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Begin
35
Mile Limit
State Roads Comm.

If you are going South on the York Road just below Towson you will find at the South entrance to the State Normal School with its 500 students and its large kindergarten classes—and within a stone's throw of the fast growing hamlet of Wiltondale and just above it the entrance to Aigburth the above sign—or if you should use Seminary Avenue in Lutherville, the great State highway leading from the York Road to the Green Spring Valley, you will see in the village at one of the most dangerous intersection, used daily by young ladies of Maryland College and the scholars of the large public school—the same sign.

It is inconceivable that anyone connected with the State Roads Commissions could deliberately invite by such signs all kinds of recklessness and disaster or that they should invite manifest violations of the State Automobile law. The greatest speed that an automobile may be lawfully operated on the highways of Maryland is 35 miles per hour—but this means in the open country not near to dwellings or intersecting roads, and any motorist who would run his car at either of the points mentioned at any such speed should lose his license.

Just think of it—at this time when the papers are full of automobile accidents and when public officials everywhere are warning and punishing reckless drivers on the highways to have the invitation of the State Roads Commission broadcasted to step on the gas and go the limit. These signs are attracting a great amount of indignation and advance criticism. In the locations mentioned there should be warnings to use the greatest amount of caution instead of an invitation to be reckless.

We may not be fully posted, but we do not know of any jurisdiction where there is an invitation to go the legal limit. Goodness knows the invitation is not needed—the great problem is to check those who do it without invitation. Five hundred young ladies and a hundred little children use the York Road at the speedway chosen by the State Roads Commission besides the growing population of Wiltondale and Aigburth Park, in addition to the large traffic on the road; and at Lutherville 125 young ladies of the college and upward of 100 children of the public school, in addition to the citizens and the large traffic use the newly designated speedway of that village.

It is said that this same invitation to go the limit is extended all over the State. If so, God help the children and the decrepit. We have accidents enough as it is without the State's assistance to multiply them. We cannot believe yet that the State Roads Commission is responsible for the system of posting; it surely must be the work of some one without authority but if the Commission assumes responsibility for it the people should put up a most vigorous protest and insist that such invitations to maximum speed be withdrawn.

GREAT STORM OF SCANDALS PLAYING HAVOC WITH G. O. P.

It looks like the great storm of scandals is about to overwhelm the Republican Administration; the biggest leaders are dazed and working at cross-purposes; some are defiant and want to fight it out, while others are fearful and cringing and advising the President to let this, that or the other Cabinet member go. Daugherty has been forced out of the Cabinet. Hoover is still silent about the Behring Sea secret fur contract. Mellon is still pulling every wire to accomplish the reduction of his own surtaxes and those of other good contributors to the Republican war-chest.

It is all remindful of the Grant Administration, when the Secretary of War was driven out in disgrace. Robeson and his pals were given credit for having stolen the most of the Navy. It was alleged that the Secretary of the Interior sold decisions in bales, that he was caught with the swag and surrendered half of it in order that he might keep the other half. The speaker of the House stood disgraced in the revelations, while Colfax was driven from public life. The Star Route frauds made the people shudder, and the Whiskey Ring was an abomination in the nostrils of the public. Defaulters in every branch puled up fortunes and decamped between suns. Pillage was everywhere and it was no infamy to steal—it had become the ordinary and customary thing—the accepted order of the day.

RURAL POSTAL SERVICE.

If the Government will turn its attention for five minutes from the oil scandal and devote three minutes of its time to consideration of the postal service in the small towns that dot the great expanse of rural America, our representatives will serve a more useful purpose and perhaps gain political prestige which seems to be the all-important consideration just at this time.

We make a wonderful show with our post office buildings, as we do with our school buildings, but bricks and mortar are but the trappings and the suits of service. It is the efficiency on the inside that counts.

There is a disposition to brush aside the rural towns when it comes to considering any public expenditure, and this applies to the postal service as to anything else. Our Congressmen, however, should remember that a majority of the American population, which means a majority of taxation, is represented in the small towns up to 5,000 population. Poor postal service is a severe handicap to business, and the business of the small town should not be ignored.

