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Road Commission Expenditures In 1939

Review Of Present, Projected And Desirable New Construction

The Maryland State Roads Commission received in excess of \$20,000,000 during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1939, and disbursed approximately \$19,500,000, Governor Herbert R. O'Connor was informed by Major Ezra B. Whitman of the Commission, in a comprehensive review prepared at the Governor's request.

The yearly record covers in detail not only the State and Federal Aid projects now under way, but also the bridges and roadways to be constructed.

The conclusion gotten from this very splendid report to the Governor is that the work now being constructed on Maryland's Highway system is being carried on with a thorough knowledge of, and as an integral part of, the State's highway system and is not being done on the "hit and miss" basis that all too often has characterized construction work in the past.

Priority Schedule Ready

A priority schedule of Federal Aid projects includes twenty-one such projects that must be under agreement by June 30 of this year. Among these are various sections of the Philadelphia Road still to be completed, a section of the Trappe Road toward Easton; the approach to the Potomac River Bridge; the Edmondson Avenue Extension, from the City Line to Roland Road; and the proposed road from Wilkins Avenue to the Washington Boulevard at Winans.

Among the roadways to be constructed without Federal aid, for which more than \$1,000,000 will be available this year, are the following: Approaches to Glenn L. Martin Plant, at Middle River; the underpass under the new Philadelphia Road on the Bata Shoe Company property; a roadway about 7-miles long along the right-of-way of the W. B. & A. Railroad, from the Defense Highway in Washington; the Salisbury By-Pass; the continuation of the Frederick-Hagerstown Roadway, of which 3-miles already has been built, from Antetam Creek into Hagerstown; and a new highway between Easton and Trappe to replace the narrow, crooked concrete road now existing.

Prison Labor Being Used

The State Roads Commission is cooperating with the Board of Correction in furnishing employment for prisoners in the various penal institutions in the State. \$200,000 per year was provided for this work, and during 1940 it is expected that this type of labor will be used on projects in Prince George's, Anne Arundel and Queen Anne's County. This prison labor has been used to advantage in building bituminous shoulders on narrow roadways which were heavily travelled.

To come anywhere near completion of the great amount of new construction and re-construction necessary for modernizing the State's roads, will far exceed the funds which will be available from present sources for several years. However, the Commission will, Major Whitman assures Governor O'Connor, make its selections of programs from year to year on the basis of the actual necessity to serve traffic, balanced against the cost of maintaining existing roads and bridges in their present state.

Principio Homemakers

Mrs. Cornelia Nickle, newly elected President of the Principio Homemakers' Club, has announced committee assignments: County council delegates, Mrs. C. B. Warrington, Mrs. W. W. Nickle, Mrs. A. E. Jackson; culture committee, Mrs. Walter Simmons, Mrs. A. E. Jackson; project demonstration, Mrs. C. B. Warrington, Mrs. H. B. Owens; nutrition, Mrs. John McDowell; clothing, Mrs. L. L. Jackson; home furnishings, Mrs. N. M. Jackson; home management, Mrs. Lydia Buchanan; flower gardening, Mrs. A. J. Reynolds; reading, Mrs. C. B. Warrington; community activities Mrs. W. W. Nickle; membership, Mrs. Bessie Crowell; needlework guild, Mrs. L. L. Jackson; ways and means, Mrs. A. J. Reynolds; music, Mrs. Walter Simmons.

Chicken Thieves Caught

John Grace, colored, and a negro woman known as "Big Lis", of near Elktion, were lodged in jail last week for stealing chickens. It is charged Grace stole the chickens from the farm of Fred Racine, who resides on the Gilpin place, and took them to the home of the negro woman.

Briefly Noted News

Monday, the 12th, is the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Lent began on Wednesday of this week, the 7th, Ash Wednesday. Easter falls on Sunday, March 24th.

The Iron Hill postoffice is to be discontinued and patrons in that section served by rural delivery.

Miss Nettie McVey had the misfortune to slip and fall on the street, suffering a painfully injured knee.

