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New Era For Maryland Roads

Engineers And Others Commend The New State Roads Chairman

Annapolis, April 25—That Ezra B. Whitman, noted engineer who, by appointment of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, will become chairman of the State Roads Commission next Monday, will put the Maryland roads system back where it used to be, among the leaders of the nation, is the universal opinion of hundreds of telegrams and letters received at the State House within the past few days.

Furthermore, the appointment is hailed as a definite indication that "politics" is out, and "engineering experience and business ability" are in, in the matter of roads building in the State of Maryland from now on, just as Governor O'Conor promised so often during his campaign.

While Mr. Whitman's associates on the Roads Commission have not been announced as yet by Governor O'Conor, the new set-up providing for representation (both from the Eastern Shore and from Western Maryland, assures that every section of the State will receive impartial consideration in the expenditure of the greatly increased sums that will be available for the maintenance, improvement and extension of the State's roads during the coming four years. Particularly will this assurance be welcomed on the Eastern Shore, which has not had representation on the Roads body in recent years, and where road building and maintenance is alleged to have suffered greatly as a result.

No Gas Tax Diversion

Chairman Whitman's Commission will have as a starter for its construction and expansion program approximately $3,800,000 of gas tax monies that for some years past, have been diverted to meet the cost of other state activities, a practice bitterly condemned by Governor O'Conor in his pre-election speeches. With this amount restored to the roads system of the counties and the State, Maryland will have more money to spend on its roads for 1940 and 1941 than ever before in the history of the State", to quote from the most recent broadcast of Governor O'Conor.

The general feeling in informed road circles here and in Baltimore is that Governor O'Conor made a 'ten strike' in securing the consent of Mr. Whitman to head the Road body. Certainly, as more than one observer has expressed, there is no one in Maryland more fitted by training and experience for the post —no one who stands higher in the business and industrial life of the State—no one whose achievements and knowledge are respected more highly by his fellow engineers throughout the entire East.

Road Planning Most Important

Road building, they pointed out, has come to be infinitely more than laying a concrete base and topping it off with one or another approved surfacing. Intelligent road building today must plan intelligently for the future, must provide for the needs of ten and twenty years from now, and therefore must be planned with an eye to future traffic and population trends. The unsatisfactory condition of the present Baltimore-Washington Boulevard is cited as a striking example of failure to anticipate future needs. Many thousands of dollars were spent on it within recent years, only to result in an unsatisfactory situation that apparently cannot be remedied now. The only way out, it is alleged, is for the State to build another dual-lane highway between these two most important cities.

The Maryland Planning Commission, in its ten-year road plan for the State, points out clearly the many angles that must be considered if the roads that must be built now are not to be rendered obsolete in a comparatively short time. In the matter of roadside beautification, too, road planning takes on an entirely different complexion. Wider right-of-ways must be secured, at much greater cost, of course. Landscaping of roads has come to be most important. The matter of drainage, and erosion, already is giving roads authorities much concern along the new dual highways of the state. All of which makes it tremendously important that Maryland finally has secured a man as head of its roads construction and planning system who is fully abreast of these changed conditions, and is thoroughly fitted by experience and recognized engineering ability to give the State the utmost in permanent value for every dollar of the millions his Commission will expend

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Personal And Social

Thirty-four head of cattle perished in a fire on the property of George A. Amos, of near Street, Harford county, on Sunday morning.

Calvert Ladies Aid Society will serve a Rock Fish Supper in Rose Bank Hall on Thursday evening, May 11. First table at 5:30 o'clock.

J. Groom Steele has resigned as tax assessor in the Second district, and Ralph Reese, of Chesapeake City, appointed to the vacancy by the County Commissioners.

The War Department held up work on the new Susquehanna river bridge last week, pending the approval of plans for the permanent construction of pier work in the river.

Joseph Kemether has sold his 102 acre farm in the Calvert section of Cecil County to Q. F. Rash of Fountian Green, who will take possession May 1.

Boats belonging to George Lee and C. W. Drew, on the shore along the creek at Old Conowingo were destroyed by fire last week. It is thought the fire was of incendiary origin.

