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Survey Of C. & D. Canal Spans

Federal Engineers Will Study All Highway Bridges Over The Waterway

All highway bridges over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal are to be surveyed by federal engineers, at the request of the U. S. Senate Commerce Committee as an extension of a similar study and investigation of the type crossing at St. Georges.

A 60-day delay in the start of construction of a bridge at St. Georges to replace that destroyed by the freighter Waukegan, Jan. 16 may result from the extension survey.

In the meantime Delaware north-south highway traffic must continue to use a detour by Glasgow, Middletown, and Blackbird or by Delaware City, Reedy Point and Port Penn.

Engineers, working under the direction of Maj. C. W. Burlin, U. S. District Engineer, Philadelphia, are expected to complete the extended survey within at least 90 days.

At the request of U. S. Senator John G. Townsend, Jr., of Delaware, the Senate commerce committee adopted a resolution on March 28 requesting the War Department to apply the investigation to all highway bridges over the canal. This includes Reedy Point Bridge, Summit Bridge, and the Chesapeake City Bridge.

It was pointed out results of the survey would not necessarily mean any immediate changes in the structure of the other three bridges but would furnish information for future changes in accordance with increased highway and water traffic.

Summit Bridge is sufficiently high now to be satisfactory for many years to come, it is said, but Chesapeake City bridge is a recognized problem in the office of the U. S. district engineer because of its location, size, and closeness to the water.

Reedy Point Bridge is not considered a problem at present.

Army engineers explained that regardless of the delay caused by the extended survey, no work can be undertaken on the proposed bridge at St. Georges until the south tower is demolished.

Mayor Pollock, contractor of Pottstown, Pa., is now disassembling the tower. Work will be completed before the end of May.

Bata Shoe Company Starts Work In Harford

The site for the Bata Shoe Company, Inc., at Belcamp, Harford county, is being cleared and made ready for construction of a plant which is expected to be in production by fall.

Grading and draining of highways have been started to facilitate handling of materials. Offices of architects and engineers have been established on the site.

Upward of 10,000 persons may find employment in the plant. The ultimate plan comtemplates development of a complete, self-sustained community, with schools, hospitals and utility facilities and stores, theaters and churches.

The factory will be five stories high, providing approximately 75,000 square feet of floor space.

Construction of 10 one-family houses and 40 two family houses for operating personnel of the plant will start shortly.

Representatives last week requested the Board of Commissioners of Harford County to construct a three-quarter mile stretch of roadway from the Philadelphia Road to the site of the first group of proposed dwellings.

Employes also will be housed in residential structures in the 2000-acre tract, through which the Philadelphia Road passes and which extends down the Bush River.

The Bata concern, whose main factory is in Zlin in what was Czecho-Slovakia is one of the largest shoe manufacturing organizations in the world.

The firm began acquisition of the Harford County property, about six miles below Aberdeen, in 1933. Peyton B. Strobel & Co., of Havre de Grace, arranged for assenbling various parcels, totaling about 1,200 acres in itially. Subsequent the Bata interests increased these holdings.

Awarded Damages

A jury awarded $193.22 to Earl W. Ross, Quarryville, against C. J. Jamison, Willow Street, defendant in the suit, which was to recover $186.22, for damages to his auto in a collision with one operated by Jamison, near Quarryville last September. Interest was also awarded.

Briefly Noted News

A new concrete walk in front of the A. & P. store was laid on Tuesday.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Lodges of Elkton, will hold their annual carnival June 14 to 24, inc.

The 28 acre farm of Andrew D. Dean, near Elkton, has been purchased by John Krusberg, of Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Erma Findley, of New Providence, Lancaster County, had the end of her index finger served while operating a potato planter.

Willard Bannister of Liberty Grove has been advanced to the position of agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Sharon Hill, Pa.

Robert H. Brown, Rowlandville, has been appointed to the position as an underwriter for the standard Life Insurance Company, working out of the Wilmington office.

