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LOSS TO STATE OF FEDERAL ROAD AID FEARED

Members of the Legislature were warned last week that Governor Nice's diversion of approximately \$7,500,000 of highway funds to balance his 1938-1939 budget may cost the state more than \$2,000,000 in Federal aid.

This was what Dr. Homer E. Tabler, chairman of the State Roads Commission, told the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees at the conclusion of a long session on the highways department's budget for the next two years.

"I learned," Dr. Tabler reported, "that the legal division of the Federal Bureau of Roads is now considering what it will do if the proposed diversions in the budget are put into effect."

He added that the Government, acting under the Hayden-Cartwright Act, could lower the appropriation of approximately \$1,025,000 annually in Federal aid thirty per cent if the state fails to match it dollar for dollar for new construction.

BILL FOR INTENTIONS ACT REPEAL FILED

A move to repeal Maryland's Declaration of Intentions act was instituted in the House of Delegates at Annapolis last week, by Speaker Emanuel Gorfine (Dem., Fourth Baltimore).

Two bills came in bearing the speaker's name. One would do the actual repealing, while the other would do away with the law that forces voters who leave the state to give notice, within six months of the time that they leave, of their intentions of remaining on the registration lists.

Under the present law a person moving to Maryland from another state must declare his intention of becoming a Maryland citizen a year before he is eligible for registration.

TWO LANE ROADS TO BE BUILT WIDER

Two-lane roads built under the present State Roads Commission in future will be 22 feet wide, instead of 20, according to an announcement made at the office of the Commission. An additional margin of safety was given as the principal objective in the change of specifications.

Pointing to the large number of head-on collisions, sideswipes and collisions with fixed objects off the road, the Commission's statement held that these accidents are a clear indictment of too-narrow roads. Records of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles show that of 43 fatal accidents in November, eight were head-on collisions, two were sideswipes and six were caused by cars striking fixed objects.

"Nationally recognized formulae call for two-lane roads where traffic volumes average 1,000 or more vehicles a day," said the announcement. "They call for more than two lanes where volumes are in excess of 4,000 cars a day on an average."

"There are few of Maryland's primary roads which carry fewer than 4,000 cars a day, yet we have only a few miles of highways of more than two lanes. Many of our primary highways are but 18 feet wide, and there are some that are only 16 feet wide."

"It is hoped that the State may be able to widen its major traffic arteries to fit them to the traffic they carry, but meanwhile, where it is necessary to build two-lane roads, they will be 22 feet wide. Thus it is hoped that we will be able to provide an additional margin of safety and convenience."

A program calling for improvement of some of the State's primary roads is expected to be placed before the legislature within the next few days.

Climatic conditions make early lamb production ordinarily profitable in the eastern part of Maryland. Farmers should make every effort to have their lambs in good flesh and ready for market by the month of May, as prices for early lambs are consistently best in that month.

INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS ON AUTOMOBILES

Explicit information for the motorist with respect to deductions under the Federal income tax law is given by the Keystone Automobile Club of Maryland in a statement prepared by Harrison G. Kildare, counsel for the Club, and made public yesterday.

"Subject to ironclad restrictions and possible review by the Collector of Internal Revenue," said Mr. Kildare, "owners and operators of motor vehicles may deduct taxes paid, uncompensated loss to their vehicles, interest on financed loans and expenses incidental to the actual business use of vehicles."

"Specifically, full deductions may be made for:

"(a) REGISTRATION FEES paid by the taxpayer (under 'Taxes Paid', which is Item 8, Schedule H, on form 1040A).

"(b) OPERATORS' LICENSE FEES paid by the taxpayer, both for himself and members of his family if he foots the bill (Item 8).

"(c) GASOLINE AND OIL TAXES paid in states where local laws impose these taxes directly on the purchaser and not on the dealer. Deduction may be made for fuel taxes paid in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia. This group is also deductible under Item 8 (Form 1040A).

"No such deduction is allowed, however, in Pennsylvania, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Washington, Utah, Wyoming, or Alabama. The Federal tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline cannot be credited.

"(d) LOSS BY ACCIDENT is deductible, except when the owner has been compensated for the loss. Deduct under 'Losses' (Item 10, Schedule J).

"(e) INTEREST paid on personal indebtedness, including finance company loans.

FIRE PREVENTION SHOULD BEGIN AT HOME

Although fire insurance on farm buildings is accepted as a desirable and necessary protection, fire prevention should be a part of the program on every farm. Fire insurance may partially compensate for losses but valuable and highly prized furniture, records and livestock representing years of careful selection can never be replaced. Fire prevention is their only safeguard.