The work of cleaning and redecorating the interior walls of the National Bank of Rising Sun is in progress.

James Richardson and family moved on Friday from the Cummings dwelling on Cherry street, to Oxford, Pa.

Harry Fisher has purchased a new Chevrolet truck. Mr. Fisher has recently received a large shipment of horses at his sale stables.

His right hand coming in contact with a circular saw, Robert K. Fears, of Chesapeake City, referred three badly lacerated fingers.

The Bucknell University Men's Glee Club, 70 voices strong gave a concert in the Elktion High school on Monday afternoon, February 5.

Ground Hog Day was drab and cloudy, and we don't know whether the little so-called weather prognosticator ventured out or not.

The card party given by the Senior Class of Calvert High School in Day View Hall was well attended. About \$13.00 was cleared by the class.

The young people of Janes Methodist church held their monthly meeting on Thursday evening last, after which refreshments were served.

A. J. Dinsmore & Bro., whose large garage in this town was swept by fire on Tuesday, Jan. 23, have placed their loss at \$21,250, with insurance of 15,050.

John Clements of Conowingo, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident at Killy's Corner, near Conowingo, died on Tuesday afternoon of last week, at Union Hospital, Elktion.

The card party under auspices of the Eastern Star, of Port Deposit, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Tyson on Friday evening last, was very successful. Twenty tables of bridge and five hundred were played.

Mrs. David R. McCauley, Lone Troop Consultant for Cecil county, Girl Scouts, has returned from a three-day Training Course given at the National Girl Scout Little House, Washington, D. C., as the guest of the Regional Committee.

Leslie Bowe, aged about 38 years of Elktion, was arrested and lodged in jail on Thursday, charged with stealing furniture stored in the old Elktion High school. The furniture belonged to Mr. Guy Johnson, principal of Elktion high school.

The Fifth Grade and teacher of Rising Sun Elementary School remembered their classmate, Mary Edmondson, who is a patient in Union Hospital, Elktion, by sending her letters and a fine basket of fruit.

Mrs. Ethel Loller has succeeded her mother, Mrs. Mary Duhammel, as postmistress at Earleville, Cecil county. Mrs. Duhammel, who is 82 years of age, was recently retired after serving seventeen years as postmistress, having succeeded her husband in the office.

A two story frame house, near Elktion, on the right of way of the proposed new dual highway, was burned by order of the State Roads Commission one evening last week, as the easiest means of removing it. The building was in a dilapidated condition and could not be moved.

Miss Orvilla A. Gilpin, of Elktion, an outstanding poet of Maryland, has been accorded honors in the National Poetry Center of the New York World's Fair, where her work was exhibited in the "Largest Book of Poetry in the World" and which was also a part of the "Panorama of American Poets."

Real Estate Sales

A. H. Ashton, representing Wheeler & Grier, Real Estate Agency, of Darlington, has sold for Benet C. Wheeler his 100 acre farm near Pylesville, Maryland, to Carl V. Keedy of near Bel Air, who after making extensive improvements in the Dairy Barn, will take possession on or about March 1. This property is part of what was formerly known as the Belle Farm and has been in possession of the Wheeler family for three generations.

Dean Of Bar Association Passes Away

Private funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon for Joshua Clayton, of Elktion, former State's Attorney and president and dean of the Cecil County Bar Association, who died at his home in Elktion, Sunday, after an illness of but two days. Interment was made in Bethel Cemetery, near Chesapeake City.

Sixty-nine years of age, he was a member of the Clayton family which settled in Delaware more than 200 years ago.

Stricken a month ago after attending a testimonial dinner in honor of Judge James F. Evans of Circuit Court No. 2, of Maryland, Mr. Clayton had recovered after a week's treatment at the Delaware Hospital in Wilmington.

He had spent the past three weeks in Miami, Fla., where he had returned the weather too cold and returned to his home by train last Tuesday.

Born near Middletown, Del., Mr. Clayton, related to Delaware's John M. Clayton of Clayton-Bulwar Treaty fame, settled in Elktion under a young man. He read law under the late Albert Constable. Passing the state bar examinations, he started a practice there that continued for 48 years.