The annual banquet of Cecil County Jersey Cattle Club will be held Friday evening, April 28, at the Elkton High School. The dinner will be served by the ladies of the P. T. A.

Richard Wood, Philadelphia, who spent most of the winter in Europe in the interest of peace, addressed the Cecil County League of Women Voters' Wednesday afternoon at the Elkton High School.

Mrs. Maggie Pennell, aged 82 years, of Nottingham, Pa., is a patient in Coatesville Hospital. She suffered a fracture of the hip by an accidental fall from a second story window of her home.

William of Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds, of near town, left this week for Salisbury, Md., where he will be given a tryout for second base on the Salisbury team of the Eastern Shore League.

Ralph Burlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos M. Burlin, Port Deposit, Md., was recently initiated to Sigma Nu, social fraternity. Burlin is a freshman and is majoring in Chemical Engintering, at the University of Maryland.

The Chamber of Commerce of North East has been notified by the Committe of Rivers and Harbors that favorable action has been taken on the proposal to dredge the head of the Northeast River for a yacht basin.

Chesapeake City town election will be held May 1st. Chas. A. Kirk is candidate for Mayor, with no opposition. William Cooling, Geo. Gorman and Harry Kilber are candidates for Commissioners. two of whom are to be elected.

The Perryville Burial Association has elected Elmore H. Owens, president for the ensuing year; S. R. Harris, vice-president; L. F. Sanders, secretary-treasurer. The association has a membership of 300, with 25 on the waiting list.

The Goodwill Club of Elkton entertained at the country home of the Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Dixon, near that town, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs Amanda Bryson, vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Keithley, secretary, Mrs. Arthur Purner, treasurer, Mrs. John Jones.

Officers at the Havre de Grace race track last week arrested a man attempting to steal a car parked at the track. The man, who identified himself as Roderick H. Benout, was given a hearing before Magistrate G. Howlett Cobourn and sentenced to one year in the House of Correction.

Wins Trip To Seashore

Miss Mary Alden Hopkins, daughter of J. T. C. Hopkins, Port Deposit banker, is the essayist winner of the Atlantic City trip offered by Group 3 of the Maryland State Bankers Association.

Besides getting the trip with the bankers to their Atlantic City convention in May, Miss Hopkins will have a chance to vie with five other high school seniors in a state-wide essay contest for a scholarship worth $1,000 offered by the state association.

Miss Hopkins is a senior in the high school at Port Deposit and competed with seniors from other high schools of Cecil, Harford and Baltimore Counties with essays on "What Our Bank Means to Our Community."

Officers elected at the meeting of the bankers held Saturday night at Kingsville, Harford County, are as follows:

Chairman, Charles B. Silver. Havre de Grace; vice-chairman, Samuel Streett of Baltimore County; secretary-treasurer, J. Lawrence Gilbert, Havre de Grace; delegate to the state bankers' convention, Dr. R. G. Underwood of North East.

Children's Aid Society Drive For Funds

The campaign to raise a fund of $3000 for the Children's Aid Society of Cecil County will be in charge of Dr. J. W. Albinson, of Elkton, and will get under way May 1st.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Standley Evans, president; Edwin S. Dorcus, vice president; Bertha Balderston, secretary; Rev. J. W. Albinson, treasurer, and Mrs. A. Constable, Jr., assisant treasurer.

In his campaign, Dr. Albinson stated that an attempt will be made for a house to house canvas to each district and if everyone will contribute what he is able, even ten cents or smaller, if that is all one can give, the goal will be easily reached.

Dr. Albinson is desirous of concluding the campaign by May 31st and has asked that anyone missed by the collectors mail contributions direct to him.

Miss Jane A. Coffin, the new field worker in the Cecil county district, in her report submitted at the annual meeting, stated there are 42 children under care of the organization in Cecil County. Thirty-two are in foster homes where board is paid for them by the society, and the other ten are being cared for in homes of relatives or other free homes.

