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## School Bus Bill In Maryland

### Transportation Of Pupils In State Costs $1,000,000---886 Motor Vehicles

School-bus transportation in Maryland has grown into a $1,000,000 business, the State Department of Education discloses.

Reporting on the 1936-37 school year, Dr. Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Schools, found that 52,250 pupils were transported by the counties at a cost of $1,019,872.

This represents a gradual growth, he said, since four counties spent $5,210 to carry their pupils to school back in 1910. Most of the increase has been since 1925, when only 4,344 pupils were transported in busses.

Although the expense of bus transportation has increased steadily, it has been counter-balanced, Dr. Cook said, by the combination of economy and improved education brought throghout the state.

The same school consolidation which makes bus transportation necessary brings a lower per pupil instruction cost, a lower overhead for school operation and maintenance, a higher standard of teaching and more hygienic surroundings for pupils, it was said.

All counties, except two, transported more pupils in 1936-37 than in the previous year and for the state there were 1,818 more elementary and 1,379 more high-school pupils carried to school than in 1935-36.

Every county spent more for transportation than in the previous year, and the total increase in expense over 1935-36 was $167,274. The transportation expense rose slightly—from $19.48 to $19.55

Dr. Cook's figures showed that the counties transported to school 31.9 per cent. of the white elementary enrollment, 41.8 per cent. of the white high-school enrollment, 7.3 per cent. of Negro elementary pupils, and 58.5 per cent. of Negro high-school pupils.

There were 886 motor vehicles used for transportation when the present school year began last fall of which 77 were county-owned and 809 were owned by contractors. In addition, there were 78 private cars used to transport small numbers of pupils, often from side roads to meet the busses.

Calvert county reported a motor boat in use for transporting pupils to school in the Solomon Island area, and Montgomery and Dorchester counties each reported a horse-drawn vehicle still in use for school pupils.

Last October the 886 busses were traveling an average of 12.8 miles to school each day, one way, or total of 11,356 miles. The seventy-eight private cars ran 433 miles one way, and the two horse-drawn vehicle each 3.5 miles.

In addition, the public paid for transporting 740 county pupils on trains, electric cars and commerical busses.

## Legion Pageant With Fountains At Longwood Gardens

"Robin Hood," or "The Merry Outlaws of Sherwood Forest," is the theme of ninth annual American Legion Pageant with Fountains at Longwood Gardens, near Kennett Square, Pa. June 15th to 18th inclusive are the selected evenings for the open-air entertainments.

Longwood's natural beauties form an ideal stage setting of a forest and castle for the featured scenes in the Owen Davis version of the old but ever popular story. Many of the amateur cast of 200 have appeared in the previous Legion Pageants of "Rip Van Winkle," "Ramona," "Story of Kennett," "Arabian Nights," etc., which have been enjoyed by capacity audiences.

Following each performance, a triple showing is given of the world famous Longwood water display, illuminated in fairyland colors. Included are the curtain of water and stage fountains; the Conservatory fountains, an eighth-of-a-mile square in area; and the water-fall, fifty feet in height, with lake, at the chimes tower.

To insure admittance, tickets must be secured in advance, with all seats reserved. Complimentary parking spaces are available. Descriptive booklet gladly mailed, write: Legion Pageant, Kennett Square, Pa.

## Briefly Noted News

The W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday evening, May 12, at 7:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Phleet Cooper.

The postponed Field Day for the Colored schools of Cecil county, will be held at Elkton on Saturday, May 6, on the Elementary School grounds.

The 104th annual convention of the Improved Order of Red Men will be held in Elkton on April 26 and 27, 1939. About 250 delegates will be in attendance.

A concrete side walk on the west side of North Street, in Elkton, will be be laid from the Pennsylvania railroad bridge to the new Elkton High school building.

Mr. H. R. Shallcross, of North East, was struck by an auto last Sunday night in the business section of North East and severely cut and bruised.

Thieves entered Lee's Garage, at Perryman, Harford county, one night last week, broke a lock on a steel cabinet and stole $555.00 in cash and $1,200.00 worth of checks.

