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Highway Bridge Controversy Rages

Governor Names Committee But Old Span Seems Likely To Go

Concrete evidence of Governor O'Connor's desire to assist residents of Harford and Cecil Counties in solving problems presented by the construction of the new Susquehanna River Bridge was given by the appointment of a committee in fulfillment of a promise made to a delegation from Havre de Grace protesting against the razing of the old bridge.

A definite indication that the influence of the State administration would be thrown behind the effort to aid nearby residents, particularly those of Havre de Grace and Perryville, is given in the appointment of State Treasurer Hooper S. Miles as Chairman. Mr. Miles, as one of the three members of the Board of Public Works, has worked in close association with the Governor and it is believed that his selection was made purposely by the Chief Executive to give it weight as representing the administration.

Other members of the Committee, as announced by Governor O'Connor, are Judge Frederick Lee Coburn, of the Circuit Court for Harford County; Mayor Robert Lowder, of Havre de Grace; Edward MacMullen, of Perryville; and W. W. Pagan, consulting engineer of Baltimore. Aside from the convenience of the old bridge for the residents of Havre de Grace and Perryville particularly, the fact that the old span is toll free while tolls will be charged on the new bridge, has stimulated efforts of the residents of that vicinity to retain the present structure.

In announcing the Committee, the Governor declared that he did so because of the hope of the residents that some arrangements might be worked out whereby the old bridge could be continued for limited use, or a plan effected for the sale of commutation tickets to persons living near the bridge.

Children's Aid Society

The Cecil County Children's Aid Society will hold its annual meeting in Trinity Parish House, Elkton, Friday, April 5th, at 2:30 p. m. Dr. Mason Trentwell White, Headmaster of Tome School, will deliver the address. The public is cordially invited.

The Society cares for forty-five Cecil County children who are placed in foster homes throughout the county. Fifty-seven per cent of the funds used by the agency during the past year were from private contributions and forty-seven per cent from public sources.

The officers are: Standley Evans, President; Edwin S. Dorcus, Vice-President; J. Warren Albinston, Treasurer; Miss Bertha Balderston, Secretary; and Mr. Albert Constable, Jr., Assistant Treasurer.

Jersey Club Dinners

More than one hundred persons interested in the breeding and raising of Jersey cattle, attended the tenth annual banquet of the Cecil County Jersey Cattle Club held Friday night in the auditorium of the Elkton High School.

William L. Locke, president of the club, presided, and former Representative Alfred I. Phillips, of Connecticut, but for the past few years a resident of Cecil county, acted as toastmaster. Addresses were made by T. Harry Jones, of Washington, D. C.; H. C. Barker, of University of Maryland; and J. Z. Miller, county agent of Elkton.

Welfare Budget

A \$2,632,471 budget to carry on the welfare program in Maryland from April 1 to June 30 has been approved by the State Board of Public Welfare.

Of the total amount the Federal Government is contributing \$953,310, the State \$1,068,181 and local governments \$610,979. The amount allotted for all types of relief in Cecil county is \$40,414.

A revival of the "Lincoln-Douglas" debate will be staged in Baltimore on April 10th when Senator George L. Radcliffe and Howard Bruce, both contenders in the Democratic Senatorial Primary, will argue campaign issues at the Annual Jefferson Day dinner of the Young Democratic Clubs of Maryland.

According to Lawrence B. Fenneman, president of the Democratic Clubs, both contenders have accepted the challenge, which was issued by the Young Democrats.

Briefly Noted News

John Williams and Hayes Martindale, Jr., of our town, have secured positions in the Acme Market, Oxford Pa.

Last week Paul Patterson, of Perryville rounded out fifty years of service as a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with our Elkton members on Wednesday afternoon, April 10th, 2:00 o'clock, in the Church House, at Elkton.

The McVey apartment, on Cherry street, lately vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reynolds, has been rented by Mr. and Mrs. George Mix, of Newark, Del., who will occupy it about April 20.

A small building in the rear of the Esso Service Station, Perryville, was damaged by fire on Monday afternoon, of last week. The Perryville fire company prevented the spread of the flames to the filling station.

The new Dodge coupe belonging to Dr. George M. Knaut of this town, while parked along the road in front of the store at Sylmar last week, was sideswiped by a passing truck and badly damaged.

