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Special Bridge Toll Rates Urged

New Susquehanna River Span Expensive To Commuters

Possibility of special three or seven and one-half-cent toll tickets to the Susquehanna River bridge at Perryville to be used by residents of the section is being discussed in official circles in the state.

Ezra B. Whitman, chairman of the State Roads Commission, has reported to Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor that such a plan would be possible but toll adjustments may be made only by a committee of consulting engineers named when the bridge bond was floated.

Regular toll on the bridge is 20 cents, but special books of tickets at 15 cents apiece are available to residents.

Stores in both Havre de Grace and Perryville, persons who must cross the river to get to their jobs, and professional men have all complained that paying the bridge toll is working a hardship with them.

Many persons are reported using the old double-decker bridge, which is closed to auto traffic, as a shanks mare and bicycle route across the Susquehanna.

The bridge works the greatest hardship of all on Jacks in Havre de Grace whose Jills live across the river.

"Jack" drives across the bridge to pick up "Jill"—20 cents. Then he takes her back to Havre de Grace to the movies or something—20 cents. After the movies he takes her home again—20 cents.

By this time "Jack" is beginning to feel pretty chummy with the bridge keepers—but it still costs him 20 cents to get back home again.

Fatal Auto Accident

Two fatal auto accidents took place at Principio Furnace, on Route 40, within a few hours of each other on Dec. 22.

Isaac Pittinger, 51 years old, of Westminster, Md., a traveling salesman, was instantly killed while fixing a flat tire on his car when he was struck by an auto driven by Edward Scott, of Bel Air. Scott was placed under arrest and released on bail to appear at a coroner's inquest Jan. 3.

The second accident resulted in the death of Thomas Clayward, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clayward of Marshall Hall, Md. The youth was spending the holidays with his mother, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simmons, when police said he walked out from behind a parked car into the path of another machine driven by W. Howard Bland of Philada.

Mr. Bland stopped and picked up child up, to make a fast trip to the Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace, where the boy was pronounced dead. Bland was exonerated following an investigation

Amateur Radio Operators

The Cecil Times, of Elkton, reports a local group of amateur radio operators have recently formed an organization known as the Mason-Dixon Radio Club and elected as officers the following: Amos Stanley; president; Lewis Lee, vice-president; George Downing, secretary and treasurer.

Each of these officers is a licensed radio and has his own station. It is the hope of those interested to be able, in the near future, to build and operate a club station. All who are interested in radio are invited to become members of the organization. A permanent club room will soon be established and the officers expect to begin a course of instruction.

Many noteworthy acts are often performed by amateur operators, in times of suc hcatastrophies as floods and hurricanes, in summoning aid for the stricken and in keeping the outside world informed of the progress of events. Very often distant messages, such as calls for help, have been received by amateurs and relayed to their destination. For these reasons alone an amateur club is always an asset to a community, and it is hoped that the organizers of the local outfit will be successful in their plans.

Rowlandsville Property Sold

Wheeler & Grier, Realtors, report the sale of a semi-detached dwelling on Main street, Rowlandsville, for the George C. Logan, Est., to Mrs. Sophia Caldwell of Conowingo, Maryland, who will take immediate possession.

A lonely road is a long one.

Treasurer Speeds Auto Tag Procedure

Edwin S. Dorcus, treasurer for Cecil county, has announced that, as the result of a special arrangement made by him with the commissioner of motor vehicles, all car owners who pay their current automobile taxes before Jan. 1, will receive their 1941 tag applications already perforated.

This will save the motorists an extra visit to the county treasurer's office where they would have to have their application for tags perforated before they would be able to obtain their automobile license for the new year.

Mr. Dorcus reports that up to the present, the automobile owners have cooperated very poorly.

Reconditioning Fireworks Plant

A large force of workmen is engaged in putting the Victory Fireworks plant, near Elkton, in running order. The plant has been closed for several years. It has been taken over by the Foundation Company. It is the intention of the owners to construct additional buildings in order to take care of large contracts which have been received.

