NOW AND THEN

AGE

Age is a quality of the mind,
If you have left your dreams behind
And hopes are cold,
If you no longer look ahead,
And your ambitious fires are dead,
Then you are old.
But if in life you keep your zest,
And if in life you live your best,
And love, you hold—
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly,
You are not old—

No, never will my heart grow old.
My hair turns white,
My blood runs cold,
And one by one my powers depart
But youth sits smiling in my heart.

John Buchan, otherwise Lord Tweedmuir writes in his delightful memoirs the following about age:

"Sir Walter Scott had a pleasant phrase for middle life, he called it reaching the other side of the hill."

It is a stage which no doubt has its draw backs. The wind is not so good, the limbs are not so tireless as in the ascent; the stride is shortened and since we are descending we must be careful in placing the feet. But on the upward road the view was blocked by the slopes and there was no far prospect to be had except by looking backwards. Now the course is mercifully adapted to failing legs. We can rest and reflect, since the summit has been passed; and there is a wide country before us even though the horizon is mist and shadow.

"Look towards the east these starry evenings and see Saturn shinning in all his glory. And it is in the east, too, that one, if he rises early, sees the sun rising in his eternal course, acknowledging His maker, the greater and sounding His praise.

COOPER'S LAND

The Sesquecentenial of James Fennimore Cooper was held last week in Cooperstown, the home of the Leather Stocking Stories. A beautiful country it is and the author's father owned three quarters of a million acres. Being a lusty farmer he would say that he would give 150 acres to the man who could throw him in "wrastling".

There is a story of his being approached by a tenant who plead that bad harvests prevented the settlers at Unadilla from paying an annual rent. The judge challenged him to a wrestling match for the sum in question and —perhaps deliberately —lost.

William Cooper was married to a woman as strong willed as himself, Her portrait is hung in the Museum there, her face showing determination and strong will. When her husband determined to move from New Jersey to New York she refused to go. When the wagon come to carry them to their new distination, she seated herself at her desk and refused to move. When her husband found her immovable he picked her up in his arms and put her in the wagon. There are many things to be seen in the lovely quaint town. A visit to the old church yard of Christ Church is full of interesting memorials. One to a colored woman "She had her faults but was kind to the poor." It seems that her master erected it feeling sure that she had fed the indigent poor from his pantry without consulting him. Then there is one in the Presbyterian burying ground. An unskillful stone cutter was commissioned to chisel verses including the words "O Lord, she is thine," but not having room he left out the final letter, so it reads "O Lord she is thin. ' To Mr. Thomas Keyes a farmer, his epitaph reads:

He has plowed his last furrow, has reaped his last grain
No morn shall awake him into eternity again.

Certainly we have no more eloquent inscription for a white man's grave than that which adorns the Indian burial mound in Cooperstown.

White Man, Greeting!

We, near whose bones you stand, were Iroquois. The wide land which now is yours was ours. Friendly hands have given back to us enough for a tomb.

CONSTANCY

Lord Kitchener was a bachelor. Although he was adored by the gentler sex, he never married.

One day a young member of his staff in India called on the "bachelor general" and asked for a furlough in order to go home and be married.

Kitchener considered the request briefly, and then said, "Kenilworth, you're not yet twenty-five. Why don't you wait a year? Then, if you still wish to get married, I'll grant you leave."

The year passed. The officer repeated his request.

"So, after thinking this thing over for 12 months, you still want to go through with it?" said Kitchener.

"Yes, sir. '

"Very well, you shall have your furlough. And frankly, my boy, I didn't think you possessed such constancy."

Kenilworth thanked him and started to leave. At the door he paused and looked back.

"Sir," he said, "I think it only fair to tell you—it's not the same lady."

Here's another one about Toscanini, who seemingly isn't up on American slang. The great maestro is very temperamental, as you probably know, and goes into fits of rage if everything doesn't go perfectly at rehearsals. His musicians, most of them foreigners, know that and never bat an eye when Toscanini screams at them. However, there was a trombone player, an American who played "E" instead of "E sharp" repeatedly at a rehearsal. As the trombone continued playing out of tune, Toscanini lost his temper and yelled: "Get out of here! I never want to see your face again." Quietly the musician picked up his instrument and walked out. As he went by Toscanini, he said: "Nuts to you!" —to which Toscanini replied: "It's too late to apologize now!"

