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Federal Money For The Aged

Aid Supplementing That Paid Them By State Assistance Plans

A tabulation worked out from estimates submitted to the Social Security Board at Washington shows 198,584 aged persons are receiving Federal money to supplement that paid them by their State assistance plans. These are in eighteen States and the District of Columbia. For these States, old-age assistance plans have been approved by the Social Security Board and money has gone forward to match the amount spent by the States in caring for their aged. Five per cent. of the amount sent the States by the Federal Government must be used for paying administrative expenses in the States.

In addition to these, probably another 200,000 old persons were covered by State plans that have been submitted but not yet acted upon by the board.

The States whose plans have been approved and the number of persons State officials estimated would receive benefits are:

Connecticut, 8,000; Alabama, 10,000; Delaware, 3,140; District of Columbia, 1,500; Idaho, 6,000; Iowa, 36,000; Maine, 3,750; Maryland, 8,000; Michigan, 20,000; Mississippi, 12,500; Missouri, 30,000; Nebraska, 19,000; New Hampshire, 2,800; New Mexico, 5,235; Rhode Island, 1,300; Vermont, 3,818; Washington, 16,000; Wisconsin, 15,000; Wyoming, 1,776.

MERIT SYSTEM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

Standard maintenance allowances for employees in State institutions, which will have the effect in many cases of restoring merit system status went into effect, by order of the State Employment Commissioner, Harry C. Jones, on March 1.

Several months ago a protest was filed with the commissioner, declaring that the allowances for board or lodging or both, being made by the commissioner as part of the total annual salary of those employees, had been lowered to the point where it deprived them of their merit system status and made them liable to dismissal without recourse to a hearing.

A study was made by Colonel Jones at the various institutions where maintenance is allowed and figured as part of the annual salary. It was pointed out in the protest that the monthly salary maintenance figure advertised in literature sent out by one of the institutions gave the maintenance figure at \$55. Prior to the present rates the top maintenance figure allowed was set at \$15.

The new schedule as announced by Colonel Jones fixes full maintenance at \$25, board only \$15 and room only at \$10. These rates, Colonel Jones declared, will keep within the merit system those who were members prior to salary cuts made several years ago. The minimum salary necessary for merit system status is \$650.

PRESIDENT BUCHANAN'S HOME PURCHASED

Wheatland, home of the late President Buchanan, in Lancaster, Pa., has been purchased for \$40,000 from the executors of the Mary Retzew estate.

The campaign for funds which raised more than \$50,000, will be continued on a national scale to secure funds for furnishing and maintaining the home.

Miss Mary Retzew, whose estate owned Wheatland and adjoining lands, died in 1934 and the Junior League of Lancaster inaugurated the campaign to acquire the property for public use. Miss Retzew had inherited it several years before from her uncle, George Wilson, who lived there many years.

The property purchased embraces the historic mansion and four and a-quarter acres of land.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TURNED DOWN

The office of Superintendent of Schools for Cecil County is still vacant. Dr. Albert S. Cook, czar of the State Board of Education, refused to confirm the recent appointment of Dr. Norman Cameron, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Howard T. Ruhl, on account of ill health.

All appointees of the Cecil County School Board for the position appear to look alike to the State Superintendent, who turns them down flat.

Short Paragraphs

Spring is on the way,—robins have made their appearance.

The Ninth District Farmers' Club was entertained on Wednesday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joan Reynolds, of Blue Ball.

Miss Ethel Potts, of Childs, Cecil county, is one of the thirty-five honor students at the State Teachers College, Salisbury, Md., to make an average grade of "B" or better in all subjects, during the first semester of 1935-36.

A Civil Service examination will be held for the position of Postmaster at Conowingo, Md. The receipt of applications will close March 27, 1936. Those interested call at Conowingo Postoffice where applications will be furnished.

