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Legislation Passed By General Assembly

Industrial And Judiciary Reforms, Budget Balancing --Other Achievements

Annapolis, April 10—The 1939 Legislature is history, but its accomplishments will live on, to help or plague the State, in proportion to the soundness or lack of soundness incorporated in the more than 700 bills that were passed, and are now awaiting the signature of Governor Hebert O'Conor

That Governor O'Conor considers the work of the legislators well done, is evidenced by definite statement, after a review of the administration—sponsored and other legislation passed, that: "I consider that the General Assembly of 1939 has written upon the statute books of this state more sound and progressive legislation than has ever before been enacted in one session in the history of Maryland."

Governor O'Conor at the same time paid tribute to the members of the General Assembly for their conscientious service, in which he included the members of the minority party who in many instances, he declared, disregarded party considerations in supporting what they thought best for the State.

Improved Industrial Relations

There should be cause for genuine satisfaction, contends Governor O'Conor, over the passage of labor legislation affecting relations between employers and employees, not least among which is the changed set-up in the office of the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics. This official must now give his full time to the duties of his office, and the new legislation will assure improved functioning of the office in the adjustment of disputes between workers and employers.

Reorganization of the State Industrial Accident Commission will insure prompt consideration and decision upon workmen's claims. Under the new law there will be three associate members of the Commission, each authorized to hear and determine cases arising under the Workmen's Compensation Law, which will make it possible to conduct more frequent hearings in various parts of the State. Heretofore, such hearings had to wait until a majority of the Commission could be present.

The Workmen's Compensation Law also has been amended so as to provide benefits for those who contract occupational diseases by reason of their employment. This will greatly increase the number of persons to receive the benefits of the Compensation Law. The enactment of these changes carries out the campaign pledge made by Governor O'Conor, and will operate to the advantage of a great number of workers who hitherto have not received protection under the law. Laws providing for greater safety measures in mines, and for better inspection of mine weights and measures, also will help this large class of workers in the western part of the State.

Judicial Reforms Accomplished

From a county standpoint abolition of the old justice of the peace system with magistrates paid on the obsolete fee method, and substitution of some 75 trial magistrates, located at convenient points throughout the counties, and paid by the various counties, will bring lasting benefits to the State, Governor O'Conor is convinced. By the sharp reduction in the number of such magistrates, and by the salaries to be paid the new magistrates, Governor O'Conor is confident a much higher calibre of magistrates can be found, with consequent benefit to every citizen of the State.

Fiscal Program Important

The most vital problem that faced the state at the outset of his administration, in Governor O'Conor's opinion, was that of reestablishing the State's finances on a sound foundation. To do this involved seven distinct major undertakings, to wit:

1st: The adoption of a budget which would appropriate sufficient funds to meet all actual Governmental necessities, but would eliminate all non-essentials:

2nd: Abandonment of the practice of borrowing to meet current obligations.

3rd: Restoration in full to the roads system of the counties and the State of the $3,800,000 a year which has, for some years, been diverted to meet the costs of other activities.

4th: Recognition of the State's obligation in the matter of general public assistance, old-age assistance, aid to the blind and to dependent children, etc., and further recognation of the inescapable fact that the

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Personal And Social

The Cecil County Anglers' Club is to be reorganized to include hunting of all kinds of game.

A. E. Drennen of North East, suffered the fracture of two ribs, caused by a fall last Thursday morning in front of the Cecil Garage.

A general meeting was held at North East on Wednesday evening, April 12, for the reorganization of the Cecil County Baseball League.

Mayor Henry H. Mitchell of Elkton has purchased the Booth farm just outside Elkton town limits. He will plant the farm in asparagus this season.

The Realey store property, on West Main Street, in Elkton, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. David Haines. The property adjoins hatt of Mr. and Mrs. Haines.

Fishermen in the Susquehanna river and upper Bay reaches report a few fancy glut herring being caught, but no shad. The run of herring is looked for this week.