A joint meeting of the various Democratic State Central Committees of the Eastern Shore counties, is scheduled to be held this week to name a candidate for Congress, to be voted for on June 6.

The cornerstone of the new Cecil County Court House, being constructed in Elkton, was laid on Thursday afternoon of this week, with appropriate exercises in charge of the Bar Association.

Lowell Patton, composer of several hundred songs and nationally famous radio organist and pianist, will appear at the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Havre de Grace on Friday evening, May 19.

The giving away of the levee on the banks of the Chesapeake City the banks of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, on the Chesapeake City and Bethel road, caused the depositing of a quantity of mud on the road bed, [illegible] the road impassable for several hours.

Charles (Catty) Purnell, a war veteran of Elkton, charged with robbing Henry W. Thompson of Wilmington of his pocketbook, was beer tavern in a hotel opposite the House Correction for 18 months.

A business meeting of Rising Sun High School Alumni Association will be held on Friday evening, May 12, at the home of Ralph M. Reed, President, at eight o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

Paul M. Lefever, Plant Superintendent of The Susquehanna Electric Company, at Conowingo, addressed the May meeting of the Havre de Grace Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening at the Lafayette Hotel.

The Garden Club of Maryland, Mrs. H. Rowland Clapp, chairman, last week, visited Fairlawn, the home of Miss Lucy Clapp and Mt. Ararat farms, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson Brown.

The frame dwelling, known as the "Subway," adjoining the Village Restaurant, has been purchased by George Alger, who is having it torn down, and will use the lot as parking space for his customers. The dwelling was one of the oldest in town.

McGrady Cow Wins Jersey Award

"Miss Carolyn" of Twin Farms, the three-year old Jersey cow, owned by Guy McGrady, of Rising Sun section, topped all records the past year in producing milk and butterfat and rewarded its owner with a $15 special prize, offered by the Cecil County Jersey Cattle Club, at its Ninth Annual banquet held Friday night, April 28, in the auditorium of the Elkton High school, when 148 dairymen, their wives and guests attended the affair.

School Track And Field Meet

The Board of Education for Cecil County, has completed the program for the twenty-fifth annual track and field meet for county schools to be held on the althletic field of the North East High School Tuesday, May 16. There will be more than seventy different events. The meet this year will be under direction of the County School Board instead of the State Athletic Commission.

Elkton Man Named Police Magistrate

Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor, on Thursday announced the appointment of Warren E. Malin, an automobile dealer of Elkton, as the new police magistrate for Cecil County. The position will pay $1,200 a year. and the incumbent has the power to appoint a clerk and constable for the office.

Large Dairy Barn Swept By Fire

Authorities Suspect Incendiarism And Search For Firebug

The destruction by fire of a fine dairy barn early Sunday morning, on the farm of Julian Spry, near Elkton, has led authorities to search for a "firebug," as the probable cause of the fire, which caused a loss of about $15,000.

Firemen from five companies saved the home on the farm and other buildings, but were helpless as the blaze leveled the large barn, a feed house, and two storage sheds.

Farming implements, cooling machines, three tons of straw, and five tons of hay were also destroyed, but the dairy herd of 60 cows was safe in a pasture at the time. A bull penned in the barn was rescued.

The fire had already gained headway when Spry was aroused about 2 o'clock in the morning by his barking dogs.

Incendiarism was suspected, particularly after a series of fires recently in the area.

Firemen from Newark, Christiana, Elkton, Chesapeake City, and North East pumped water half a mile from a stream. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Volunteers worked helping the family build temporary stalls for the cows and horses.

Yacht And Boathouse Destroyed

Flames destroyed a $6,000 yacht and boathouse on the Plum Point Farm, along the Elk River, six miles south of Elkton, Sunday afternoon.

The yacht was owned by Clarke J. Springer of Elsmere and had been reconditioned for the season.

Tests were being made of the yacht engine inside the boat house when fire of undetermined origin broke out. Springer and two other men tried to extinguish the flames but they spread with such rapidity that the interior of the building was a mass of flames within a few minutes.

