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## Just in - Montgomery

Workmen engaged in eliminating the dangerous grade crossing will begin in Rockville this week to pour concrete for the span that is to be erected above the tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. The bridge is one of two which the State Roads Commission will build in Montgomery County with Federal funds to eliminate hazardous crossings. It is expected the span at Kensington will be started within a few days. Plans for the local crossing call for construction of a single steel span with pedestrian walkways on either side. The structure will cost $80,862.70 and is to be located a short distance south of the present intersection. Bids for approaches to the Rockville and Kensington bridges likely will be advertised for by the State Roads Commission within a week or 10 days, according to highway heads. Approximately $300,000 has been set aside for building the spans and approaches.

The quarterly meeting of Friends was held at 11 o'clock on Sunday at Sandy Springs. Bliss Forebush, executive secretary of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and others were the speakers. A luncheon was served. The afternoon conference was in charge of Howard Hintz of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Republican State Central Committee for Montgomery county has indorsed Mrs. Julia Hall, of Poolesville, for appointment as a member of the Montgomery County Board of Education, to succeed Mrs. Julia B. Waters, of Germantown, whose six-year term expired last month. The committee also has recommended the appointment of Herman C. Heffner, of Takoma Park, as police justice for Takoma Park, a position created by the recent special session of the General Assembly.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High captured the senior division championship while 23 records were being shattered in the Montgomery County public schools' twenty-second annual track and field games at the Fair Grounds in Rockville, Saturday. Eight athletes scored "doubles" during the day's proceedings, among them Rae Lee and Betty Jullien, who won two events in the girls' events of the senior high school division for Bethesda-Chevy Chase High. Others to register twin triumphs were Fred Mizell of Bethesda-Chevy Chase, who set new records for both the 70-yard dash and broad jump; John Holloway of Montgomery-Blair, Carroll Curran of Kensington, Russell Mizell of Leland Junior High, L. Nicholson of Sherwood and Howard Edwards of Montrose.

Miss Ruth Shoemaker, Montgomery County member of the Maryland House of Delegates, addressed a meeting of the Women's Democratic Club of Leland in the Bethesda County Building Monday night on the subject, "Roosevent and Jeffersonian Democracy."

Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor spoke at the meeting of the Women's Democratic Club of Chevy Chase, Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Roger Whiteford. Following his talk, Joseph Whiteford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Whiteford, presented a program of organ music. The social hour was in charge of Mrs. A. J. Steffen, Mrs. David H. Deibler and Mrs. E. Nisbet Wright. Mrs. Ralph W. Berry, president, presided.

The girls' volley ball team of Bethesda-Chavy Chase High School has been chosen for the fifth consecutive year to represent Montgomery County in the State public school meet to be held at Baltimore.

Mrs. Louise E. Ferguson of Washington was appointed librarian of the Silver Spring Public Library at a meeting of the Board of Trustees. She will begin her duties on July 1. Mrs. Ferguson, graduate of an accredited library school and of wide experience, will receive $1,500 annually and will be paid from the proceeds of the 2-cent library tax to be collected in the Silver Spring area for the first time beginning with the country's new fiscal year on July 1.

### Giant Plants in New Zealand

New Zealand is the home of many remarkable plants, some of which are distinguished mainly because of their size, says Pathfinder Magazine. There is a buttercup measuring 3 inches in diameter. Notwithstanding, it appears as a dwarf beside the great rafflesia—the largest single flower in the plant kingdom. Some of them measure several feet across, may weigh up to 15 pounds and have no leaves. Naturalists have reported finding great orchids in the Florida Everglades with stems 15 feet in height and bearing several hundred blossoms of proportional size.

### Palestine's Boom City

Tel Aviv is Palestine's boom city, and it owes its origin to a small group of Jewish residents who moved out from the Arabian city of Jaffa in 1909 and began a garden suburb in the sand dunes to the north. Since the World war Tel Aviv has had a spectacular growth. It is an all-Jewish community, the most modern of the eastern Mediterranean region.

## KENSINGTON

Mrs. Ray Wahl of Richmond is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Landick, Jr.