According to announcement as soon as construction work is complete, the National company will take over. The official would not confirm reports that the concern had received government contracts or would engage in the manufacture of explosives. A personnel office will be established and applications received for both male and female help.

Gunners Cited For Federal Action

Accused of violating the federal migratory bird treaty act, eight hunters will be cited to appear in Federal Court for a hearing. The defendents and the charges on which they will be arraigned are as follows:

John E. Robinson, Earleville, charged with using an unplugged automatic shotgun and hunting for wild geese after hours.

John F. Mitchell, Havre de Grace, charged with shooting four wild pintail ducks, before the season opened.

Clayton C. Calloway, Salisbury, and Clyde J. Barrett, Worchester County, charged with scattering grain around a hunting blind.

Peyton S. Cochran, of Owings Mills, Y. E. Booker, Washington, William F. Goodman, Rock Hall, and J. K. Bartlett, Woodstock, charged with using wild geese as decoys.

All the defendants face a maximum of $500 or six months in prison or both.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kirk, of Oxford, Pa., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Virginia Kirk to Mr. James Seymour Weedon, Jr., son of Mrs. James S. Weeden of Norristown and the late Mr. Weeden.

Miss Kirk is a graduate of Westhampton College, University of Richmond, Virginia, and of Pierce school, Philada., and is employed at the Eastern Laboratory of the duPont Company. Mr. Weeden is a graduate of Temple University and is an accountant on the staff of Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery.

Farm Properties Sold

The Patton farm, containing 96 acres with all necessary improvements, has been sold by Henry A. Warburton and Albert Constable, trustees, to William G. Jack and wife, of Liberty Grove, for $3,900. D. Thomas Stump and wife have sold their farm in the North East district to William T. Riggin and wife, for $3,500.

Got The Bacon

Sixteen hogs, valued at $200, were stolen from the piggery of Joseph Caterbone, in the rear of Williamson Park, Lancaster county, Pa., Motor Police reported Thursday. The stolen hogs averaged between 100 and 125 pounds each.

Child Falls From Auto

While Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leverdige, Bay View, were delivering Christmas gifts, on Tuesday, last, the door of the car flew open and the young son of the couple fell out on the dirt road. The boy was picked up and taken to the hospital where it was found he was suffering from several cuts on the head.

COMINGS AND GOINGS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing spent the week-end in Baltimore.

Mr. Walter Guthrie is a patient at Eudowood Sanitorium, near Towson, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith entertained Miss Celia Jenkins at dinner on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville C. Barrett spent Christmas with friends in Wilmington, Delaware.

Ashley Brumfield, of Elkins Park, Pa., was a recent visitor of his sister, Mrs. Job W. Kirk.

Mrs. Beatrice Patten spent the holidays with her son, Emerson K. Patten and family, Towson, Md.

Miss Debbie Jackson, Principio Furnace, was a Thursday-Friday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Briscoe.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude McGlothin, of Port Depoist, on Christmas Day, at Havre de Grace Hospital.

Mrs. Emma Donache and son Leigh, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young and family, at Perry Point.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Linn Worthington and son, Hank, of Baltimore, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Mary Cherry and Miss Louise Worthington.

Miss Louise Nickell, music supervisor in Mt. Rainer High School, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruch Nickell, of Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Johnson, of Elkton, entertained on Sunday Mr. Elmer Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Eugene Spencer, of Philada. visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher and family on Christmas. Mr. Spencer was a visitor at the same place in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor R. Biles had as their Christmas guests, Mr. Jesse T. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cameron, Freehold, New Jersey.

Miss Alice Gorden Venable has returned to Whitakers, N. C., where she is a member of the High School faculty as instructor in Math. and Science, after spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Venable, at West Nottingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brown entertained at a family dinner on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shultz, Glenn Olp, of Lancaster; Miss Arlene Brown, Ardmore; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Brown, son Jimmie, Oxford, and Theodore H. Brown.

