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Bridge Tolls To Be Lowered

Cheaper Rates Across Span Benefit Local Residents

Govrnor O'Conor has been advised by Ezra B. Whitman, chairmon of the State Roads Commission, that tolls on the new Susquehanna river bridge can be lowered materially for residents of Havre de Grace and Perryville and their environs.

The Governor explained that under a plan suggested by Mr. Whitman books of toll tickets of a 100 could be sold at 3 cents a trip, while smaller books would sell at 7½ cents.

Mr. Whitman's recommendation to the Governor was made following a survey of traffic across the span, which the State Roads Commission in November called a Class A money-maker.

Governor O'Conor said the introduction of the 3 and 7½ cents commuters' books would depend entirely on the approval of a committee of consulting engineers who were named in the indenture. In floating the bridge bond, he explained, it was made mandatory that such an impartial committee be set up to have final judgment in any lowering of tolls.

The survey by Mr. Whitman was at Governor O'Conor's request. When the survey began residents of Harford and Cecil counties pointed out that some of them make as high as three and four trips daily across the span. There is no charge for pedestrian traffic.

Major Whitman said the commission would be ready to put the new local communation rate into effect within a week or two for the benefit of Harford and Cecil county traffic.

He predicted the rate would be reduced to around 2½ or 3 cents a crossing.

According to terms of the indenture the old bridge was closed to vehicular traffic when the new span was opened on August 28. However, pedestrians still are allowed to use the old bridge because no dollars and cents are involvel.

Rcntly Govrnor O'Conor received a communication from the War Department requesting that the old bridge be retained in its place for possible use in thenation's defense program.

A downward revision of truck rates on the bridge, through inauguration of a communation rate for commercial fleets, is also being considered by the State Roads Commission.

Major Whitman said a request for such a change had been submitted by the Maryland Motor Truck Association, and had been referred to the consulting engineers and traffic engineers for study.

He explained the commutation rate, which would reduce tolls about twenty-five per cent for trucking companies, was projected by the traffic engineers in their original rate schedule, but the commission had decided not to put them into effect until there had been some experience with traffic tolls.

Three Extra Delegates For Maryland

As a result of the new census figures three counties in Maryland will have additional delegates in the General Assembly, due to increased population.

The counties are Dorchester, Montgomery and Frederick.

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor will take action to fill the posts as soon as he is notified officially that they exist.

With the publication of official figures for the 1940 Federal Census —by counties—it was shown that Dorchester, Montgomery and Frederick Counties are entitled each to another member of the House of Delegates.

The population of Dorchester County jumped from 26.813 as of 1930 to 28,006, and will get an extra delegates. Now it will have four delegates.

The constitutional section under which the apportionment is made allows two delegates to every county with 18,000 population or less; three to counties with more than 18,000 and less than 28,000; four to counties with 28,000 and less than 40,000.

Canning Crop School

The Maryland Canning Crops School was held at the Horticultural Building, University of Maryland, College Park, January 7 and 8. A program was carried out that dealt with various phases of production of lima beans, snap beans, tomatoes, sweet corn and peas, as well as the general subjects of soil fertility and fertilization.

Briefly Noted News

Among the whooping cough victims in our town are several children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reed.

The public schools of the county reopened on Monday after the Christmas holiday period, which extended from Friday, Dec. 20.

The ladies of the Eastern Star of Port Deposit served a turkey dinner to the members of the Harmony Lodge on Friday evening in Masonic Hall.

The holiday period closed on Saturday with a violent snow flurry in the afternoon, and a decided drop in the temperature, the mercury going as low as 14 degrees that night.

Haines Kirk, of Oxford, Pa., who has conducted a bread route through this section for the past fourteen years, has sold the business to Mr. George Roney, who took over on Thursday, Jan. 2nd.

While the car of John Lawrence, of Elk Mills, was parked in the rear of the old Court House in Elkton, a thief stole from the inside of the machine a brand new tire and wheel which the owner had only an hour earlier purchased.

Madison McCullough, Oxford, Pa., who has conducted a drug store in that borough over fifty years, has sold the business to Joseph Leeke, of Oxford. Clement McCullough operated this drug store before Madison McCullough conducted it.

General stamp sales in the Elkton postoffice during December were $500 higher than December, 1939, Postmaster J Mercer Terrell announced. During the 15-day period preceding Chri[illegible]y, machine cancelations totaled 124,422 pieces.

The cars of Mines Smith, of Port Deposit, and Gustav Schenk, of West Chester, collided near oatesville, Wednesday evening and at a hearing before Alderman Taylor, the parties reached a satisfactory agreement regarding damages to the machines.

