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First Pension Payments In State

Forty-Eight Aged Employees Will Receive Checks October 15

Maryland's first pensions to aged employees will be paid to forty-eight oldsters October 15, under provisions of the new State Employees Retirement Act.

The retirement system's board of trustees, headed by William S. Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller, approved the forty-eight applications for pensions amounting to \$22,932 annually. They become effective Oct. 1 and first checks will be mailed two weeks later.

Harry C. Jones, State Employment Commissioner, secretary of the board and director of the pension plan machinery, said seventy-two employees, including the forty-eight granted pensions, will become eligible for retirement under the law October 1 and eighteen additional will reach retirement age during the 1937-38 fiscal year.

The pension law, retroactive to cover employees on State pay rolls June 1, 1935, makes workers eligible when they reach the age of 70, provided that they have had 10 years' service. Half-pay pensions also are provided for employees injured in line of duty.

The amount of the pension is one-seventieth of the annual salary multiplied by the number of years of service.

"The Retirement Act of 1937, allotting \$40,000 annually for the next two years for pensions is an 'emergency measure,' Mr. Jones said.

"It was designed to protect an accumulation of aged employees, retained in the service long after they had ceased to function efficiently in their classifications, but who could not be dropped with out hardships to them," he added.

Employees in this category have for the most part, cooperated by applying for retirement. There are undoubtedly some instances that will have to be adjusted by the department heads and the employment commissioner, now that there is no longer any excuse for keeping an employe on the pay rolls who has become inefficient by reason of age or disability solely because there is provision for his retirement with compensation."

The pension plan, Mr. Jones said, will operate on a "pay-as-you-go" arrangement until "the State finds itself in a position to finance a retirement system based on sound actuarial lines and aided by employes' contributions."

The board of trustees will examine the feasibility and cost of such a plan and report to the 1939 Legislature, he explained.

Welfare Budget Approved

Samuel E. Shannahan, chairman of the Board of State Aid and Charities, has announced approval of a budget of \$1,547,616 for welfare programs in Maryland's twenty-three counties and Baltimore city for the three-month period beginning October 1st.

The budget, covering allowances for old-age pensions, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind, represented an increase of approximately \$500,000 over the sum allotted for the same period last year.

The increase, however, resulted largely from expanded programs in these three divisions, Mr. Shannahan explained. He added that whereas Maryland's welfare programs were getting under way at this time last year, they were nearing their peak now.

The breakdown of the quarterly budget provided \$884,889 for old-age pensions, as compared with \$584,175 last year; \$622,612 for aid to dependent children, comparable to \$452,944, budgeted last year, and \$40,113 to aid the blind, as against \$31,547 appropriated in the same quarter of 1936.

Of the total allotment, the Federal Government provided \$663,091 the State \$663,460, and local governments \$221,063.

The budget for Cecil county is \$22,927.

RALLY DAY AT RISING SUN M. E. CHURCH

The speaker on Rally Day, October 3rd, at Rising Sun M. E. Church, will be Warren Hoopes, of West Grove, Pa., who will address the morning service, at 11:00 o'clock.

Briefly Noted News

Miss Eloise Howard of Chesapeake City, has resigned as a solicitor for the Welfare Board of Cecil County.

The directors of the Harford County Fair Association have approved harness races at the fair to be held at Bel Air October 13, 14, 15.

Henri Raub, of Quarryville, has purchased the farm of the late J. P. M. Raub, for \$5,500. The farm embraces 80 acres, near Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Wesley Gifford Crothers, of Chester, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crothers, of Zion, has been admitted to the American College of Surgeons and will receive his degree in Chicago in October.

The members of Head of Elk Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, have made plans to attend the celebration of the sesquicentennial of the Constitution and the Carroll celebration at Annapolis, Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Mr. Walter Hughes Kesen, who was being stationed at the Veterans' Facility, Stapleton, New York, has been transferred to Perry Point, exchanging positions with Mr. Thomas Armstrong. Mr. Kesen is medical purveyor, P. A., Pharmacist, with the U. S. Public Health.

Women Accused Under Sunday Beer Law

Mrs. Lulu M. Agee, operator of a roadhouse on U. S. Route No. 1, near Rising Sun, was arrested and taken to the county jail at Elkton Monday night by Deputy Sheriff Elwood Racine, charged with selling beer on Sundays, contrary to the new liquor law for Cecil County. Ethel Williams, a witness, also was taken into custody.

When brought before Police Magistrate George L. Ewing, both women were placed under bond for a further hearing. Mrs. Agee's bond was set at \$500, and that of Ethel Williams set at \$250.

Sheriff Eugene Racine has warned all violators of the new Sunday law that they will be arrested. A test case on its way to the higher court, so far, upholds the new law.

