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License Tags Of The Nation

Gaudy Hues To Be Seen--- New Colors In Thirty-OneS tates

John P. Carowner and family will display the gaudiest license plate colors ever seen on American highweys in 1939, the American Automobile Association reported.

The use of slogans and decorative designs on license plates has increased greatly during the recent years and should be quite the rage in '39, "giving the states greater individuality and making it easy to identify immediately the state of origin," the AAA said.

According to the color combinations of the tags, the highways will somewhat resemble a large rainbow, with no less than 31 states adopting entirely new color schemes for next year. Sixteen states and the District of Columbia will merely reverse their original colors and one state—Connecticut—is making permanent its black on aluminum combine.

Yellow and black is the favorite combination, being used by seven states, while blue and white takes second place with acceptance by six states. Black and orange is tied with black and white for show money each having five states. Aluminum, which graced licenses for the first time a few years ago, has gained a ranking popularity and will be used in combinations by seven states, two Canadian provinces and the Philippine Islands.

Michigan will use two sets of color combinations for its tags because it now has two sets—one good only six months and the other good for the full year.

Some of the other bright colors, heretofore unmentioned, that will appear this year are: Orange on blue; gold on cobalt blue; aluminum on green; red on ivory and purple on gold.

Some of the outstanding slogans and designs that grace the auto tags and are very eye-catching are: Maine—"Vacationland"; Louisiana's pelican design; Wyoming's bucking bronco; Ohio's ox and covered wagon and notice of the 150th anniversary of the northwest territory and New Yorks's announcement of the 1939 World's Fair.

Other new schemes are the geographical outlines on the tags, the expiration date, the sign of the skull placed on tags belonging to reckless drivers and courtesy sign "a new driver."

The new tags, according to the AAA, will begin to appear first in the southeast where the registration dates start in early fall when cotton is marketed. They will appear in other states at various times with West Virginia, which operates on a fiscal year basis holding out to the last as current plates are good until the end of June.

Use Christmas Seals

An appeal to use the Christmas Seals as well as purchase them was made to-day by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, which is now having its annual campaign to raise funds for continuing its state-wide program to wipe out tuberculosis.

"Christmas Seals make a beautiful decoration. Teamed with millions of others they have made possible a life saving campaign that has saved thousands of lives," said Henry F. Baker, treasurer of the association and chairman of the Christmas Seal sale. "Use Christmas Seals and use them early," he said.

"After purchasing Christmas Seals, too many people fail to use them," Mr. Baker continued. "Their use immediately identifies buyers as being among those aiding in the fight against tuberculosis and is also one's personal endorsement of the work being done by the tuberculosis association."

Mr. Baker announced that many of the county chairmen have already reported and that they stated that the early returns on the Christmas Seal sale are encouraging. All county committees are working very hard, he said, to improve upon last year's record. Montgomery County had the best record last year and all local chairmen are aiming to match this record.

Thirty years ago today tuberculosis was responsible for 11 out of every hundred deaths. Today it is responsible for 5 out of every hundred. Two-thirds of all tuberculosis deaths occur before the age of 45.

The tuberculosis Christmas Seal sales were started in 1907. Since that time the tubercuolsis assoication has maintained an intensive warfare to eradicate this disease. The purchase of the Christmas Seals by the citizens of the state provides the only source of income that the tuberculosis association has for maintaining its activities.

Briefly Noted News

According to report a total of 40 men have been laid off by the State Roads department in Cecil county.

Kenmore High School Alumni Association will hold a card party in Kenmore school building on Friday evening, December 16.

A Men's Bridge Club has been organized in Cecil county. The teams represented are Rising Sun, North East, Elkton and Oxford.

An effort will be made by sportsmen at the coming session of the General Assembly of Maryland to have a bill passed ot abolish commercial bass fishing in the State.

Slipping on the ice in the yard of his home in Elkton, William Mahan fell and suffered the facture of one of his legs. Mr. Mahan suffered a similar accident about three years ago.

Ralph S. Herzog, of Philadelphia, has been awarded the contract for the construction of barracks and an administration building at Aberdeen Proving Ground, at a cost of $422,591.

A three act play entitled "The Home Town Girl," will be given on Thursday evening, Dec. 8, in Mt. Pleasant M. E. church, by the Young People's Group. Admission, adults 30 cents, children 20 cents.

