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STATE PREPARED TO FACE PEACE PROBLEMS - GOV.

Annapolis, January 10: So much State-wide interest has been evinced in the "Report on the Condition of the State' made by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor to the General Assembly, that the Chief Executive today made a "request" transcription of the address, to be re-broadcast over Station WITH on several occasions during the next week.

In effect, Governor O'Conor assured the members of the Legislature, and his radio audience throughout the State, Maryland is in excellent condition, not only to discharge its responsibilities to the nation in this time of crisis, but also to cope successfully with the grave problems of employment, veterans' rehabilitation, finance, etc., sure to follow the achievement of Victory, and the return of Peace.

"It is highly gratifying to report to you," the Governor declared, "that as a result of the combined efforts and cooperation of the General Assembly and the State's fiscal officers with this administration, the State's financial condition was never more sound than at present. Maryland's credit today ranks with the highest among the States of the country.

"It has been the constant aim of this Administration—especially during the past three years of war—that the State's fiscal affairs be administered so as to relieve the burden of taxation to the fullest extent consistent with adequate provision for the demands and possible emergencies growing out of the war. On the other hand, we have not stinted in providing funds for the many actual and possible emergencies of the war. In meeting this responsibility we have adhered to a strict policy of economy in providing for the normal peace-time functions of our State Government.

"Total expenditures have been less than the amount appropriated, and total revenues received have exceeded all reasonable expectations, with the result that on June 30, 1944 we had a General Fund Surplus of $8,961,000, and it has been estimated that at the close of the present fiscal year we will have on hand a General Fund Surplus of 9,272,531.

"The progress in education in Maryland during the past twenty-five years has been remarkable. Despite this progress, however, further advances are still possible in our public schools.

"In 1940, I appointed a special commission to make a study of future educational needs of the State. As a result of this and other studies made by the school authorities, it is now possible to formulate plans which will enable us to have a system second to none in the Country.

"It is my purpose to propose legislation to make possible the establishment of the twelve-year system in every political subdivision of the State.

"The recommendation that the size of classes in all elementary schools be reduced to not more than 35 in average daily attendance wherever possible will, if adopted, be of inestimable benefit.

"The most important factor in an efficient school system is the teacher. I will propose legislation for the establishment of a new permanent salary schedule for teachers, which I hope will mean the staffing of our schools with the best qualified teachers that can be secured.

"Acting upon the recommendation of the Commission I appointed to study the problem of the care of chronically ill indigent persons, the General Assembly, at its 1943 Session, authorized the establishment of two chronic disease hospitals, one for the Eastern Shore and one for the Western Shore, the hospitals to be operated by the Department of Health. A site for the Eastern Shore Hospital has been purchased at Salisbury and plans are in preparation for the construction of this institution.

"A site for the Western Shore Hospital has been obtained at Hagerstown through the cooperation of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County. In the study of properly locating the Western Shore Hospital, it became apparent that one institution could not adequately serve the entire Western Shore. It is necessary to provide another institution to care for cases for the Baltimore metropolitan area and nearby counties. I shall, therefore propose to your Honorable Body that provision be made for an additional hospital to complete the program already underway for the care of deserving persons in every section of the State.

"Because of the great importance of the matter of Medical Care for the treatment of patients who are unable to pay for this important service, I expect to send a special message to your Honorable Body on this subject at a later date.

"On the post-war side of the picture, progress made up to the present moment certainly indicates an appreciation of the objectives to be sought and a realistic appreciation of the best methods to attain these objectives. Through the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development the most carefully thought-out approach to the problem of post-war planning has been effected. Its postwar program should provide reasonable security, and adequate job opportunities for all those who are able and willing to work.

"The Commission has developed, with the aid of State and public agencies an inventory of 539 post-war public works projects totaling $163,784,119. This includes 65 projects submitted by the State Roads Commission totaling $61,420,530; 161 State Sapital Improvements totaling $17,397,918; 146 projects for Baltimore city totaling $67,014,800; 126 projects for counties and municipalities totaling $13,854,390, and 41 projects for Sanitary Commissions totaling $4,096,481.

"I am happy to report that approximately 60% of the entire State program has either been completed or is on the drawing boards in process of plan and specification preparation. The remaining projects are similarly being readied for construction.

"It is gratifying to realize that the reorganization of the entire judicial system of our State has now been completed satisfactorily.

"This work was begun in 1939 by the passage of the bill which established what we now know as the Trial Magistrate System. Its operation over the last six years has proved the wisdom of its provisions.

"Also during this time the Traffic Court of Baltimore City was reorganized and strengthened.

"A new and more efficient People's Court was established for the people of Baltimore City.

"All these were forward steps in the strengthening of the Judicial System of this State, but the capstone of this great work was still to be placed. At its last regular session, the General Assembly enacted a law submitting to the people of Maryland the Constitutional Amendment embodying in substance the recommendation of the Commission headed by the late Carroll T. Bond. Its success at the polls is known to all.