Woman Loses Eye In Auto Accident

While enroute to Elkton from Baltimore Tuesday morning, Miss Marion Blackburn, of Port Deposit, clerk and stenographer in the Cecil County Board of Health Office, Elkton, and Mrs. Cornelia Lumpkins, of Hyattsville, Md., county health nurse were both seriously injured in an automobile accident. Both were removed to a Baltimore hospital. Miss Blackburn shortly thereafter was removed to Johns Hopkins Hospital, where it was found necessary to remove her right eye. It is feared she suffered a fractured pelvis bone. Mrs. Lumpkins was seriously injured about the breast and suffered a number of lacerations and bruises.

Bids For Elkton Post Office Site

Time-limit for proposals for sites for the new federal building in Elkton closed Monday with three bids submitted, as follows: Elkton Academy lot, on North Street, for \$14,000; Progressive Club lot on West Main Street, \$16,000; and Evans residence property, store with old bank building, on North Street, adjoining, \$34,000 or Evans property and store building on North Street, alone, \$18,000.

The bids were submitted to the director of procurement at Washington. It will probably be days before any action is taken in regard to the purchase of a site.

Won Trophy At Pistol Matches

J. Rodney Buckworth, officer first-class, stationed at sub-station D of the Maryland State Police near Bel Air, won a trophy, a gold medal and one year's possession of a Deputy Sheriff's Association plaque at the pistol matches held recently at Camp Ritchie by the State Police. Officer Buckworth, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Buckworth, of Elkton had a score of 292 out of a possible 300 in the individual championship contest.

Firemen Will Sponsor Home Talent Show

Cast Of Fifty To Include Forty Dancing And Singing Girls

The Community Fire Company of Rising Sun will sponsor a home talent show entitled "See You Later" to be held in the High School auditorium Thursday and Friday evenings, October 7 and 8.

The main cast of the show, a three act musical comedy, will include Misses Louise Monger, Gertrude Buck and Jean Cullen, Messrs. A. M. McNamee, E. Jos. Cooney, Ralph Reed, Chas. Crothers and Alfred Gyles. These will be supported by forty dancing and singing girls, all local talent.

The show is being directed by Miss Lucille Hammond, of Greensboro, N. C., an experienced and talented coach.

Fatality Follows Collision

Roy Poore, 26 years old, son of Jacob Poore, a farmer near North East, was killed late Wednesday on the Elkton-Chesapeake City road, near Elkton, when a car which he was driving and a truck, loaded with five tons of lime, owned by Stephen T. Newcomb, a farmer near Earleville, and driven by the latter's son, James, collided. Poore died while being taken to Union Hospital.

The accident occurred when the truck undertook to pass another car parked on the wrong side of the road about half way up a hill. The collision was head-on. Poore's car was badly wrecked and the truck slightly damaged. The driver of the truck escaped injury. He was held under bond pending an inquest to be conducted by Dr. R. C. Dodson of Rising Sun, coroner of Cecil county.

The funeral took place Saturday afternoon with services in the North East M. E. Church. Interment was made at Cherry Hill.

Chrome Mine Being Reopened

The chrome mines on the Jesse Wood farm, in the extreme lower end of Little Britain Township, at Lees Bridge, which have been inactive many years, are soon to again produce this valuable mineral. About 18 men are now employed there, working in two shifts. A building has been erected to accommodate them and concrete work is now being done. Pumps will soon be in operation to remove the large body of water, so that the valuable chrome can be mined.

This activity is due to the American Chrome Corporation, recently formed and who this week filed articles of incorporation with the Department of State at Harrisburg.

Officers of this company are: President, W. Frank Gorrecht, Lancaster, formerly publisher of the Lancaster Examiner; vice presidents, H. Frank Altoerfer, Lancaster, and Horace Boyd, Bethlehem; treasurer, J. W. B. Bauman, Jr., and secretary, Attorney J. Farrell Garvey.

The purposes of the corporation are to carry on the business of mining, milling, concentrating, smelting and preparing for market chromite, magnesite and all kinds of ores, metals and minerals and the products and by-products thereof. — Quarryville Sun.

HARMONY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of Harmony Cemetery Memorial Association held Sept. 19, the following officers were elected: President, J. Howard Griest; first vice-president, Fred Mitchell; second vice-president, Walter McGuire; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Mitchell; secretary, Roberta J. Graham. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$33.01. The next meeting will be held May 30, 1938.

PETITION FOR RETURN OF TEACHER

The students of Elkton High school sent a petition to the board of Education on Thursday, requesting the reappointment of Mrs. Carolyn Fish, who served as a teacher of History and English in the Elkton High School for the past two years. It is the wish of the students who signed the petition that Mrs. Fish be returned to her former position as an instructor in the Elkton High School, before consideration be given any teacher outside of Cecil county.