Sylvester Preston, of North East, who was re-elected Judge of the Orphans' Court for Cecil County, at the November election, has been designated by Governor Harry Nice, as Chief Judge of the Court.

A benefit card party, sponsored by the Lions Club of Rising Sun, will be held in the High School Auditorium here, on Thursday evening, Dec. 15. Admission fifty cents, Prizes awarded and refreshments served. Proceeds are for the Christmas welfare fund.

Edwin Kirk, Jr., former clerk in the Peoples Bank, Oxford, Pennsylvania, has excepted a position as clerk in the Havre de Grace Banking and Trust Company, succeeding Edwin U. Way, resigned to accept the position of bookkeeper in the First National Bank.

Frederick H. Leffler, owner and editor of the Cecil Democrat, Elkton, suffered a broken right knee cap in four places Friday evening when he fell on the ice in front of his rome on Locust Lane in that town. He was removed to Union Hospital where he will be confined for some time.

Remodeling County Jail

Work of remolding the Cecil county jail at Elkton is progressing and will be completed, it is expected, by late next spring.

The prison portion of the structure will be completely rebuilt at an estimated cost of about $40,000. It is expected to be made one of the most modern jails in Maryland. The old building now being torn down was long listed as the worst in the state.

The prisoners are being kept in the Kent County jail at Chestertown while the work is going on.

Work on the new Court House will be started, it is expected, within a few weeks. The new building will cost about $225,000 and will be located about 100 yards east of the present Court House.

American Legion Elects

The Susquehanna Post auxiliary of the American Legion of Perry Point-Perryville section has elected Mrs. Helen Wilson president. She will also be assisted by the following officers: Mrs. Helen Tipton vice-president; Mrs. Millicent Carson, secretary; Mrs. Edith Hartenstine, treasurer; Mrs. Louise DeMar, historian; Mrs. Mary Craig, chaplain; Mrs. Mabel Thomas, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Mytle Cole, Mrs. Elizabeth Rayan and Miss Elva White, executive committee.

The junior group elected their officers for the coming year as follows: President, Zelda Williams; vice-president, Alice Gillespie; secretary, Carolyn Beauchamp; treasurer, Dorothy Neff; historian, Anna M. Robinson; chaplian, Helen Morrison; sergeant-at-arms, Betty J. Benes. The junior group presented their retiring president, Rebecca Craig, with a night bag.

Truck Crashes Into Porch

A small truck occupied by two colored men, forced from the roadway by a car approaching from the opposite direction, got out of control in front of the Wilson & McNamee garage, and ran wild. The machine narrowly missed one of the gasoline tanks, then plunged across the driveway and crashed into the front porch of the dwelling of H S. Plummer. One porch post and the railing were splintered and the truck badly damaged. The two colored men escaped injury.

New County Officials Take Office

The commissions for the newly-elected officials for Cecil County, chosen at the November election, were received from the Secretary of the State last week, by Clerk of Court, Walter C. Buck. The new officials assumed their offices on Dec. 1, after they filed bonds and took the oath of office. The new officers are: David Randolph, Sheriff, succeeding Eugene Racine; Jesse Pearson, Register of Wills, re-elected; Walter C. Buck, Clerk of the Court re-elected; Howard Vincent, Clarence Harris and Lawson C. Tosh, County Commissioners; Messrs. Vincent and Harris succeeding Daniel H. Garrett and Mauldin Lum, Mr. Tosh being re-elected; Messrs. Sylvestor Preston, J. Frank Blake, Sr. and W. Palmer McFadden, Judges of Orphans' Court; E. D. E. Rollins, States Attorney, re-elected. Edwin S. Dorcus, County Treasurer and W. Herbert Baker, Assistant County Treasurer, who were re-elected will not enter upon their new term of office until Juyl 1st next.

The new Board of County Commissioners will have Mr. Tosh as president of the Board. It was necessary for the organization to take place early so that bonds to be issued would bear the proper endorsements for the acceptance of the buyers. The arrangements were made in cooperation with the outgoing Board.

Maryland's New License Tags

Because colors on some of the present auto license tags have faded, making numerals barely discernible, a new brand of paint is being used on Maryland's 1939 plates. Next year's plates will be white with green numerals.

