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Crash Closes Canal at St. Georges Bridge

S. S. Waukegan Hits Abutment and Bridge Falls Across Canal—Two Men Killed

The S. S. Waukegan bound through the canal for Baltimore, at 9:30 A. M. Tuesday morning, hit the abutment causing the complete collapse of the bridge into the water, and the death of two men, William T. Oakes, 45, bridge electrician died at one o'clock in the St. Francis Hospital from injuries received in theaccident, and Robert Quinn, 45, who was killed outright, and whose body has not yet been recovered from the river into which he jumped at the time of impact.

The S. S. Waukegan, a 6000 ton vessel, Captain R. Reynolds, in charge of a regular Delaware River pilot was coming slowly along, the bridge was up, all lights lit, and the way clear. The evidence given in the preliminary hearing indicates the vessel had to meet a strong current in passing through, which the captain tried to negotiate, but when he saw danger ahead from the side pressure of the current, threw over two anchors and ordered his engines full stern reverse, but as only one anchor held the vessel was driven directly against the abutment.

After the accident the vessel was withdrawn and taken backwards to Reedy Point and anchored.

Several vessels had entered the canal from each end during the time the Waukegan was in the canal and had to be taken out and re-routed either down the coast or down through the Delaware Bay.

Motor traffic on the Delaware roads in the meantime had become congested and the State Road Commission was very busy untangling it and getting a rerouting system to work, as the roads will not be clear until the bridge has been rebuilt, which may take several months.

In the meantime the canal is blocked and canal traffic will be suspended until the steel and concrete roadway has been removed from the canal and the piers and towers are electrically cut away so they can be removed.

The captain of the vessel was taken before Magistrate Howard J. Crossland of St. Georges and questioned, as were also Quartermaster William Ingram and pilot F. Leroy Taylor. At the same time the U. S. Martime Commission instituted a hearing of the canal employes and started a search for the body of the dead bridge tender.

C. W. Meyers, Res. Engineer, Chesapeake City said the divers would continue to search for the body.

From the bank of the canal a tangled mass of steel is seen, it lays partly above the water, twisted and broken; the abutments giving evidence of the terrible strain when the bridge fell, leaving a mass of wreckage that will stop all traffic for several weeks at least, and on this, one of our most traveled water routes. The movement of traffic has grown so fast since the canal was widened and deepened that the monthly total ran close to 700 vessels as reported recently.

The greatest inconvenience will not be to the waterborne traffic however for that can be re-routed without discommoding the people of this section too much, but the road traffic problem is quite a lot more important and harder to take care of, as it affects the dual highway both up and down in Delaware.

Farmer's Club Meets

The ninth district Farmer's Club was entertained at the home of the President, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Little on Wednesday. The meeting opened with singing "Coming Through The Rye". Roll Call was answered by Timely Jobs. The minutes were read and approved. President called for experiments, interesting ones were given by Russell Kincaid, Howard R. Brown, Thomas McDowell, David McDowell on Hybrid corn, Oats and Soy beans, Millet and Soy beans. Mr. Little read an article on The New Year. Mrs. Ralph Wilson, "The New Year Speaks," Mrs. Howard R. Brown "A Happy New Year."

Mrs. Atlee Armour led with tricks which amused and entertained. The Inspection Committee appointed by the President is composed of Howard Brown, Thomas Reynolds, David B. McDowell. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kincaid joined the club. After dinner and social resess, meeting resumed with singing, "Believe Me, If Those Endearing Young Carms."

Mr. J. Z. Miller gave some remarks and introduced the speaker, Mr. W. L. Hauser, Chief Clerk of Soil Conservation Service of Newark, Delaware. He was born in Austria, and came to this country twenty-five years ago, and has been a citizen of U. S. for twenty-two years. His subject was the past history of Europe and the future of Europe which created much interest. Many questions were asked which led to much discussion. Ralph Wilson gave a very interesting report of his and Mrs. Wilson's visit to Williamsburg, Va., showing pictures of the restored city. Club closed by singing "Revolutionary Tea." The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David B. McDowell on, February 1.

Building Boom At Ocean City, Md.

