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Governor Urges Equal Pay For Teachers

Maryland Law Discriminates Between White And Colored Teachers

Faced with the legal "necessity" of the state to eliminate the discrimination between white and negro school-teachers in the rate of minimum salary, Governor Nice has pledged himself to take preliminary steps to correct the present condition created by a law which he classified as "totally unconstitutional."

Minimum salary under state law for a white teacher in an elementary school is \$600 per school year; for a Negro teacher it is \$40 per month. A teacher in a white high school receives a minimum of \$1,150 per school year, and a teacher in a Negro high school receives a minimum of \$80 per month.

Legal action to force payment of equal minimum salaries has been taken in two counties on the ground that the school law, because of its discrimination between white and Negro teachers is unconstitutional. In one of the counties the situation has been adjusted temporarily to the satisfaction of both Negro and white teachers, according to Governor Nice.

In the other, he said, the County Board of Education has been advised, by its counsel, of the unconstitutionality of the law, and in this case an agreement has been reached, through the adoption of a program of equal pay for equal qualifications and work, and the agreement to make additional local levies to accomplish this, in part, for the next school year.

"There can be no possible question but that this discriminatory legislation is totally unconstitutional, and, in this opinion," said the Governor "I am supported by the opinion of a number of distinguished lawyers of Maryland, who have had occasion thoughtfully to investigate and carefully consider this legislation."

Change In County M. S. E. S. Schedule

The Maryland State Employment Service recently opened a new office in the Vashell Hotel at Chestertown, Maryland, which serves Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne Counties under the direction of Oren B. Harrison.

All employers and all persons seeking jobs are invited to make use of this service.

Beginning January 4, 1938, a representative of the Maryland State Employment Service will be on the second floor of the Fire House in Elkton every Tuesday from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon instead of at the Court House on Fridays, as formerly.

All claims for Unemployment Compensation will be filed through this Service and applicants are urged to bring their Social Security numbers with them in order that there may be no delay in the procedure.

Guernsey Cow Makes New Official Record

Peterborough, N.H.—A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a four and one-half year old cow, Cherub's Patient Rosalie 360114 of Port Deposit Maryland, tested and owned by Donaldson Brown. Her official record supervised by the University of Maryland and announced by the American Guernsey Cattle Club is 12748.2 pounds of milk and 600.9 pounds of butterfat in class B.

APPOINTED RECEIVER FOR DISTILLERY

James H. Broumel of Bel Air has been appointed receiver for the Harford Pure Rye Distillers, Inc., of Havre de Grace, by Judge W. Calvin Chesnut in Federal Court, Balto.

The appointment was made after a hearing on a petition filed by James P. McNulty asking that a receiver be appointed for the company.

Three creditors of the company recently filed papers requesting the court to declare the company bankrupt.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue advises that Federal Income Tax Returns for the calendar year ended December 31, 1937, will be released on January 5, 1938.

Briefly Noted News

Robbers visited the store of the Forbes Co., in Quarryville, Pa., Sunday night Dec. 26, after midnight, and stole clothing valued at \$1,000.

The sixteen-acre property of Geo. Barnett in East Nottingham township, Pa., has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. George Worrell, New London, Pa.

The new three-lane section of highway between West Grove and Avondale, Pa., has been opened to traffic. The section is two miles in length, and eliminates some dangerous curves.

Late Christmas Eve, thieves broke into Kings Hardware Store in Elkton, and stole several guns, skates and a small amount of change in the cash register.

Struck while walking on the Baltimore pike, between Oxford and Nottingham, Pa., at 7:10 Friday night, John Alderdice, 45, of Oxford, died on the way to a physician.

Mrs. Lena Teague Murrell, wife of Edward Murrell of near Iron Hill, Cecil county, sustained a slight fracture of the skull and injuries about the body when struck by a car almost directly in front of her home.

At the December meeting of the Mutual Building Association of Cecil County, held at the office of the society in Elkton, the Directors voted mature Series B, 1926 as of January 3, to the amount of \$16,650.

Giles Hambleton, of near Little Britain, Lancaster county, lost two fingers of his right hand, when the member was caught in a fodder hedder. The fingers were so badly rushed that it was found necessary to amputate them at the hospital.

The New Year was heralded in this community by the ringing of the church bell here and the West Nottingham church bell. The day was one of disagreeable weather conditions, but plenty of good cheer, with family gatherings and dinners.

The local W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday afternoon, January 13, at 6 o'clock, with Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue.

Cattle Burned To Death

A large frame barn was destroyed by fire on a farm owned by B. C. Duxley and Son, near Chatham, Chester County, Pa., Wednesday night, 55 head of steers perishing in the blaze.