Attaches at the Penitentiary where the markers are being manufactured said one or two shipments of the paint used on the present tags went "bad."

They pointed out that samples of the paint had passed a weather test but that it wasn't until later that the faulty, shipments of paint were received.

More than 250,000 pairs of tags, or approximately half the number that will be issued, already have been manufactured. The new markers will be the same size and weight as the present ones.

Manufacture of the 1939 tags began last spring and will be completed early in March. Approximately 2,000 pairs are made daily.

New Marriage Law In Effect

The marriage racket at Elkton and other county seat towns in Maryland has been put out of business, the law requiring 48 hours to intervene between the time of issuing a marriage license and the performance of the ceremony having become effective on Thursday, December 8th.

The State cavassing board certified that the referendum abolishing quick marriages was approved by the electorate November 8 by margin of 167,122 votes in favor and 57,369 aginst.

Jurors Excused And Substitutes Drawn

Jurors to fill the place of those drawn for the December term of court which convenes at Elkton, Monday who have been excused, have been named.

Reese Clark, Elkton; Ernest Brown, Fair Hill; John Cullen and John T. Hindman, Rising Sun; Alexander Hasson, Perryville, and W. S. Cooper, Port Deposit were excused and those drawn as substitutes are: Victor S. Taylor, Elkton; Ernest Biles, Fair Hill; Walter S. Cameron and Charles A. Hutchins, Rising Sun; Walter L. Simmons, Perryville, and George M. Shure, Port Deposit.

Bags Deer Near Home

Wm. J. Snynder was one of the few sportsmen in this section to bag a deer during the brief Maryland open season, Dec. 1 to 5. Mr. Snyder got his deer near at home, on what is known as "Tick Ridge", near the Shuman farm, and about 500 yards this side of the State line. The deer was a seven point antler buck, and weighed 175 pounds and dressed 132 pounds.

A registered Guernsey cow has recently been sold by Howard E. England to Joseph France, of Aberdeen, Md. This animal is Pearl's Ultimas Lilly 562540 according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H.

Fire Sweeps Farm Buildings

An alarm of fire shortly before one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of last week, called Rising Sun firemen, with equipment, to the farm of Charles McFadden, about one and a half miles southwest of Rising Sun.

Fire had broken out in the barn, where a feed mill was being operated by a tractor. The firemen responded promptly, but the blaze spread so rapidly that the barn was soon a settling mass of flames. The men operating the feed mlil, after giving the alarm, devoted their attention toward releasing a team of horses that was tied to the fence in the barn yard. So quickly had flames enveloped the barn the men could not reach the horses, but by throwing stones at them forced them to break loose, and the animals were rescued. One of the horses was badly burned on the back.

The firemen were powerless to check the flames, that spread to the machine shed and hog house, but succeeded in saving the dwelling.

The barn, machine shed and hog house were totally destroyed causing a loss estimated at $5,000. There was an insurance of $3,000 on the barn, $225 on the machine shed, and $75 on the hog house in the Farmers' & Mechanics' Insurance Association of Cecil County.

This is the second time fire has visited the farm, a barn on the same site having been destroyed by fire forty-one years ago. The farm was then owned by the late Edward Cather.

Stills Destroyed In Delaware

Inspectors of the Delaware Liquor Commission seized and destroyed 47 stills and made 217 arrests on charges of violation of the State Liquor Act during the year from Dec. 1, 1937, to Dec. 1, 1938.

Six of the stills were in New Castle County, 10 in Kent County, and 31 in Sussex County.

During the previous year period 53 stills were seized and destroyed and in the year before that, 78 stills. In the period from June 14, 1933, to Dec. 6, 1934, a total of 53 stills were destroyed.

Inspectors arrested 110 persons in Kent and Sussex Counties and 107 in New Castle County and Wilmington during the year.

Convictions were 59.30 per cent of the total number of arrests in state courts with 28 cases still pending. In federal courts convictions were 86 per cent of the arrests with 36 cases pending.

Democratic Campaign Expenses

It cost Maryland Democrats more than a quarter of a million dollars to nominate and elect a United States Senator, a Governor and six Representatives in Congress, figures made public revealed.

Expenditures were divided as follows: $99,241 spent by the Maryland Democratic Advisory Campaign Committee in the recent general election.