Like all other perplexing probleems, of course, there is a very practical side to this matter of obtaining efficient postal service. The result depends on the interest exhibited by the people themselves. Congressmen are human. They keep their ears constantly to the ground. Once they sense the fact that their constituents are earnestly determined to press for certain legislation they are apt to get very much interested in that legislation. On the other hand, if they feel only public apathy, they will go calmly to sleep and do nothing.

Every reader of The Jeffersonian is interested to get improved postal service, and especially those whose paper reaches them Monday when it should be delivered bright and early Saturday. Are they interested sufficiently to write to their Congressmen and Senators asking them to fight for better service? If they are, then the sooner the ball is started rolling, the better it will be for all of us.

W. JOPPA ROAD HAS BARBER.

Added to the two old-established barber shops at the county seat another has been opened on the W. Joppa Road, and right in the residence of Rev. Mark Depp, pastor of the Towson M. E. Church.

Billy, the young son of the pastor, while his parents were occupied in another part of the house, persuaded his little brother Phillip to play barber with him. Phillip perched himself on a chair and with the aid of a pair of sharp scissors Billy cut off all his curls and trimmed his bangs in fine shape. Needless to say Rev. and Mrs. Depp wondered who had snatched him bald headed.

REHEARSING FOR EASTER ENTERTAINMENT.

Members of Providence M. E. Church are rehearsing for an entertainment to be held Easter Sunday night.

TYDINGS FILES PAPERS AS CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION.

Congressman Mellard E. Tydings has filed a certificate with the Baltimore County Board of Election Supervisors as a candidate for renomination in the Democratic primaries in the Second Congressional District.

Lloyd Wilkinson, of Baltimore, filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress.

Edward R. Simpson filed as a candidadate for election as a delegate to the Republican State Convention.

CONTRACT FOR DOGWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT AWARDED.

The County Commissioners have awarded the contract for improving a portion of the Dogwood road in the First District to the Development & Construction Company for $23,450.

COUNTY SEAT YOUNGSTERS HAVE ONE PUT OVER ON THEM.

Three Towson Youngsters, all about 17 years of age, won a silver loving cup in an athletic event, and they didn't.

G. Randolph Marley, Chas. Heuisler, Rerbert Richetts and Edwin Hudson wended their way to the All-Baltimore Athletic Meet and Relay Carnival recently, and after inquiries found out that they could be entered in the running event if some bank sponsored.

Forthwith they got into communication with Mr. Harrison Rider, president of the Second National Bank of Towson, who gladly extended the necessary credentials—so they ran, won and were awarded the cup.

Taking it to Baltimore City to the maker to have it engraved with the idea of presenting it to the bank, they were dumbfounded to find when they returned to get it all engraved that the managers of the meet had disqualified them and confiscated the cup.

Hard luck, boys! And needless to say, it was a dirty trick.

JOHN TILTON MARLEY, OF TOWSON, TO WED MISS ISABELLA MARCHANT.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marchant to the wedding of their daughter, Isabella, to Mr. John Tilton Marley, of Towson, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Sparrows Point, on April 21st, at 2.30 P. M.

YOUNGSTER STRUCK BY AUTO NEAR COCKEYSVILLE.

Bernard Freeland, aged 11 years, while walking on the York Road at Cockeysville on Friday morning was struck by a northbound automobile and sustained a fracture of his right leg. The driver of the machine did not stop. The boy was knocked clear across the road. The county police are searching for the driver of the automobile.

COUNTY TREASURER SUES A. G. LAWRENCE.

County Treasurer Thomas C. Hunter has filed a suit in the Circuit Court at Towson against A. G. Lawrence to recover $5,384.94 alleged to be due for taxes by the defendant on stocks and bonds.

(By D. F.)

DRIFTWOOD.

I stood on the shore at break of day
And watched the tide come drifting in,
Rolling and swelling its white-capped way,
Where the sands of the beach had been;
I watched the waves dash on the rocks
And their spray flew high and wide,
And I saw the bits of driftwood
Come floating in on the tide.

I thought of the wrecks far out at sea
Of the storm that had thundered and raged;
Of the toll of brave men's ships and lives
Paid to the storms in the battle they waged;
And the ocean's majestic swells rolled on,
And broke and dashed on the shore
And the wrecks of men's ships came in with the dawn—
Bits of driftwood for evermore.