ATTENDANCE IN CECIL COUNTY SCHOOLS

The report of Attendance Officer E. B. Fockler, for the month of February, shows Pierce's Neck in the lead for one-teacher schools in Cecil county; Perry Point in the two-teacher group; Chesapeake City, graded schools; North East, high schools; Wilson, colored schools. The averages follow:

One-Teacher Schools—Pierce's Neck 91, Zion and Rowlandville 90; Charlestown 87, Pilot 86, Blake 85, Warwick, Oak Grove, Earleville and Principio, 84; Town Point and Jefferson 83; Pleasant Hill, Jackson and New Bridge 81; Chapel, Fingerboard and Fair Hill 79; Hart's 76, Johnson 74, New Valley 71, Liberty Grove 70, Pond's Neck 68, Wesley 67, Union and Oakwood 55; Marlon 54.

Two-Teacher Schools—Perry Point 94, Providence 90, Cherry Hill and Clora 83; Elk Mills 79, Leeds 74.

Graded Schools—Chesapeake City 86, Cecilton, Perryville and Calvert 84; North East 81, Elkton 80, Rising Sun 78.

High Schools—North East 91, Cecilton 90, Chesapeake City 89, Perryville and Calvert 88; Rising Sun 86, Elkton 85, Kenmore 76.

Colored Schools—Wilson 87, Elkton 80, Chesapeake City and Port Deposit 71, Conowingo 64, North East 61, Cecilton 53, Cokesbury 54, Cedar Hill 33, Manor 21.

Elkton Colored High School 81.

BALTIMORE READY FOR FLOWER SHOW

Many of our residents will attend the National Flower and Garden Show to be held in the Fifth Regiment Armory, in Baltimore from March 14 to 22.

There will be on display more than two hundred different classes representing every known variety of flower and plant, including many rare types, some of which are being imported specially for the show. A clearer conception of the magnitude of the event can be gathered when it is realized that it requires the equivalent of one hundred freight cars to transport the displays to Baltimore.

HATTIE STONE APPLIES FOR PAROLE

Hattie Stone, of Havre de Grace, who six years ago was sentenced to eighteen years in the House of Correction for poisoning her husband, has applied to the board of pardons for a parole. Her trial was one of the most sensational in Harford county. She was defended by Harold E. Cobourn, attorney of Harford and Cecil counties. She was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to eighteen years in the House of Correction.

FAN DANCER FINED

Given a hearing before Police Magistrate Walter C. Miller of Elkton, on a charge of putting on an indecent floor show at his road house near Appleton, this county, Earl Bunker was fined \$50 and costs, and Cecilie Ray of Nebraska, a fan dancer, was fined \$15 and costs. It is understood that protests will be lodged against Bunker in May when he makes application for renewal of his beer license.

MARYLAND RACE TRACKS TO HAVE ELECTRIC EYE

Maryland's race track at Havre de Grace, Bowie, Pimlico and Laurel are to have the "electric eye" installed. The "eye" photographs all finishes, thereby eliminating any possible chance for dispute.

Whole populations can acquire a grouch at the same time. That's what carries elections.

State Highways Badly Damaged

Heavy Trucks Literally Tearing Some Roads To Pieces

The mild weather that has prevailed for the past two weeks has been bringing the frost out of the ground at a rapid rate. And there is plenty to bring out, the long continued low temperatures during the past winter having frozen the ground to a depth of 24 inches and more in some places.

With this mild weather has come bad roads, the bottom dropping completely out of dirt roads, while the hard surfaced roads,—especially macadam,—have developed "frost boils," which the heavily loaded trucks that Maryland permits to travel at all times, have broken through, tearing great holes in the roadways.

Other states stipulate the weight that can be carried over their roads during the "soft" weather of early spring. But not so in Maryland, where the sky seems to be the limit. These heavily loaded trucks have caused so many bad breaks in the macadam roadways that large forces of men have been kept busy, day and night, the past two weeks patching up the holes. One of the bad stretches of roadway is that on Route 1, just east of Rising Sun, where it has been necessary to practically rebuild several long sections literally torn to pieces by the heavy trucks. And this is the story that comes from all sections where heavy truck traffic is permitted, still Maryland does not seem to profit by this expensive experience, and regulate the weight of loads, as do other states.