Elkton Fire Company, forced to use a roundabout way to get to the fire, was delayed. The building was beyond saving when the fire fighters arrived.

Springer told firemen he had removed storage batteries from an automobile and was using them to start the boat motor when the fire started.

More than 150 persons, spending the week-end at cottages and cabins along the river, were attracted by the fire but were unable to extinguish the flames because of the terrific heat.

Inventory Of France Estate

The Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore on May 1, filed with Register of Wills, at Elkton, an inventory of the stock, bonds and chattels of the late Dr. Joseph I. France, Port Deposit. Miss Catherine Craig of Port Deposit and William B. Magruder of Baltimore were appraisers of the estate.

The amount of the inventory on bonds and stocks is listed at $163,872. One of the outstanding items is an original investment of $95,000 in Imperial Russian Government bonds now valved at only $450.

The inventory of furniture at the Port home and farm together with farm equipment is listed at $13,515 while cash on hand at the time of the Doctor's death is given at $4,705.

Club Women Install

At the closing meeting of the Women's Club of Elkton held Wednesday afternoon, the following officers were installed: President, Mrs. James W. Hughes; vice-presidents, Mrs. Theodore Ott and Mrs. Jesse Pierson; secretaries, Mrs. E. Kirk Brown and Mrs. J. B. Purcell; treasurer, Mrs. John E. Gonçe.

Mrs. Sydney Dixon, was presented with a retiring president's pin.

Health Conference

Arrangements for the Nineteenth Annual Health Conference of the field and department staffs of the State Department of Health, which will be held Friday, May 12, have been announced by Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the Department. The meeting will be held at the Longfellow Hotel, Baltimore, with morning and afternoon sessions. Dr. Riley will presidde at the former and Dr. Huntington Williams, Health Commissioner of Baltimore City, at the afternoon conference.

To Observe Golden Jubilee

Port Deposit To Pay Homage To Founder Of Jacob Tome Institute

With the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the institute as the outstanding feature on Saturday, May 20, students of the Jacob Tome Institute Port Deposit, are on the threshold of one of the most active final programs in many years.

The golden jubilee Saturday, May 20, will be an all-day affair with a morning parade of children and attractive floats led by the Elks Boys Band of Havre de Grace and a rally at the new playground at Washington Hall for exercises. Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland, will be the principal speaker. During the afternoon field day exercises will be held by the elementary school. In connection with the jubilee a special cachet will be issued.

Townspeople and the school children will be honoring a man who floated down the river from Pennsylvnaia on a lumber raft and started his career there virtually penniless.

Jacob Tome laid the foundation of his fortune in the lumber business. Swiftly his business prospered, and he turned to finance, establishing banks in Elkton, Frederick, Va., Hagerstown and Washington.

His fortune made, Jocob Tome and his wife planned some philanthrophy which would benefit Port Deposit. For years they made a study of educational methods and school systems and settled finally on a special institution for free practical training.

Tome's original charter specifies each type of student to receive instruction. In order of preference, children of deceased Port Deposit residents were ranked first; next children of living residents. Students from the county and the rest of the State came last.

Tome's aim would be training students to earn their living. The first curriculum emphasized manual training, based on the needs of the countryside.

The institue was incorporated in 1889, and Jacob Tome set aside an outright $2,000,000 for its operation—one of the largest endowments of this kind in the United States.

Tome opened its doors in 1894, with Prof. James R. Campbell, of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., as its first director, and a faculty of teachers handpicked by Jacob Tome himself. Before the first commencement, however, Tome died, in 1898.

Later, through act of the Legislature, changing the original charter, but opposed by Mrs. Tome and others, a private school, known as the Hill School, was erected on a bluff overlooking the town and the river, the institute's trustees anticipating that profits from it might aid in operation of the free schools.

In April, 1938, the Hill School was taken over by the alumni and reorganized, ending financial difficulties dating from the 1933 depression. It now is operating separately from the Tome Foundation.