Those who partook of the Christmas festivities at the home of Mr. Haines Job were: Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Cope, Miss Esther Cope, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Glackin and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing and Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Evan Job, Misses Pearl, Margaret and Virginia Ewing

Miss May Johnson was a holiday visitor of Baltimore relatives.

Miss Josephine Pogue is recovering from a severe attack of whooping cough.

Miss Nettie McVey was a dinner guest of the Curtis Reynolds family on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. William Henry were Christmas visitors of Philada., and New Jersey relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garvin had as their guests on Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. William Snyder.

Mrs. Sara Wagner is spending some time with her daughter Mrs. M. D. Thompson, Boy Side, Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson, Colora, spent Christmas with Mrs. Gibson's mother, Mrs. Brown, at Principio Furnace.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garvin, daughter Jean, and Mrs. Mary V. Garvin visited Mrs. Addie Haines, Kennett Square, on Sunday.

Joseph Touchton, Jr., of Philada., has been spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Touchton, Main street.

Mrs. Maratha Harding and nephew, Mr. Drennen, were Christmas day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gibson and family, near Colora.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall and daughter Dalou, Gtrmantown, Pa., were Christmas guests of Mrs. Annie Marshall and Misses Reynolds.

Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue were Mrs. Mary Cherry, Mrs. Lillian Roberson, Miss Mary Brumfield, Miss Elizabeth R. Stephens, Mrs H. L. Shepherd, Mrs. Ella Buck, Miss Mabel Reynolds.

New Year's visitors of Mrs. Mary Cherry an dMiss Louise Worthington were Dr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Workman and daughter Marian and Adelaide, of Mt. Joy, Pa.

Misses Dorothy, Lillian and Anna Ryan and Mrs. Clara B. Keen were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Keen, Perryville, the Misses Ryan staying over Christmas Day, and Mrs. Keen spending Christmas with the William Cherrys.

Mrs. J. B. Fassitt left Rising Sun on New Year's day for Jacksonville, Florida, for a visit to her brother, Major Percy M. Teeple. She was joined in Baltimore by the Major's daughter, Miss Bettie Teeple. Major Teeple is attached to the Coast Artillery, U. S. Army, and is being transferred to Texas.

Colonel Norman T. Kirk and family, are visitors at the home of his brother, Job Kirk and wife. Major Kirk has been transferred from California and will head the staff of Walter Reed Hospital, Washington. The Colonel and his family made the trip from California via the Panama Canal, and spent Christmas with relatives at Montauk, Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Tome have moved from the West Nottingham section to the Rawlings property, south of Rising Sun.

Miller Davis has sold his residence property on Locust Lane, Elkton, to Charles Merrey, of Elkton. The consideration has not been made public.

James Whiteside, of near Oxford, Pa., lost two valuable horses last week, one from spasdomic colic and the other broke its leg and had to be killed.

The annual banquet of the Past Masters' Association, Cecil County Lodges, A. F. & A. M., was served on Friday evening in the Civic Club rooms, Chesapeake City.

The W.C.T.U. will meet at the home of Mrs Nellie Wagner, Thursday, Jan. 9th, 2:00 o'clock. Devotional leader Mrs. Willis Ely; Program leader, Miss Elizabeth Stephens.

Mrs. Richard Whiteoak has sold her 400-acre farm at Cayots Corner, Cecil county, to Carl Pfitsch of Dover Plains, N. Y. Livestock and implements were included in the transaction.

The Cecil County Council of P. T. A. will meet at the Perryville High School, on Monday, January 6 at 8 p. m. Mr. Harry Dyer, State Safety chairman, will be the speaker. All persons are urged to attend

The management of the Baldwin manufacturing Company, at Elk Mills, entertained the employees at a Christmas dinner at the Ritz Hotel, Elkton, Friday evening. More than 100 people participated in the affair.

The New Year was greeted here with a few pistol shots and other noises.

Glen Edwards, Jr., of North East, has been named chairman of the junior board for Southern States Cooperative in the North East section.