George Webb, a 51-year-old Negro who was serverly burned several days ago while burning brush at his home near Perrymans, died Friday in the Havre de Grace Hospital.

Ralph and Theodore Watson, two young Chesapeake City boys were given a hearing before magistrate W. C. Miller, of Elkton charged with breaking into Peeper's store, Chespeake City, and held under bail for the Grand jury.

The present board of Town Commissioners of Port Depost were reelected last week, only a small number of votes having been cast for Robert L. Stebbings, Frank C. Poist, James O. Carson, Joseph Duke, C. T. Kimble, and Edward Trowbridge. There was no opposition.

Easter dawned on a landscape that had more the appearance of midwinter than spring. The ground was white with snow, and a cold wind made heavy coats more desirable than light spring raiment. The sun dissipated the snow as the day wore along, but the air retained its penetrating chill.

Employment Figures

A reduction in the amounts paid unemployed men in March was a partial reflection of increased business activity, William M. Maloy, chairman of the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board, reports.

Payments last month were $571,300, compared to $633,192 in February, Mr. Maloy added. Increased employment reduces the number of claims for the weekly payments made to jobless workers, it was explained.

"There has been more employment in some industries," the chairman said, "and in some lines there has been a marked improvement," Total payments for the first quarter of this year were $1,830,275, compared to $2,398,902 for the first quarter of last year.

Auto Tag Receipts

A total of 321,079 automobile license tags, which were issued by last March 31, yielded the State $3,138,739, it was announced at the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

At the same time last year, 304,061 plates had been issued, producing only $2,919,117.

Last year approximately 410,000 vehicles were registered. This number is expected to be exceeded this year.

Annual Meeting And Luncheon

The Women's Democratic Club of Cecil County will hold its annual luncheon and spring meeting in the Ritz Hotel, Elkton, May 3, at one o'clock. Mrs. McFadden, newly elected State President, and Mrs. Collins, Eastern Shore Chairman, will be guests of the Club and speak on current political topics. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Town Meeting

The annual Town Meeting will be held in the Public Hall, Rising Sun, Md., on Tuesday evening, April 25th, at eight o'clock. All citizens are cordially invited to be present.

The Commissioners
of Rising Sun

Klan Members Celebrate

Elk Klan No. 23, celebrated its 16th anniversary Tuesday evening, April 11th in Jr. O. U. A. M. hall at Childs. Regional director J. L. Hoskin spoke. Visitors from Baltimore, Washington, as well as local units were present.

The Cecil County Children's Aid Society

The twelfth annual meeting of Cecil County Children's Aid will be held at the Episcopal Parish House, Elkton, on Friday, April 14, at 2:30 p. m.

Hackett Turner, State's Attorney for Queen Anne county, will be the principal speaker. Miss Jane Coffin, worker in charge, will also speak.

Mr. Turner will stress the need of a juvenile court.

Miss Katherine Kirwan, the organization's executive secretary, from Baltimore will speak briefly on the accomplishments during the past year, and the expections for the future.

After the yearly reports are read, and the field worker's service record is considered, the local group will elect officers, and tea will be served with Mrs. Standley Evans in charge.

Miss Coffin and Miss Bertha Balderston, secretary of the Cecil county group, unite in asking all members to be present as there are several matters of urgent importance to come up.

Open House At Elk Neck Park

Elk Neck Park included Easter Sunday in its open house program.

Feeling that Wednesday, April 5th, did not offer ample opportunity to the majority of the people in this community to inspect the CCC Camp and Park Projects authorities at The Elk Neck State Park Camp issued an invitation to the public to visit the Camp on Easter Sunday April 9th.

Army, Technical and enrollee personal were on duty to point out features of the Camp and project activities. Visitors inspected the "White Banks" development to see the picnic areas, parking areas, trails and vistas, constructed for public use. Picnic tables and fireplaces are being constructed and placed in areas, and will be ready for use this summer by local community and tourists.