While in her yard, clipping the wing of her hen Mrs. Anna Kenwing of a hen, Mrs. Anna Kennard, of Sylmar, was attacked by a rooster that spurred her in the hand, inflicting a painful wound.

Ernest Niewig, of Oxford, sustained a fall while assisting in a barn-raising on the farm of Samuel Janney, near Bay View. Mr. Niewig's wrist was broken and he received other painful injuries.

The card of Lawson C. Tosh, of Rising Sun, announcing his candidacy for County Commissioner, at the Democratic primary in September, appears in our columns this week. Mr. Tosh is at present a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

John E. R. Wise, foreman and assistant editor of the Havre de Grace Republican, has resigned to become editor and general manager of the New Citizen, Frederick, a weekly owned by David E. Winebrenner 3rd, former Secretary of State under Governor Ritchie.

## Will Speak At West Nottingham

Rev. I. Marshall Page, Paster of the Presbyterian Church, Berlin, Maryland, will lecture in the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church, Friday evening, May 6th, at 7:30 on the subject "CLOUD CLIMBERS". Rev. Page is the author of two books recently published: "Old Buckingham By The Sea," which is a history of the Berlin Church, and the "Biography of Francis Makemie," who was one of the earliest pioneers for Presbyterianism in America.

Rev. Page has lectured for West Nottingham on previous occasions and was always enthusiastically received. An invitation is extended to everyone in the county to hear him on the 6th of May.

## North East Girl Wins Second Time

At the Bank Night drawing of the North East Theatre on Wednesday evening, Miss Virginia Shepherd of North East, was again the winner of a cash prize.

When the winners of first and second prizes failed to appear and a final drawing was made for third prize, Miss Shepherd was awarded $50. She was the winner of a prize of $100.00 two weeks previous to the Wednesday evening award.

### FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT DAILY DOUBLE

William L. Sumpper, a race track follower of Perryville, attempt to pull a fast one at the Havre de Grace race track, but failed. By combining parts of two tickets he tried to cash in on the daily double.

The cashier detected the fake ticket and had the man arrested.

At a hearing before Magistrate Spencer he was dismissed on condition that he remained away from the track.

### CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE

Harold E. Cobourn, Esq., of Perryville, a member of the Cecil Bar, has announced himself as a candidate for the Associate Judgeship of the Second Judicial District. His card appears in this issue of the Midland Journal.

## Injured By Furnace Explosion

### Workman Blown Across Cellar When Electric Spark Ignites Gas

While repairing a furnace in the cellar at the Rising Sun Hotel, on Monday afternoon, about four-thrity o'clock, Gilbert Jordan, of Darlington, Harford County, was painfully injured by an explosion of gas in the furnace.

Mr. Jordan thoughtlessly turned on the electric spark. The resulting explosion of accumulated gas tore the door off of the furnace, and threw the man several feet, across the cellar. The heavy iron door struck him on the forehead and inflicted a deep gash, and flames singed the hair on his head.

The injured man was covered with soot from head to foot. He was hurried to the office of Dr. R. C. Dodson, where it was found that while his injuries were very painful, they were not of a serious nature. His escape from instant death was a mircle, as the force of the explosion was violent.

## Homecoming And Dedication At Bay View

Homecoming Day was celebrated on Sunday, May 1, at Bay View M. P. Church Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, President of the Maryland Annual Conference, delivered the sermon at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

At 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon the new Church House was dedicated. The speaker was the Rev. C. R. Strasburgh.

The Church House was the gift of Miss Pocohontas Reed, member of the congregation, and for years one of its most active members. The new church house is a stone and brick building.

The building is completely equipped with electric lights, heating plant and running water. It will be a community center for church activities and entertainments.