The upper Kent and Cecil County Horse Association has secured a French thoroughbred stallion from the Remount Stables at Fort Royal, Virginia.

James Peaper has sold his feed and grain business in Chesapeake City, to Hazlett Lake to accept the management of the Consumers Oil Company for Cecil county.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Craig, of Earleville section, had the misfortune to lose twelve turkeys which were taken from the farm one evening while the family was away.

Major Raynor Garey, son of the late George O. Garey, of North East, now located in Hawaii, has been promoted to Lieutenat-Colonel. He has also been ordered to Fort Sill, Oaklohoma.

George Vaggi, proprietor of the Howard Hotel, Elkton, who is a native of Greece, has been appointed by the Maryland committee as the authorized agent to solicit funds for the Greek relief.

Sidney D. Peverley, for a number of years in the lumber and timber business in Havre de Grace, has been appointed by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor a member of the State Forestry Board succeeding the late Mauldin Lum of Cecil County.

Women who marry to get a meal ticket get little else.

Maryland General Assembly Convenes

The General Assembly of Maryland was called to convene at Annapolis on Wednesday evening of this week.

Governor O'Conor in his budget message will ask the Legislature to make a twelve to fifteen per cent cut in income taxes applicable to income for 1940.

In addition to reducing the amount of the levy on incomes, the Governor will request the Legislature to spread the payment of the tax over the year in quarterly payments, rather than require a lump-sum payment on March 15.

Further, to avoid payment of the State tax and the Federal income levy, falling due at the same time, the Governor said he would propose that the General Assembly make the first quarterly installment on the State impost payable any time within thirty days after March 15.

On the basis of a twelve per cent cut in the rate, Maryland taxpayers would be relieved of payment of $926,880 a year, and at the hgher figure—fifteen per cent—the yield of the levy would be $1,156,600 less, according to estimates.

Rent Causes Legal Controversy

Despite an appeal that reached the highest court in the state, Curtis Kroh, of Havre de Grace, still was the tenant without a landlord.

Mr. Kroh was forced to file a court proceeding to determine whether Florence Maulsby and Elizabeth and Minnie Smithers of Chesapeake City, heirs of the late John S. Young, should receive the rent or whether Miller and J. Harvey Scarborough, who also claimed the property, should receive the payments.

The Court of Appeals, ruling on a plea for a Harford County Circuit Court verdict, affirmed the latter decision in part, reversed it in part, and ordered the case remanded for more hearings. The rival claimants will split costs. Mr. Kroh still doesn't know whom to pay.

Met Death When Auto Overturned

Townsend Forward, produce dealer, of Oxford, Pa., was found dead Thursday morning last, in his automobile at Lee's Bridge, in Lancaster county, Pa. The man was a former resident of Arcadia and was 45 years of age.

It is believed Forward fell asleep while driving and his auto struck a rock and overturned, causing Forward's skull to be fractured.

Dr. Guy T. Holcombe and Deputy Coroner C. Brock, of Oxford, issued a certificate of accidental death.

His wife, Mrs. Alice Forward, is left; also his mother, Mrs. Ida Forward, of Baltimore, Md.; a brother and a sister, Parker Forward, and Mrs. Ethel Casmere, of Baltimore.

Perryville Fire Company Auxiliary

The newly elected officers of the Perryville Fire Co. Auxiliary are as follows: president, Mrs. Ella Hackler; senior vice-president, Mrs. Sara Bearch; junior vice-president, Miiss Martha Walker; secretary, Mrs. Pearl Biddle; treasurer, Mrs. Helen Lay; chaplain, Mrs. Ethel Little; historian, Mrs. Mildred Jackson. The auxiliary during the year has turned over to the fire company the sum of $230.

Bank Dividends

The Board of Directors of the Cecil National Bank, Port Deposit, have recently voted to pay 20 per cent to the holders of participation certificates. The certificates will be returned to depositors for future payments.

The directors of the Citizens National Bank of Havre de Grace have declared the usual semi-annual dividend of three per cent; the First National Bank, four per cent, and The Havre de Grace Banking and Trust Company one and one-half per cent.