I stood in the slums at midnight
And watched the tides of life pass by;
Men battered and worn with their fight
With the storms of life; and I heard their cry
At the wrecks they made of their hopes and fears.
Of their lives, ambitions and pride,
Of the wasted, regretted long-past years,
And of hopes that despaired and died.

I thought of the wonders of the tides of life,
How some men lost and others won
In the midst of the storms and battle and strife,
While the tides roll slowly on;
And those who lost in life's great game,
Lost manhood, hope and pride,
Lost youth, and joy, and love became
Life's driftwood—floating on the tide.

IRISH TIME.

Time-Keeper—Look here, Donovan, I can't understand how you made seventeen hours on Thursday.

Donovan—Shure Oi shtarted two hours before I began, and Oi wurrked all dinner toime whin Oi was restin', and after Oi left off Oi wurrked for two hours more, and that makes me toime out.

BAD WEATHER.

Little Willie had received for Christmas presents a diary and a pea shooting pop gun. Shortly afterward his mother found the following entries in the diary:

"Monday cold and sloppy.
"Toosday cold and sloppy.
"Wensday cold and sloppy. Shot granma."

PLEASING PAPA.

Mother was entertaining a few friends and young hopeful was being duly shown off, and resented it, as all young hopefuls do.

"Who do you like best?" asked one friend.

"Mother," was the reply.

"Who next?" asked another.

"Little sister."

"Who next?"

"Aunt.'

Father, who was seated at the back, opened his mouth and said: "And when do I come in?"

"At 2 o'clock in the morning," was the reply.

OVERSIGHT.

Mother reprovingly—When I was young, the girls never thought of doing the things they do today.

Daughter—Well, that's why they didn't do them.

NO WONDER.

Father was annoyed. His expensive gold watch failed him. It would not go at all.

"I can't think what's the matter," he complained. "Maybe it needs cleaning."

"Oh, no daddy!" objected four-year-old Henry. "'Cause baby and I had it in the bathroom washing it all day yesterday."

GENEROSITY.

A large husky negro and a small Frenchman were sawing a large piece of timber for the Boston subway with a heavy cross-cut saw, each in turn pulling it back and forth. A pugilistic Irishman stopped to watch the operation. After a few moments he strolled up to the negro and struck him a blow, saying: "Give the saw to the little fellow if he wants it."

MOT SCOTCH.

A Scot whose name was MacIntosh, and who was proud of the fact that he was directly descended from the chief of the clan, was having a dispute over the fare he owed a taxi driver.

The man with the meter talked loud and harshly, and it angered the Highlander.

"Do you know who I am?" he demanded, proudly drawing himself up to his full height. "I'm a MacIntosh."

The taxi driver snorted.

"I don't care if you're an umbrello," he said. "I'll have my rights."

MAKING HER MISS HIM.

"Is your poor husband dead?" asked the Vicar of an aged member of his flock.

"Oh no," she replied.

"But you are in mourning," the Vicar continued.

"Well, you see," was the reply, "My old man annoyed me so this afternoon that I went into mourning for my first husband."

BERGDOLL, DRAFT EVADER, OFFERED CLEMENCY BY HUGHES.

German Paper Says Administration Wanted Him To Return To U. S. To Divert Interest From Oil Scandal.

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bach Messenger, a newspaper published in Germany.

The newspaper publishes details of alleged parleys with Bergdoll, carried on by three representatives of an American newspaper syndicate and Leighton Blood, allegedly a representative of the American State Department, but who, the Messenger declares, is suspected of being a spokesman of the American Legion.

A recent statement by the American Legion thanked Blood for presenting the offer to Bergdoll "of the legion and the State Department."

According to the Messenger and other German newspapers, the four agents are alleged to have carried credentials from Seceretary of State Hughes and the commander of the American Legion, on the strength of which Bergdoll was assured that he would be given a maximum sentence of four month's imprisonment provided he returned to the United States before March 20.

Blood, according to local reports, was equipped with a passport issued in the name of "Bryant" and official German documents which would insure Bergdoll "unhampered" exit from Germany. Bergdoll's failure to get under way before March 20, it is asserted, brought a notification from an American newspaper correspondent to the effect that the State Department had withdrawn its promises of partial immunity, but that two days' grace was obtained by the correspondent, which would have enabled Bergdoll to catch the steamer George Washington sailing from Bremen.