## Suit Over Tattersall Property

The negotiations in connection with the sale of the Barnsley, Pa., Tattersall to W. T. G. Young, of Parkesburg, Pa., will be aired in court if the suit which Mr. Young instituted aganist Mr. and Mrs. E. Standley Webster, owners of the Tattersall, is carried thru. According to the bill of complaint, Mr. Young paid Webster the usual ten percent at the time of making the sales agreement, but failed to make the final payment, when settlement day arrived. Mr. Young states that he asked and was granted more time to search the title before making settlement. Mr. Webster refutes this claim by saying that Mr. Young postponed the settlement, not only once but several times. The suit is brought to recover $395 made as down payment and cost of searching title, etc.—Oxford News.

## Child Seriously Burned

The little two year old daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Dinsmore Dempsey, of Sylmar, is in a critical condition at Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, suffering from burns.

A celluloid comb with which the hair of the little girl had just been combed was placed too near a heater and caught fire. The flame shot up the sleeve of the little girl's dress in an instant, terribly burning her on the arm, shoulder and face. She was taken to the hospital for treatment, where she is lying in critical condition.

## Town Meeting

The annual town meeting, advertised to be held Tuesday evening, April 26, was attended by less than a dozen of our citzens.

The treasurer's report showed the town's finances to be in good condition, with the debt reduced $2,000 the past year.

The old board of commissioners was renominiated, without opposition, and will continue in office without the formality of a town election. The commissioners are: Jesse T. Cameron, John Hindman, Jr. J. Earl Tyson, Walter M. Cameron and Edwin L. Haines.

## Rider Lodged Behind The Bars

### Brought Across Country To Face Charges For His Crooked Dealings

John Rider, who some weeks ago purchased the farm and equipment of G. Frank Wright, at Chrome, Pa., making but one payment on it, then proceeded to sell the equipment and make purchases from dealers in this neighborhood, giving notes on each transaction, has finally been lodged behind the bars of the West Chester jail.

Rider was apprehended in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and brought back by Deputy Sheriff Charles S. Cook, of Chester county, and Corporal John Novicki, of the Md. State Police. The officers were accompanied to Wyoming by W. H. Ewing, of this town, from whom Rider had "purchased" a Ford truck. Mr. Ewing recovered his truck and drove it home, bringing with him two bushels of clover seed, another "purchase" made by Rider at the warehouse of Jesse T. Cameron, in this town.

To serve the necessary extradition papers for Rider's return to Chester county, Deputy Sheriff Charles S. Cook, Corporal Novicki, George Sloan (Oxford) and Harvey Ewing, made the trip to Cheyenne.

They drove a total of 3530 miles, and were held up three days in Cheyenne while the formalities were gone through with.

At Cheyenne, where Rider had been detained with his wife, mother, sister, brother, brother-law, four-year-old child and colored helper, the officers found considerable money on his person. Rider had concealed $450 in the lining of his trousers, $50 in the lining of his coat, and a $10 gold piece in the sole of one shoe. Wyoming authorities also had found an additional $238 on him.

The members of Rider's family, who fled across the country with him remained in Wyoming.

## Local Ball Tossers Go To North Carolina

Following the raw deal three of our local ball tossers received some days ago, at the hands of the Baltimore Orioles, when they were ordered to report to the Dover, Del., team, which is controlled by Baltimore, and then sent home without a trial, Earl Richardson, of Rising Sun, and Douglas Woodworth, of Oxford, were called to Baltimore last week by manager Ogden, and given tickets to Ayden, North Carolina, where they will have tryouts on the team of that town, a member of the White Plains League.

Joseph Cooney left on Sunday for Pocomoke City, where he will be given a trial on the Eastern Shore League team.

Marvin Lucas is with the Centerville team, of the Eastern Shore League.

## Mother's Day Program At Evening Service

On Sunday evening, May 8th, a Mother's Day program will be given in the Rising Sun M. E. church, at the 7:30 o'clock service.

The Woman's Bible Class will be in charge, and a Mother's Day pageant will be given by members of the class as a special feature. There will be special music by the choir, and roll call of the members of the class, to be responded to with a short sentiment or Scriptore verse. All members of the class are asked to try and be present at this service.