President of the Cecil County Historical Society and a keen student of the history of both Maryland and Del. He served in the State Legislature as a member of the House of Delegates.

The Cecil County Building and Loan Association of Elktion.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, is a sister, Mrs. Beulah Clayton Robinson, wife of Capt. J. Norris Robinson of Wilmington, conductor of the 198th Regt. Band, Delaware National Guard.

Violated School Bus Law

The first case of violation of the State School Bus Law, in this section, was tried before Magistrate C. E. Marker of this town, on Friday.

It was charged, and proven at the hearing, that Robert Reynolds, driver of a Consumers Oil Co. truck, had failed to stop while a school bus was discharging passengers along the road near Colora, some of the children narrowly escaping being struck. Reynolds was fined \$5.00 and costs.

The State Law requires that all traffic must stop at a distance not closer than ten feet from a school bus while said bus is taking on or discharging passengers. The penalty for violation of the law is a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00.

Philadelphia Road Work

A contact calling for completion of the new Philadelphia road probably will be awarded by the end of this month, Ezra B. Whitman, chairman of the State Roads Commission, reports.

Only one gap in the road remains, between Havre de Grace and Elktion. The contract provides for constructing dual lanes between these points. Cleanup work also will have to be done on other stretches of the highway, Mr. Whitman said.

All work on both the highway and the new Susquehanna river bridge will be finished by June 30, according to the chairman. The highway and bridge will cost approximately \$12,000,000.

Jury Awards \$7500 For Filing Station

A verdict of \$7,500 was rendered by the jury in Cecil County Circuit Court in the condemnation suit against John Krejci for his filing station property sought by the State Roads Commission for the relocation of the new dual highway. The jury deliberated eight hours.

The filing station property, located about a half-mile east of Elktion, along the Elktion-Perryville road, had been offered by Mr. Krejci for \$12,000 but the roads commission had offered only \$6,000.

Elk Mills Postmaster Retires

After serving thirty-five years as postmaster at Elk Mills, Cecil county, William Thomas Seth has retired. Mr. Seth was appointed to the position on June 25, 1904 and has served continuously ever since his appointment. Elk Mills is rated as a fourth class post office with large receipts because of the location of the textile industries in that section.

Miss Edith S. Wright of Elk Mills, succeeded Mr. Seth in charge of the Elk Mills office.

Special Services At Methodist Church

Special evangelical services are being held each evening at the Methodist church in this town. Rev. Roy L. Tawes, of Hurluck, Md., has been the speaker this week, delivering feeling sermons each evening.

Rev. J. B. Dickerson, the local minister, had members of the church visit homes in the neighborhood on Sunday, urging attendance at these special services. Mr. Dickerson will occupy his pulpit on Sunday evening, 11th and on Monday evening, the 12th.

Dr. Warren D. Bowman, of the Capital Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker on Tuesday evening meet, through Friday evening.

In addition to the choir, Miss Susan P. Davis, with "The Therman", an instrument which she plays without touching, is assisting with the music. Rev. J. B. Vaughn, tenor soloist, minister at Milton, Del., will be present Sunday evening, the 11th, and help with the music.

Mushroom Plant Burns

Fire destroyed two double mushroom houses on the farm of Aquilano Mazza, one mile south of Avondale, Pa., Thursday morning, causing damage estimated at \$5,000.

The two frame structures were masses of flames by the time volunteer fire companies from Avondale and West Grove arrived.

Firemen laying hose from a nearby creek, prevented the flames from spreading to 150 tons of manure stored near the buildings.

The fire, according to the firemen, started in the boiler room and spread rapidly through the two buildings. The crop in one section was being packed while the other building was being prepared for stocking.

Slot Machines Confiscated

County officers last week confiscated slot machines in the road house operated by Mrs. Mabel Jenness, east of town, and the Blue and White road house, conducted by Arthur Johnson. Both were haled before Magistrate C. E. Marker, of this town, and fined \$25.00 each.