National Guard Officers Called

The vanguard of Maryland National Guard to train at Fort George G. Meade was ordered to duty beginning Monday, January 6.

The officers are called for intensive training prior to induction to better fit them to handle the multiplicity of tasks they will face in camp.

A school manned by a faculty of either regular army officers or high ranking officers of the National Guard has been established.

Instruction will be given in all the subjects on the training program for inductees.

Officers will be called from Baltimore, Crisfield, Pocomoke City, Salisbury, Cambridge, Easton, Centreville, Elkton, BelAir, Westminster, Frederick, Hagerstown, Cumberland, Annapolis, Laurel, Hyattsville, Silver Springs and Kensington.

Induction of the Guard into the national service has been set for February 3.

Fireworks Plant Reopens

The Foundation Company of Pittsburgh has complettd its renovation of the National Fireworks plant on the Singerly road near Elkton. The plant, which has been closed for the past two years, was reopened for operation last week.

A large government contract will employ between 300 and 400 people now, and probably 1,200 later, officials said.

Thomas B. Dutcher, formerly of Elkton, now of Boston, will move his family back to Elkton this week and take position as manager of the plant.

Union Hospital Donation

Among the gifts made to Union Hospital, Elkton, during the holidays, was a check for $100 from the few of the women of Hack's Point, a summer resort along the Bohemia River.

The club which has been in existence for several years is headed by Mrs. Lydia Reybold. During the year it holds various kinds of entertainments and suppers, the proceeds from which are donated to benevolent institutions.

Donaldson Brown of Port Deposit, finance chairman of the General Motors Corporation, has donated $20,000 to the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, for the establishment of scholarship fund for graduate students in the departments of English and physics.

Mr. Brown purchased the Mt. Ararat Farms, near Port Deposit, from the late Dr Joseph I. France, several years ago, and later erected a modern residence there.

Annual Session Methodist Conference

Will Open May 14 In Union Methodist Church

Union Methodist Church, Fifth and Washington Streets, Wilmington, will be host to the second annual Peninsula Methodist Conference, which will open Wednesday, May 14.

The Rev. Dr. Walter E. Gunby, superintendent of the Conference Wilmington District, made the announcement after his return from a meeting of the entertainment committee in Dover.

More than 800 ministers and laymen from the Delmarva Peninsula will attend the sessions, which will probably run through Monday, May 19. About 250 churches will be represented.

Bishop Anda Wright Leonard of Washington, D. C., successor to Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, retired, will preside for the first time at the conference. The Rev. T. J. Sard of Union Church will be host pastor.

The six-year terms of Dr. Gunby and the Rev. Dr. J. J. Bunting, superintendent of the Salisbury district, will expire.

The first formal session of the new Peninsula Conference of the United Methodist Church was held last spring at Grace Church. It was formed in October, 1939, at Salisbury, upon the unification of the three Methodist Church branches and consequent dissolution of the old Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference.

Skidding Truck Overturns

A large truck of the Horton Motor Lines, Inc., skidded and turned over several times, after allegedly striking a parked car on the southbound lane of the new dual highway at the Landing Lane intersection, Elkton, on Tuesday last, endangering the lives of three persons.

At a hearing before Trial Magistrate G. Reynolds Ash, Rodger G. Campbell of Baltimore, driver of the truck, testified that the swerved to avoid a collission with the car. Henry L. Avery of New York City and his wife were occupants of the car which had become stuck in the soft shoulder of the new road. Mrs. Avery was thrown from the machine. Campbell climbed out of his cab as the truck rested on its right side in the middle of the highway.

The magistrate found Campbell not guilty of a charge of reckless driving, but withheld decision in the case of Avery until he had a chance to view the latter's car. The couple and Campbell sustained only bruises and scratches.

Woman's Club Birthday

The Woman's Club of Elkton held its annual birthday luncheon on Tuesday, January 7 at 1 p. m. in the Howard Hotel. The speaker of the occasion was Mrs. Sara L. Whitehurst, national vice-president of the Federated Woman's Clubs and wife of a prominent Baltimore attorney. Mrs. Whitehurst ranks high among woman's club members and is slated to run for the office of national president of Federated Woman's Clubs at the convention to be held in Atlantic City enxt May.

Included on the program were vocal solos by Miss Grace Weever Gault of Baltimore and violin selections by Miss Dorothy Reid Goodrich, of Washington, D. C.

Engagements Announced

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Johnson, of New Church, Va., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eulah M. Johnson to Mr. O. C. Giles of Elkton, son of Mrs. Oliver Giles and the late Mr. Giles. No definite date has been set for the wedding, but it is expected to take place late in the summer.