PEACE

Wouldn't it be wonderful
If, in this worlds of ours,
Instead of planes and shrapnel,
The skies were full of stars?
If killing was a crime again,
And peace ruled every land,
I know it's just a far-off dream,
But wouldn't it be grand?
—H. K.

Mental Shocks Harmful

Mental shocks to children may be as harmful as physical injuries, psychologists declare.

SCHOOL BUS LAW AGAIN CITED FOR SAFETY MEASURES

Motorists Urged To Keep Law In Mind

With schools again in session and the re-appearance on the highways of hundreds of school buses, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor's Maryland Traffic Safety Committee asks the cooperation of the public — both motorists and pedestrian — in the avoidance, through care, of highway accidents.

Thousands of children will be traveling on these buses and it is most important that motorists observe the laws set apart for the safe travel of these conveyances and the safe-guarding of their precious cargoes.

The public has grown familiar with the Orange Bus with Black coloring designating school buses, but many motorists may have forgotten the laws that are applicable to school buses.

School Bus Law

The law states, "The driver of a vehicle upon the highway . . . upon meeting or overtaking any school bus which has stopped on the highways for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child or children, shall come to a full stop at least 10 (ten) feet from the school bus, either in front or rear thereof, as the case may be and such vehicle shall remain standing until the children are received or discharged and the school bus has again started."

The students, themselves, also have an important part to play in their own safety if they are to receive the maximum of protection. They must not take foolish chances, but must be obedient ot the bus driver, in whose care they are placed.

The drivers of School Buses, children must realize, have a serious responsibility, and are pledged to protect them in ever way possible. Only by obedience to the laws laid down by the State and School authorities on the part of the children, can this safety be assured.

In all sections of the State school children have become aware of the dangers lurking in motor traffic, and the Governor's Safety Committee is urging them to put into practice the Traffic Safety measures that they have learned and thus insure their own protection from accident.

Diamond Dust Oil

Contrary to popular belief, diamonds are not used to cut diamonds. Instead diamond dust, mixed in olive oil, is applied to the edge of a paper-thin disc made of phosphor-bronze. This disc, spun around at high speed without stopping, may take as long as a week to slice a one-carat diamond. Larger stones, of course, take a proportionately longer time.

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Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Oysters," sub-title "Oyster Culture," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

129. It shall be lawful at any time after the closed season for taking oysters, to take oysters from such natural beds or bars in Chesapeake Bay as the Commission may mark out for that purpose, and at such time as the Commission may designate, but not to exceed one month in any one year and under such regulations as said Commission may from time to time prescribe; and, provided, however, that said oysters may be sold only for the purposes now permitted under the existing laws of Maryland, during the season of the year above mentioned; and in addition thereto, to persons engaged in the industry of planting and cultivating oysters within the State of Maryland, the same to be delivered only upon land which may have been leased under the provisions of this sub-title for said purposes of planting or cultivation.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any Court, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions thereof, but shall be confined in its operations to the specific provision so held unconstitutional or invalid and the inapplicability or invalidity of any section, clause or provision of this Act in any one or more instances shall not be taken to affect or prejudice in any way its applicability or invalidity in any other instance.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1939.

Approved: May 3, 1939.

CHAPTER 732

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," sub-title "State Industrial Accident Commission."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," sub-title "State Industrial Accident Commission," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. A Commission is hereby created which shall be known as the State Industrial Accident Commission, to be composed of four Commissioners. Upon June 1st, 1939, all of the terms of the Commissioners in office upon the taking effect of this Act shall terminate, and the Governor shall thereupon appoint one Commissioner who shall hold office for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, and one for a term of four years. Upon the expiration of the term of each Commissioner, his successor shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years. Each Commissioner shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office, and shall not hold any position of trust or engage in any occupation or business interfering or inconsistent with his duties as such Commissioner, or serve on or under any committee of a political party. Each Commissioner shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed and shall have qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. The Governor may at any time remove any Commissioner from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. Before such removal he shall give such Commissioner a copy of the charges against him and shall fix a time when he can be heard in his own defense, either in person, or by counsel, which shall not be less than ten days thereafter, and such hearing shall be open to the public. The principal office of the Commission shall be in the City of Baltimore, but branch offices may be established at other places in the State for the purpose of administering this Article.