Dinner Meeting Of The Lions Club

At the dinner meeting of Rising Sun Lions Club, Thursday evening last, at the Village Restaurant, a discussion of Boy Scout Troop 28, sponsored by the Club, occupied a greater portion of the business session. Following this Mr. R. Uhler, of Baltimore, Supervisor of Agents of Maryland Division of the Pennsylvania Raidroad Company, gave a talk on the conditions facing the railroads in our country at the present time. Mr. Uhler presented in a concise and interesting manner intimate facts gleaned through years of service the railroad business.

His presentation of the handicaps confronting the great rail systems, under strict regulatory provisions, and compelled to maintain their own trackage, in competition with the present day gigantic trucking systems that have grown up and are permitted to use our improved roadways without any cost of up-keep, brought home in a convincing manner one of the salient reasons contributing to the loss of business of the rail carriers of today.

The speaker stressed the importance of railroads in the development of our country, and the part these immense systems play in the employment of labor, and their far-reaching influence in every branch of our business world.

Anglers Form Rod And Gun Club

The Cecil County Anglers Club has merged and formed a new organization to be known as the Cecil County Rod and Gun Club.

Theodore Brown of Rising Sun, will head the new club as president with the following officers: Vice-president, Frank Harris, Perryville; secretary, Clifford Pyle; treasurer, Charles Jeffers, Sr., Elkton. These officers will serve on the board of directors with Dr. James F. Magraw, Perryville; Oliver Lamber, Port Deposit; Sherman Marcus, Elkton; Horace B. Lilly, Elkton; John Shaffer, Chesapeake City.

Crushed By Log

Andrew Strong, aged 52 years, of Conowingo, employed at the sawmill of Samuel Fitzgerald, Porters Bridge, was fatally injured about four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, while assisting in loading a log on a truck. The big log, estimated to weigh 1500 pounds, slipped, striking the unfortunate man and crushing him terribly.

He was placed in an auto and hurried to the office of Dr. R. C. Dodson, in this town, but died while enroute.

Over Two Hundred High School Graduates

The Board of Education has released the prospective list of graduates at the county high schools of over 200. The date for the graduation exercises was set as June 15, by the School Board.

Elkton high school has the largest graduating class, 56; Rising Sun is second with 47; North East third with 39; Cecilton 17, Perryville 16, Chesapeake City 10, Calvert 9, Kenmore 4, Elkton, Colored. 12.

Jury Award For Road Right Of Way

The condemnation suit of the State Road Commission against Ira B. Moore for a strip of land from his farm on the Elkton-Glasgow Road for the proposed new dual highway from the Delaware line to Elkton resulted in a jury verdict of $9,600 for the defendent. The trial lasted two days in the Cecil Circuit Court, Mr. Moore had asked $18,000, but the State Roads Commission offered him $5,000. An expert testifying for the state, placed the value of the land wanted at $4,500.

The State Roads Commission has filed another suit in the Cecil County Court for condemnation of the property of the Order of the Divine Savior, a Wisconsin corporation, for land desired for the new highway which will pass through the farm of the church property known as Holly Hall, a half mile from Elkton.

The property is being held by the order as a school for the education of young men to the priesthood. It is bound on the west by the Jessup & Moore Paper Company land and the farm of William Selby.

Homemakers Recreational Program

The first recreational night was held Monday, April 24, at Calvert High School, by Mrs. Clinton England, Calvert, Chairman of Committee III, according to Helen Irene Smith, Home Demonstration Agent.

The main feature for the spectators was a skit called "A Night in Dixie". Some of those taking part were: Mr. Claud Buck, Mr. Edgar Thompson, H. Fitzgerald, Betty England, Grace Ewing, Felty Brothers, Virginia Yerkes, Abraham's orchestra, a group of Colora singers, and Miss Jane Howard of North East.

From 8 to 9 a social hour was held featuring a singing contest, Virginia Reel and What's My Mame. Mrs. Allee MacMamee gave a reading. Mrs. Raymond Everitt of Lewisville had charge of this hour.

The 4-H Club of Calvert served the refreshments.

Mrs. La Berta Everist, of Liberty Grove, acted as hostess for the evening of fun. Mrs. Helen Owens was pianist for the evening.

