Road Fund Diversion

Figures Show Annual Increase Over Period Of Ten Years

Division of Maryland highway revenue from construction and maintenance of roads will have amounted to more than $29,000,000 by the end of the present fiscal biennium, a survey of States Roads Commission figures shows.

In the present fiscal biennium alone, the State budget estimates, diversions will amount to nearly $12,000,000. In 1930 and 1931, before the trend set in, only $3000,000 did not go directly to construction and maintenance.

Again these diversions of ten years auditors must balance restorations of $5,943,000 in State bond issues, which leaves a net diversion of gasoline tax and motor vehicle revenue of $23,099,841.42.

The bond issues were made necessary when the roads funds were so depleted by diversions to the general treasury and to the counties and Baltimore city that there was not enough in the construction funds to match Federal highway aid allocations.

In 1930, 98.82 per cent of the more than $15,000,000 in highway revenue was returned and spent on the roads in construction and maintenance. The only exceptions were $80,000 appropriated for county debt service, a $48,000 appropation to ferry companies and $50,000 for purchase of a toll bridge.

In 1931, the picture was the same, minus the toll-bridge item, except for one item of $3,078.48 marked "reversion to State Treasury." Like the cloud "no larger than a man's hand," it presaged a mighty storm.

The next fiscal year this item had grown to $10,278.81, and county debt service taken over by the State cost $110,000. Total for the year not directly applied to the roads was $158,678.81.

In the 1933 fiscal year, the state assumed a debt service payment for the counties of $857,956.06, and paid Baltimore city $259,898.17 in cash out of the 1½ cent lateral road fund. Diversion of State funds from maintenance and construction amounted to 10.46 per cent.

County Roads Taken Over

It was the 1933 General Assembly which took over the county road systems. The full brunt was felt in the following fiscal year when $1,125,866.50 was spent for county debt service and Baltimore city got a cash payment of $1,163,966.33, relieving the burdens on local real estate taxes.

In addition, $1,305,320.55 was diverted from the roads money into the State's general treasury, to help balance the budget at a time when other forms of revenue were slipping badly because of the depression. For this year, the percentage of money diverted from direct road expeditures was 24.84.

In the 1935 fiscal year, Baltimore city began to get an annual cash payment derived from truck license fees. Meanwhile, interest and retirement charges began to mount up on a $4,000,000 State Road Commission bond issue of 1933 and a $3,000,000 one of 1935.

The percentage of diversion advanced to 25.94. In the 1936 fiscal year the amount going to the State's general fund was much smaller, but the debt service burden increased, and 27.53 per cent. was diverted from direct expenditures.

The State Roads Commission bonds did not constitute a return of money to the roads account, since they had to be financed from future gasoline tax and motor vehicles revenue. In effect, such bonds were mortgaging the future yield of highway taxes to get money for present construction. The bonds sucked $380,000 out of current funds in 1936, for instance.

1937 Diversion $2,243,000

In the 1937 fiscal year, the big item in diversion was $2,243,000 paid into the annuity bond fund for debt service on general State obligations. When money spent for the counties and turned over to Baltimore city was added to this and service on the roads body's own bonds, $5,629,000 had been taken form maintenance and construction funds.

The 1938 and 1939 budgets, for the period extending from October 1, 1937, to September 30, 1939, are characterized by a continuation of this kind of financing.

In each of the two years approximately $2,000,000 goes to service State bonds, $1,800,000 is diverted into the general fund, $600,000 is set aside to carry county debts, $850,000 goes to Baltimore city and $650,000 is needed for the commission debentures.

Such is the story of a decade of highway-revenue diversion in Maryland.

MARYLAND POULTRY COUNCIL

Maryland State Poultry Council will be held at Hotel George Washington, Ocean City, Md., on July 27 and 28.

The officers of the State Poultry Council are proud of the program which has been arranged by the program committee, as it includes subjects and speakers of widespread interest and renown in the poultry industry. Further, the fact that Governor Nice and many others prominent in the public life of our State will be present at the banquet on July 28 will make the event of special interest.

DEATHS

HARRY W. McMASTER

The remains of Harry W. McMaster, 77 years old, who died at his home in Bucks County, Pa., after a long illness, were brought to Sharp's Cemetery, near Fair Hill, Thursday afternoon, for interment. The deceased, a native of upper Cecil County, where his early life was spent, is survived by his wife and two children and one sister.

WILLIAM WINCHESTER

William Winchester, of Port Deposit, died July 11, in Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, where he had been taken for treatment for kidney and heart trouble. His funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, with interment in West Nottingham Presbyterian cemetery.

Surviving is a son, Ralph Winchester; brother, Levi Winchester, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Vannort.