The Rev. H. Fairfield Butt, rector of Christ Church, has received a call from Grace Church, Ocala, Florida. Mr. Butt is considering this call and will announce his decision on Sunday.

Kenneth W. Simpson was elected president and Ralph H. Burdette was named chief for a second term at the annual meeting of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department.

Walter L. Lewis was elected first vice president; Edgar W. Moore, second vice president; W. Raymond Hughes, secretary; K. Kenneth Culver, treasurer, and Maynard L. Hawkins, assistant chief.

The department voted to install a time-control switch to automatically cut off the siren on the fire house. Citizens complained concerning the prolonged sounding of the alarm at night.

The four students from Kensington were graduated from the George Washington University Wednesday: Genevieve M. Ashworth received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Economics, from the School of Education; Myrtle Y. Garner received the degree of Master of Arts, from the School of Education; Marcia Lamb was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Government, from the School of Government; and Anne W. Meriam received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, from Columbian College.

## MISS ENGLE GETS SECURITY BOARD POSITION

Miss Lavinia M. Engle, research director of the Maryland League of Women Voters and former Montgomery County delegate to the Maryland Legislature, was selected by the Social Security Board as its "educational representative."

Terminating her connection with the League of Women Voters, Miss Engle took up her new duties Saturday. Her office, officials said, will be in the board's bureau of informational service, of which Louis Resnick is director.

### To Travel About U. S.

Her job will involve traveling about the country, explaining the provisions of the Social Security Act to Women's organizations, "telling them," as a spokesman for the board said, "how the act affects them as employers or employes and how it will affect their families and their communities."

Miss Engle, who for several years has conducted campaigns in Maryland for the enactment of social insurance legstation by that State, was one of the 200 persons whom President Roosevelt invited to his conference on economic security at the White House in November, 1934.

## SUMMER THEATRE AT DARBY FARM

Construction of a new summer theatre that can be reached in thirty minutes from Washington, has been started by S. E. Cochran, Manager of the National Theatre, Washington.

Mr. Cochran's playhouse site is the Darby Farm, an estate of 75 acres about 2 miles south of Norbeck, Maryland, within easy reach of Kensington, Rockville, Silver Spring and Chevy Chase. The theatre is being constructed of red brick and steel.

Mr. Cochran plans to open on Monday night, July 13th, with the Pulitzer prize play, "The Old Maid."

Productions will be directed by Karl Neilson and the guest star system will prevail. Mr. Cochran plans to present Ethel Barrymore, Helen Menken, Roger Pryor, Roland Young, Florence Reed, Biljie Burke, Laura Hope Crews and Edward Arnold in different plays during the season.

### New Forest

Along the Tensas river in Louisiana lies a 70-mile stretch of trackless forests that were rich cotton plantations before the war between the states.

## DR. PERRY ELECTED TO HEAD MEDICAL SOCIETY

Montgomery County medical circles were honored last week when Dr. Benjamin C. Perry, of Bethesda, was elected president of the Northern Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia Medical Society.

Dr. Perry was chosen to succeed Dr. Arthur Hooe, of Washington, to this high office at the annual election of the Society at a meeting held at the Manor Club.

This is only one of the many honors that have been heaped upon Dr. Perry by his professional associates. Earlier this year he was elected president of the Montgomery County Medical Society. In addition he is a member of the Maryland State Department of Health, on which he has served for two decades.

For ten years he was president of the board of county commissioners, presiding over that board during the period that Montgomery County was being transformed from a rural to a suburban community.

Dr. Perry also served as the first chairman of the Montgomery County Liquor Control Board, which was charged with the duty of setting up and controling the sale of beer and liquor following the repeal of prohibition.

A lifelong resident of Montgomery County, he was born on a farm near Kensington. He attended the University of Maryland, where he received his Doctor's degree.

Dr. Perry has resided in Bethesda since 1919, where he has been an outstanding leader in community, civic and governmental activities. He is vice president and a member of the boad of directors of the Bank of Bethesda and also a director of the Montgomery County National Bank of Rockville.

## INCINERATOR PLAN AROUSES CITIZENS

A storm of protest is expected to be voiced against the establishment of an incinerator at Chevy Chase Lake when the Montgomery County commissioners hold their hearing on the proposal June 15 at the Bethesda County Building.