Ocean City, Md., Jan. 10—Building projects totaling $1,100,000 make up a record building boom here this winter. State and private building, amounted to $81,850, has been completed since the 1938 vacation season ended. Under way at present is $19,000 worth of additional building, while three federal and two state projects, costing $997,000 are expected to begin in the pring.

Havre de Grace Yacht Club Officers

Havre de Grace, Md., Jan. 8—Thomas P. Colleran, will again head the affairs of the Havre de Grace Yacht Club as its commodore for the ensuing year, with W. Stanley Gorsuch, vice-commodore, W. Henry Pippin, rear commodore; G. Lawson Gilbert, secretary-treasurer.

Bought Lort Farm

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Dempsey and daughter of Newark, Delaware are planning to move to Cecil County within a short time. Mr. Dempsey purchased the 35-acre farm near the Union belonging to Mrs. Sarah K. Lort. Mr. Dempsey was the former superintendent of grounds at the Red Mens' Home in Newark.

The property was sold by J. Gifford Scarsborough, the local representative of the E. A. Strout Realty Agency.

H. N. Lorraine Dies

Chesapeake City—Mr. Howard N. Lorraine, 72, for years associated with the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Co. prior to its purchase by the government, and since a prominent business man in the community, where his life was spent, died at his home on Tuesday. He is survived by a widow and three sons.

Elkton C. C. Elects

At the annual dinner Monday, this week held at the Howard hotel, the members met after dinner and elected W. H. Pippin, President; H. L. Croak Vice President; P. C. Williams, Secretary; and R. J. McCauley, Treas.

Directors: F. DuPont Thomson, John H. Minster, Jas. W. Hughes, F. A. Alexander, A. Tolson Lyons and Argus Robinson.

Stealing Current Brings Jail Sentence

Havre de Grace, Md., Jan. 8—Charged with manipulating the wiring system and using electricity without it being registered on a meter, William G. Summons, garage and filling station operator here, was found guilty by Magistrate Harry W. Cooling and sentenced to serve six months in the House of Correction.

Contract for Ocean City Road

T. B. Gatch & Son, contractors of Baltimore have been awarded the contract for the 8-mile road surfacing job from Ocean City to the Delaware line for $60,000,00. This will join a similar stretch being built by Delaware from Rehobeth Beach to the Maryland line. Tuesday the Commission made an official inspection of the road bed.

New Castle Presbytery Meets at Chesapeake City

On Sunday, January 8th, the New Castle Presbytery of Delaware and the Eastern Shore met in Chesapeake City in the 447th stated meeting of the Presbytery in the Presbyterian church, officers in attendance being Moderator, G. Ashwood Burslen St. Georges, Del., Stated Clerk, Rev. Wm. Leishman of Lewis; Permanent Clerk, John Jackson Brown of Milford. The session accepted the invitation given by Russell W. Galloway to hold the April session at Greenhill church, Wilmington, Del. Luncheon was served at noon to the delegates and visitors by the women of the church. Dr. Burslen acted as moderator due to the illness of Rev. Elliot Field of Dover.

Peoples Bank Elects Officers

On Monday this week the directors of the Peoples Bank elected the following officers:

John Lawrence, President; Fred Leffler, Vice President and Mr. Argus Robinson, Cashier.

The Board of Directors consists of the following:

D. B. McDowell, Sylvester Preston, John Lawrence, Argus A. Robinson, W. Sterling Evans, Frederick H. Leffler, Nathan Kane, G. Reynolds Ash.

Odd Fellows Election

The following have been elected officers of Elkton Lodge of Odd Fellows: Noble Grand, J. H. Garrett; Vice Grand, Charles S. Wells; Recording Secretary, Joseph H. Clay; Financial Secretary, Russell M. George; Chaplain, Stanley Jackson; Treasurer, Walter Appleford. Lewis C. Lee becomes representative to the Grand Lodge.

Elkton Womens' Club Anniversary

Celebrating its twenty-sixth anniversary with a luncheon Wednesday afternoon the members and guests numbered over one hundred present in the dining room of the New Central Hotel.

Officers Installed by Pocahontas

Little Elk Council Degree of Pocahontas, installed officers Saturday night.