Court Pronounces Sentences On Prisoners

Cases Before Circuit Court—Penalties Imposed Following Convictions

Richard Bole, operator of a road house on the Elkton-Baltimore road, was convicted in the Circuit Court on a charge of having beer in his possession with intent to sell, without a license and sentenced to 18 months in Maryland House of Correction.

Wilbur Wilson who appealed a sentence of six months in house of correction imposed by a justice of the peace on a larceny charge, was adjudged guilty and his sentence was doubled to 12 months in house of correction.

James R. Starkey of near Rising Sun, convicted and sentenced by Magistrate George L. Ewing, of Rising Sun, on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated and sentenced to one year in house of correction, was dismissed on a motion of the state to drop the charge. However, he was tried and convicted by a jury on a charge of unauthorized use of an automobile and sentenced to one year in house of correction.

Mrs. Maud S. Campbell of near Appleton was fined \$200 on a charge of resisting an officer and Mrs. Louise Pryor was convicted on a charge of keeping a disorderly house.

Margaret Michener, Hack's Point, was convicted on two charges—reckless driving and failing to stop after an accident. Fines imposed by magistrate Alderson upheld.

Daniel Jones, colored, of Conowingo, pleaded guilty to carrying concealed deadly weapons.

The grand jury completed its labors on Friday and was discharged.

Pedestrian Struck By Two Autos

Two automobile drivers, seeking to avoid running down a pedestrian, Thursday collided with each other and both their cars hit the man they were trying to save.

He is Jens M. Jensen, of Galveston, Texas, a member of the United States Marine Corps, who was hiking from Chester, Pa., to Baltimore.

The accident occurred near Principio Furnace. The injured man was hurried to the hospital where it was found he had suffered a compound fracture of the left leg and other injuries.

RURAL MAIL ROUTES CONSOLIDATED

Rural mail routes served from Peach Bottom, Pa., have been consolidated, making only one route from that postoffice. One route was made longer, and part of the other route added to that of Drumore, the latter postoffice continuing to have two routes, with Herbert Hess and Samuel Long as carriers.

Guy Hess will continue to carry the mail on the Peach Bottom route, and Leonard Brown, who has been the carrier for twelve years on the Peach Bottom route, will be transferred to New Providence route.

Resurfacing Section Of Road

The Union Paving Company, which was awarded the contract to resurface Route 1, from Porters Bridge to Rising Sun, for a distance of two miles, has its equipment on the ground, and expected to begin the work of laying amasite on Monday morning but were held up by rain. Work finally got under way on Tuesday afternoon and is being pushed rapidly by a large force of men. It is expected to require about two weeks to complete the job.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Willis L. Ely entertained on Sunday in honor of the 87th Birthday Anniversary of her mother, Mrs. Emma L. Hambleton, September 25th being the birth date. All five of her children, together with other relatives, enjoyed the day with her. She was the recipient of lovely cards, letters, flowers and other gifts. Those present were: William E. Hambleton and daughters, Margaret and Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Gyles H. Brown and son Jackie of Fairfield, Pa.; Miss Alice A. Hambleton, Columbia, Pa.; Charles A. Hambleton, Clarence L. Hambleton and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wisheyman and son Charles and John Minnick all of Lancaster, Pa.

Personal And Social

Miss Mary Bechtel left on Friday for Washington, where she will spend some time.

Mrs. Mary Webster, Zieglerstown, Pa., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alfred Brown.

Joseph Gyles, Greensboro, N. C., is the guest of his sisters, Misses Mary and Anna Gyles.

Misses Nelle and Miriam Rowland, Aberdeen, were week-end visitors of Mrs. Mollie Martindale.

Misses Amy and Elsie Walton, of Germantown, spent Saturday and Sunday week with their cousin, W. L. Ely and wife.

Miss Dorothy Keilholtz is recovering from a tonsil operation, having been a patient at the University of Maryland hospital, in Baltimore.

John L. Stephens, Miss Elizabeth Stephens, Mrs. Harry Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reisler attended the Beldier reunion, at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ely attended the Eastern Federation of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies convention at Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Whitney announce the engagement of their daughter, Thelma Mae Whitney, to Mr. Jacob T. Minster, of Elkton, their marriage to take place in the early autumn.

Scotty Wilson, little son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wilson, of this town, who was in a critical condition in a Baltimore Hospital for some time, has so far recovered as to be able to be brought home, where he is recuperating rapidly.

Mrs. Clyde Keilholtz and daughter Martie, Mary Hattie Robinson and Robert Montgomery, motored to Salisbury on Sunday and enjoyed a pleasant visit with Catherine Keilholtz, who is a student at the State Teachers' College, Salisbury, Md.

WEDDINGS

SHEELER-PATRICK

The marriage of Miss Rosa V. Patrick of Elkview, Pa., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Patrick of Colors, and James Sheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sheeler, of Chilhowie, Va., was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage in Chilhowie on Monday, Sept. 13, by Rev. T. J. Elskridge pastor of the church.