Firemen Respond To Calls

Tuesday afternoon Rising Sun firemen were called to Porters Birdge to help fight a grass fire in a field, that threatened farm buildings. The fire was extinguished before it reached the buildings.

A few minutes before five o'clack Wednesday morning, the firemen were rauted out of their beds and hurried to the Eric Johnson mill property near Calvert.

A wagon shed, close to the mill, was on fire. Chemicals were used and the fire extinguished before it had gained headway. The damage was not great. It is thought the fire was caused by some tramp who sought shelter from the rain, and was careless while smoking.

Elkton Public Park

At the annual meeting of the Eder Park Association the following board of managers was elected:

G. Reynolds Ash, J. Frank Frazer, John E. Gonce, Mrs. I. D. Davis, Mrs. Charles E. Gatchell, Miss Grace Price, W. Sterling Evans, Henry H. Mitchell, Capt. Russell M. George, and William M. Fowler.

Mr. Gonce was elected president; Mrs. Davis, treasurer, and Mr. Evans, secretary.

Officers Dynamite Moonshine Plant

Receiving a tip that a still was being established in a woods in the West Nottingham section, federal officers last week wrecked the plant with dynamite before it got started. A 200-gallon still, some mash in a vat, were destroyed. No one was on the property at the time. The owner of the woods was not aware that his woods was being used for such purpose.

Japanese Beetle Control

In response to a call issued by County Agent J. Z. Miller a meeting was held in the Court House at Elkton on Monday evening, to discuss Japanese beetle control measures.

Dr. George S. Langford, specialist in the Insect Control Department, University of Maryland, was present and discussed the subject.

The Federal and State governments have agreed to stand half the cost for beetle traps which can be procured at 55 cents per trap.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Stauffer of Wilmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Grace Elizabeth Stauffer to Mr. Charles Biggers of Elsmere, son of Mr. Harry Biggers of Childs, Cecil County. The wedding will take place in the summer.

Goldsborough Takes Leave Of House

Rep. T. Alan Goldsborough ended his service in the House on April 5, and was sworn in as an associated Justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia.

Before handing his resignation to Speaker Bankhead, the veteran Maryland Representative addressed the House for an hour defending the Administration's fiscal policies, including the mounting national debt.

Mr. Goldsborough expressed no fear that "The United States is in any danger of any sort of dicatorship, is in danger of any sort of bankruptcy, is in any danger of any sort of failure in its credit, in any danger of inflation or is in any danger of any condition which is not better than the condition which has existed in this country since 1932."

At the close of Mr. Goldsboroughs' remarks, a number of House leaders on both sides of the Chamber paid high tribute to the retiring Marylander.

Shortly after Mr. Goldsborough concluded his address and tendered his resignation to Speaker Bankhead, he was host at a luncheon in the Speakers' dining room to a large delegation from Caroline County and other sections of the eastern shore.

Easter Appropriately Observed

Easter was observed on Sunday in all of our Churches with beautiful, impressive services and special music, appropriate to the sacredness of the occasion.

Despite the snow-covered ground and chilly blasts, a large number of worshipers assembled at Tome School, Port Deposit, where an inspiring sunrise service was held, under direction of the Youth Division of the Cecil County Council of Churches and Christian Education.

Elkton Still Popular As Marriage Mart

Records of the office of Clerk of Court at Elkton show that the old town at the head of the Elk is still popular with eloping couples, despite the new law, which requires forty-eight hours to elapse between the time of the issuance of the license and the marriage cermony.

Since the first of the year, 688 marriage licenses have been issued, March hving been the highest with 249.

Only one person needs to appear to apply for a license, and if the applicant doesn't wish to return for it, the bureau will mail the license to him. He may bring his own minister to perform the cermony, if he wishes.

Bata Shoe Company

The Harford county papers report that the Bata Shoe Company will start construction of a large shoe manufacturing plant at Belcamp, that county, at an early date, as large shipments of machinery are being received from the company's plant in Czecho-Slovakia.