### PRESENTED WITH PORTRAIT OF ADMIRAL RODGERS

A portrait of Admiral John A. Rodgers has been presented to the Circuit Court for Harford county, by his widow, Mrs. Rodgers, of Havre de Grace, and hung in the court room at Bel Air. This makes the fifth of the famous Rodgers family, Army and Navy officers, whose portraits are on the walls of the court room. They participated in wars from the Revolutionary to the World War.

### EASTERN SHORE COON HUNTERS

The annual Field Day Trials of the Eastern Shore Coon Hunters will be held on the farm of Clarence Webb, near Cecilton, on Sunday, May 15, at 10:00 a. m.

## Personal And Social

Miss Edna McVey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John E. Schenck, Philada., Pa.

Mrs. Mayde McDougal had as her guest during the week Miss Florrie McDougal, of Marcus Hook, Pa.

George L. Ewing and family have moved from near Rising Sun into the bunglow of Harvey Simmers, Greenhurst.

Mrs. Olga Price and son William, of Philada., were Sunday visitors at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman.

Mrs. John Remsen, of Canton, Ohio, and Mrs. Frank Houston, of West Grove, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yancey, of Fredericksburg, Va., were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Annie Marshall and Misses Mary and Stella Reynolds.

Mrs. George A. McKinsey, of Quarryville, Pa., was a visitor last week of her sisters, Mrs. B. H. Brown, Miss Margaret Haines and Mrs. William Mask.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Worthington and son Henry, of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of the former's sisters, Mrs. Mary Cherry and Miss Louise Worthington.

Miss Helen Matthews, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Matthews, and Charles Dixon, Jr., were united in marriage by the Rev. Chas. Davis at Cecilton M. E. Parsonage, Saturday evening, April 16.

Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing left this week for a visit to relatives in Columbus, Ohio and Mayesville, Ky. Before her return to Rising Sun she will spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. H. D. MacLellan, Bellevue, Pa.

Miss Harriet Frances Reed, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Otis B. Reed, and James A. Grates, of Louisville, Ky., were married in Washington, D. C., on April 2. Rev. Reed was formerly pastor of Chesapeake City M. E. Church.

### WEDDINGS

#### HOSTETTER—ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Austin H. England have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jane Frances England, to Mr. John J. Hostetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hostetter of near Port Deposit, which took place in Elkton, October 10, 1937, the Rev. Mr. Baker, Baptist minister, officiating. The bride is a graduate of the Havre de Grace High School, class of 1936, and Mr. Hostetter, who was graduated from Tome School for Boys, class of 1930, is emloyed as engineer at the Conowingo Dam. They will reside near Port Deposit.

#### McGUIRK—METHENEY

The marriage of Miss Catherine Ellen McGuirk, daughter of Mrs. Catherine E. McGuirk of Principio Furnace, and Mr. Hugh Metheney of Baltimore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Metheney of Gassaway, W. Va., took place Saturday afternoon, April 16, at the home of Rev. G. Harold Hill in Marcus Hook, Pa.

The bride was attended by Miss Edith Snyder of Linwood, Mr. Curtis Carter, also of Linwood, was best man.

The bride was dressed in beige with luggage accessories and wore a corsage of white roses. Miss Snyder also wore beige trimmed in luggage and wore yellow roses. Mr. and Mrs Metheney will make their home in Baltimore.

## Girl Scouts Plant Trees

Groups of Girl Scouts from Phoenixville, West Chester, Kennett Square and Oxford, together with interested friends in scouting, gathered at Camp Tweedale, Chester county, Pa., Saturday afternoon, April 23, where they planted 2000 trees. The trees were hemlock and white pine. A furrow was plowed and trees planted 5 ft. by 5 ft.

After the planting a scout supper was served in the dinning room to 100 persons.

### BEATEN TO DEATH IN BEL AIR JAIL

Embry Minnick, who gave no address, is held without bond on a charge of fatally beating Jacob Stover, an elderly odd-job worker, who had been living in the Bel Air Jail boiler room.

Magistrate Joseph H. Moore, called an inquest jury after Stover died in Harford Memorial Hospital of a fractured skull.