HAGUE-GREEN

Miss Thelma Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green, of East High Street, Elkton, and John W. Hague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hague, also of Elkton, were married on Monday morning, Sept. 20, at the Rectory of the Catholic Church by the Rev. A. P. Arnd.

The young couple will reside at New Castle. Mr. Hague is employed at Deepwater, N. J., by the duPont Company. Mrs. Hague is a graduate of the Elkton High School.

Tendered Birthday Surprise

A delightful evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Love on September 17, when thirty of his friends gave him a hearty surprise, in honor of his birthday. Six tables of 500 were played, high score honors going to Mrs. Mary Garvin and Mr. Lewis Garvin. Mrs. E. Ingram was low score.

Many lovely gifts were received. After refreshments which included a large birthday cake baked by Mrs. Vernon Garvin and beautifully decorated and surmounted with lighted candles, the guests departed wishing Mrs. Love many more happy birthdays.

Those present to enjoy the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Love and son Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garvin, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garvin, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Love, Mr. and Mrs. Slater Grason, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bole, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Love, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones, Mrs. S. Keim, Mrs. A. Hall, Misses Martha Love, Elizabeth Hall, Neva Grason; Messrs. Woodrow Duff and Leon Love.

Harvey Brown was found along Route 1, near Nottingham, Pa., early on the morning of Sept. 20, and died of his injuries the following afternoon in Coatesville Hospital.

Inspector Reports Condition Of Jails

Some Lamentably Bad---Cecil Jail "Presented a Disgraceful Situation"

Howard C. Hill, prison inspector for the State Board of Welfare, charged "some jails (in Maryland) are so lamentably bad... that common decency and the self-interest of the community cry out for some radical changes."

Hill reported to the board his thirteenth annual county jail inspection indicated six jails could be placed in the Class A, or excellent group, while four, in Howard, Kent, Calvert and Cecil counties, are Class D, or "unsatisfactory."

"When we consider," Hill told Charles J. Butler, board director, "the varied problems presented and treatment called for, the miserably constructed and still more miserably maintained equipment available, the wonder is that more of them, jail and jailer alike, do not utterly collapse or explode in sheer desperation."

Jails in Wicomico, Montgomery, Baltimore, Allegany, Dorchester and Washington counties received a grade A rating. Those in Prince George's, Garrett, Frederick, Anne Arundel, Carroll and Harford counties drew class B, or good, ratings.

In Talbot, Caroline, Queen Anne's, Charles, Somerset, St. Mary's and Worcester counties, the jails were only "fair", Mr. Hill said.

Conditions in county jails have improved considerably since he found them "unspeakably bad" on the first inspection thirteen years ago, Hill said. Three new jails have been built, three practically rebuilt, and others remodeled.

Food conditions in the jails generally were found satisfactory, Hill reported.

The jail in Cecil county is termed "disgraceful". The inspector's comment on our county penitentiary institution follows:

CECIL—"This jail presented a disgraceful situation of twenty-seven prisoners, men and women, white and Negro, at large in the large corridor and unlocked cells, with the exception of one white girl locked in her cell by an openwork metal door which kept her confined, but offered view and means of communication to any of the prisoners on the outside... During the day (the women) used the same toilets as the men... One woman prisoner was the wife of one of the male prisoners and occupied a mattress on the floor in the cell with her husband.

"Five of the women were held on charges involving prostitution and disorderly house... Several prisoners had recently escaped... The conditions of the jail make desire to escape and facility in doing so not surprising... Conditions here should not be tolerated in an enlightened community."

Awarded Damages In Canal Work

The owners of Crystal Beach Manor located along Elk River, near Earleville, have been awarded a verdict in the U. S. District Court at Baltimore of \$14,000 in the condemnation suit against the Federal Government, to recover damages from the dredging of Elk River, in connection with the widening of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

The property owners, among whom was Dr. D. W. Lewis, of Middletown, Del., had asked for a total of \$80,000 in their original demands for settlement.

HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER HELD

Noah Connor, 25 years old, of Port Deposit, who is being held in the county jail, waiting a hearing on a charge of being a hit-and-run driver; driving a car while under the influence of liquor; driving a car without an operator's license and assaulting an officer is alleged to have fought Deputy Sheriff Louis Seth, striking him several times before he was finally subdued.

LEGION AUXILIARY ELECTS

The following officers have been chosen by the Woman's Auxiliary of Cecil Post, American Legion, of Elkton, for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Calvin Fox; first vice-president, Mrs. Charles J. Wells; second vice-president, Mrs. Bertha Phillips; treasurer, Miss Kathryn Bratton; chaplain, Mrs. Flora Kelly; historian, Mrs. Sterling Dunbar.