NATIONAL POCKET BILLIARD CHAMPION

George Kelly, of Philadelphia, national pocket billiard champion, will appear at Thos. R. Rale's, Rising Sun, on Thursday evening, March 19, at nine o'clock. The Philadelphia cue expert comes here under auspices of the National Billiard Association of America, on their third annual "Better Billiard" program. Kelly will devote one hour of free billiard instruction to both women and men during his two hour exhibition, specializing on the fundamentals of the ivory sport, in addition to a demonstration of pocket billiards and a scintillating display of fancy shots.

Kelly's first major victory was gained last year when he won the national pocket billiards title from a field of ten of the leading experts, setting a world high run record for national championship tournament competition in running 125 balls in 2 innings. This record was scored at the expense of Charles Seaback. His record of two innings tied the world championship tournament record held by Ralph Greenleaf.

YOUTH GETS THREE YEARS FOR MOLESTING GIRL

Found guilty by the court on a charge of attempted assault upon an eight-year-old girl, Kenneth Robinson, 20 years old, of Elk Neck, was sentenced in the Circuit Court at Elkton, by Judge Owen D. Knotts, to three years in Maryland House of Correction. Robinson while confined in the county jail, waiting trial, on the charge made by the girl, changed his clothes with a transient, who had spent the night in the prison, and walked out when overnight lodgers left. He was recaptured several hours later near Newark, Del., and brought back to jail.

CHURCH GROUPS COMBINE

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Port Deposit Presbyterian Church, and the Westminster Guild of the same church, have combined and hereafter will be known as the Ellen Turner Auxiliary. Officers elected for the ensuing year, by the newly formed organization, are: President, Mrs. C. A. Craig; vice-president, Mrs. Wayne A. Monroe; treasurer, Mrs. George Buck; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Robinson.

PUBLIC SALE REGISTER

William R. Hall, Rowlandville, will sell at public sale on the premises, Saturday, March 14, at one o'clock, real estate, embracing a five-room frame dwelling, and personal property. W. E. Fisher, Auct.

Mrs. Frank Orr will sell at public sale, on Saturday, March 21, one o'clock, at the store of Jos. S. Pogue, Sons & Co., Rising Sun, household goods. W. E. Fisher, Auctioneer.

Two Lose Lives In Auto Accident

G. Dare Hopkins And Wife Meet Death In Crash

Their automobile skidding and crashing into a telephone pole four miles east of Lancaster, Pa., Monday night, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dare Hopkins of 2305 Ridgeway Road, Wawaset Park, Wilmington, were instantly killed when the car overturned.

Mr. Hopkins, 49 years old, was a lawyer and a member of the legal department of the DuPont Company. His wife was 38 years old.

Others in the car, H. C. Stevens, 48, of 911 West Third Street, Wilmington, chauffeur, and Arthur D. Kelsey of Rose Hill, Pa., an assistant to Mr. Hopkins, were not injured. The party left Wilmington Monday night on their way to Harrisburg, Pa. The accident happened on the Lincoln Highway in the section known as "Death's Highway," where a four-lane highway narrows down to three lanes.

The car was travelling at about 45 miles an hour, Mr. Kelsey told Pennsylvania state police. The right rear wheel slipped off the concrete. The car suddenly veered, crashed against a telephone pole, and overturned.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, sitting in the rear, suffered from crushed skulls. Both the bodies were sent to a Lancaster undertaking establishment. Dr. J. Lyle Ressler, of Bird-in-Hand, Pa., deputy coroner of Lancaster county, decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Mrs. Hopkins, the former Miss Anna Shambach, of York, Pa., and Mr. Hopkins were married in September 1931. Mr. Hopkins' only survivor is a sister, Nana Lee, a nurse in the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mr. Hopkins was born near Rising Sun, on the farm known as "Vulcan's Hall," one mile south of town, now owned and occupied by Charles A. Hutchins, and was the son of the late George Gundacker and Sara Eugenia (Dickey) Hopkins. He was graduated from West Nottingham Academy and from Princeton University in 1907. In college, he was majored in politics, economics and history.

