Saltseller, Mrs. Garrett Allender
Widow Wallop, Mrs. Fred Reynolds
Mathilda Mushroom, Mrs. Lydia Reynolds
Penelope Puddlemud, Mrs. Thomas Freeman
Sophia Stayput, Mrs. Elizabeth Witworth
Juliana Jumper, Mrs. Dorie Foster
Bertha Bardus, Mrs. Melvin Wheatley

### Files Suit For Divorce

Mrs. Martha Taylor, through her attorney, E. Kirk Brown, filed a bill in the Cecil County Court today for a divorce from William P. Taylor, on the grounds of desertion.

### Epworth League Meets At Chesapeake City

The Epworth Leagues of the Southern divisions of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, held their annual spring gathering at Chesapeake City today. Paul Burkholder, Delaware educator, will be the guest speaker. Members of the Epworth Leagues of Cecil County arranged a special program

### Civil Service Examinations Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the following positions:

Inspector of Clothing, $2,000 a year, Quartermaster Corps, War Department.

Chief, Research and Statistical Service, $5,600 a year, Office of Education, Department of the Interior.

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

### American Store Robbed Tuesday Morning

When the manager of the American Store in the Burkley building on East Main Street, went there Tuesday morning to open up for business, he discovered the place had been entered and ransacked. A number of articles including many packs of cigarettes had been stolen.

Entrance had been made by prying open a rear door.

This is the second time the same store has been robbed, the first time, about three years ago, when entrance was gained the same way as early Tuesday morning.

### Ho Hum

The other day an invalid friend of mine expressed the wish that she might go out somewhere in the bright sunshine. Her charwoman, overhearing the remark, spoke up: "My husband could take you. He's on relief now and we have a car."—Letter to N. Y. Times.

## 100,000 Persons Ask Benefits

### 72,000 Claims Have Been Verified

More than 100,000 persons have asked for benefit payments under the unemployment compensation act administered by the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board, which began to receive claims on January 3 last. Of these 72,000 have been verified and more than 143,000 weekly payments have been made. The average weekly payment to date has been about 8.74 and the total now runs up to $1,500,000.

The number of checks sent out each day varies from 4,000 to 10,000, the latter figure having been reached for the first time last week.

There are to date about 10,000 disputed claims which are in the course of adjustment. It is these disputed cases which cause complaints from the prospective beneficiaries many of whom in filing their claims failed to give all the necessary information. The most frequent omission is the Social Security Number without which no benefit payment can possibly be made.

Beneficiaries are, on the average, getting paid for eight weeks of unemployment but payment is stopped when the beneficiary is reemployed.

In recent days new claims for benefits have been coming in at the rate of about 1,000 a day. Baltimore City supplies by far the largest number, with Cumberland second.

The work of the Claims Division of the Board is now about current by the aid of much overtime work.

### Hold Up Near Mayor Mitchell's Home

Edwin Carter, 18, employed at a filling station in Elkton, while walking to his home on East Main Street Friday night, was held up and robbed by an unknown Negro.

As Carter was passing the Methodist Church house he was grabbed by a man who after taking his pocketbook containing a dollar bill demanded the boy's wrist watch and then his ring. While the Negro was taking the ring of his finger, Carter made a break from the bandit and escaped.

Officer Elwood Boyd later picked up a suspect but the youth could not identify him as his assailant.

The scene of the holdup is about 50 yards from the residence of Mayor Henry H. Mitchell who a week ago was hit on the head with a club by an unidentified assailant as he was entering his home.

### Three Hurt When Car Hits Pole

Miss Dorothy Sandberg, Joseph Yarchower, and Morris Jesser of New York, were taken to the Havre de Grace Hospital suffering cuts and bruises received when their car crashed into a telephone pole at Charlestown, Sunday. The men were able to return home by train. Miss Sandberg was detained at the hospital.

### Chamber of Commerce Elects Officers

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term if the North East Chamber of Commerce last evening:

President, John Lilley; Vice-President, Howard Logan; Secretary, Marion Rose; Fin. Secretary, George Wingate; Treasurer, Walter I. Smith; Directors, Ralph Beachley, Mauldin Lum, Philip R. Rickards, Charles Gibson, Charles Ferguson.

### Celebrate Fifty-fourth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ardean Carr, 140 West High Street, observed their 54th wedding anniversary today. Mr. Carr is 80 years old and his wife 85. Mrs. Carr has been bedfast for the past four years.