The owners estimated the loss at more than \$25,000, of which about \$8,000 was covered by insurance.

Many of the animals were crushed to death when the sides of the barn and the haymow crashed down upon them.

A quantity of hay and straw, carpenter tools, a drill and truck chassis were also destroyed.

STATE TO HELP HOLLY GROWERS

Plans to develop Maryland's \$150,000 yearly Christmas holly trade through a State-wide organization are being considered by the State Forestry Department.

F. W. Besley, State forester, said the department would co-operate with producers by maintaining a holly inspection service to certify and grade the crop. Certified holly brings better prices.

Formation of a producers' association, Besley said, would aid in development of Southern Maryland holly areas. Good holly is plentiful here, he said, but there is no market for it, as most of the State's crop now comes from the Eastern Shore.

PENNSYLVANIA TAKE OVER SECONDARY ROADS

Local communities in Pennsylvania were Staturday relieve by the State Highway Department of 2600 additional miles of streets and roads.

This brings the State's highway system to a total of more than 49,000 miles. The 1937 Legislature provided for the taking over of the additional roads. The Highway Department said that the move should relieve local government of considerable expense, and that the saving should be reflected in tax reductions.

Highway engineers estimate that the cost to the State of putting the roads in good condition and maintaining them will run to \$1,500,000 a year.

In Lancaster County 95.42 miles of roads and streets will be turned over to the State.

Tome Headmaster Is Reinstated

Student Body Conducted Two Day Strike In December

Tome Institute's two-day student strike, which was called by the school's 180 boys at Port Deposit, a month ago in protest against dismissal of the headmaster, resulted on Monday in a complete student victory and the headmaster's reinstatement.

Ralph S. Williams, New York business man and member of the board of trustees, announced after a special board meeting that: Headmaster Charles J. Keppel's ouster had been unanimously rescinded.

The board had endorsed his administration and pledged its "full continued and whole-hearted cooperation in the further conduct of the school."

No effort would be spared to see that the students, on their return from the holidays, "find themselves in a completely harmonious atmosphere."

The Headmaster "may proceed at once on all constructive steps" as to enrollment for next year; and the board would vote immediately the appropriation necessary for "a competent survey" of "every phase of the present school status."

Tome's students struck December 7, after the trustees informed the headmaster his contract would not be renewed at the end of the present school year. Two days later, at Keppel's request, they returned to classes. Their holidays began December 10 and continued until Wednesday night of this week.

Pennsylvania After Antelope Speeders

In a further effort to reduce highway accidents, Governor Earle has ordered that the operator's license of every Pennsylvania motorist found guilty of violating the fifty-mile speed limit be suspended for at least three months, says the Harrisburg Patriot.

Asserting that the present rate of auto deaths "can not be tolerated," the Governor announced that the suspension order would become effective at midnight Friday.

"While the action may be deemed drastic by some persons," the Governor said, "it is not only justified but wholly unavoidable if we are to stop the dreadful carnage on Pennsylvania highways."

Race Track Taxes

The total amount of taxes paid into the State treasury this year, by the four Maryland tracks, was \$1,012,962.

Racing at the four big tracks pays three forms of state taxes—a fee of \$6,000 for each day of racing at each track, total \$600,000.

A tax of 1 percent on the amount bet at the tracks, this impost amounting to \$335,773 this year.

Fifteen per cent tax on net revenue figured according to deductions from gross allowed by the Racing Commission, amounting this year to \$77,189.

Pimlico also pays Baltimore county a fee of \$3,000 a day or \$75,000 for its 25 racing days in the year.

Presented With Diamond Locket

Charles E. Rothermel, representative for the Prudential Insurance Company at North East, has been presented a diamond locket, a reward for twenty years of continuous service with company.

Paul A. Patterson, assistant superintendent in charge of the Havre de Grace office, received a gold pin for fifteen years of service.

The awards were made by the district superintendent, A. A. Hearn of Dover, Del.

PURCHASES PROPERTY IN OXFORD

Barnard B. Kelly, real estate agent, sold for W. Kelton Evans, Madison, N. J., his property located at 203 Locust street, Oxford, Pa., to Dr. Charles K. Reinke, assistant superintendent of the Eastern Shore State hospital, Cambridge, Md., Dr. Reinke of West Grove, Pa., is a graduate of Lafayette College and the University of Pennsylvania. He will practice general medicine, surgery and neuro-psychiatry.

In Dan Cupid's Toils

Nuptial Events Celebrated During Holiday Season

McSPADEN—CLAY
Miss Caroline M. Clay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clay, of Elkton, and Mr. Ralph D. McSpadden, were married in Elkton on Friday evening.