Stanley Sentman has recently been appointed rural mail carrier from Port Deposit Postoffice, to fill the route from which John Hasson was recently pensioned. Mr. Austin Hohn was assigned to the position as clerk in the postoffice.

G. Howard Hergenrother, acting postmaster at the Havre de Grace Postoffice since December, 1938, when he was selected following the death of Postmaster Harry A. Coy, has been named for a full appointment by President Roosevelt.

John K. Burkley of Elkton, formerly of the Third District Democratic Club, has been appointed campaign manager for U. S. Senator George L. Radcliffe in Cecil County, who is seeking renomination. The party primaries will be held on Monday, May 6.

The Tilgman Packing Co., began fishing operations at Havre de Grace this week. This well-known company, which ships fish, oysters and crabs to every state in the union, has been operating in Havre de Grace for many years and during the season give employment to one hundred or more persons.

Following a meeting of the Milk Producers Association, held at the High School auditorium here on Tuesday evening, dinner was served to the members, by the ladies of the Methodist church, in the basement of the church. About twenty-five members and guests of the Association enjoyed the splendid repast prepared.

The P. T. A. met in the auditorium of the high school here, on Thursday evening last. The principal speaker of the evening was Prof. H. C. Barker, of the University of Maryland, who talked of 4-H Club work. A feature of the evening was the music of the Harmonica Band, which was greatly enjoyed. The band is composed of members from various clubs of the county. Sandwiches and tea were served by girls of the Senior Class.

The Reynolds School will hold their annual Bake, Saturday, April 13th, in the basement of the Methodist Church. Cake, pie, bread, candy and lemonade for sale. The Bake will start at 2:30 p. m. and continue until 5:00 p. m.

Boys And Matches-- Then Fire

Boys playing with matches in hay caused a fire that destroyed the large barn on the farm of John Myers, located along the Elkton-Newark road, about five miles north of Elkton. Twenty-seven head of registered Guernsey cattle were burned to death. The fire occurred on the afternoon of March 26.

A large silo was also consumed by the flames, as was also 40 tons of hay, five tons of straw, a large quantity of farm machinery and an electric cooling machine. The loss was placed at \$25,000.

Alfred Lindell, aged 11 years, and Arthur Mayer, Jr., aged 8 years, a grandson of John Mayer, owner of the property, who had been in the barn, later accused each other of playing with matches in the hay-packed loft of the building. When the matches ignited the hay, the younger boy ran out the front door of the building and warned his grandfather of the fire. The other boy also disappeared and for several hours it was feared he had lost his life in the fire. Some hours later, the boy was returned to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lindell, by an uncle, Albert George, of near Chesapeake City. The boy told Chief of Police William Cunningham, of Newark, that after the fire broke out he ran out the back door of the barn and then to Newark. Without going home he thumbed automobile rides to the home of his uncle.

Barn On Whitaker Farm Destroyed

New Tenant Loses Machinery And Other Property

The large double deck barn on one of the Whitaker Iron Company farms, near Asbury Church, was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin about eight o'clock Monday night.

The farm is occupied by Marshall Williams, who just moved to it on March 25th, from North East. Mr. Williams was able to release his horses, cows and pigs and get them safely from the burning structure, but one young calf was burned to death, and all his farm machinery lost, including a truck and an automobile. 150 bushels of corn and a mow full of hay were also burned. There was insurance on the barn but Mr. Williams carried no insurance, the loss falling heavily upon him.

The burned structure was located directly on the road leading from Battle Swamp to Blytheedale.

Port Deposit and Perryville companies responded to the alarm and pumped water from a nearby stream, but the burning structure was doomed by the time the firemen arrived on the scene.

Embezzlement Charge

The Federal Grand Jury returned indictments charging William Eugene Alexander, former cashier of the National Bank, of Perryville, and Charles S. Caplan, Baltimore, with embezzlement of \$2,959 of the bank's funds.

According to the indictments the alleged defalcations occurred between December, 1937, and August, 1939. Edward K. Armbruster of the F. B. I., who investigated the case, charged that the money was obtained by the means of bad checks.

Assistant United States District Attorney G. Randolph Aiken, who is prosecuting the case for the Government, said restitution has been made in full.