The company has been buying land in Harford county for the past several years. Most of the land at the head of Bush River and Church Creek has been acquired by the company, which has been the largest manufacturers of shoes in the world.

It is understood that recent developments in that country since its invasion by Germany, have brought to a head plans for the construction of the Harford county factory.

High School Play

The Senior Class of Rising Sun High School will present their annual play, "Hold Everything," in three acts, on Friday evening, April 14, at eight o'clock. The admission is 40 cents for adults, and 25 cents for high school pupils and children.

Arrested For Impersonating Officer

Ralph Fisher, a young farm worker residing near Elkton, was arrested by Sheriff David J. Randolph on a charge of impersonating an officer and attempted robbery after he is alleged to have forced his way into the home of Mrs. Laura Ritchie at Iron Hill. He failed to get any valuables.

When taken into custody he is alleged to have been wearing a special officer's badge on his coat and carrying a revolver. He is locked up in jail awaiting a hearing.

Nothing is more expensive than the things that are presented to us.

Briefly Noted News

Miss Miriam Williams, Teachers College, Towson, was home over Easter.

Miss M. Lidie Stewart is spending sometime with Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. John A. Baker, of Baltimore, visited her sister Mrs. J. C. Hindman, Sr.

Miss Hope Reynolds, of the University of Maryland, was home for the Easter holiday.

Miss Mary Rawlings, Baltimore, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rawlings.

Ray Shingler, of the High School faculty, spent the Easter holiday at his home in Altoona, Pa.

Miss Ruth Biles, of Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa., spent Easter at her home in Rising Sun.

Mrs. A. E. Brown visited her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Schultz, in Lancaster, Pa., during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Barker, and family, of Baltimore, were guests of their aunt, Mrs. J. C. Hindman, Sr.

Miss Catherine Etter, Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., spent Easter with her parent, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Etter.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Flounders, of Wilmington, were visitors of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Flounders during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman and son Marlin, Jr., of Easton Md., spent the Easter vacation period with Mr. and Mrs. Job W. Kirk.

Misses Ruth and Adeleen Wilson, Hood College, Frederick, Md., spent the Easter vacation with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson.

Miss Catherine Keilholtz, of Teachers College, Salisbury, enjoyed the Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Keilholtz.

Miss Gertrude Buck, of Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., accompanied by three classmates, enjoyed the Easter vacation period at her home in Rising Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lodge, Miss Betty Jordan, La Jolla, California; Mrs. William Workman, daughter Adalaide, Mt. Joy, Pa., Mrs. Mary Cherry, Mrs. Clara B. Keen, Miss Louise Worthington were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cherry.

Rev. and J. B. Dickerson moved from Hillcrest, Del., to the M. E. Parsonage here on Thursday last. The new pastor and wife were tendered a reception in the Sunday school rooms of the church on Wednesday evening of this week.

McIntire--Jenkins

Miss Annie S. McIntire of Elkton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McIntire, was married to Mr. Rolla David Jenkins of Penn Hill, Pa., son of Mrs. David Jenkins, on Wednesday afternoon, April 5, at the home of Ralph Jenkins, Elkton, by the Rev. M. Letbetter, pastor of the Havre de Grace Baptist Church.

Vaughan--Loraine

Mr. and Mrs. William Vaughan of Chesapeake City announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alice M. Vaughan, to Mr. I. Leighton Loraine of Norfolk, Va., son of Mrs. Willie R. Loraine of Chesapeake City, and the late Mr. T. N. Loraine, Senor.

The wedding took place in Norfolk on Sept. 3, 1938, at the parsonage of the M. E. Church, South, the Rev. H. Calloway Roberston officiating. The coupe was unattended.

Nesbitt--Devine

Miss Vera R. Devine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Devine of West Nottingham and G. Leroy Nesbitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Nesbitt of Colora, were quietly married on Saturday evening, 8:00 o'clock, at the home of Rev. T. P. McKee, near Aiken. They were attended by Miss Anna M. Pyle and Mr. John E. Tyson, of Rising Sun.