The bride is employed in the office of James W. Hughes, an Elkton attorney.

WALTERS—HEINEY

Miss Maude Heiney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Heiney, of Mt. Nebo, and Charles Walters, of New Providence, Pa., were married December 20, Rev. M. Cope, at Elkton, Md., officiating. The couple were attended by Miss Miriam Heiney, sister of the bride, and Clarence Hess.

PETERSON—SLACK

Miss Jennie Slack and Mr. Donald Peterson, formerly of Elkton and a former employee of Marley Mill were married at six o'clock Sunday, December 26 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Slack on Prospect Avenue, Newark, Del. After the reception the happy couple left for the West, where they will make their future home.

RACINE—TOMLINSON

Sheriff Eugene Racine and Mrs. Racine announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elsie Racine, to Mr. William N. Tomlinson of North East at the home of the bride's parents in Elkton on Saturday afternoon, December 25. The Rev. H. N. Nichols of Bay View M. P. Church officiated. Mr. Horce Ewing was best man. Miss Mary Racine, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid.

NELSON—HAWKINS

Miss Mary Harkins and Mr. Charles C. Nelson, both of Perry Point, were married Christmas Eve at noon in Elkton City. They boarded a train for Orlando Florida, where they are guests of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Walters, of Baltimore, were the only attendants. The bride was dressed in green velvet with brown accessories, and wore a corsage of gardenias, and lilies of the valley. They will reside in Perry Point.

GALE—HOLMES

Miss Ethel M. Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Holmes of Cherry Hill, and Mr. E. Edwin Gale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett H. Gale of Hillsboro, Md., were married at 11 o'clock Saturday morning at the parsonage of Grace M. E. Church, Wilmington, by the Rev. Dr. B. M. Johns. The couple was unattended.

Mr. Gale and his bride are on a wedding trip and on their return will live at 1907 Market Street, Wilmington.

The bride has been employed by the Equitable Trust Company. Mr. Gale is employed by the Central National Bank.

NICHOLSON—KANE

Miss Nancy Kane, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clinton A. Kane, of Perryville, and Mr. Wm. Beck Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Earle Nicholson, of near Chestertown, Md., were united in marriage on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Warren Albinston, at noon in St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, near Aiken, Cecil county, and was witnessed by members of the families of the young couple and intimate friends.

The marriage is the culmination of a Washington College romance where the bride is a member of the senior class. The groom is a graduate of Washington College, where he was a star athlete. He is an outfielder on the Philadelphia Athletic baseball team.

JONES—SPENCER

The wedding of Miss Evelyn C. Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos C. Spencer of Keltan, Pa., and Mr. W. Elliot Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Jones, of Kemblesville, Pa., was solemnized on Thursday, Dec. 23, in Fagg's Manor Presbyterian church, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Rev. M. M. Hostetter, pastor of the church, was the officiating clergyman.

The bride is a graduate of Kennett High school and of the Millersville State Teachers College, and has been teaching in Barsley school. Mr. Jones was graduated from Unionville High school and Wilmington business college. He at present operates a farm near Fagg's Manor.

Personal And Social

Miss Catharine Kirk and Miss Martha Tosh spent the holidays in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Stephens and son, Loudon, Ontario, Canada, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mr. Ralph T. Reed.

Mrs. J. C. Hindman, Sr. entertained on New Year's day John C. Hindman and family and Miss Helen Mosteller.

John L. Stephens and family had as dinner guests on New Year's, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hovermill and daughter.

Mrs. William H. Witman, Horace, Vernon, Kenneth and Catharine Witman, enjoyed a motor trip to Miami, Florida during the holidays.

Edwin Haines and family entertained Dr. and Mrs. Jos. S. Vannerman and daughters, Mary Alice and Eleanor, of Princeton, N. J., on New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fulton, Elton, Pa., celebrated their Golden wedding December 22 by having open house to their friends from one to six P. M.

Mrs. Jennie Taylor spent the Christmas week with her son, Warren Taylor, and family, and her daughter, Mrs. Edward Vansant and family, Wilmington.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Clinton Logan were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Calashan, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCabe and children, Dagsboro, Del.; George Logan, Norristown, Pa.; Miss Jennie Heyberger.

Mrs. Carroll H. Cameron and son Robert, entertained at dinner on New Year's day Mrs. Robert R. Cameron, Walter M. Cameron, Miss Dorothy Cameron, Walter Cameron, George Cameron, Miss Emily Blake, Miss Sue Maxwell, Miss Mary Rawlings.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Richardson of Silver Springs, Maryland, and Front Royal, Virginia, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Phillip Richardson to Mr. Albert Constable, of Elkton, Maryland. Mr. Constable is the son of Mrs. Albert Constable and the late Judge Albert Constable.