Caplan owns a cleaning and dyeing business in Perryville, with a Branch in Baltimore.—Republican, Havre de Grace.

Open House At CCC Camp

Once each year the organization of the Civilian Conservation Corps celebrates the inaugural of the Corps by holding an "Open House" for the visitation of the public to the Camps and the Work Projects of the camps.

This year during the day of April 7th, the Company Commander and Project Superintendent of Camp SF-5 Md., Company 1353, CC, located on the Elk Neck road about four and one-half miles south of North East, have made arrangements to entertain and direct all visitors to the camp both through the camp and over the Work Projects of the camp. They are using this means to extend an invitation and welcome to every one to visit the camp on this occasion.

American Red Cross

The Cecil County Chapter of the American Red Cross has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mrs. A. V. Davis, Elkton; vice-chairman, Miss Grace Wells Price, Elkton; treasurer, Mr. Albert Ringold; secretary, Mrs. Lynn B. Gillespie, Elkton; chairman of home service, Miss Mary Ellen Davis, Cecilton; chairman of production, Mrs. Sterling Dunbar, Elkton; assistant chairman, Mrs. Harold Anderson, Perryville; recreation chairman, Mrs. Thomas McIntire, Elkton; publicity chairman, Miss Anna Mary Brown, Elkton; accident and prevention chairman, Edwin H. Barnes, Elkton.

Susquehanna River At Flood Stage

With rain and melting snow in the upper reaches of the Susquehanna, the river has been at a muddy, raging flood stage this week, overflowing its banks and doing thousands of dollars of damage.

The gates at the Conowingo dam have been raised to give the flood waters free scope, and the road from the dam to Port Deposit closed to traffic.

At Port Deposit the river has overflowed the wharves and flooded yards on the lower side of Main street, but not a great deal of damage resulted. Report on Wednesday morning was that the water seemed to be receding, and that apparently the peak of the flood stage had been reached.

"The Family Upstairs" will be presented by local talent of Elkton, on April 18 and 19, in the High School of that town, for the benefit of the Union Hospital.

Early Spring Nuptial Events

Reynolds--Hurlock

Miss Ella Reynolds, daughter of Mrs. John Elmer Reynolds of Elkton, and Mr. Carl Pennell Hurlock of Lewisburg, Pa., were married Saturday afternoon, March 23, in the Elkton Presbyterian Church by the Rev. William H. Davies of the Little Britain Church, Little Britain, Pa. The wedding music was played by Miss Miriam Jeffers of Elkton, Miss Inez Robins of Lewisburg, Pa., sang.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Thomas H. Reynolds of Blue Hall, Md. Mrs. Paul A. Mackie of Elkton, a sister of the bride, was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were: Miss Cecile Gehhart of Williamsport, Pa., and Mrs. Alice Cawley of Lewisburg, Pa. Miss Betty Jane Kirk of Elkton, was flower girl. Mr. Clarence Staats, Jr., of Malvern, Pa., was best man. Mr. Walter Powers and Mr. William Hurlock of Philadelphia were ushers.

Following the ceremony the bridal couple received at the home of Mrs. Reynolds on Elkton Boulevard. The couple left later on a southern trip.

Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Hurlock will live in Lewisburg. Mrs. Hurlock has been the Pennsylvania State College home economics extension representative for Union County, Pa., for the past several years, and has been living in Lewisburg during that time. She is a graduate of Calvert High School, Calvert, Md., and of the University of Delaware. She attended Cambridge University in England.

Mr. Hurlock is a graduate of Juniata College, attended Temple University, and received his master's degree from Columbia University.

Hinken--Kidd

The marriage of Miss Alma June Hinker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hinken, Coopersville, Michigan, and Paul W. Kidd, son of Mrs. Effie Kidd, Calvert, took place at twelve noon, Saturday, March 23, in Bethany Orthodox Presbyterian church, Nottingham, Pa.

The church was decorated with baskets of calla lilies and potted plants. Miss Lorraine Little, Calvert, was the bride's only attendant and Ellis Hawke was best man.

The single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Peter De Ruitter, pastor of the church. The bride was beautiful in white crepe and carried a long veil, and carried a sheaf of white calla lilies. Her attendant wore blue taffets, with matching hat and veil, and carried yellow roses.