Upon graduation, he went with the DuPont Company in the high explosives department and left in 1910 to study law with the firm, Marvel, Marvel, and Wollcott. He was admitted to the bar in 1912 and three years later went again with the DuPont Company, this time joining the legal department, specializing in real estate tax, legislation, trade marks and copyrights.

He and Mrs. Hopkins were members of St. Andrew's Church, Eighth and Shipley Streets, Wilmington, where Mr. Hopkins was also a member of the vestry. He belonged to the American Bar Association, Wilmington Lodge No. 307, B. P. O. Elks, Charter Club at Princeton University and former president of the Wilmington Exchange Club. During the World War, Mr. Hopkins was connected with the draft board.

Mr. Hopkins was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Elkton several years ago and lost the sight of an eye.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning, at his late residence, at 11:00 o'clock and interment made at Rosebank cemetery, Calvert, at 12:30 p. m.

BLIND EVANGELIST AT UNION M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Robert Frazier and his choir of fifty voices will visit Union M. E. Church, near Leeds, Sunday evening, March 15, at 8:00 o'clock.

Rev. Frazier is a well-known Blind Evangelist of Philadelphia, Pa., and has been heard by many thousands over the radio. He speaks every Tuesday and Thursday nights over WIP.

M. E. CONFERENCE TO CONVENE MARCH 25

The sixty-eighth annual session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference will open on Wednesday morning, March 25, in the Delmar, Delaware, M. E. Church. The Rev. Ralph C. Jones is pastor of the host church. The Rt. Rev. Edwin H. Hughes, presiding bishop of the Washington area, will open the session at 9 o'clock with holy communion. The sessions will close at noon, Monday, March 30.

Personal And Social

Miss Vernice Parsons spent the week-end with friends in Elkton.

Postmaster Taylor R. Biles returned on Sunday from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he spent two weeks, receiving treatments.

Thomas B. Roberson, Howard R. Brown, Joseph Cameron and Ralph T. Wilson spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Freehold, New Jersey, attending the agricultural exhibit staged there at the warehouse of Clifford H. Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dill, of near Sassafras, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Virginia May Dill, to Mr. Harold Grover Rhoades, son of Mrs. Mary E. Rhoades and the late Frank P. Rhoades, of Cecilton. Miss Dill is a graduate of the George Middle High School, Cecilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce M. Yocum, Colona, Maryland, announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Alice Yocum to Howard D. Jackson, Jr., at West Nottingham Manse on Saturday afternoon, March 7, 1936.

The young couple will make their home with the latter's parents near Port Deposit, Maryland.

Miss Nora H. Mendenhall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Mendenhall, of near Blake, was married to William A. McFadden, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. McFadden, of Kelton, on Monday, March 2, by the Rev. F. A. Holland, pastor of Leeds M. P. Church, at the parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden, following a wedding trip, will reside at Kelton, where the groom is in the nursery business.

CLEARED ON DRUNKEN DRIVING CHARGE

In the appeal case of Lulu Mae Agee, of Rising Sun vs. the State, tried in the Circuit Court at Elkton, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Mrs. Agee is alleged to have struck George E. McDonald, a traveling salesman at the railroad crossing east of town, on the night of November 23, 1935. Police Justice George L. Ewing found Mrs. Agee guilty of driving a car while she was under the influence of liquor. McDonald claimed that she had been drinking and by her actions and the way she drove a car testified to that condition. Mrs. Agee claimed only three beers between supper time and the time of the accident which was around 2 o'clock in the morning. She also stated on the stand that McDonald ran into her at the railroad crossing.

SEEK PUBLIC WORKS GRANT

Members of the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of Education and several others from Cecil county spent Wednesday in Washington, D. C., in consultation with U. S. Senators Tydings and Radcliffe, in the interest of obtaining a grant from the public works administration towards building a proposed new high school in Elkton. The Board of Education has already bought a site for the proposed school and had plans drawn for the building. The delegation was given assurance that every effort will be made to obtain the desired grant.