According to Ray W. Carpenter, specialist in agricultural engineering for the University of Maryland Extension Service, periodic inspection of the farm and farm home wiring system will aid in locating incipient hazards and all oily rags and waste, polishing cloths, varnish, paint, oil and gasoline supplies should be stored in metal containers, preferably in small structures apart from the main buildings.

Trash, dried grass, and brush should be cleared away from between buildings so as not to provide a fire path from bonfires. Where lanterns are used, a harness snap is recommended to be fastened to the bail so that the lantern can be snapped to a wire strung tightly along the ceiling of the barn. This will permit moving the lantern from place to place and is much safer than nails or shelves.

Carelessness with matches and carelessness when smoking frequently cause fire, it is pointed out by Mr. Carpenter. A metal box placed on the outside of the barn wall at the door with a sign requesting smokers to leave pipes, cigars and cigarettes in the box will prove an effective reminder.

The number of milk cows on Maryland farms reached its highest point on January 1, 1935, and has been decreasing for almost two years. It may be expected to decline for two more years, as many farmers who shifted from cash grain to dairying are shifting back to cash grain again.

SOIL BUILDING PRACTICES ANNOUNCED FOR THIS YEAR

Rates of payment for soil building practices in 1937, together with other provisions of the 1937 agricultural conservation program for Maryland, have been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, it is announced by Dr. T. B. Symons, Director of the University of Maryland extension service.

Farmers will be paid for diverting land from soil depleting crops to soil building crops at about the same rate as they were paid in 1936. Dr. Symons states, except that the maximum diversion from the Maryland tobacco bases for which payment will be made is 25 per cent in 1937 instead of 30 per cent as in 1936.

Soil-building payments are made for carrying out certain practices, and are in addition to diversion payments. The maximum amount that can be earned in that way is called the "soil building allowance," just as last year.

On farms eligible to earn a diversion payment, the soil-building allowance will be \$1.00 times the number of acres of soil conserving crops grown normally, plus the number of acres diverted from soil depleting bases in 1937. The soil-building allowance on farms not eligible to earn a diversion payment will include \$1.00 time each acre of cropland.

The soil building allowance for all farms, whether eligible for diversion payments or not, will include: \$1.00 for each acre of commercial orchards on the farm January 1, 1937; \$1.00 for each acre on which only one crop of commercial vegetables were grown in 1936; and 25 cents for each acre of fenced, non-crop, open pasture land in excess of one-half of the number of acres of cropland on the farm.

Payment will be made for planting approved seeds of legumes and perennial grasses at the rate of \$2.50 per acre for alfalfa; \$2.00 per acre for red clover, mammoth clover, sericea, kudzu and bluegrass; \$1.50 for each acre of Austrian winter peas, vetch, crimson clover, alsike clover, sweet clover, annual lespedeza and orchard grass; and \$1.00 per acre for white clover, bur clover, cotilaria, red-top and timothy. Rates of payments for mixtures will depend upon the kind and quality of legume, and grasses in the mixture.

Payments are provided for plowing or disking under a number of crops as green manure after they have attained a normal growth of at least two months, or for leaving on the land certain of these crops grown in 1937. These payments vary from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per acre.

For planting forest trees payment will be made at the rate of \$7.50 per acre when planted on crop land, and at the rate of \$5.00 per acre on other land. A payment of \$2.50 per acre for thinning to develop desirable species of forest trees is provided, if approved in advance by the county committee.

Payments for applying ground limestone will be based upon the number of tons applied, rather than the acres covered. Two different rates of payments will be made in Maryland, depending upon the cost of limestone in the respective counties.

Other practices for which payment will be made include the application of superphosphate and potash, and terracing of the land to prevent erosion.

FORECASTING FUTURE TRENDS

(The Stars in Their Courses)

by JOHN RANDS
 Astro-Numerologist

Conditions between February 12th and 18th are influenced astrally by the Mercury quadrature Uranus and Mars trine Saturn aspects. This period will bring tests of your judgment in personal and occupational, social, affectional, and budget matters. However, conservative plans in occupation may receive recognition. Old matters can be completed. Hard work, endurance, rapid operation, ambition, and mastery could carry the day.