## Heads Men's Bible Class Group

### Ninth Annual Meeting And Banquet Of Md. Federation Held At Elkton

The Maryland Federation of Men's Bible Classes on Saturday elected A. Warman, of Capitol Heights, Md., president.

The federation adjourned its ninth annual two-day meeting on Sunday after selecting Salisbury for its convention next year. Other officers elected were:

William A. Atkins, Baltimore, executive vice-president; E. L. Pherigo, Hyattsville, secretary; Harold Day, Baltimore, treasurer; the Rev. David Laing, Mount Rainier, chaplain, and George MacDonald, Baltimore, song leader.

Nearly 300 delegates from all parts of the state heard the closing address Sunday by Harlan D. Crowell, of Hamilton, Mass., past president of the national federation.

The banquet served in the Armory on Saturday evening by the ladies of Elkton, was enjoyed by about 300 delegates. The Men's Bible Class of Rising Sun was represented by a large delegation.

H. C. McClintock, of Elkton, presided. Mayor Henry H. Mitchell welcomed the assemblage, and the address of the evening was delivered by Theodore R. McKeldin, of Baltimore.

Elkton Band furnished music. Others contributing to the evening's entertainment were: Roy Schmidt, solo; Miss Ann Deibert, solo; West Nottingham Quartette; Eddy Parlett ad Ann Deibert, novelty skit; Chas. Himmelheber, solo.

## High School Graduates In The County

The Cecil County Board of Education has released a prospective list of graduates of the nine high schools, totaling 233. Elkton in the three departments will have 61 graduates Rising Sun, second, with 44 and North East, third, with 41.

It is understood that the present list is subject to the final examination to be held early in June. Graduation exercises will be held in all high schools on Tuesday, June 14.

The Graduates of Rising Sun High School are:

Academic—Fred Carson Graybeal, Edwin Lincoln Haines, Jr.; Ruth Roberson Biles, Catherine Boyd Etter, Martha Geneiveve Bibson, Dorothy Rosella Rands, Ann Kirk Roberson, Miriam Brown Williams, Adeleen Kirk Wilson.

General—Isaac Roscoe Boyd, John Paul Daughton, Leo Allan Eckman, Lloyd George Gifford, Wiley James Graybeal, John Coulson Hindman, Jr., Richard H. Jenkins, Ned B. Lucas, Thomas Hayes Martindale, Walter James McCummings, Buford Gail Pafford, Leslie Cecil Reynolds, Herbert E. Ryan, Clyde K. Simmers, John Noel Williams; Ruth G. Anderson, Annabelle Ayers, Mary Evelyn Best. Doris Brickley, Virginia Anna Brown, Gertrude Pogue Buck, Genevieve Elizabeth Cecil, Mary R. Childress, Myrtle Elizabeth Coulson, Jean E. Cullen, Eva Frances Hambleton, Ruth N. Hutchens, Lula Amanda Jones, Pauline Long, Gertrude Evelyn MacCauley, Doris R. McVey, Sophie Pearl Pierce, Mildred O. Riley, Margaret E. Tyson, Mary Nell Waddell.

**Calvert Agricultural High School**

General—Joseph Harvey Anderson, Walter Willett Anderson, George Calvin Brown, John Paul McDowell, Odell Nelson Simpkins; Ruth Virginia Boyd, Ola Clara Colvard, Retta Lavon Grubb, Betty Ruth Kennedy, Helen Maomi Marshall, Nora Mae Mink, Ella Margaret Strimel, Anna Virginia Smith, Nazel Louise Taylor, Hannah Gertrude Williams.

## Found Dead In Cabin

Samuel Lynwood Morris, aged 44 years, who lived alone at Principio, was found dead on Tuesday morning in the small house where he made his home. He had been missed and neighbors going to his place of abode found him dead in bed.

Dr. R. C. Dodson, Coroner, was notified and pronounced death due to a heart attack.

He was a veteran of the World War and saw service in France.

The deceased was a son of the late Thomas and Sarah Morris, of Principio section, and is survived by three brothers and a sister.