### Chesapeake City Amateur Show

The Ladies Auxiliary of Chesapeake City is sponsoring an amateur show at the Parish House on Friday evening May 6. Everybody welcome to participate. Prizes given. Don't forget the date.

**Compensation, Law of Life**

Compensation is the law of life, and for every joy taken from us as decades pile up, another one is substituted.

**Vesuvius Potash Utilized**

Vesuvius, the famous volcano, yields potash which is employed in agriculture.

### Spring Cleaning For Furnaces Important

"Now is the time to use your good common sense to avoid burning your home. Run your furnace so it will keep you warm, but not burn you up!"

This is the warning given by a fire prevention engineer, who says that the way you operate your heating plant at the end of winter, after months of hard use, may decide whether you will have your house a week from now—or a blackened ruin instead.

As the National Board of Fire Underwriters points out, "Cold weather brings an increase of fires every year. Homes are burned, people are maimed for life and others die in agony as the fire losses mount higher.

"Don't force your furnace or stove. If you can't get enough warmth, call in a heating expert. Also call him if you find any broken parts or other defects such as holes in the smoke-pipe, or a dirty or defective chimney."

You know what would happen to your car if you neglected to have it properly lubricated, and necessary repairs made. Your furnace is in the same category. It can't operate efficiently and safely without periodic expert attention and cleaning.

The use of common sense will save lives and property from destruction by fire now.

### Applications For Social Security Account Numbers Total 535,344 In Maryland

Applications for Social Security account numbers received by the Social Security Board at the end of February totaled 535,344 for Maryland, Mr. Luther Becker, Manager of the Baltimore Field Office of the Social Security Board, announced today.

Mr. Becker stated that Social Security account numbers issued up to the end of February in the United Stated totaled 37,781,710.

### "Education" Topic of Woman's Club Address

"Education" was the topic before the semi-monthly meeting of the Elkton Woman's Club this week. Mrs. Wallace Williams, a member of the Board of Education for Cecil County, was the chairman of the program and Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., assistant superintendent in the State Department of Education, was the guest speaker. The Elkton Parent-Teacher Association met with the club.

### Chicken Thieves Active

Gilbert Simmers, a farmer at Woodlawn, reported to the sheriff's office that thieves paid a visit to his chicken house and carted away 45 barred rock hens. Martin L. Thompson reported 35 hens of the same breed missing the same night. The thieves parked their truck in a wheat field near the old Woodlawn Campmeeting grounds, walking across two fields to the Simmers and Thompson farms.

### Deputy Sheriff Seth's Car Hits Truck

Deputy Sheriff Lewis Seth, of Cecil county, suffered painful injuries when his automobile collided with a parked truck near Rising Sun Friday night.

Seth, returning from Baltimore, where he had taken prisoners to the State Penitentiary, said there was a heavy fog. A piece of timber protruding from the rear of the truck crashed through his windshield, narrowly missing the officer.

### The Low Down From Hickory Grove

Seems like a feller never gets a chance to go to bed any more, and have any kind of an idea about what will be going on by 6:30 A. M. tomorrow.

And things they may be calm and cool as a cucumber today, and in an uproar tomorrow—or the opposite. And most of the commotion, it comes from our own Capitol, where things should be secure, instead of like maybe some jelly tetterin' on a plate.

Like with money—we used to have a gold dollar, but now our dollar, nobody knows it. And if you are caught owning a gold dollar, you go to jail, like as if you was Jesse James.

And on nights when you climb into bed, and think things are half-way gettin' settled, and you figure maybe you can relax a minute or plan something to do in the A. M., there will be a law against it by sun-up.

Gettin' dizzy on a merry-go-round—it is tame stuff.

Yours, with the low down,
JO SERRA.

## K. of C. Sponsors Safety Meeting

### Program To Promote "Safety On Streets and Highways To Be Given in Havre de Grace

Havre de Grace Council, No. 2002, Knights of Columbus, will sponsor a program to promote "Safety on the Streets and Highways," at the opera house, Havre de Grace, on Monday, March 21, at 8 o'clock. There will be motion pictures and addresses by the Safety Department of the Maryland Office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the American Automobile Association. The program will be entertaining and educational and everyone is invited. There will be no charge for admission. Mr. Theodore J. Yasczko is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

### Hospital To Hold Annual Dinner

The directors and ladies' auxiliary of the Havre de Grace Hospital have set Thursday, March 24, as the date for their annual dinner. On April 1, they will pay $2,500 on a $5,000 mortgage that has been on the property since 1912.