Officials of the Kensington and Bethesda Chamber of Commerce, two of the most bitter opponents to the project, declared today that virtually every citizens' association in the western suburban district of the county will send representatives to the hearing and ask the permit be refused.

Application for permission to establish the incenerator in the old power house of the Capital Transit Co. was made to the commissioners some time ago by J. Fairfax Conrad of Washington, who proposes to install a $5,000 unit in the building at the outset.

Members of the Board of County Commissioners said recently, however, that such overwhelming opposition is being expressed against the project that the hearing most likely will be nothing more than a perfunctory affair with rejection of the application virtually assured.

The commissioners favor the general plan of establishing an incinerator in the suburban area, for it would permit them to close objectionable burning dumps along the East-West Highway, but they feel the plant should be located in an area farther removed from residential districts.

### "Mountain of Hellfire" Emits Ammoniacal Gases

Over a great area on the frontier between Baluchistan and Persia everything is dead. Not a bird, beast, or reptile, not even an insect, survives. They have been gassed by the "Mountain of Hellfire"—as the Persians call the volcano of Koh-i-Tafatan. The crater pours out dense clouds of ammoniacal gas which destroy every living thing and even burn up all plant life, says Tit-Bits Magazine.

This is the only mountain which produces this particular gas, but not the only one which exudes poison gas. In 1912 the volcano of Katmai in Alaska exploded, producing the biggest crater in the world, which is now known as the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes. Here sulphurous gas streams out from rifts, and it is death to approach one of these deadly vents.

The Sakura Shima volcano in Japan blew up in 1914 and overwhelmed the city of Kagoshima. The loss of life was over 70,000, and a great number of these people were suffocated by pestilent gases which rushed up from earthquake fissures a long way from the mountain itself.

Before the great Chilean earthquake of 1857 poison gas rose in the floor of the Bay of Payta and killed enormous quantities of fish and crabs. They floated on the surface and were washed up on the beach, forming a wall-like line three to four feet high and twelve miles long.

The most ghastly disaster of recent times was the destruction of the beautiful city of St. Pierre by a cloud of gas and dust flung out by Mont Pelee. Within a matter of moments 40,000 people were blotted out.

### The Drink to Happiness

The drinking of a liquid from a single cup by the bride and groom is an important part of the wedding ceremony among two-thirds of the human race, or all those living in non-Christian countries. The majority use a distilled liquor, beer or wine while the others prefer either animal or coconut milk.—Collier's Weekly.

### First Radio Law

The first federal statute dealing with radio became effective in 1911 and simply required apparatus and operators on ocean steamers. By the passage of the radio act of 1927 the radio service was set up as a separate division of the Department of Commerce.

## Gayety Marks Ancestors' Memorials With Chinese

Ancestor worship prevails in China, along with Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism. Custom provides for markers on the graves for identification purposes only. In every Chinese home, however, there is a tablet or shrine which contains the two ancestral names of the father and mother, carved on wood or written on paper, and before these incense is burned daily.

On a certain day, says a correspondent in the Chicago Tribune, the graves are visited by surviving relatives on a sort of festive occasion, partaking of the spirit of Easter, and to the children are imparted reverence and love for their own families.

Much productive land is occupied by these many graves, but every available foot of that remaining is made to produce. A primitive man-pushed plow or one pulled by a carabao (water buffalo) is the only visible agricultural implement. Treadmills to lift the water from one rice paddy to another are operated by four or five persons. Men and women stand alongside each other and trudge the long dreary day to turn the wheels, many of the women crippled with cruelly bound small feet, and most of the time there is enough of a breeze blowing to turn the water wheels without human labor. Not a windmill is permitted, because of superstitious fear of offending the wind and water spirits.

## Matter of Dietetics Not Much in Evidence

When the young woman teacher of dietetics married a physician the Woman thought it a most suitable match. Their little girl has now grown to be a chubby four-year-old. She certainly is a good advertisement for the strictly scientific upbringing, every one says, judging from her ruddy appearance. But a recent event in the life of this model child, related by her mother, has led the Woman to doubt whether the parents' adherence to the rules of science is entirely responsible for the perfect state of health of the little girl.