Following the ceremony, Miss Mary Stilwell, Barnsley, sang "I Love You Truly" and "O, Promise Me." She was accompanied by Mrs. Peter De Ruitter, the bride's sister, who also played the wedding marches.

Following the ceremony a dinner was served to the immediate families at the De Ruitter home. After a short wedding trip the couple will make their home in Calvert, Md.

Manlove--Jackson

The marriage of Miss Georgia M. Manlove, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Manlove, of Cecilton, and Mr. Merton S. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilmer Jackson, of Aiken, Md., took place in the Cecilton Methodist Church, Saturday afternoon, March 23. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank White, pastor of the Church.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. W. B. Manlove, Mrs. Jacob Minster of Havre de Grace, was matron of honor, and Mr. Joseph Jackson of New Haven, Conn., brother of the groom, was best man. Mr. Irving Manlove, Mr. Howard Manlove, Mr. Nelson Jackson, and Mr. Jacob Minster were ushers. Mr. Norman Miloy played the wedding march and Mr. Robert King brother-in-law of the bride, sang. After the ceremony the couple received a number of friends at the home of the bride's parents. Later they left on a northern wedding trip. They will live in Perryville.

Mrs. Jackson is a member of the faculty of the Perryville High School. Mr. Jackson is a member of the firm of McCloskey and Jackson, of Elkton.

Powell--Fisher

Gladys Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell of Kirkwood, Delaware, and John E. Fisher, son of Mrs. Mazie E. Fisher of Newark, Delaware, were married at 7:30 o'clock, Easter morning in the Presbyterian Manse, Newark, by Rev. H. Evert Hallman.

The bride is a graduate of the Middletown High School, Middletown, Delaware, and the groom a graduate of the Jacob Tome Institute, Port Deposit, and is employed as chief projectionist at the State Theatre in Newark.

Personal And Social

Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Vincent, of Elkton, celebrated their forty-second wedding anniversary on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richie on Sunday visited Miss Ruth Richie, who is a student in a Baltimore hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lopez and little son, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marker.

The engagement of Miss Margaret Knotts, of Denton, Md., and Mr. George Huber, Jr., of Chesapeake City has been announced.

Mr. Scott A. Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Andrews, of Elkton, and Miss Jean M. Rankin, of Wilmington, Del., were quietly married last week at the Elkton Methodist parsonage by Rev. M. E. Wheatley. The young couple will reside in Elkton.

Miss Mary Brumfield, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Lane and son Richard attended the wedding on Saturday afternoon, at Pitman, New Jersey, of Miss Mary Elizabeth Nickell to Mr. Donald Clifton Exler. The groom resided for a time in Rising Sun and was employed at Conowingo Power Company Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Keir left on Saturday for Truxton, New York, where Mr. Keir will superintend a milk plant for the Sheffield Farms Company. Coming to our town a little over a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Keir made many warm friends here, who sincerely regret their departure, but send their best wishes with them to their new home. Mr. Keir was superintendent of the Sheffield Company plant in Rising Sun.

Woman's Club Honors Founder

Miss Mary H. Jamar, founder of the Elkton Woman's Club on January 2, 1913, was honored at the birthday party of that club on Tuesday afternoon of last week, at the Church House in Elkton, in connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of America. Miss Jamar was presented with a bronze medal in honor of her pioneer work in the organization.

The first president, Mrs. Robert H. Lewis, Newark, was also given a medal which was accepted by her daughter, Mrs. Mackey, and one was given in honor of the late Mrs. Henry M. McCullough, the second president of the club. The medal will be sent to Mrs. McCullough's sister, Mrs. Cook, at Trenton, N. J. All past presidents were honored also with corsages. The presentations were made by Mrs. James W. Hughes, president of the club.

Eightieth Birthday

Mrs. Ida Brown Boyd, of Coatesville, Pa., celebrated her 80th birthday on March 21st. Friends and relatives remembered her with cards, gifts, flowers and four large cakes. She received sixty cards and had thirty-five visitors. All of her children were in to see her and offered their congratulations, excepting one son, Herbert, who resides in Ohio and did not get home for the happy occasion.

Mrs. Boyd's girlhood days were spent in the Calvert, Cecil County neighborhood. Mr. Elmer E. Brown, of Rising Sun, is her brother. Mrs. Boyd enjoys fair health for one of her years.