TOWSON CREDIT ASSOCIATION

Mr. James W. Hughes, Attorney, at Elkton, has been approved by the Towson Production Credit Association as local correspondent for Cecil County. Farmers desiring loans for financing crops, purchasing livestock and machinery, improving dairy herd, and for general farm production purposes, may make out their application at Mr. Hughes' office, over The Peoples Bank Building in Elkton.

CONOWINGO POWER COMPANY HEARING

The Federal Power Commission has announced that a hearing on the application for extension of time for completing the generating plant at the Conowingo dam has been postponed until April 16.

The application filed by the Susquehanna Power Company and Philadelphia Electric Power Company, joint licensees, requested additional time to complete installation of the remaining four 54,000 horsepower generating units of the ultimate installation, the commission said.

Continuance of the hearing was granted to give the licensees more time to prepare further data in support of the application.

It is so easy to smile on some people, and they know it.

County Highway Program Planned

Highways To Be Improved And Made Travelable Year Round

A county road improvement program has been initiated by the State Roads Commission by which it is planned to widen, grade and drain the highways and make them "travelable all the year round."

Counties indebted to the commission through the overexpenditure of general roads funds are excluded from the program, Dr. Homer E. Tabler, chairman, said.

The plan calls for the donation of sufficient rights-of-way by property owners so that the roads may be widened to sixty feet. Donation of land is necessary because "neither the State Roads Commission nor the counties have the funds to purchase" the rights-of-way, Dr. Tabler explained.

Property owners in Somerset, Caroline and Worcester counties have given sufficient land to enable the Roads Commission to begin work soon on eighteen miles of roadway in those counties. The way also has been paved for the improvement of five miles of county roads in Queen Anne's county.

"Due to the very great destruction of roads this winter," Dr. Tabler stated, "the State Roads Commission will initiate a program of widening, grading and draining of county roads by the maintenance department in such counties as are not in debt to the Roads Commission. This will enable the future maintenance at a much lower cost per mile.

"This proposed spring program can be effected only if the abutting property owners donate the needed land up to sixty feet. As neither the State Roads Commission nor the counties have funds to purchase this sixty feet right of way, wherever this offer is made to the Commission, and the consent of the various County Commissioners is requested, the maintenance department will go in and widen, grade and drain these roads. This plan will be adopted in Somerset, Worcester and Caroline counties, over eighteen miles of county roads, and five miles in Queen Anne's county."

DRIVE AGAINST FAULTY HEADLIGHTS

The State police force has started a drive against automobile owners operating their cars with faulty headlights.

Orders were issued for the State police to be on the lookout for cars with glaring headlights or with one light or no lights at all.

In the case of a motorist on the State highways without the required lighting, the State police will issue a summons calling on the operator to report within five days to the State police station nearest his home for light inspection.

In the event the driver of the car fails to report on the day designated, a warrant will be obtained, and the offender must stand trial on a charge of operating his car with improper lights. The fine for the offense ranges from \$5 to \$50.

NATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

The seventeenth National Flower and Garden Show will open in Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, next Saturday, March 14th, and continue until March 22nd. There will be exhibitors from all parts of the world, including a number from various parts of Maryland. It will be the first time the National Show has been held in this part of the country.

Exhibitors have spent months of tender care, years of patient propagation and cultivation to bring to this exposition plants and blooms worthy to compete for \$30,000 in cash prizes, numerous awards and trophies generously contributed by prominent individuals and organizations.

It is estimated the value of the wonderful collection of plants assembled for this colorful display will reach \$1,250,000!

MEASURE TO REIMBURSE

A bill authorizing payment of \$5,000 to Cecil Lodge, No. 125, of Masons, of Chesapeake City, was introduced in Congress last week, by Representative T. Alan Goldsborough in the House at Washington. The measure reimburses the lodge for the loss of its building on the property used by the Federal Government in developing land adjacent to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.