Prophetees, Mrs. Harry Ross; Pocahontas. Mrs. Wilbur Wright; Wenonah, Mrs. Earl Phillips; Powaton, Wilbur Wright; keeper of records, Mrs. David Hubbard, collector wampum, Mrs. Ernest Janey; keeper of wampum, Mrs. J. W. Pennington; representative to the great council, Mrs. William Rothwell. A luncheon followed the installation.

Dr. Kane's Mother in Hospital

Havre de Grace, Md.,—Mrs. Sarah Kane is under treatment in the Havre de Grace hospital for injuries resulting from a recent fall. She is the mother of county health officer Clinton A. Kane, Elkton.

Jesse Cameron In Hospital

Despite his recent sojourn in Hot Springs, Mr. Jesse T. Cameron, who recently returned, found it necessary to go to the Jefferson hospital in Philadelphia for tratment. Mr. Cameron is mayor of Rising Sun.

Court Adjourns To January 31st

Judge Knotts adjourned court to Jan. 31st after a short 3 day session last week.

C C C Enrolles

25 recruits to the Elk Neck CCC camp left last week. They are from Cecil County and will later be sent to other camps.

United Democratic Club Elects

Havre de Grace, Md., Jan. 9—Paul Sullivan has been elected president of the United Democratic Club of Harford county; Robert Leight, Jr., vice president; Ellis Baukert, treasuer; John Perry, secretary, and Charles Ward, sergeant-at-arms. Those elected to the board of governors are Fred Myers (chairman), Fleury sullivan, Albert Jersey, Walter Pierce and Gray Schilling.

Charlestown Homemakers New Year's Party

In place of the annual Christmas party the Charletown Homemakers Club held a New Year's Party at the home of Mrs. Isaac Heisler on Wednesday afternoon, January 4th, 1939. We were entertained by Mrs. Otis Mc Cauley with numerous games and amusements which was greatly enjoyed by all. Our hostess, Mrs.Isaac Heisler, and her committee, Mrs. C. W. Thorn, Jr., Mrs. Theo Cathers, and Mrs. Craig Jackson served us with delicions refreshments consisting of ice cream, cookies and salted nuts. After the refreshments we had the surprise of the afternoon. Mrs. Craig Jackson dressed as 1939 arrived and distributed our New Year's gifts to us. Sixteen members and two visitors were present. We then adjourned everyone having enjoyed the afternoon together.

Notice of Public Hearing

1. The matter of the proposed improvement of Northeast River, Maryland, a review of reports on which is authorized by a resolution of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors of the House of Representatives, United States, adopted August 16, 1938, will be considered at a public hearing to be held by the undersigned or his representative in the Public School Building, Charlestown, Cecil County, Maryland, at 2:30 P. M., on January 19, 1939.

2. All interested parties are invited to be present or to be represented at the above time and place, particularly navigation interests and the officials of any county, city, town or local association whose interests may be affected by the proposed improvement They will be given an opportunity to express their views upon the question and to suggest improvements considered desirable in the interest of navigation.

3. Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, as the records of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the War Department. Written statements may be handed to the undersigned at the hearing or mailed to him beforehand. It is requested that they be presented in *triplicate*.

W. A. Johnson,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
District Engineer

Car Overturns and Burns

A pasenger car was just in time coming along to rescue Miss Eva Nutter a Rising Sun school teacher and her pupil, Miss Ryan, who were on their way to school when the car overturned as the result of a skid and then caught fire. The rescuing party got both girls from the car unhurt, but the fire destroyed the car.

NOTICE

The Parish Club of Trinity P. E. Church, Elkton, will hold a card party at the Parish House on Bridge Street, Wednesday, Jonuary 18, 1939. Refreshments. Tickets, 50 cents.

Speaks At Angler's Club Dinner

Leo M. Moore a member of the State legislature was the guest speaker of the Cecil County Angler's Club at the Ritz on Friday evening.

Church Bake

The ladies of the Elkton Presbyterian church will hold a bake on Friday January 20th in the office of the Elkton Gas Co. East Main St., beginning at 1:30 P. M. The patronage of the public is solicited.

Miss Rawson Returns Home

After a sudden attack of illness about ten days ago resulting in an operation at a Baltimore hospital for appendix trouble, Miss Alice Rawson had so far improved and recovered that her father brought her home to North East. Miss Rawson is one of the teachers at Elkton high school.