Ragan--Grant

Miss Josephine Ragan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ragan, of Rising Sun, and Mr. Stanley Grant, Jr., of Port Deposit, were married Saturday evening, March 23, at Tome Methodist parsonage, Port Deposit. Rev. John W. Jones officiating. The bride was attired in a dress of pounce blue with navy accessories; the attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Boyd, sister and brother-in-law of the groom. Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Boyd entertained in honor of the newly-wedded pair. Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grant, Sr., entertained at dinner in their honor.

The bride was a member of the 1939 graduating class of Rising Sun High School. She is the fourth member of the class to marry since June 1939.

Senior Class Play

Rehearsals are being held for the usual Senior Class play, which will be given in the High School Auditorium here, on Friday evening, April 12. The play to be presented this year is a three-act farce "Mail Order Brides". It is full of amusing situations and an evening of enjoyment is in store for all who attend.

Shore Teachers Will Meet At Elkton

Various School Problems Will Be Discussed By Group

Prof. H. E. McBride, superintendent of Cecil County Schools, has announced the completion of the program for the spring regional meeting of the Maryland State Teachers' Association of the Upper Shore Region, comprising Caroline, Cecil, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties to be held at the Elkton High School, Saturday April 6.

There will be morning and afternoon sessions, the morning session opening at 9 o'clock. The address of welcome will be given by Professor McBride. Thomas C. Ferguson, supervisor of physical education and recreation, State Department of Education, will act as chairman. Dr. M. P. Neilson, executive secretary-treasurer of the American Association for Health Physical Education and Recreation, will speak on "Improving the Program of Physical Education in the Public Schools." Dr. Harold Benjamin, dean of the School of Education, University of Maryland, will speak in the morning on "Developing Creative Abilities."

The afternoon session will be devoted to social studies, science, reading and library service, fine arts, and vocational and adult education.

The officers of the Upper Shore Region are: President, Dr. F. G. Livingood of Washington College, Chestertown; vice-president, Benjamin C. Willis, superintendent of schools, Denton; secretary, W. J. Stenger, principal of Chestertown High School; treasurer, Ralph J. Benchley, principal of North East High School; members of the executive committee, Miss Anna Slaughter, Easton, and H. E. McBride, Elkton, Maryland.

Fire Damages Historic Mansion

The historic Harlan home, known as "Paradise," in Harford county, was almost completely destroyed by fire on March 24.

The estate is now owned by the Misses Susannah, Elizabeth and Mary Harlan.

All of the main portion of the house was badly damaged and the Harlan sisters were forced to move to another building on the estate.

The land on which the house stood, about three miles outside of Churchville, on the road to Dublin, was acquired by the Jesuit Brothers more than 200 years ago. The property was known as Priest's Ford and for many years the Brothers operated the small ferry at nearby Deer Creek.

Highway Bridge Tolls

Chairman Ezra B. Whitman, of the State Roads Commission, states the regular charge for automobiles using the new Susquehanna river bridge between Perryville and Havre de Grace, will be twenty cents regardless of the number of passengers.

A trust indenture which binds the Commission in fixing the charges provides a 15 cent per trip commutation ticket, and no lower rate would be possible to anybody under the contract, Whitman said.

"The trust indenture provides that the Commission must set the tolls according to the recommendations of Coverdale & Colpitts, traffic engineers of New York.

"That's a contract between the bondholders. It would take a 75 per cent vote of the bondholders to make any changes."

Worker Falls Into River

Serious injuries resulted to James S. Edenfield, 48, of Chester, Pa., when he fell from the new dual highway bridge being built across the Susquehanna River, to the water 45 feet below. Edenfield, the third worker to fall from the structure since work began on it, was the first to be injured. Employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company on pier 44, on the Perryville side of the river, Edenfield was unbalanced when a wrench he was using slipped from his hand. He was taken to the Havre de Grace Hospital, where X-ray examinations showed he had a broken foot, bruises about the body, and a fractured pelvis.

Farm Building Burned

A small shed on the farm of Chas. McFadden, near West Nottingham, was destroyed by fire about four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rising Sun firemen were called to the scene and prevented spread of the flames to other buildings.