$88,674.13 spent in behalf of Senator Tydings to obtain his nomination.

$69,263.07 spent in behalf of Attorney General O'Conor to obtain his nomination as Governor.

Suit For Divorce

Mrs. Elsie M. Boulden of Cecilton district, through her counsel, E. D. E. Rollins of Elkton, has docketed suit in the Circuit Court at Elkton against her husband, J. Bennett Boulden, asking for an absolute divorce on the grounds of abandonment. The plaintiff alleges desertion and abandonment.

The court has passed an order requiring the defendant to appear in court in person or by solicitor on or before Jan. 11 to show cause why a decree ought not be passed.

Bond Issue Sold

The Commissioners of Cecil County have sold to Alexander Brown of Baltimore, a $400,000 bond issue at 101. The bonds are 20 year maturity. The net cost to the county is about 2 percent.

The money will be used to build school houses at Cecilton, Chesapeake City, Perryville, Court House and jail remodeling. The total bonded indebtness of the county is about $700,000.

Haled before Police Justice Geo. L. Ewing of Rising Sun, Marshall Ragan, Jr., aged 13 years, of near Conowingo, was committed to the Maryland Training School for Boys, at Lock Haven, until he is 21 years of age. The charge against young Ragan was habitual truancy from school.

Personal And Social

Mrs. J. M. Holden is spending some time in Media, Pa.

R. A. Grambing, of Philada., visited his sister-in-law, Miss M. Lidie Stewart, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Job W. Kirk were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Reynolds, Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cameron, of Freehold, New Jersey, were weekend visitors of the former's father, Jesse T. Cameron.

Miss Ruth Bannister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bannister, Liberty Grove, and Mr. Rowland Garvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Garvin, Colora, were quietly married at Chestertown, on October 15.

The Rev. Frank White, of Rising Sun, announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Edith Frances White, to Mr. Mark Walker, of Richardson Park, Del. The wedding will take place in the M. E. Church at Rising Sun, on Dec. 26 at 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reynolds, Indianapolis, Ind., were visitors this week of relations in the neighborhood. Mrs. Annie Mrshall, Miss Mary Reynolds and Miss Estella Reynolds returned to Rising Sun with them, after a visit of some weeks in Indianapolis.

Miss Rachel C. Beers, daughter of Mrs. George Beers and the late Mr. Beers, of near Fair Hill, and Mr. Earl D. Racine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Racine, of Elkton, were quietly married at Elkton M. E. parsonage on Thanksgiving morning. The bride wore a princess model of wine velvet with wine accessories. The happy couple will be at home near Childs, this county.

Wedding Anniversaries

Two venerable Harford county couples observed notable anniversaries last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Wileman, quietly observed their 51st wedding anniversary at their home in Havre de Grace, on Wednesday, November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pyle, of near Fawn Grove, quietly observed their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary on Monday, November 28th. Mrs. Pyle observed her eighty-eighth birthday on July 28 and Mr. Pyle celebrated his 89th birthday on June 13th. In spite of their advanced age, both are enjoying good health.

Fund For Christian Education

Richard K. Mellon, president of the Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., has acepted appointment as treasurer of the $10,000-000 Sesquicentennial Fund for Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. This appointment was made in Philada., at the meeting of the Board of Christian Education of this Church.

The purpose of this Sesquicentennial Fund is to increase the efficiency of 53 Presbyterian colleges and secondary Schools, of which West Nottingham Academy is one, and 52 Presbyterian centers at state and independent universities in the interest of the welfare of the nation.

"Free education in a free state and the separation of Church and state must be kept inviolate in America, and only a well educated citizenship can accomplish this," said Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, who as acting general secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, is directing the Board's efforts to raise the $10,000,000 Fund.

Luncheon And Christmas Party

The December meeting of the Ladies Aid was held in the basement of the M. E. Church, with a covered dish luncheon and and Christmas party, about 54 members and invited guests being present. The tables were lovely with their Christmas decorations, and abundance of good things to eat. At roll call each one responded with a reading, or recitation, and each received a gift from "Santa Claus". A very enjoyable time was had by everyone. The hostesses for the meeting were, Mrs. Beatrice Patten, Mrs. Clara Garrison, Mrs. Clara Keen, Mrs. M. McCardle, Mrs. J. Gorrell, Mrs. Irene Pierce, Mrs. Emma Ferguson, Miss Lizzie Kirk, Mrs. Lizzie Burkins.