Fire At Holloway Beach

Fire at Holloway Beach near Charlestown, on Monday morning, swept through storage houses and bath houses, doing property damage to the extent of $2,000. Firemen from North East, Perryville and Havre de Grace battled with the flames, which destroyed the large frame pavilion, amusement midway, and several concession stands.

Water was pumped from the Northeast River in an attempt to control the blaze, but two bath houses were the only structures in the area which were not burned.

Elkton firemen were called on to battle a stubborn fire, early Monday morning, that damaged the storage house of Earl Eder, in the business section of the town, near the Court House. Damage to the extent of about $500 was done.

Director Of Tome School Resigns

Charles J. Keppel, whose threatened ouster as director of Tome Institute, Port Deposit, 18 months ago caused a student strike, has resigned and will leave the school May 1.

The trustees have appointed Frederick Hemry acting Director of the Institute. Mr. Hemry has been head of the Modern Languages department for a number of years and active in the purchase of the Institute by the alumni.

Dr. Keppel has been connected with the school for about four years, coming to Tome from Cransbrook School, Detroit, Mich. He succeeded Dr. Rayfield Shortlidge.

Summer Temperatures

The good old summer time temperature this week, when the mercury has climbed clear up into the eighties, has brought the fruit trees out into bloom and caused trees and shrubbery to began putting forth leaves. And another sign of fast approaching summer is the hum of the lawn mower.

The Lady From Spain

Sponsored by the Lions Club Miss Imogene Warder will appear on the evening of Thursday, May 11, at the the Rising Sun High School Auditorium in costume dances and songs of Spain, and give a description of conditions in that war-torn country. The admission is 25 cents.

Briefly Noted News

Mrs. J. Earl Tyson, Mrs. W. E. Patten, Misses Genevieve Cecil and Peggy Tyson were Baltimore shoppers on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. R. Pogue, of Freehold, New Jersey, were week-end visitors at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue.

Dr. R. C. Dodson attended the meetings of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, in annual session in Baltimore on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawley, Mr. Mrs. Clifford Marker and Wanda Reynolds attended the funeral of Rev. Lopey, in Princeton, N. J., on Monday.

Mrs. Sara H. Wagner, who spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Melvin Thompson, in New York, returned to her home in Rising Sun on Sunday.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Thomas were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Cline, Mrs. Sarah E. Thomas, Philada.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore, of Havre de Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hovermill entertained on Sunday Wilfred Whitcraft and friend, of White Hall, Sunday was the sixth wedding anniversary of the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. James Plant who have resided at Chesapeake City for several years will sail shortly from New York for England. They will make that country their future home.

Week-end visitors of Mrs. Louise Brokaw were Miss Sara Brokaw, of Wilmington; Miss Rachel Rittenhouse, of Scranton, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wiley and son Dickson, of Baltimore.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hovermill during the week were Miss Doris Franklin, of Union, New Jersey, and Rev. Ralph Reed, of Newark, N. J., the latter a classmate of Mr. Hovermill at college.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Taylor, Oxford, announce the engagement of their daughter Frances Christine to Russell Howard Yaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Yaw, Glenroy. Mr. Yaw will graduate from Penn State College in June.

Rising Sun's oldest resident, Mrs. Rachael Campbell, quietly observed her 96th birthday on Saturday at her home on Wilson avenue. Mrs. Campbell is vigorous for a woman of her years. She was born near Rock Springs, and her entire life has been spent in Cecil county, where she has a host of friends.

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 Mr. and Mrs. David Jenkins, Wednesday afternoon, April 5, at the home of Ralph Jenkins, Elkton, by Rev. M. Letbetter, pastor of of the Havre de Grace Baptist Church.

The marriage of Mrs. Josephine Hagerty and Mr. Hugh Falls, of Port Deposit, took place Tuesday, April 11, in Virginia. For the present they will live at Mr. Fall's cottage near Carpenter's Point.

Payne--Wilson

The wedding of Miss Catherine Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Payne of Elkton, to Mr. Robert Wilson, of Baltimore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson of North East, took place April 15, 4 P. M., at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Frank Holland, Pastor of Moore's Chapel M. P. Church, performed the ceremony.