"Our Appellate Court is now established on a basis which will enable its members to devote themselves exclusively to appellate work and, through consultations and thorough-going study, to give to the legal questions the very best thought and judgment which is possible.

"The Maryland State Highway System at the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 1944 constituted a total of 4,419 miles. During the two fiscal years from October 1, 1942 to June 30, 1944, a total of $25,798,506.52 has been spent by the State Roads Commission for new construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and other projects.

"Maryland has in contemplation a post-war highway program totaling $61,000,000. Its inception was on the basis of the needs of the State and its financing was on the basis of available State funds and Federal highway legisation.

"Surveys have been completed on 71% and construction plans completed on 25% of the total number of projects programmed to cover a three-year post-war construction period in the urban and rural areas."

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PRODUCE MORE FOOD FOR FREEDOM the CONSERVATION WAY

To protect the crops grown the land management biologist assists land operators to develop management practices that tend to reduce numbers of injurious insects. The losses from harmful insects occasioned each year to crops grown in the United States are about 3 billion dollars. The cottonboll weevil causes a loss of more than 120 million dollars, the corn ear-worm nearly 100 million.

The control of insects, like the control of any plant or animal pest, is not entirely accomplished by direct attack, as by spraying or burning. In fact, these methods sometimes may be biologically undesirable and economically impractical. Tillage practices and other cultural methods developed jointly by the land manager and the biologist are often the best kind of insect control. In the Northern Great Plains, subsurface tillage by special implements leaves grain stubble or mulch on the surface of the soil to control wind erosion. At the same time it reduces the number of grasshoppers, for these insects lay their eggs in open, well-packed earth not accessible to them under such a mulch. Early planting of corn, plus fall plowing where erosion is not increased by such practice, combine to reduce greatly the damage by the European corn borer.

Burning, once thought to be a desirable insect control measure, is now acknowledged to do more harm than good. Protection from fire and grazing, furthermore, is one of the most effective means of assuring a crop of wild fruits from the redge row or berry patch. Regular burning of fence rows, hedges and field borders tends to perpetuate annual weedy plants which in a few years' time would be replaced naturally by more desirable perennials if fire were prohibited. The insects inhabiting perennial vegetation nearly always are less injurious to crops, and in such habitats live many insects that are predacious upon harmful species. We now know that permanent fence rows are about the only places on the farm where beneficial insects, as lady bettles, assassin bugs, and damsel bugs, can live undisturbed from year to year. Shrews also live in such woody cover, their diet consisting almost entirely of insects.

Thus proper attention to the parts of the farm pattern consisting of wild perennial vegetation—stream banks, hedges, field borders, revegetated gullies and so on—can reduce the populations of harmful insects as surely as the use of tillage, crop rotations, or other cultural practices. The war against insects we have always with us, and it is imperative that we p ay particular attention to the way in which soil and moisture conservation practices, as well as all other land management measures, affect the numbers of injurious insects, so detrimental to the plants that provide us with food, fibre, oils and other agricultural products essential to our welfare in times of peace or war.

ROCK HALL

Noted among relatives who were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Elmer Jones were Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Helen Marsteller of Baltimore. They were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter.

Miss Amanda Porter fell on the slippery ice this past week end broke her hip. She is now resting comfortably at the Ken & Queen Anne's Hospital.

Carter Bryden, U. S. Navy spent several days recently with his family here.

Mrs. Bartus Carter, Sr., has just returned from a pleasant trip to see her son and daughter-in-law, Lieut. and Mrs. Bartus Carter at Tampa, Florida.

Walter Willson, U. S. Army is enjoying a furlough here with his mother and sister, also other relatives and friends.

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Fire Company To Change Rules

Notice is hereby given that Constitution and By-Laws of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company are slated to be amended and revised at the meeting in the Fire House, Monday, Jan. 15. The following alterations have been proposed:

1st. To amend Article 2 Section 1, so as to admit for special emergency men and Women 16 years of age.

2nd. To amend Article 2, Section 2 so as to clarify the status of members of the Band.

3rd. To eliminate Section 6 of Article 2 as unnecessary.

4th. To amend Article 2, Section 7, so as to refer only to Honorary Members.

5th. To substitute in Article 3, Section 2, the word "Faithful" for Distinguished."

6th. To amend Article 4, section 4 by the addition of the Words "Financial Secretary."

7th. After Atricle 4, Section 4, insert a new section, outlining the duties of the Financial Secretary.

8th. To amend No. 1 Section B. of the By-Laws, so as to have the President serve as Chairman of Committees only if specially requested.

Malarial Sites

Malaria occurs where the warmth and the dampness permit the right kind of mosquitoes to develop and where there are human beings with malaria from whom the mosquitoes may carry the infection to other people. In some counties in the United States the rates have been reported as up to 100 for each 100,000 people.

Alaskan Potentialities

It has been estimated that about 65,000 square miles of Alaskan territory could be developed for farming.

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Buying Bonds

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