Mrs. Jenness some months ago, after being refused a beer license by the County Board appealed to the State Board and was granted a license by that body.

Lions Visit Power Plant

Following the dinner meeting of the Lions, on Thursday evening last, at the Village Restaurant, they were taken on an inspection tour through the Susquehanna Power Co. plant, at Conowingo, by general manager Paul Lefever, who explained many interesting features concerning the generation of electricity and its transmission to the customers on the various lines.

The inspection tour proved of unusual interest to the group of Lions.

Unidentified Man's Frozen Body Found

An unidentified white man, aged about 60 years, was found dead in a vacant building along the roadside near Bacon Hill on Tuesday, Feb. 6, by Mr. Pruitt, of Craigtown.

The body was taken in charge by undertaker Pippin, of Elktion, but no identification papers were found.

A physician stated the man had been dead for several days as the body was frozen stiff.

Auto Goes Through Guard Rail

An automobile plunged through the guard rail of the Conowingo bridge approach on Friday, fell fifty feet, and landed upside down.

Ed White, one-legged negro of Port Deposit, the driver, was unhurt. Arthur Larue, one-armed negro, the passenger, was taken to Havre de Grace hospital with a possible fractured hip.

Taking Business Census

Harvey Davis, of Colora, census enumerator for this district is busy taking the business census and expects to complete the task by April 1st. With the completion of the business census, the work of taking the census for population and agriculture will begin.

A movement to test the constitutionality of the State income tax has gotten under way in Baltimore, by testing it before an appellate court. It is being led by a young electric engineer, Randolph L. Cockey.

Personal And Social

Miss Celia Jenkins has been a sufferer from the gripe.

Mrs. Harry Fisher has been on the sick list for some days past.

Mr. H. L. Woodrow is suffering from his old enemy, rheumatism.

Mrs. Harry Murphy, of Colora, is visiting her sister in Philadelphia.

Miss Loraine Fassitt is a patient in Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore.

Messrs. Harold Way and Raymond Jugler have been on a trip to Florida.

Mr. Joseph Cameron has been among those confined to the house by illness.

Mrs. Maggie Rowland, Westtown, Pa., was the week-end guest of Mrs. Leslie Rawlings.

Mrs. Mollie Martendale was the Wednesday guest of Mrs. Leslie Rawlings, near town.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Abner T. Todd and Miss Hazel V. Finntfrock, of Conowingo.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin McCummings, of Baltimore, were visitors of relatives and friends here the past week.

Mr. Robert Brown, of Colora, is a sufferer from sore throat, that has been so prevalent in the neighborhood.

Miss Elda Shingler and Mr. Glenn Wike, of Altoona, Pa., were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shingler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cameron, of Freehold, New Jersey, spent Sunday with the former's father Mr. J. T. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Smith are being congratulated on the birth of a son Richard Wayne, on January 25 in Rising Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vansant, Wilmington, Del., were Sunday visitors with her mother, Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor.

Mrs. Maxwell Dinsmore, who recently returned to her home here from a Baltimore hospital, has been taken back for further treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harry Smith, of Port Deposit, have gone to Mississippi to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Leithier and son.

Mrs. Charles Richie and Janet, and Mrs. Davis Boyd, were visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Donache during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Love, Port Deposit, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter Anna Nichols, Saturday, January 27, in Rising Sun.

Mrs. William Creswell is visiting her daughter, and family, in Downingtown. Mrs. Marion Brumfield and son Junior and Mrs. Arthur Smith have also been visiting in Downingtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Grim of Lincoln University, Pa., announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss June N. Grim to Mr. Robert O. Renville of Richmond, Va., son of Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Renville, Luzerne, Pa.

Misses Ruth Biles, Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa.; Adelen Wilson, Hood College, Frederick, Md.; Anne Robertson, Hope Reynolds, University of Maryland, College Park, and Miriam Williams, State Normal School, Towson, Md., were home last week during the mid-term vacation.