The birde wore Alice Blue with matching accessories and a corsage of Sweetheart Roses. She had as her attendant her sister, Mrs. Harry L. Wilson, Jr., who wore Aqua Blue with Japonica accessories and a corsage of Talisman Roses. Mr. Harry Hall of Wilmington, Del., was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will reside in Baltimore.

Kemp--Larsen

Miss Clara C. Kemp, daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Preston N. Kemp of Elk Mills, and Mr. Charles A. Larsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Larsen of New Port News, Va., were married Thursday night in the Bradbury Heights M. E. Church, Washington, by the Rev. Thomas B. Ehlers.

Mrs. Robert Manguin, sister of the bride, was her only attendant. Mr. G. Elliott Wilder was best man. Mrs. G. Elliott Wilder played the wedding music. A reception followed the ceremony. Relatives and friends from Wilmington and Elk Mills attended the wedding. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Larsen will be at home at 1225 Minnesota Avenue, Washington.

Methodists Merging Into One Group

Will End Hundred Year Split And Unite Eight Million Under One Head

The three great divisions of Methodism are closing the books on more than a century of schism to form the largest Protestant group in the United States.

It will be called The Methodist Church and it will operate under a new flag of democracy for Methodism.

The first meeting of the new church was held Wednesday at Kansas City, Mo. The plan of union is approved. The 900 delegates to that meeting are under orders to make it work.

United in the new set-up are:

The Methodist Episcopal Church (northern), 4,700,000 members.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, (south), 2,850,000 members.

The Methodist Protestant Church 200,000 members.

They give the united church close to 8,000,000 members, 50,000 churches and $800,000,000 worth of property.

Instead of a strong central ruling body, the church will have six jurisdictional areas, called conferences. Indeed, some have criticized that the union will be "six churches instead of three," but church leaders say almost every one is satisfied.

One Conference For Negroes

Two big obstacles stood in the way of harmony.

One was the Negro question, which split the North and South groups in 1844. The new church meets this question by providing that Negroes shall govern themselves as one of the six jurisdictional conferences. It overlaps other conferences. Some critics have called this segregation but unionists declare it is recognition.

The other big obstacle was the question of lay representation in church affairs. Up to 10 years ago the two episcopal groups were operated through small groups of parishes called "annual conferences." Bishops could serve anywhere, preachers received their assignments from the conferences, there was little lay representation.

That was why the Methodist Protestants split off—in 1828.

Hereafter, Methodist bishops will be elected to definite posts by a definite constituency (jurisdictional conferences). Laymen will have a voice in all conferences. Half the members of the general conference, the supreme church authority will be laymen.

This is the new democracy in Methodism.

Claims Marriage Law Tampered With

Charging Maryland's new marriage law had been altered between passage by the legislature and signing by the Governor, the Rev. J. P. Baker of Elkton petitioned for an injunction to prevent the clerk of the Cecil County Court from enforcing the law.

Mr. Baker said the clause requiring a $1 application fee for a marriage licenses was added to the bill after it was passed by the legislature.

Mr. Baker's bill of complaint filed in Cecil County Court also charged the bill interferes with his duties as a minister.

County Farm Bureau

The Cecil County Farm Bureau announces the election of its board of directors for the year as follows: David B. McDowel, Robert Baker, Edgar Bishop, L. Wicks Davis, Robert D. Sheldon, S. W. Caldwell, J. Hazel Price, John B. Astle, Murray H. Cameron, R. G. McDonald, Lloyd Balderston III, Walter Simmons, Gwynn Goodman, Mrs. J. B. Astle, Mrs. Lloyd Balderston, and Mrs. Atlee Armour. Mr. McDowell will head the organization as president.

Academy Students Present Play

The Dramatic Club of West Nottingham Academy, under direction of Mrs. J. Paul Slaybaugh, presented the three act farce "Breezy Money" in the high school autitorium here, on Friday evening last, to a good sized audience. The sketch was well received by the audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the play.

The Academy Glee Club of twenty members, and Orchestra of twelve pieces contributed greatly to the evening's entertainment, with their well-rendered selections.