Columbia B. & L. Elects Officers

Havre de Grace, Md., Jan. 10—The Columbia Building and Loan Association here has elected Charles B. Silver, president; Dr. James H. Bay, vice-preident; J. W. Maslin, secretary and W. N. Cole, treasurer. These officers also will serve as directors along with Thomas Boreman, T. J. Healy, George W. Hughes, Robert R. Lawder, Emanuel Newmyer, and Charles L. Wright.

O'Conor Inaugurated Amid Enthusiasm

A Tremendous Popular Ovation For Incoming Official.

ANNAPOLIS, MD.—With great ceremony, Herbert O'Conor yesterday took the oath of office as Governor of the State of Maryland before Chief Justice Carroll Bond of the Court of Appeals. Succeeding Governor Nice as chief executive of the State. The new incumbent in an inaugral address laid the ground work for the beginning of his service. Noticebly strong and straightforward was his statement of the present fiscal condition and the necessity for increased taxation to meet the situation.

The day of the inaugeration was pleasant and drew great throngs of people out into the streets to participate and to join in the merrymaking which prevailed for hours.

Immediately after the oath of office was administered, Mr. Nice went to the government house and a few moments later Mr. and Mrs. Nice motored away towards Baltimore. Possibly 20,000 people were at Annapolis for the ceremony and merrymaking. An unofficial estimate of the parade was 8,000, many of them women. The parade was reviewed by Governor O'Conor from the balcony of the Elks home across the circle from the State house. The enthusiasm of visitors and officials was unbounded.

A few of the outstanding statements by Governor O'Conor in his inaugral address:

I have no inclination to look backward, but ahead. I do not intend tocriticize or condem those who have been in charge of the State's affairs, rather, "We go on from here," wiping the slate clean and starting afresh.

No one need fear an attempt by me to build a personal organization or political machine—I am now free and shall remain free—for the betterment of the State.

The only ambition I have is to be the best Governor it is within my capacity to be, to which object, I shall devote my time, thought and energy, so that at the end of my term, when called on to give an account of my stewartship, I may be remembered as a Governor who gave to the State of Maryland a wholly creditable administration.

It ismy earnest desire to put the State's fiscal house in order so far as may be done and stop diversion of road funds to other purposes. Our road system, by comparison with other states are very unsatisfactory. The lower Eastern Shore particularly so. It has been said that at times the best politics to play, is no politics, this occured to me in considering roads and conservation, each of far reaching importance to great numbers of our citizens, affecting both their lives and livelihood, and they should not be hampered in their administration by politics.

The magistrates both County and Baltimore need revision, they should have high grade men, those who function without outside interference. County magistrates I should restrict to a certain number, on salary. The free system is outmoded and unsatisfactory.

I shall ask the General Assembly for a law covering this issue.

Labor, in Maryland, has the right to strike and the right to collective bargaining, but it should never lose sight of the fact that others have the right to work.

Liquor—In deciding under what conditions and regulations, intoxicating liquors are to be dispensed, I suggest, a distinction be made in regulations governing sales on Sunday and those on week days.

6,000,000 New Radios Estimated for 1938

A total of $300,000,000 was expended by the American public during 1938 for radio sets and equipment, according to statistics compiled by Radio Today. An additional $150,000,000 was spent for electricity and batteries to operate the sets, and $60,000,000 was paid to radio repairmen.

The 6,000,000 receivers which were manufactured and sold in the United States during the past year retailed at an average value of $35 each, according to the report. In addition, it is believed that nearly 1,000,000 automobile radios and 40,000,000 replacement tubes were sold in 1938.

O. H. Caldwell, editor of Radio Today, estimates that 28,000,000 homes, are now equipped with radios, bringing the total number of receivers in this country to above the 30.000,000 mark.

Charlestown Town Election

At the town election held Monday evening the 9th, the voters elected the following men to act as town commissioners: Frank Murphy, Isaac Heisler, John Owens, Clifford Cooper Alfred Lynch.

Howard Woodrow Dies

Howard Woodrow, 72, who died Tuesday of last week was buried on Friday in West Nottingham Presbyterian church cemetery. His death was due to a fall from the porch of hi home. Mr. Woodrow had retired from business.