Dr. R. W. Wheeler, New York City, one of the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, will speak at the 11 o'clock service at West Nottingham Church, Sunday, Dec. 11th. Dr. Wheeler is a world traveler, at home in five continents, and for many years was connected with Nanking University, China. It will be a privilege to hear him.

Christmas For The Needy

Organizations Will Help Bring Good Cheer To Some Of The Less Fortunate

A group of representatives from several clubs and organizations met last week in Elkton to discuss plans for Christmas for the needy families in the County. The aim was to formulate a plan whereby as many families as possible would have Christmas cheer, and to prevent duplication and overlapping among the different organizations. Each club will continue to plan, as usual, for the families in which they are interested. It was also decided that one person in the community would act as a clearing house for Christmas giving in his community. This person will keep a list of persons in the community who will need assistance at Christmas time and to whom such assistance will be aceptable.

The following were appointed to act in securing information and arranging for distribution of Christmas supplies to the needy:

Cecilton and Earleville, Mrs. Robert Kennedy, Cecilton 42F12; Chesapeake City, Mrs. Lewis Blanchfield, Chesapeake City 2751; Elkton, Mrs. A. Victor Davis, Elkton 258R; North East, Mrs. John Voshell, North East 98; Cherry Hill, Mrs. Morris Egnor, Elkton 10F21; Leeds, Childs and Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Olive Bouchelle, Elkton 16F14; Perryville, Mrs. Willard Wilson, Perryville 3331; Charlestown, Miss Helen Frederick; Colora, Miss Bertha Balderston, Rising Sun 15D; Fairhill and Providence, Mrs. Henry Dunsmore; Warwick, Mrs. Edgar Bishop, Warwick 268R11; Rowlandsville, Mrs. Howard Griest, Port Deposit 3071; Liberty Grove, Mrs Ernest Rowland, Rising Sun 5X; Port Deposit, Mrs. Frank Clapp, Port Deposit 2481; Rising Sun, Mrs. Earl Tyson, Rising Sun 40A; Elk Mills, Miss Mary E. Kay, Elkton 20F14.

Maryland Outdoor Life Federation

The Maryland Outdoor Life Federation was established in 1934, for the purpose of coordinating and stimulating the efforts of conservation, civic, scientific, and outdoor organizations in this state in the interests of outdoor life privileges and the natural resources of the State of Maryland. Since the first convention in 1934 two others have been held, each having an increased interest.

Consisting as it does, of fifty-eight affiliated groups, the Maryland Outdoor Life Federation is representative of practically every phase of conservation interests found in our state.

Originally, the Federation relied solely upon voluntary contributions by individuals or organizations for support, but today, having successfully staged the spectacular 1938 North American Sports, Garden and Outdoor Life Show, it has been possible to broaden its activities and is now operating largely through the funds raised through the show.

It was at the 1937 convention of the Federation that is was decided to stage the Outdoor Life Show as a method of arousing the public mind to the need for conservation. This event, which was held in the Fifth Regiment Armory last Feburary, met with such unprecedented success that the Federation is now arranging another show for February 17 to 25, 1939.

The Maryland Outdoor Life Federation is one of the few self-sustaining conservation organizations in the United States which does not depend upon contributions for support. Already the benefits of the 1939 Outdoor Life Show are being felt in Maryland. Early in June a committee of the Federation began to prepare the Coordinated Conservation Program to promote a more intelligent use of the natural resources of Maryland. This program has been formulated and distributed widely throughout Maryland and is now being drafted into a bill to be presented at the next session of the Legislature. The Federation also cooperates with each of its member organizations in lending assistance in furthering the particular interest in any section of the State.

The officers of the Federation are: Honorary president, M. E. Towner; president, H. Lee Hoffman; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. A. Bridges, Mrs. W. T. Hamilton, John P. Corcoran, Clarence C. Carty; secretary. Granville C. Swope; treasurer, F. C. Gajawski.

Membership in the Maryland Outdoor Life Federation consists of organizations, associations and governmental agencies in the State of Maryland, interested in the Outdoor Life privileges and resources.