Mars is in its night house, Scorpio. Mars represents endeavor, expression, action, effort to obtain greater participation in the socialized organization. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister, Stalin of Russia, and Hitler of Germany are under astral influences which could prove disastrous. Either Hitler or Stalin could start something—Great Britain would be drawn into the trouble—with tension in the United States.

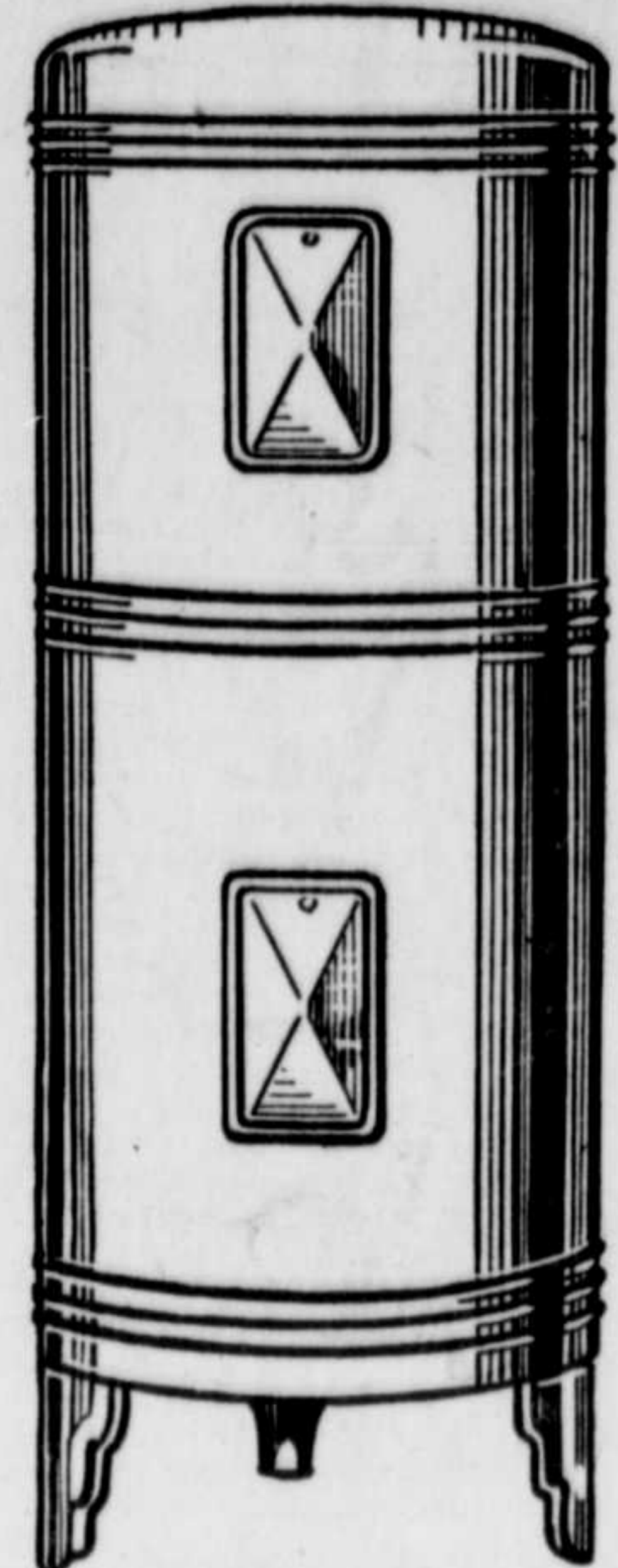
February 18 is not a favorable birthday—this year. If you were born about this date avoid sudden acts, moves, changes as affecting writings or the young.

John Rands.

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HEALTHY, DISEASE RESISTANT SEED CORN DECLARED IMPORTANT

In making plans for the coming spring, it is not too early to think of orn planting, especially with reference to the selection of healthy, disease resistant seed corn for planting purposes, according to Frederick W. Oldenburg, agronomist for the University of Maryland Extension Service. He emphasizes that a little extra care spent in the selection of seed may mean the difference between a poor and a money-making crop of corn. Good seed corn, in addition to aiding in the production of higher yields, also produces more vigorous seedlings, which are better able to withstand unfavorable conditions that may arise at planting time.

Mr. Oldenburg states that there are two important steps in the selection of seed corn—inspection of the ears, including the kernels and cobs, and testing for germination.