Mrs. Ralph Gray Davis, Elkton, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Margery Marshbank Davis, to Samuel Brainard Maize, Jr., of Washington, D. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brainard Maize of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. Miss Davis and Mr. Maize are graduates of American University. No date has been set for the wedding.

Racing Dates Announced

The schedule of racing for Maryland tracks has been announced, as follows: Bowie, April 1 to 12; Havre de Grace, April 14 to 26; Pimlico, April 28 to May 10; Hagerstown, July 8 to 12; July 15 to 19; Bel Air, July 23 to August 2; Cumberland, August 5 to 9; August 12 to 16; Marlboro, August 20 to 30; Timonium, Sept. 1 to 11; Havre de Grace, Sept. 13 to 27; Laurel Park, October 1 to 29; Pimlico, Oct. 30 to Nov. 18; Bowie, Nov. 14 to 29.

Traffic Over New Dual Highway Open

One Lane Completed Through Cecil County

The new dual highway from the Delaware line to the Susquehanna river bridge has partially been completed, and a one-lane tract was opened for travel on Christmas Eve between Elkton and Perryville, the Cecil Democrat reports.

The two-lane route will not be completed until spring. However, there is a two-lane road a short distance west of Elkton, to the Susquehanna river bridge. The Good Roads Commission expects to have the entire route of the dual highway completed by early spring.

The opening of this road will be a blow to many people who invested money in establishments on the old road. A loss was experienced by the business people of Elkton, when traffic was diverted on the outskirts of the town.

Land along the new highway has jumped considerably in price. Lots that formerly would bring $100 are now being priced at $500 and up. Two new hotels have already been erected, the Croft Hotel at Perryville and the Sturgeon House on the junction below Leslie to North East. Both hotels cost upwards of $50,000 each. Many service stations are being erected, along with tourist cabins.

Tha new road, which will provide a shorter route, will be free of dangerous curves and steep grades, such as existed on the old road, highway officials say. The new road will not cross a railroad track from the Delaware line to Baltimore, excepting on the overhead bridge at Elkton.

Skeleton Found In Woods

The skelton of an unidentified man was found in the woods near the highway, between North East and Charlestown on Monday afternoon. The discovery was made by John Barrow, who notified the authorities. The body had evidently been in the woods for months. The man had been dressed in a pair of light summer trousers and short sleeved shirt. The only mark of identification found was a silver belt buckle engraved with the initials "R. B. B.". The skull appeared to be fractured at the base of the brain. The remains were taken in charge by Funeral Director Patterson, of Aiken, and the authorities are investigating the case.

Dinner Meeting Of Lions Club

At the dinner meeting of tht Lions Club at the Village Restaurant, on Thursday evening last, the guest speaker was Dr. Troxler, of New York. Dr. Troxler spoke of "Tobacco, from the Weed to the Industry."

His talk proved of great interest, taking his hearers by the different stages in the planting, harvesting and manufacture of tobacco into cigarettes, which has grown to such a gigantic industry. Dr. Troxler is a representative of the Philip Morris Cigarette Company.

E. Newell Jenkins resigned as secretary of Club, due to the fact that new duties will prevent his attending meetings. Everett Johnson was elected to fill the vacancy.

Carney--Short

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Marie Carnay of Media, formerly of Concordville, and Mr. Eugene Redgely Short, III, of Pocopson, on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Janes' Methodist parsonage, Rising Sun. The Rev. Joseph Dickerson officiated.

Sullivan--Griffith

Miss Ferne Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Sullivan, of Glen Hope Farm, Oxford, Pa., and Melvin Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Griffith, Kirkwood, were united in marriage Monday, Dec. 30, at the Oxford Research Clubhouse. Rev. E. Lynne Wade, pastor of Kirkwood Orthodox Church, performed the ceremony. The immediate family and close friends attended the wedding.

Would Distribute Estate

James Weinroth of Elkton, counsel for Jennie G. Price and others, filed a bill in the Circuit Court for Cecil County, asking for an order to sell the property of the late William Price, located near Warwick, so that the money therefrom may be distributed among the lawful heirs. The court action is necessary because one of the theirs, Thomas Calton Roe, cannot be located.

Personal And Social

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hawley entertained at a family dinner on Sunday.

Miss Vada Jugler, of near town, entertained Miss Ann Durham on Monday.

Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor enjoyed a visit with Wilmington relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. Mollie Buck, of Port Deposit, was the Sunday guest of Mr. C. C. Buck and family.