### To Build High School At Darlington

The Board of Education has awarded a contract for construction of a new high school at Darlington to James H. Davis, contractor of Havre de Grace. He was the lowest of eight bidders at $42,000.

The plumbing and heating contract was awarded to B. O. Poff at $4,621. Work will begin within the next ten days. The building will have eight class rooms with a basement and will be constructed of brick.

Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, assistant superintendent of the state department of education, will be the guest speaker at a bi-monthly meeting of the Women's Club, Tuesday. Mrs. Wallace Williams, county school commissioner, is program chairman.

### Six Escape "Sudden Death" Near Elkton Sunday

Six persons were injured near here Sunday evening when two cars crashed after a third car swung out of line in an attempt to pass them.

Joseph Rice, 65, of Washington, D. C., one of the drivers, suffered a fracture of the skull and his wife, Elizabeth, 63, received knee injuries. Mrs. Grace Jones, 35, of Washington, a passenger in the Rice car, was cut severely.

In the other car were Mannon Robinson, 18, of Middletown, Del., who was taken to Union Hospital with a possible skull fracture; Philip Davis, 15, of Townsend, Del., and George Gooden of North East, cuts and bruises.

### Social Security Payments Comprise Entire Estate of Most Deceased Workers

Lump-sum payments now being made under the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act comprised the entire estate of a majority of workers who have died since January 1, 1937. This surprising fact is revealed by a study recently announced by the Boards Field Office, at Baltimore.

Although these lump-sum payments have varied between a few cents and $525, the average amount for the whole country is now approximately $32. This represents 3½ per cent of the wages paid to the workers in covered employment after December 31, 1936, and before his death. This average sum is steadily increasing, of course, as the amount of the worker's wage record increases.

The same type of lump-sum payments are being made also to persons who have reached age 65 since January 1, 1937. These payments are based, likewise, on the wages earned in covered employment since that date, amounting to 3½ per cent of such wages. Some workers now eligible, who have not filed claims, are under the impression that they must stop work if they apply for a lump-sum payment. This belief is not true, since lump-sum payments are being made to employees who have reached 65 and who continue to work at their old jobs. This confusion undoubtedly arises from the fact that monthly benefit payments, which will not start until 1942. can not be paid to persons who are still working in covered employment.

Complete advice and assistance in the filling out of the few simple forms required for filing a claim for a lump-sum benefit, as noted above, can be obtained free of any charge from the Baltimore Field Office.

## ANNUAL REPORTS SHOW TAXES HIT CUSTOMERS, LABOR, INVESTORS

### Increased Taxes Blamed by Companies for Increased Costs of Goods and Services, Stem Employment

Users of telephones in the area served by the New York Telephone Company paid $1.00 per month on their phone bills as taxes, according to the company's annual report just made public.

The company's tax bill compared with that for 1936 soared last year by nearly 17 per cent to $29,311,615, representing $12.00 a year for each instrument in service, the report said. The tax was equal to $7.00 on each outstanding share of common stock.

A similar advance in tax bills was disclosed by annual reports of other companies. Total taxes for 1937 of a large building materials firm were $2,077,347, equal to $2.44 a share on the common stock, $188 per employee and were $515,960 above 1936.

On reporting on the condition of his company, the president of a large floor covering manufacturing company said:

"It is estimated that in the three years since 1934, the company has paid or accrued $1,580,000 additional taxes, due entirely to changes in tax laws and not to increased business and profits in those years. At the wage rates now in effect, this sum of money would suffice to give employment for a whole year to 1,254 men."

A comparative picture was presented in the annual report of a leading electrical equipment company which said its tax bill in 1937 was the greatest in its history, totalling $6,181,000, or 24 per cent of its earnings.

Operating taxes on one of the nation's leading electric companies in 1937 were estimated to equal 20.99 cents on each dollar of revenue derived from sale of service. They also amounted to $4.27 per share of stock or to $1,176 per average employee. In terms of the average number of meters served, they meant a bill of $13.90 per customer.