He points out that for those who must select their seed corn from the crib in the early spring of the year it is highly important to select ears which are heavy for their size, typical of the variety, and free from mold or discoloration. The ears should be bright and glossy in appearance and have butts which have broken off clean without shreds or stringiness. Grains should be plump, hard, well-lapped, smooth and glistening. At least two grains for each ear should be opened with a sharp-pointed knife to ascertain the condition of the germ. A healthy germ is plump, creamy white, waxy in texture and sits firmly. A dead germ is likewise easily recognizable.

Cobs should also be inspected and a ear of corn having a badly discolored cob should be used. Cobs showing discoloration, especially around the pith, indicate disease. A final step to learn how good a selection of corn has been made is to make a germination test. If more than 95 per cent of the seed produces vigorous sprouts the seed is safe for planting.

Early figures show that in 1936 a total of 275 miles of electric lines were built in the state and 1,120 rural homes were connected. In addition, a total of 880 rural families were connected with already existing lines.

According to Albert V. Krewatch, specialist in agricultural engineering for the University of Maryland Extension Service, this makes a total of 4,000 farms and 69,000 rural residents of the state who are receiving high line electric service.

The number of peach trees in Maryland of both bearing and non-bearing age declined considerably from 1930 to 1935. In 1930 the agricultural census reported 894,483 peach trees in the state and in 1935 only 658,161 trees were reported. More than normal numbers of peach trees not of bearing age are reported in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Frederick and Somerset counties.

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Obedience

PERHAPS there is no mental quality more necessary to the happiness, health, prosperity, peace of mind, and success of the human race than obedience. Harmony is the proof of obedience to God's law, while discord is the result of disobedience to His law. The happiest homes are those wherein the Golden Rule is obeyed, where the children are taught to be obedient through love, and where the elders set an example of obedience to divine Principle, God, good.

A little child who has been rightly taught to obey God, will obey his parents and his school teachers, and will have little trouble later in life in observing the rules or regulations of his college or university. This habit of obedience will be of inestimable value to him in his business career; and he will seldom be found disregarding the traffic laws or the civil laws of his city, state, or country.

"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mary Baker Eddy writes (p. 133): "Divine Mind rightly demands man's entire obedience, affection, and strength. No reservation is made for any lesser loyalty. Obedience to Truth gives man power and strength." If we observe closely, we shall find that the great and good characters in history, and all who have achieved true success, have been obedient to their highest sense of good, and have prospered; for, as the Bible declares (Isaiah 1:19): "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."

Humility and obedience go hand in hand. The latter often serves as a protection from subtle evils. An example of this is shown in the following incident. A little girl who from the cradle had been taught, through love, to obey her parents instantly, was romping with a dog in a field through which ran the main line of one of the transcontinental railroads. The father, who was on the opposite side of the track, called to her to come to him, which she started to do. Just as she was reaching the track, he suddenly discovered the fast approaching limited, which was hidden from her view by a building. There was no time for words, so he

raised his right hand in a gesture to stop, which she obeyed instantly, without knowing the reason for the signal. The child's obedience saved her from being struck by the train. Her parents, who witnessed the incident, gave thanks to the Father of us all for His law of love.

The Scriptures are rich in promises of blessings to those obedient to the voice of God. Jeremiah records God as saying (7:23), "This thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you."

Habit tends to govern our acts. If we have formed habits of obedience to God's laws they lead us aright, while lawlessness leads to trouble. In "Miscellaneous Writings" Mrs. Eddy tells us (p. 171), "God is the fountain of light, and He illumines one's way when one is obedient."

Christ Jesus, our Way-shower, has set us an infallible example in his unswerving obedience to the Father's laws, and his positive refusal to accept as law that which enslave men, namely, sin, sickness, and death. His adherence to God's law was also manifested in obedience to civil law, as, for instance, when he paid the tax or tribute money found in the fish's mouth. Realizing the need of being both humanly and spiritually law-abiding, he said (Mark 12:17), "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

It is vastly important for us to know what are the laws to which we are yielding obedience, for as Paul says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" The children of Israel were commanded to partake of the manna which fell daily for their use, but when in disobedience they tried to store some, it spoiled. Many lessons are given to us in the Scriptures of the results of God's protection of the obedient, and also of the dire results which befall the disobedient. In "No and Yes" (p. 30) Mrs. Eddy writes, "God's law is in three words, 'I am All'; and this perfect law is ever present to rebuke any claim of another law."—The Christian Science Monitor.

The woman who always wears a smile is faultlessly dressed.

A sand-bag in the hands of a hold-up man is a stunning affair.