GEORGE C. JOBES

George C. Jobes, aged 50 years, died suddenly at his home in Havre de Grace on July 11, from a heart attack.

Mr. Jobes was employed as clerk in the freight office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Perryville, for a number of years, retiring two years ago.

One son, Calton Jobes, survives; also two brothers, and one sister, all of Havre de Grace. The funeral was held Thursday, with interment in Angel Hill cemetery.

HARVEY MADISON SCOTT

Stricken while walking along the road to his home near Elkton, on July 12, Harvey Madison Scott, aged 56 years, collapsed and died before medical aid could reach him. He was son of the late James Madison and Martha E. Scott, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie, J. Scott; two daughters, Lillie, at home, and Mrs. Eugene Coleman, Cooch's Bridge; two sons, Harvey J. and William H. Scott, both at home. Funeral services were held from his late home, Thursday, at 2 o'clock p. m., with interment at St. John's M. E. cemetery, Lewisville, Pa.

GOVERNOR NICE ILL-INFORMED

In a recent speech made by Democratic Gubernational aspirant, Lansdale G. Sasscer, before the North Beach Democratic Club, North Beach, Calvert county, Md., Mr. Sasscer said: I wish to call to the attention of the democrats of Maryland, the recent announcement of Governor Nice that he will seek re-election. Obviously Governor Nice is counting on the bitter fight of the rival factions which are backing the two Baltimore candidates, wrecking the Democratic Party. He knows, and we all know that he cannot be re-elected without the votes of a lot of democrats.

He has been advised that he can get these democratic votes if either Baltimore candidate is nominated. He has nibbled at the Senate. He was doubtful about seeking re-election as Governor. He only announced his candidacy after some advisers told him that the fight of two factions to gain control of the Party Organization in Baltimore would endanger democratic chances, and send him back to Annapolis for another term.

Governor Nice has been ill informed. He is not only counting his chickens before they are hatched, but even before the eggs have been laid.

He is wrong, because, I find the democratics of this State are going to meet the situation and meet it cleanly, fairly and effectively by selecting their candidates for Governor outside of the rival city factions; and this has been evidenced by the fact that men and women, young and old throughout the State recognize the facts, and in increasing numbers daily are pledging their support to me, because they do not want four more years of Republican rule.

JACKSON PLEDGED TO BETTER ROADS

Mayor Jackson on Monday night said, if elected Governor, he would put an end to political influence in the selection of State roads to be improved.

Addressing Jackson workers of Frederick county, at Braddock, Heights, the Mayor emphasized there has been too much politics in the matter of selecting roads for improvement and the order of their improvement.

"I promise that my administration shall obtain the best engineering talent and the most disinterested and qualified advice as to the order in which road construction and reconstruction should be done, and I promise that the recommendations from such sources shall become the policy of my administration," the Mayor said.

FINED FOR CRULTY TO ANIMALS

Purchasing four calves at the Tattersall, John Blakely and Conteas Aguelinti, of Conowingo, loaded them in the rumble seat of their automobile. D. H. Mulvaney, agent for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, arrested the men and had them taken before Magistrate John C. Brock for a hearing, who imposed fines of $23.50 each.

Yes, Roland, life's a gamble, and every man has a chance—unless he's a Wall Street lamb.

WOODLAWN

The Ladies Aid Society met in the Church House, Thursday afternoon, 14th. The hostesses were Mrs. S. T. Hamblin, Mrs. G. W. Poist, Mrs. E. D. Lamdin, Mrs. William Cross, and Miss Margaret Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brackin and daughter have returned to their home in Queens Villiage, Long Island, after a visit with Mrs. Brackin's sister, Mrs. Chester Jackson.

Mr. Charles Abrahams, of Balto., spent the week end at Woodlawn.

The Embroidery Club was entertained by Mrs. E. Wilmer Jackson, Aikin, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Harvey Culbertson, Wilmington spent a few days with Miss Leila Thompson, first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Lamdin, Jr., and two daughters, of Detroit, Mich., spent his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lamdin, Sr.

SOFT BALL LEAGUE

The first half of the Soft Ball League schedule closed July 12, each club having played six games, the Fire Company coming through with a clean slate. The standing of the teams was:

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Fire Co.	6	0	1000
Sheffield	3	3	.500
Sinclair	2	4	.333
Lions Club	1	5	.167

The second half of the schedule opened on July 14, but has had trouble in getting under way. Wet grounds prevented the first scheduled game. On Friday Sheffield took over the Lions by a score of 9 to 0. Rain prevented the game on Monday evening, and on Tuesday evening the Lions and Sinclair played to a tie at 11-11, darkness stopping the game.

Wednesday, July 20, Sinclair and Sheffield were scheduled, but too late for us to get the result.