Mrs. Buxton Freed By Court

Mrs. Thelma Buxton, 29, adjudged insane in 1935 after the ax-slaying of her mother-in-law at Chestertowntown, Md., the previous fall and held in the Springfield State Hospital since that time, was released last week through a court order signed by Circuit Judge Ridgley P. Melvin, of Annapolis.

The young matron was freed after unanimous testimony of psychiatrists that she had recovered her reason stood uncontradicted. Dr. Ira A. Darling, superintendent of Springfield hospital; Dr. George H. Preston, State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, and Dr. Manfred S. Guttmacvher,chief medical officer of the Baltimore Supreme Court, testified Mrs. Buxton had responded to treatment and was now sane.

Gold Star Mothers

Department President Mrs. J. D. Mercer; Deprtment Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Shellenberger and National Executive Committeewoman Mrs. Harlan Johnon, all of Baltimore, were guests at a Gold Star Mother's luncheon held in Elkton on Thursday afternoon last, under auspices of Cecil American Legion Auxiliary. Gold Star Mothers present were: Mrs. Flora Kelly, of Providence; Mrs. Bessie Creswell, of Principio; Mrs. William Slicer, and Mrs. Reuben Hevlow, of Chesapeake City. Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Eastern Shore president presided.

Personal And Social

The Young Ladies Bridge Club was entertained on Tuesday evening by the Misses Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Trimans J. Wilson, of Tonawanda, New York, were guests at the home of the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson, during the week.

Miss Ruth Biles and schoolmate, Miss Helen Ducan, of Beaver College, Jenkinstown, Pa., spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor R. Biles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris entertain the Ninth District Farmers Club at their home at Zion on Wednesday and at the same time observed their 40th wedding anniversary.

Miss Arlene Brown, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Marshall Brown, of Indianapolis, Ind., are spending the week at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown, Queen street.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Evans, of Fountain Green, Harford county, observed the 54th anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday, May 2. They were married at Piney Creek, N. C., and the minister who performed the ceremony, the Rev. Blevins, of North Carolina, and the maid of honor, Mrs. Audrey Weaver, of Churchville are still living.

Miss Adelaide Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, of Rising Sun, and a member of the freshman class at Hood College, Frederick, Md., was recently elected secretary of the sophmore class of next year. Miss Wilson is the president of her dormitory, and is also a member of the college Home Economics club and the Freshman Commission, an honorary society.

Shaffer--Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith Campbell of Nottingham Pa., announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Margaret Campbell to Mr. Bernhard Camer Shaffer, son of Mrs. David L. Shaffer of Pittsburgh, on Saturday, April 29. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Charles Clem[illegible], Baptist minister, at Culpeper, Virginia.

Mrs. Shaffer, a member of the faculty of the Stewart Junior High school, Norristown, Pa., was graduated from the Philadelphia Business College and attended Columbia University. She is a member of the Kappa Sigma Delta sorority.

Mr. Shaffer is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College and is a member of the Delta Chi fraternity. He is an insurance broker with offices in Philadelphia.

Weaver--Woods

The wedding of Miss Margaret R. Weaver and Mr. Howard H Woods took place Saturday afternoon, April 29, at the home of the bride's parents Elkton, the Rev. Norman Nickle, pastor of Bayview M. P. Church, officating.

Miss Ruth Weaver, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Mr. Garrett Heath was best man. Miss Beatrice Harris, Bay View, played the wedding music. Miss Esther Wood, sister of the bridegroom, sang "I Love You Truly."

A reception followed the ceremony. On their return from a trip to Canada, the couple will live at Bay View.

Pastor Invited To Return

At the fourth quarterly conference of Cecil Circuit, held at Bay View, and comprised of Rowlandville, Oakwood, Bethel and Bay View M. P. Churches, Miss Esther Bannister, was elected delegate to represent the Circuit Churches at the annual Conference to be held at Western Maryland College, Westminster, June 14. Edward Lynch, of North East, was named alternate. Their present pastor, Rev. H. Norman Nickle, was invited to return for another Conference year.