Her mother was busy in the house and had allowed Martha to play with the well-brought-up little boy next door. It was not long before Martha was called in to lunch. She came in blithely, sucking an enormous hard candy.

"Wherever did you get that piece of candy? And just before lunch, too?" asked the parent, horrified at this double infringement of the rules.

"Harry gave it to the doggie, and the doggie didn't like it," explained Martha.—New York Sun.

## Cuckoo Selects Nest of Other Bird to Lay Eggs

In appearance the cuckoo is much like the sparrow hawk or kestrel, and just as most of the smaller birds will attack a hawk when they see it in the air, so will they attack the cuckoo when it shows itself.

The cuckoo has kept a secret for thousands of years. From earliest records, notes a writer in Tit-Bits Magazine, going back to the ancient Greeks, it was thought that she laid her egg upon the ground, picked it up in her beak, carried it to the selected nest and dropped it in, but investigation proves that the cuckoo lays her egg directly into the nest.

When the female cuckoo is ready to lay, she will sit on a perch almost motionless from half an hour to six hours, and this corresponds to the time that any other bird would sit on the nest before laying. Then she glides down to the selected nest, for during the previous days she has carefully watched the owners. She wastes no time, but goes quickly to it, stealing one of the eggs. Holding this in her beak, she moves her body on to the nest, lays her own egg in the place of the one removed, and flies off with the stolen egg. This is devoured, sometimes while she is flying away, but more often when she reaches a convenient perch.

### Original Copies of Bills

The original copy of a bill signed by the President or passed over his veto is sent to the Department of State, where a certified copy is made which is given to the public printer. It is then printed from the certified copy into a form known as slip sheets, and later is included in the United States Code of Permanent Laws. The original copy remains with the Department of State.

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"The message must go through" was again exemplified as more than a mere phrase. That the job was well done is acknowledged by company executives throughout the affected areas. President Lloyd B. Wilson, of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies, expressed the thought that "the splendid devotion to duty during the recent floods is but another example of the fine spirit of service which is always exhibited on such occasions by C. and P. telephone people. We all take great pride in your accomplishments under such trying conditions."

The messages went through.

## Ohio to Pay for Horses Morgan Stole in 1864

Columbus, Ohio.—Seventy-one years after General Morgan and his Confederate raiders entered southern Ohio and carried off provisions and other booty, the state of Ohio has acquiesced in a claim against his troopers.

The legislature has agreed to pay a claim of $600 occasioned by the theft of some horses by Morgan and his men during the war between the states.

Unless Governor Davey vetoes the item, Leoda Burke Oyler, of Cincinnati, will receive a check for $600 from the state of Ohio.

The claim was filed with the state many, many years ago. But each time it came up it was shunted aside, although the federal government sent the state a check years ago to meet the obligation.

## Too Tough to Die, Is Boast of Town

Tombstone, Ariz. — Tombstone, the town that proudly describes itself as "the town that was too tough to die," is nothing if not foresighted, despite accusations that it is living in its glamorous past.

Members of the Tombstone American Legion post will march in the grand parade at the National Legion convention in St. Louis next September, bearing banners, "Tombstone, 1975 Convention City."

That, of course, is only 40 years in the future.

### Slower Flying Birds

Woodpeckers, finches and thrushes are among the slower flying birds. They cannot keep up with a car at 20 miles an hour. Jays and orioles are about as slow, but barn swallows, going unevenly in one direction for at least 50 yards, will quickly get well ahead of a 40-mile speed.

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### The Redbud

The redbud grows from 25 to 50 feet high with heart-shaped, dark green leaves. The wood has little commercial value and is particularly hard and heavy.

### Weather Man's Workshop

The weather man employs a rather imposing workshop of intricate instruments in addition to his barometer. He has thermometers to measure temperature and instruments to measure humidity, air direction (wind vane), air velocity (anemometer), and combinations of these to gauge and record the different factors of the weather at a single operation and automatically, such as the aerometeorograph, which he dispatches aloft in an airplane. He has rain gauges and snow gauges, balloons and kites, sunshine recorders, and scores of other complicated mechanical assistants.

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