Thursday of this week was an open date and two postponed games were arranged to be played, Fire Co. vs. Sinclair, and Fire Co. vs. Sheffield.

Other scheduled games are: Friday, July 22, Fire Co. vs. Lions; July 25, Fire Co. vs. Sinclair; July 26, Sheffield vs. Lions; July 27, Fire Co. vs. Sheffield.

Hearing Waved In Assault Case

Just prior to the time for a hearing before Magistrate George Rawson of North East, Wednesday evening, Malcolm Ford and Garfield Marker, two young Negroes of Elk Neck, who are alleged to have molested Miss Mildred Lewis on Main Street in North East, the night of July 9, waived a hearing. Each was held for action of the September Grand Jury for Cecil County. The girl is suffering from a broken arm, it is alleged, as the result of the assault.

DRUNKEN DRIVER FINED

Arrested on a charge of operating his car while under the influence of liquor, James Bailey, of Baltimore pleaded guilty on Monday, before Magistrate George Rawson, at North East, and was fined $100 and costs.

IMPROVEMENT IN GRAIN CALLS FOR QUALITY SEED

Plant only pure seed, properly cleaned and treated, and of an adapted variety, is the advice to Maryland wheat and barley growers who desire to improve their quality and yield by John W. Magruder, specialist in agronomy for the University of Maryland Extension Service. Quality seed, he declares, is particularly important during years of low wheat prices. In his opinion, many farmers will find that replacing old seed with officially certified or listed seed is desirable.

Mr. Magruder states that 58 farmers in Maryland have applied for certification of their small grain this year, and field inspection indicates that much of the seed will be eligible. This seed can be purchased directly from the growers in some cases and others local seed merchants will handle it. Names of growers of certified or listed seed many be obtained from local county agent or from the Maryland Seed Certification Board, College Park, Maryland.

The total value of agricultural commodities officially inspected and certified by the Maryland State Department of Markets in 1937 was approximately $1,982,916. These included sweet potatoes, fresh tomatoes, canning crops, Irish potatoes, apples, peaches, strawberries cantaloupes, eggs and dressed poultry.

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POLITICAL CARDS

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Having been urged by many friends and members of the bar to become a candidate for re-election. I take this method of announcing my intentions of becoming a candidate for re-election as Associate Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland. This method of announcement is adopted because the office which I hold, and the duties incident there to preclude me making a personal campaign.

Thomas J. Keating.

FOR STATE SENATOR

At the Democratic Primaries on September 12th next, I will be a candiate for nomination for State Sentor, and I earnestly solicit the support of all voters. Should I be nominated, and later elected, it will be my ambition to serve the people and taxpayers of Cecil county, without fear or favor, always remembering I am a servant of the people.

Frederick H. Leffler,
Elkton, Maryland

FOR CLERK OF COURT

I hereby announce my candidacy for Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil county subject to the Republican primaries in September. Your support will be greatly appreciated

Ralph R. Crothers,
Zion, Md.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil County subject to the Democratic primaries in September and I earnestly solicit your support.

Daniel H. Garrett.
Elkton, Md.

FOR REGISTER OF WILLS

I hereby announce to the voters of Cecil county, that I will be a candidate for Register of Wills, subject to the Democratic primaries on September 12. I earnestly solicit the support of all voters.

W. Norman Clark,
Elkton, Maryland.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Register of Wills for Cecil County subject to the Republican primary in September. Your support will be appreciated.

Jesse E. Pierson,
Elkton.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Commissioner subject to the Republican primary in September. Your support will be appreciated.

Harry D. Barnes,
Elkton.

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Commissioner for Cecil county, subject to the Democratic primary in September. Your support will be apreciated.

Lawson C. Tosh,
Rising Sun, Md.

Having decided to be a candidate for County Commissioner from the First Commissioners District, subject to the Democratic primaries on September 12, I take this means of asking the support of all voters.

Walter B. Scarborough,
Elkton, Md., R. D. 4

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner, from the Third Commissioner's district, I will appreciate your support at the Democratic primary on September 12.

L. H. Balderston,
Colora, Md.

I hereby take this means of announcing to the voters of Cecil county, that I will be a candidate for County Commissioner (Second Commissioners District) subject to the Democratic primaries in September next. I earnestly solicit the support of all voters.

Reuben Reynolds,
Fair Hill, Md.

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Commissioner for Cecil County. Subject to the Democratic Primaries in September. Your support will be appreciated.

Howard S. Vincent,
Elkton.

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Commissioner for Cecil County, subject to the Democratic Primaries in September and ask the support of all voters.

Howard R. Brown,
R. D. 2. Rising Sun, Md.

I take this means of informing the voters of Cecil county, that I wil be a candidate for County Commissioner from the Third Commissioners' District, subject to the Democratic primary on September 12th. I respectfully ask the support of all voters.