## Urges Farm Session Here

### Congressional Group Joins In Invitation to Federation

Members of the Maryland Congressional delegation today supplemented the invitation of the Baltimore Association of Commerce to the American Farm Bureau Federation to hold its 1938 annual convention at Baltimore.

Representative Goldsborough today telegraphed Edward A. O'Neal, president of the organization, that "I would be personally very grateful if the American Farm Bureau Federation accepts the invitation of the Baltimore Association of Commerce to hold its 1938 convention in Baltimore."

### Miss Lillian Black Weds Mr. John Perkins

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Lillian Black, of near Principio Furnace, Md., to Mr. John Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perkins, of Elkton. The ceremoney was performed at Chestertown last Saturday.

The couple will live at the Black homestead near Charlestown. Miss Black has held a position in the County Agent's office for a number of years.

### "G" Man To Address M. E. Men's Club

The Men's Club of the M. E. Church will hold a meeting in the Sunday School room of the church on Wednesday Evening, March 23, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be addressed by a "G" Man. Everybody is invited to attend.

## No Free Government Seed

The flow of "free seed" letters is beginning again, but indications are there will be fewer than last year. For 15 years the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been trying to convince 13,000,000 people that it has no free seeds or plants. Yet each year, as spring approaches, thousands of requests pour in from farms, suburbs and penthouses. And all the writers of these letters meet disappointment.

Years ago—previous to 1923—there was an annual appropriation for free seeds for Congressional distribution through the Department of Agriculture. But in 1923 the Government decided to discontinue the distribution of this great quantity of seed since it was only commercial garden seed such as could be bought from any good seed house and did not necessarily represent varieties better than those in common use.

Not only does the Department of Agriculture have no free seed, it has no seeds or plants for sale either.

### Quarantine Remains Until May 1st

The quarantine placed on dogs running at large by Cecil county health authorities about a month ago, due to canines in several sections being found with rabies, will be continued until about May 1.

In response to protests made by owners of dogs that have been shot, Dr. O. K. Hoffman, of the Federal Department of Live Stock Service, said canines will not be killed until efforts are made first to locate the owners.

## Camp Evergreen To Hold Open House

### County Commissioners To Be Official Guests

The Civilian Conservation Corps will be five years old on April 5, 1938. In recent years a steadily increasing number of Camps have adopted the practice of holding "Open House" celebrations sometime during the week of March 31-April 5.

"Camp Evergreen," Elk Neck State Park, has selected Sunday, April 3rd, as the day to be observed. The Camp and work projects will be open to inspection from 1 to 5 p. m. Guides will be on hand to conduct visitors through the Camp buildings and over the work projects.

Mr. Mauldin Lum, Daniel R. Garrett and Lawson C. Tosh, members of the County Board of Commissioners and Mr. Albert Constable, Board Attorney, will be guests of the Army and Technical directors.

The Camp directors cordially invite the public to attend its "Open House" and see at first hand how the enrollees live and the work the enrollees are doing in making "The Elk Neck State Park" for Cecil County.

### CECIL COUNTY LIBRARY

The Elkton Public Library, which has been operating since 1924, is now the Cecil County Library.

The Directors of the Elkton Public Library Association, which had been maintained by subscription and a subsidy from the Town of Elkton, have turned their books and equipment over to the use of all residents of Cecil County, and, under the supervision of Miss Adeline J. Pratt, of the Maryland Public Library Advisory Commission, the books have been repaired, additional furniture and equipment purchased and the Library moved into new quarters in the Progressive Club Building, on West Main Street, Elkton.

The new Library opened on December 1st, 1937, and since that time there have been about 450 registrations and over 2000 books circulated throughout the County.

### Miss Doris Logan Appointed Secretary

Miss Doris Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Logan, of North East, has been appointed secretary of the Cecil County Health Department. She succeeds Miss Marion Blackburn, Port Deposit, who was seriously injured several months ago in an automobile accident and has been unable to return to work.

### Dr. Nagle Addresses Women's College Club

Dr. J. N. Nagle was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Women's College Club of Cecil County this week at the home of Miss Alice Taylor, at Perryville. His subject was "The Helen Keller Foundation."

### Mr. Alfred V. du Pont Makes Application For Space

The first application for mooring space in the new yacht basin at Havre de Grace was received a few days ago from Alfred V. duPont of Wilmington. He applied for space for his 60-foot yacht which he has kept during the spring and summer at Chesapeake City.