2. The Governor shall designate one member of the Commission as the Chairman thereof, and he shall be the administrative and executive head of the Commission and shall have the final authority in all matters relating to the assignment of cases for trial, the management of the State Accident Fund and the administrative work of the Commission and its employees, except in the promulgation of rules and regulations wherein the Commission shall act as a body, and in the trial and determination of cases, as hereinafter provided. The other three members are hereby vested with authority to hear and determine any hearing, trial, inquiry or investigation which the Commission is authorized to hold or undertake; and any one of such other three members can preside alone at any such hearing, trial, inquiry and investigation, and every order and determination made by any one member shall be deemed to be the order or determination of the Commission. The Chairman shall only sit in the trial of cases when, in his judgment, it is necessary to expedite the trial work of the Commission.

5. The present employees of the Commission shall continue to serve in their present positions and shall retain all of their rights under Article 64A of the Annotated Code, title "Merit System." The Chairman of the Commission shall have the power to make any future appointments as are provided for in the Budget, which appointments must be made in accordance with the provisions of said Article 64A. The secretary and other assistants that may be employed shall be entitled to receive their actual necessary expenses while traveling on the business of the Commission. Such expenses shall be itemized and sworn to by the person who incurred the expense, and allowed by the Chairman of the Commission. The Chairman of the Commission shall keep and maintain its main office and such branch offices as he shall deem proper and necessary for the administration of this Article, and shall provide suitable rooms, necessary office furniture, supplies, books, periodicals and maps for the same. All necessary expenses shall be audited and paid out of the appropriation in the State Treasury provided for in this Article. The Commission shall provide itself with a seal for the authentication of its orders, awards and proceedings, upon which shall be inscribed the words, "State Industrial Accident Commission, State of Maryland—Official Seal."

Each member of the Commission and each person appointed to office or employment by the Commission shall, before entering upon the duties of his office or employment, take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office.

6. The Secretary of the Commission shall keep and maintain a full and true record of all proceedings of the Commission, of all documents or papers ordered filed by the Commission or by its rules, of decisions or orders made by any member of the Commission and of all decisions or orders made by the Commission or approved and confirmed by it and ordered filed, and he shall be responsible to the Commission for the safe custody and preservation of all such documents at its office. He shall have the power to administer oaths in all parts of the State, so far as the exercise of such power is properly incident to the performance of his duty or that of the Commission. The Chairman of the Commission may designate, from time to time, one of the clerks of the office, appointed by him, to exercise the powers and duties of the Secretary during his absence.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1939.

Approved: May 11, 1939.

WHEREAS, petitions to refer the aforesaid Acts of the General Assembly to the voters of the State of Maryland, for adoption or rejection, have been filed with the Secretary of State in conformity with the provisions of Article XVI of the Constitution of Maryland, entitled "The Referendum," and the said Acts of Assembly will be so submitted to the voters at the election to be held on November 5, 1940.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HERBERT R. O'CONOR, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, pursuant to the authority and direction contained in Section 5 (a) of Article 16 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that this Proclamation containing a full, true and correct copy of Chapters 353 and 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1939, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the Counties of the State where so many may be published and where not more than one may be published then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, in such manner and for such time as is provided in Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND. DONE AT THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY.

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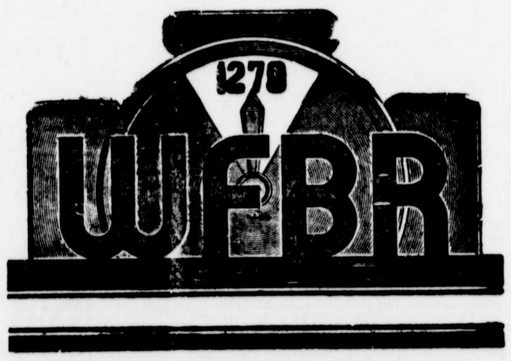
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