Wharf at Port Deposit

The aid advanced by the WPA grant has given the community a much enlarged playground for the children, as it extends out into the Susquehanna River for about fifty feet, making when finished a very fine playground as well as a bathing beach.

The old gas house property will be used as a public boat house when changes are completed.

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

This Mr. Jack Dempsey, he is quite a person. He has been around considerable, so he has a few ideas. Also, his ideas, they should carry some weight, like his haymaker.

Anybody who gets to be a champion boxer, he is no sissy. He is no softy.

And the other day I picked up a paper and Mr. Dempsey—he runs a cafe now—he was talking about drinking. He was talking especially to the women—the younger women. His place is in New York.

And for girls between 17 and 27, they can take heed from this old upper-cutter. Girls between 17 and 27 they are in an odd spot—they are in the groping stage. They are scared stiff and speechless that they are not doing the correct thing. And that is wrere Mr. Dempsey comes in—he tells them.

He says to these young goslings, leave the red-eye, he says, to the old red nose spavins. Order a horse's neck, he says, for yourself—and stay young.

A horse's neck—it sounds O. K., and is—leave it to Mr. Dempsey.

Yours, with the low down,
JOE SERRA

WORLD NEWS of the WEEK

U. S. EUROPE ASIA

United States Navy holds maneuvers in Caribbean to test its ability to protect Panama Canal.

United States economic "sanctions" against both Japan and Germany implied in Roosevelt message to Congress

Island of Guam is urged as key base for United States Navy in Pacific.

President Rooevelt proposes United States meet "unsettled developments" abroad with $1,609,538,000 national defense program.

New Year's day football results: Southern California beats Duke, 7-3; Texas Christian beats Carnegie Tech, 15-7; Tennessee beats Oklahoma, 17-0.

President requests $875,000,000 to run WPA from February through June; proposes penalties for politics in relief; opposes local control of spending.

Felix Frankfurter, Harvard Law School, nominated to Supreme Court seat made vacant by Justice Cardozo.

President Roosevelt outlines $8,995,000,000 budget for 1940 fiscal year; 10th succesive deficit will push debt total at end of year to $44,458,000,000—compares with 1938 fiscal year budget of $9,492,000,000 with a debt total at end of year of $41,132,000,000.

President Roosevelt in message to new Congress urges greater resistance to totalitarian states in a three-point preparedness program; also urges greater efforts toward economic recovery; says storms from abroad threaten three American institutions: Religion, Democracy, and international Good Faith.

King George's itinerary calls for 50 stops in Canada; trip includes five-day visit to U. S.

Premier Chamberlain lauds President Roosevelt's message to Congress; unusual act is laid to Chamberlain's desire to counteract belief in United States that he is sympathetic to Fascist regimes.

Premier Daladier on Colonial tour pledges security for French Empire in North Africa and its 18,000,000 population.

Montagu Norman, Governor of Bank of England, arrives to discuss refugee and economic questions with Dr. Schacht, President of Reichbank.

400,000 young German girls to be conscripted for one year as farm hands and house servants.

Loyalists claim victories in Valsequillo sector while insurgents conquer Borjas Blancas, key to Government defense lines in Catalonia.

Paris movies close in protest against a new municipal tax.

Lieutenant Yamada, new commander of Japanese army in China, now faces task of consolidating gains made in eighteen months of costly fighting.

Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma forms new Japanese Cabinet following resignation of Konoye Cabinet; change forecasts further swing toward Army domination of Japanese political life.

Appraisers Appointed for Bridge Approaches

The State Road Commission is acting in the purchase of right of way for the Surquehanna bridge approaches. They have made settlement for several properties and are in treaty with other owners, in addition appraisers have been appointed to get the necessary remaining land on both the Perryville Havre de Grace side.

Elkton's 48-Hour Marriage Law

Business men, salesmen, visitors and others who had to stop in Elkton during the last five weeks, were very curious as to the effect of the law on the marriage mill here. After a months operation it might be summarized by saying, October 2344. November 1843, December 274. Further comment on the law's effect on the license buiness would seem unnecessary.

However the law still remains more liberal than in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania and possibly a quite respectable number of licenses will each month hereafter be issued to out of state applicants.

Mainly of course the effect will be felt by the marrying parsons and the solicitors, whose income from that source will be practically dried up.