BETTER FERRY SERVICE FROM MATAPEAKE

Annapolis, Dec. 4—Conversion of the S. S. Emerson C. Harrington from steam to Diesel operation has been authorized by the State Roads Commission, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor made known today. As a result of this change-over, Governor O'Conor pointed out, the run across the Eastern Bay, which now takes approximately 50 minutes, will be cut to half that time, thus affording not only swifter transportation for the patrons of the Romancoke-Claiborne Ferry but also making possible greatly improved service generally over this line.

The cost of this conversion to Diesel operation, the Governor made known, will be $81,900 and has been approved, the Governor emphasized, in the belief that everything possible should be done to render service on this branch of the State's "highway" system as convenient to the people of Talbot county as could possibly be done. The Governor recalled the extensive repairs made to the Claiborne Ferry slip last year, as further instance of the desire to improve ferry facilities to the utmost extent.

With the $1,500,00 provided this year for a new Ferry Boat for the Sandy Point-Matapeake Branch of the ferry and for renovation of the Matapeake slip to provide terminal facilities for two boats, with necessary roadway and jetty changes, conversion of the Harrington will bring to an all time high the expenditures made in any given year on behalf of those who use the Chesapeake Bay ferries. The improvements at Matapeake, coupled with the improvements to the road from Wye Mills to Easton will afford residents of Talbot County and the lower counties of the Shore the best highway facilities the State has ever provided in all its history, the Governor emphasized. The two contracts from Wye Mills to Skipton and from Skipton to near Easton, have been given first priority by the State Roads Commission, the Governor emphasized, and this will assure completion at the earliest possible date.

Automobile traffic on the Sandy-Point-Matapeake Ferry increased by almost fifty per cent during the month of November over November 1944. The total number of cars using the Chesapeake Bay Ferry route during the past month was 25,465 against 17,304 in November 1944. The number of trucks using the Ferry increased from 3427 in November 1944 to 4357, an increase of 931 or 27 per cent.

Passengers using the Ferry totaled 58,234 for the month an increase of 14,785 or 34 per cent. Total passengers, including drivers, carried on the Ferry during the month were 88,057 against 64,180 in the same month of 1944, an increase of 37 per cent.

Big Country

Often erroneously considered an unimportant country, Korea has some 25,000,000 inhabitants, ranking it 13th among countries of the world in population. Koreans are a Mongoloid people, most of whom are taller, more robust, lighter, and with more regular features than other Mongol peoples. Their language is their own, quite different from Chinese or Japanese; and through centuries of foreign pressure and association Korea has kept a distinctive culture and personality. Confucianism, a written script, and most forms of art are borrowed from the Chinese.

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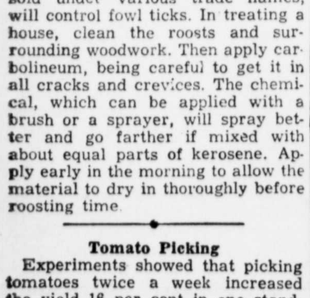
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NEW MOTORISTS LIABILITY IN EFFECT JAN. 1

"A milestone in highway travel is reached at midnight Monday—New Year's Eve. . . by the nearly 1,000,000 Maryland motorists, when the State's New Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law becomes effective", said W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

"Introducing a strong state policy regarding financial responsibility for traffic accidents, the new law proposes to assure payment of damages or to remove driving and registration privileges of those who fail to pay."

"Although not compulsory insurance in the sense that the owner or driver of a car must have insurance in order to obtain registration plates or a driver's licenes, the law imposes severe requirements upon financially irresponsible owners and operators who become involved in traffic accidents after December 31."

"This new measure has real teeth in it, and it proposes stern penalties for those who fail to recognize their responsibility, or those who seek to avoid its requirements. Some no doubt, may be tempted to call its provisions harsh. But considered much more harsh are the tragic circumstances that arise when no protection or responsibility exists. This stringent regulation is not merely advisable but inescapable."

"It must be remembered that the Legislature of this State, in designing many of the law's provisions, have been engaged in pioneer work. They are blazing new trails for the more finished traffic regulations of the future. It would be strange indeed, if either they or the public were fully satisfied with all of the law's detailed provisions as they now stand. Changes and improvements, based on practical experience, will be made. However, it is confident that this act, and its broad aims and general methods, is sound and that it will go far in relieving the past distressing conditions."

"This New Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law was written, and passed unanimously by our Maryland General Assembly, to give every man, woman and child in this State greater protection against the growing menace of the street and highway accident, and to compensate in reasonable measure, those who are victims of accidents, and the losses that they suffer."

"The law is an honest effort to protect all of the people against the dread results of careless or reckless driving, without resorting to the more drastic measures of a total compulsory automobile liability insurance statute."

"Under this law, you are not required to take out motor vehicle liability insurance. But, if you are involved in an accident resulting in death, or injury, or property damage in the excess of $50, you must post security for damages caused by the accident."

"As the title indicates, the law has two general aims; first to establish financial responsibility on the highway by requiring that anyone who owns or operates a car shall pay for damages he causes to others, or forfeit his driving license and registration plates; secondly, to serve as an incentive for better driving by increasing the motorists stake in safety and placing a premium on good driving records."

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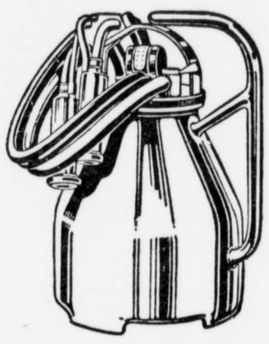
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