The Messenger asserts that the failure of Bergdoll to accept the promises made by the Americans resulted in a warning from Blood to the effect that two "expeditions" were being organized in Paris with the avowed purpose of kidnapping or killing Bergdoll unless he returned voluntarily to the United States. It was asserted that the men of these "expeditions" purposed to "get him" and that they would not stop "short of murder."

Blood is alleged to have assured Bergdoll that he would be able to prevent harsh measures if the slacker would meet the terms proposed to him. He is said to have added that the Reich and the Badenese Ministries of Justice would highly welcome Bergdoll's departure from Germany to prevent another attempt to kidnap him.

Bergdoll and his advisers, says the Messenger, were inclined to view the proposals advanced by the four Americans as "false pretenses" in view of the fact that the American Government had failed to release Frederick W. Bischoff, a Badenese citizen, sent to the penitentiary because of his connection with the attempt to blow up the Irvington, New Jersey, munitions plant, although Bischoff's pardon was supposed to have been made a condition for the release of Lieut. Corliss Hooven Griffis, who was arrested in connection with an attempt to kidnap Bergdoll last year.

"UNCLE JACK" TARBERT SEEKS COURT'S AID TO REGAIN LOST PROPERTY.

Bill Filed At Towson Alleges Second Wife Began Relentless Campaign To Make His Life Unbearable And Humiliating, Compelling Him To Leave Her.

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and that that condition has continued without material change to the present time.

While in this enfeebled condition the plaintiff charges that his second wife, who was formerly Mrs. Mary C. Silk, "began a systematic campaign of fraud, misrepresentation and undue influence" for the purpose of stripping him of his property and acquiring it for herself, although she well knew of the agreement between the plaintiff and his first wife that he should hold the property in trust for Elsie Gerstmeyer, and on February 3, 1923—less than a year after his first wife's death—induced him to marry her. On the day preceding the marriage it is alleged the defendant fraudulently procured the plaintiff's execution of a deed, conveying the property in question to a third party, who on the day of the marriage reconveyed it to the plaintiff and defendant, so that upon his death it would be hers absolutely. It is further alleged that after the marriage the defendant induced the plaintiff to remove all of his personal effects, including furniture which had belonged to his first wife, into her home and "then began a relentless campaign to make his life so unbearable and humiliating that he was compelled to separate from her in order to protect his life and health." The plaintiff's second wife is about 25 years his junior.

Attorneys William P. Cole, Jr., and Edwin T. Dickerson filed the bill for the plaintiff.

MAN DROPS DEAD ON STREET CAR ENROUTE TO SISTER'S FUNERAL.

Over-Exertion From Cranking Stalled Auto Believed Cause—Harrisonville Resident, Brotheer Of Deceased, Kept Ignorant Of Fact.

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buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Robert D. Marshall, Harrisonville, Baltimore county, is seriously ill and has not been informed of the death of his brother and sister.

Surviving Mr. Marshall are his widow, Mrs. Catherine Marshall; two sons, Paul and Monroe Marshall; four brothers; Sylvester and Charles Marshall, of Pleasant Hill; Samuel Marshall, Baltimore, and Robert D. Marshall, Harrisonville, and three sisters, Mrs. Albert L. Luttgerding, North Branch; Mrs. Ella Marston, of Virginia, and Miss Laura Marshall, of Pleasant Hill.

Mr. Marshall was 49 years old. He was the son of the late John and Lydia Morrow Marshall, of Baltimore county. He was a building contractor.

TWO MEN RELEASED ON BAIL FOR ALLEGED ASSALUT ON GIPSY GIRL.

Michael Frank and Ephraim Frank charged with having feloniously assaulted Susie Demtro, a gipsy girl, were each released by Justice Wm. P. Butler, at Towson, under $2000 bail to await the action of the grand jury. The assault is alleged to have taken place on March 20 on the Belair road.

MANY ATTEND OLD TIME DANCE.

Interest is still maintained in the "old time dances" held at White Hall, which was demonstrated when over one hundred persons attended a dance held in the hall at White Hall last Friday night despite the bad weather and the exceedingly muddy roads.

WHITE HALL COUPLE MARRIED.

Mr. Edwin M. Burns, son of Mr. William T. Burns, of White Hall, and Miss Helen C. Almony, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Almony, of Hereford, were married last Saturday.

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