W. Earl Fisher,
Colora, Md.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

I hereby announce my candidacy for member of the Republican State Central Committee of Cecil County, subject to the September primary. I respectfully ask the support of all voters.

Geo. L. Ewing,
Rising Sun, Md.

FOR SHERIFF

Former Night Officer at Elkton, Md.
DAVID J. RANDOLPH,
Candidate for
SHERIFF OF CECIL COUNTY
Subject to the Democratic Primary,
September 12, 1938
I respectfully Ask Your Support

I wish to announce to the public that I will be a candidate for nomination for sheriff of Cecil County at the Democratic Primaries, in September, next. I earnestly solicit the support of all voters.

Roland A. Nickle,
R. D. 4 Elkton, Md.

FOR JUDGE OF ORPHANS' COURT

I hereby announce my candidacy for Judge of the Orphans' Court subject to the Democratic Primary in September. Your support will be appreciated.

J. Frank Blake,
Child, Md.

Having decided to be a candidate for Judge of the Orphans' Court of Cecil county, I hereby ask for the support of all voters at the Democratic primaries on September 12, next.

Sylvester Preston,
North East, Md.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSONER

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Commissioner from the Third Commissioner District, subject to the Republican primary in September. Your support and friendly influence will be greatly appreciated.

Perry A. Gibson,
Rising Sun, Md.

REGISTER OF WILLS

I hereby announce my candidacy for Register of Wills for Cecil County, subject to the Democratic Primary, Sept. 12, 1938. If nominated and elected it will be my desire to serve the people to the best of my ability.

Claude C. Buck
Rising Sun, Md.

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FISH MARKET
W. J. Wilson has opened his Fish Market again at Port Deposit, Md., for the 43rd season. See him for
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscriber of Cecil County, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of said County, Letters of Administration on the Personal Estate of

HAROLD E. COBOURN

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof duly authenticated, on or before the 1st day of January, 1939 they may otherwise, by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under hand and seal this 22nd day of June, 1938.

Katherine E. Cobourn, Executrix.
True Copy—Test:—
JESSE PIERSON, Register.

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DOUBLE FEATURE
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Charles Starrett Donald Grayson
starts about 7 and 9:25
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(Radio Stars)
CONDEMNED WOMEN
Sally Eilers Anne Shirley
starts about 7:55 and 10:15

Monday-Tuesday July 25-26
THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST
Jeanette McDonald Nelson Eddy
Buddy Ebsen Leo Carrillo
starts about 7:09 and 9:20

Wednesday-Thursday July 27-28
BATTLE OF BROADWAY
Victor McLaglen Louise Hovick
starts about 7:35 and 9:35
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Everybody Goes To The North East Theatre
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Friday July 29
COLLEGE SWING
Martha Raye Gracie Allen
George Burns Betty Grable
starts about 7:35 and 9:35
Next Week:—
Gen Of The Yukon
Overland Express
Rascals
The Joy Of Living
Stolen Heaven

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

James F. Evans & Albert Constable, Attorneys

Robert S. Wilkins, an infant by Ralph D. Wilkins and Elizabeth S. Wilkins, his father and mother and next friends,
Plaintiff
vs.
Mary J. Short, also known as Mary Short Wilkins, an infant,
Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CECIL COUNTY IN EQUITY
No. 5298

The object of this bill is to procure a decree annulling the marriage between Robert S. Wilkins and Mary J. Short, also known as Mary Short Wilkins.

The Bill is brought by Robert S. Wilkins by Ralph D. Wilkins and Elizabeth S. Wilkins, his father and mother next friends, and recites that the plaintiff is a resident of Pitman, Gloucester County, New Jersey, and that the defendant is of Pitman, Gloucester County, New Jersey; that on June 22, 1938, by fraud, duress, intimidations and threats, the plaintiff and the defendant went through an alleged marriage cermony at Elkton, Maryland, upon an alleged marriage license obtained thereon that date; and the plaintiff and the defendent have never since the alleged marriage cohabited nor has said alleged marriage ever been consummated or ratified.

IT IS THEREUPON ORDERED by the Circuit Court for Cecil County, in Equity, this 18th day of July, 1938, that the plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newpaper published in Cecil County once in each of four successive weeks before the 15th day of August, 1938, give notice to the defendant, Mary J. Short, also known as Mary Short Wilkins, an infant, whose postoffice address is Pitman, Gloucester County, New Jersey, of the object and substance of this Bill, warning her to be and appear in this Court, in person or by solicitor, on or before the 7th day of September, 1938, to show cause, if any she may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

Walter E. Buck,
Clerk.

True copy, TEST:
Walter E. Buck,
Clerk.