The bride was attired in a traveling suit of blue, with corsage of pink sweet peas.

Sunday, at the home of the bride's parents a wedding dinner was served, the guests including, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Devine and the wedding couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall and son, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ramsey, Miss Anna M. Pyle, William Simcoe and John E. Tyson.

Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt will reside at Harrisville.

The bride has been employed at the Marker Beauty Parlor, in this town, and the groom at Meadow Rock Dairy, Harrisville.

It's surprising how many friends you have when they need you.

Road Fund Allotment For Counties

Lateral Gasoline Tax Receipts To Be Released If Measure Passed Is Signed

Lateral gasoline tax receipts totaling $357,254 will be released immediately to the counties if a bill passed by the Legislature is signed by Governer O'Conor.

This sum would be taken out of a $510,617 gas-tax reserve fund which has accumulated in the last two fiscal years. The reserve fund represents collection above those anticipated under the 1½-cent gas tax by former Governor Nice in his budget.

The sum Cecil county will receive if the Governor signs the measure is $15,576.

Another bill passed by the Legislature and now awaiting the Governor's signature would provide $40,000 for the Maryland Highway Planning Survey to complete its study of the State highway system.

The survey exhausted its funds last fall, but the State Road Commission provided additional sums so that a preliminary report on the roads could be submitted to the Legislature.

The $40,000, which would be taken out of the commission's maintenance and reconstruction funds, will enable the survey to make a final report with recommendations as to which projects should be undertaken in the future.

The survey, which has been financed partly by the Federal Government had spent approximately $363,000 in making its preliminary report.

Highway Safety Courses

High school safe driving courses, designed to stop accidents before they happen, have spread from one class in one school a year ago to classes in nineteen schools in three Eastern Shore counties, the State police report.

Superintendent E. F. Munshower, in the department's annual report, said that the number of fatal accidents, 313 in 1938, was thirty-one per cent. less than the 1937 toll.

"While the department does not attempt to claim the credit for the large reduction in fatal accidents during the past year," Munshower said, "we do feel that the illustrated safety talks and the publicity given to accident prevention work has materially aided in making the reduc possible."

The first course was given in the Wicomico High School by State Police Corporal C. E. Minnick in Mar. 1938, "as an experiment."

Munshower said it was "received with such approval by the school authorities" that it was extended to other high schools in Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties.

Legion Pageant And Electric Fountains

June 14-15-16-17 are the selected evenings for the tenth annual American Legion Pageant at Longwood Gardens, near Kennett Square, Pa., on U. S. Route 1. The theme is "Prunella," or "Love In A Dutch Garden," from the delightful story by Laurence Housman and Granville Barker. A community talent cast of two hundred will again be directed by John Warner Judd.

An added feature are the famous Longwood electric fountains including the curtain of water, stage fountains, fairyland display a city block in area, and the water falls with lake.

Capacity audiences in the beautiful duPont open-air theatre have enjoyed the previous Kennett Legion Pageants of Robin Hood, Rip Van Winkle, Ramona, Historic Delware, Story of Kennett, Arabian Nights, Building a Nation, Fantasy of Fairyland and Historic Chester County.

Advance reservations are necessary, and now received. For a free descriptive booklet, address: Legion Pageant, Kennett Square, Penna.

Auto Turns Over

Blinded by lights of an approaching car on a sharp curve between Conowingo and Darlington, Saturday night, three young men of Havre de Grace were seriously injured when a car they had borrowed, driven by Robert Hasson, turned over. The injured are Ellis Todd, John Grubb, and Vernon Gibson. Todd has a leg broken at the hip, Grubb a leg broken above the ankle and Gibson, broken ribs, cuts, and bruises. The car was wrecked.

It costs a dollar a minute to supply medical treatment to the inmates of Federal penitentiaries.