Carr-Smith

The marriage of Miss Vera Ruth Carr of Elktion, daughter of Mr. Henry Carr of Elktion, to Mr. Gil L. Smith of Absecon, N. J., took place on Saturday February 3, in the Heideberg Reformed church, Philadelphia.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Naomi Carr a sister of the bride was maid of honor and her only attendant, Mr. Harry Lacey of Absecon, N. J., was best man.

Jarvis-Price

Miss Dorothy Estella Jarvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Jarvis of Milington, Md., and Mr. Kenneth Price of Warwick, Md., were married Saturday afternoon, Jan. 27, at the parsonage of the Elktion Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. M. E. Wheatley.

G. Bartol Silver, junior member of the firm of Chas. B. Siver & Son, of Havre de Grace, is leading a national movement of tomato packers that may result in a broad advertisement campaign of canned tomatoes and the adoption of policies of marketing importance to the industry, which has an output of 20,000,000 cases of canned tomatoes in the United States.

Hitch Hiker Kidnaps Motorist

Binds Victim Then Robs Him And Drives Off With Automobile

While Thomas Quinn, aged 37, of New York, was driving a new automobile to Baltimore, on Wednesday last, a well-dressed young white man approached his machine, drew a gun and then climbed in, while stopped for a traffic light in Rising Sun. The stranger ordered Quinn, "to get going."

After driving about nine miles toward Baltimore, Quinn told police, he was ordered to turn off the highway at Berkley road. After continuing about a mile, he said, he was told to drive into a dirt lane.

Demanding that Quinn stop the car, the bandit took \$5 from his victim's pockets and a watch from his wrist. The watch had been given Quinn for careful driving.

Then he took Quinn's belt and scarf. With these he tied him up, using the scarf for his hands and the belt for his feet.

About 20 minutes after the bandit drove off, Quinn managed to free his feet and made his way across a field to a farm house, from which he telephoned the police.

His hands were bound behind him so securely the farmer had to cut the scarf to free them.

Patrolman Quandt was driving north on Route 1 not long after the holdup when he heard the broadcast giving the number of the automobile.

Within a few minutes he saw the car, headed south. Before he could turn around in the heavy traffic and start in pursuit, the policeman reported, the car was lost to sight. Quandt believed the bandit turned off into a side road and probably doubled back in his tracks.

Christmas Seal Returns

Christmas Seal returns for the sales now being ended indicate that the counties of the state have a very good chance of going ahead of last year's record even though a few counties have not done as well as was expected, the Maryland Tuberculosis Association reported.

The records indicate that Montgomery County again leads the state in per capita returns, showing an average contribution of more than ten cents per person. Worcester is second and Anne Arundel and Talbot counties are tied for third place. Montgomery County is also leading in total returns.

As there are many persons who have not yet made returns for the Christmas Seals which were sent to them when the sale began, and as the follow-up campaign in the counties has not been completed, there is still a chance that the counties which are now behind their previous record may catch up and exceed last year. It is also possible that late returns may change the position of some of the counties in the per capita standings.

The per capita standing of the counties according to the latest reports, shows that of Cecil county to be .024.

Boy Scout Anniversary

A week's observance of the 30th anniversary of the incorporating of the Boy Scouts of America begins on Thursday, Feb. 8th.

Boy Scout Week is the most important week in the Scout calendar and nine million present and former Scouts and leaders will join the celebration which this year has as its theme "Scouting-The American Way".

The Scout Program with its Patrol method and other group action features is a "school for citizenship". Since Scouting provides for democratic group decisions and group action, the celebrations throughout the nation will be greatly varied. Each Troop will celebrate the birthday anniversary in accordance with its own plans.

Radio will play an important role in the Boy Scout Week celebrations linking together, if only for a short time, the Scouts in the great rural areas with those in the cities and towns.

Income Tax Returns

Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue have been assigned to various sections and communities throughout the District of Maryland for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income tax returns for the calendar year 1939. The dates the Deputy Collectors will be in Cecil county are: Elktion, Feb. 21, 23, and 24; Rising Sun, Feb. 26; Port Deposit, Feb. 27.