Sportsmen Want Better Fish And Game Laws

The Cecil County Rod and Gun Club, which is now entering upon its third year of activities, will sponsor considerable legislation when the General Assembly convenes at Annapolis this month.

The proposed legislation will deal, not only with better protection of game, but also better protection of game fish, particularly where fishing by nets is concerned.

The bills have not yet been prepared and probably will not be introduced until early in February.

Shore Muskrat Season Opens

Rodents Reported Scarce But Market Conditions Good

The muskrat trapping season opened New Year's Day on both sides of Maryland's tidewater country on the Delmarva Peninsula with trappers and buyers in both localities optimistic despite a difference in the expected catch.

Reports from Talbot County and other bayside sections where the industry is the heaviest, are to the effect that the rats are plentiful, fur in good condition, and indications strong for satisfactory prices.

The ocean side of the Eastern Shore, which is Worcester County's exclusively, has a different story to tell, but no pessimism. Trappers and buyers in this section find the rats scarcer than usual, and in marshes where salt water has invaded from Ocean City's inlet, are practically wiped out. The fur buyers, however, are expecting a better season for both the trappers and themselves than that of 1939.

Due to the "big freeze" of January, 1940, which wiped out thousands of young muskrats, the muskrat on the Eastern Shore has been depleted. And because the market for black muskrat pelts in Great Britian has been closed, the market for both brown and black hides will remain about the same.

The muskrat trapping industry in Worchester county alone is valued at over $50,000 annually.

Hundreds of acres of marshland have been leased in Talbot County for the season, which closes March 15. Trappers and marsh-owners have been busy during recent weeks overhauling their traps and equipment and repairing their shanties, making them weather-tight for a season's sojourn on the marses.

Muskrat fur sells at varying prices depending upon quality and size. Pelts are graded as kits (young 'rats), mediums and primes in some sections, and as primes and seconds elsewhere.

Color is another important factor in determining the value of muskrat fur. Some are black and some brown, with a slight graduation between the two. On rare occasions albino muskrats have been captured on shore marshes.

Harris--Cornwell

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harris, at Zion, was the scene of a very quiet wedding on Christmas morning, at 11 o'clock, when their daughter, Margaret Williams Harris, was united in marriage to Herbert Lindsay Cornwell, by Dr. S. J. Venable, pastor of West Nottingham Presbyterian Church, in the presence of the immediate families and a few friends.

The bride was attended by Misses Frances Cornwell and Flora May Harris and Mr. Vastine Lucas, acted as best man.

Cloud--Connard

Miss Dorothy Eastburn Cloud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Taylor Cloud of New London, Pa., was married to Mr. William Eves Connard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Connard, of New London, Pa., on Saturday.

The ceremony took place at the New London Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Roulin Huston, the pastor, officiating.

Miss Doris Randt of Wilmington was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were: Miss Frances Mackey of New London, Miss Dorothy Jebb of Kelton, Pa; Miss Jacqueline Haydon of Richardson Park, and Mrs. Richard Goodall of Lansdowne, Pa.

Mr. George Ward of Wilmington was best man, and the ushers were: Mr. Joseph Pennington of New London, Mr. Ricahrd Goodall of Lansdowne, Mr. Willard Young of New London, and Mr. James Hindman of Oxford.

The bride was given in marriage by her cousin, Mr. Rudolph Eastburn.

The bride is a graduate of the Oxford, Pa., High School and West Chester State Teachers College and was a member of the Newark High School faculty. Mr. Connard is manager of the Baltimore office of the Oxford Cabinet Company.

Conowingo Power Company Entertains

The annual Christmas party by the staff of the Conowingo Power Company, and the Southern Pennsylvania Power Company, was held at Maryland Inn, Rising Sun, on Wednesday last. Stacey Briggs acted as toastmaster. Among the guests were Mr. Paul LeFevre, superintendent, and John Bodine, assistant superintendent of the Conowingo Power plant.