Miss Dorothy Cameron entertained about thirty of her friends on Thursday evening last, at her home on South Queen street, when her engagement to Mr. John Kimble, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kimble, of Nottingham, Pa., was announced.

The bride to be is the daughter Walter M. Cameron and the late Mrs. Cameron, of this town.

State Gasoline Tax Receipt

The Four Cents A Gallon Tax Brought \$10,587,313.77 Into State Treasury

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller, reports the State's 4-cent-per-gallon tax returned \$10,587,313.77 during the year, the largest total collections for any year since the present tax law became effective. It was an increase of \$1,050,655.73 over the \$9,536,648.04 collected during 1936.

The gasoline taxes reached a depression low in 1933 when \$7,588,176.46 was collected. The collections each year since follow: 1934, \$8,732,771.36; 1935, \$8,808,402.25; 1936, \$9,536,648.04; 1937, \$10,587,313.77.

The gasoline revenue increased every month of the current year over the corresponding month in 1936. In August and September the collections went over \$1,000,000 for the first time since September, 1935.

Chimney Fires

Rising Sun firemen were called to the small frame dwelling, by the Village Restaurant, in the center of town, about 9:45 Monday morning to extinguish a chimney fire. The blaze was a threatening one and in a dangerous section for a fire to break out. The dwelling is occupied by the family of Fred Jones colored. The fire was extinguished before it gained any headway.

The firemen were called to the dwelling of Dr. J. B. Slicer, on East Main street, a few minutes before the noon hour, on Tuesday, to extinguish a blaze in a chimney that has on several previous occasions given similar trouble.

Unemployment Compensation Plan

Provides For Weekly Payments To Begin By Last Of Month

Maryland unemployment compensation plan, to unemployed workers, went into operation Monday.

With \$10,000,000 in its compensation fund, the Unemployment Compensation Board is prepared to pay benefits to more than 400,000 of the 400,000 Maryland workers covered by the plan.

Thousands of the unemployed are expected to file claims for benefits in the offices of the Maryland state employment service, located at key points throughout the state.

Agricultural workers, domestic servants and employes of governmental departments or agencies, whether Federal, State or local, will not be eligible, nor will persons whose 1937 employment was with schools, hospitals and other non-profit institutions.

The eligible will be those persons who worked during the first three quarters of 1937 the equivalent of eight full weeks for a commercial or industrial concern of Maryland employing at least eight persons.

Every applicant must wait at least three weeks for his check after the date he first files his claim. Two weeks are for the waiting period required by law, and the third week must elapse before the benefit for that week becomes due. Those filing Jan. 3, cannot be paid earlier than January 24.

The maximum benefit any worker can receive is \$15 a week for a maximum duration of sixteen weeks. Up to \$15 a week, the worker is supposed to get half his customary weekly wages, calculated from the calendar quarter in which he had the best total earnings.

The number of weeks payments may be given is limited by the total amount of wages credit each worker has earned during his period of employment.

This wage credit is figured by crediting to the worker's account, each quarter he works, one-sixth of his total earnings up to a maximum of \$65 for the quarter. The worker's maximum-wage credit for a twelve-month period is \$260, or slightly more than enough to pay him \$15 a week for sixteen weeks.

Maryland is one of twenty-one states undertaking to pay unemployment compensation benefits in 1938, out a large number of the others may not be able to make payments promptly. The Unemployment Compensation Board has announced that Maryland's program will start on schedule.

Gain In State Population Forecast

Computation Made By Bureau Of Vital Statistics, Health Office

Maryland's population of approximately 1,760,162, July 1, 1937, will have increased by about 17,743 by July 1 of this year, it has been estimated by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health.

Baltimore's estimated population of 855,127, July 1 1937 will have grown by about 6,932, July 1 of 1938, it was forecast.

Cecil county's population of 27,394 in 1937, will have grown to 27,610 by July 1, 1938, according to the estimate of the Bureau.

The estimates prepared by the bureau were made in accepted statistical procedure, by assuming that the annual increase since the United States census of 1930 was the same as that between 1920 and 1930.

However, it was pointed out that population currents have been modified greatly as a result of the depression, the decrease in immigration and other factors. Thus, all estimates of population will be subject to large error until the next Federal census has been taken, it was explained.

Special Music By The Elkton Choir

The Senior Choir of Elkton M. E. Church will be the guests at Rising Sun M. E. Church on Sunday night, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be special solo numbers, as well as anthems, by the choir. The public cordially invited to attend.