Fishing Regulations

In regard to regulations governing the placing of fishing structures in Chesapeake Bay and its tributary waters, under date of April 6, last, the Secretary of War, authorized that the restriction that "no fish-net stakes be placed within 200 feet of any shore (mean low water) line be waived for the present fishing season.

Poultry Group Hear Experts

J. M. Gwin, poultry specialist of College Park, spoke on marketing poultry at a public meeting sponsored by the Cecil County Poultry Association at Elkton, Friday night. General poultry problems were aired at the meeting. W. H. Rice, also of the University of Maryland extension staff, discussed feeding and management problems.

Would-Be Suicide Is Apprehended

Girl Calls Officers Who Finally Get Possession Of The Weapon

Police won a three-hour argument Thursday afternoon with a man who announced he was going to commit suicide, while persons looked on. The man, Demond McRory, 28, Lansdowne, Pa., gasoline station owner, kept state and county officers at bay near New Valley, pointing a gun at his head and threatening to pull the trigger if anyone approached him.

Policemen took turns in trying to convince the man his suicide plan was wrong. From 2 to 5 o'clock McRory stood his ground. Then while Private John Novicki of the Conowingo station was talking, he relaxed his hold on the revolver.

Novicki seized the man, and the other policemen closed in. McRory was taken to Elkton jail for questioning by State's Attorney Ellis Rollins.

The police were summoned to the spot by the man's companion, Doris Voag, 19, of Philadelphia. She said that McRory, whom she had known for five weeks, invited her to go for an auto ride in Philadelphia Thursday morning.

When they left the Philadelphia vicinity, the girl related, she asked McRory to take her home. Instead, he speeded up the car and refused to explain his actions.

At Rising Sun, Miss Voag said her companion stopped the car and removed his coat. When she protested the transfer of a revolver from the coat to his hip pocket, the girl said, he told her he intended to kill himself.

He did not give any reason, she stated, except that he had been "thinking about it for a year."

McRory left the car after parking it on a hill in the New Valley section. The girl ran to the store of Mrs. Mary Montgomery and notified the Conowingo police station and Sheriff David Randolph.

When policemen arrived, they found the man atop the hill, a gun in his hand. "Don't anyone come near me or I'll kill myself," he shouted. Then began the long vigil.

Making Of The News

Members of the Lions Club, at their dinner meeting on Thursday evening last, at the Village Resaurant here, enjoyed a motion picture featuring the "making of news."

The film first depicted an Esso news radio broadcast, then showed step by step how this news was gathered from all corners of the world assembled, edited and finally handed to the radio broadcaster, who put it on the air.

The film was in charge of Mr. Krebs, a representative of the Standard Oil Co.

Elkton Registration Day

Monday was registration day in Elkton for the municipal election to be held May 22. About 100 new voters were added to the list, making the total registered vote eligible to cast their ballots over 1400.

A Mayor and two commissioners will be chosen to serve for the ensuing two years. Mayor Henry H. Mitchell and Councilmen George McCool and Charles Masemore already have filed for reelection.

All candidates must file ten days prior to the election to become eligible.

Chicken Thieves Sent To Jessups Cut

Elbert "Froggy" Davis and Wilbert "Rooster" Wilson, negroes of Cecilton, were arrested last week by Sheriff David J. Randolph, charged with stealing chickens from the farm of Lambert Davis. At a hearing before Magistrate Robert Alderson, a sentence of 18 months in the House of Correction, at Jessups Cut was imposed.

District Epworth League Rally

The Southern division of the Wilmington District Epworth League held a Youth Rally Tuesday evening, May 9, in the Newark M. E. Church. Miss Myra Hall, of Seaford, was the leader. J. Paul Slaybaugh, headmaster of West Nottingham Academy, spoke on "The Art of Living." Special music was furnished by Mrs. George Jones, organist of the Newark M. E. Church, a sextette from West Nottingham Academy, and Mr. William H. Whedfee, of Nassau, Del. Entertainment and refreshments followed the rally provided by the Newark League.