Mrs. Marion Brumfield and Miss Delores were Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. William Creswell.

Homer Keetley was a holiday visitor of his sister, Mrs. Helen Drummond, Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Plummer were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Edwards, of Perryville.

Mrs. Clara B. Keen enjoyed a very pleasant day, Friday, with Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Pusey, Colora.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Strayer, of York, Pa., were holiday visitors of Miss Mary Brumfield.

Mrs. W. E. Patten spent the week-end with her son, Evans Patten and wife, at their new home in Balto.

Mr. John R. Dodson, of Raspburg, Md., was a visitor last week at the home of his son, Dr. R. C. Dodson and family.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Dickerson were recent visitors of relatives in Milford, Delaware, and Chincoteague Viirginia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Simmers, of near Greenhurst, entertained relatives from Wilmington, Del., on New Year's day.

Miss Josephine Pogue is spending a few days with Mrs. Anna Kennard, near Colora. Mrs. Joseph Pogue was a Tuesday visitor at the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Johnson and children, of Elkton; Misses Elsie and Grace Grant, of Leeds, were New Year's day visitors of Joseph Johnson and family.

Guests of Mrs. Jean Shepherd and family on New Year's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dick, Collingswood, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. John Emerson, Denton, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young and daughters, of Perry Point; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and daughter, of Baldwin, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emma Donache.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Morton McCardell during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roney, of Oxford; Miss Mabel Reynolds, Mrs. Joseph Johnson and sons.

E. Newell Jenkins, of this town, who has held a position with the Philada. Electric Company, at the Conowingo plant, has been transferred to the Philada. office.

Richard, young son of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Dodson of this town, is seriously ill with pneumonia. He was taken to Union Hospital, Elkton, for treatment on Sunday morning.

Miss Pearl Ewing, of Rising Sun, who has completed the General Secretarial course at Beacom College, has accepted a position with the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crothers, of Rising Sun; Miss Marie Crothers, of Greenhurst, and Mr. William Logan of Charlestown, were Saturday evening dinner guests of Miss A. M. Crothers, Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dorsey, of Mt. Welcome Farm, Conowingo, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Virginia Dorsey to Mr. Harry Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hines of Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther P. Shaffer and son Perry Shaffer, of Cumberland, Md.; Mrs. J. L. Twaddell, of Devon, Pa., and Mrs. David M. Pope, of Lake Forest, Illinois, were visitors this week of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing, at "The Bungalow."

Mr. Boris Vadetski, a translater of New York city, and Miss Hilda H. Leaman, of White Plains, N. Y., daughter of Governor Herbert Leaman, of that State, were married in Elkton on December 1st. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William F. Hopkins.

George and Doris McVey spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McVey. George returned to the U. S. Air Corps, Mitchell Field, Long Island, N. Y., where he is stationed, and Doris, to State Teachers College, Salisbury, Md., where she is a Junior.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jacobs, of Elkton, entertained at dinner on New Year's Day for Mrs. Jacobs' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, of Rising Sun; her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Creswell and son, of Rising Sun; and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller, Elkton.

Md. Assembly Balks At Council Bills

Want Measures To Bear Names Of Lawmakers

Validity of the 110 bills introduced in the General Assembly at Annapolis by the Legislative Council as the result of months of study was at once challenged in both Senate and House.

The point made was that the measures, many of them important, should have borne the name of a Senator or delegate, and not of the Legislative Council.

The bills, prepared by Dr. Horace E. Flack, director of research and secretary to the Council, were presented 55 in each branch of the Assembly.

In the Senate, Reading Clerk Charles Cohen was about half-way through his job when Senator Cronin, Harford county, rose to question the validity of the method of introduction.

He expressed fear that the bills might not be upheld, if attacked in court.

Senators Lindsay, Baltimore county, and Funk, Frederick county, supported the position taken by their Harford county colleague.

Senator Roe, Queen Anne's county, majority floor leader, explained that the bills had been introduced "by the Legislative Council" on advice of the Attorney General.

But to guard against the possibility of complications, he said the official Senate journal would show the measures had been introduced by the President as from the Legislative Council.

A similar doubt as to the validity of introducing the bills "by the Legislative Council" was voiced in the House, and with similar result—the House journal will show that they have been inrtoduced by the Speaker on behalf of the Legislative Council, it was said.

The bills, product of months of patient fact-finding by the council, set up by the 1939 Assembly in the interest of legislative continuity, included measures:

To establish a State guard of volunteers to act in lieu of the National Guard when the latter is on Federal service.

To establish two hospitals for the chronic ill and the indigent people of the State, one on the Eastern Shore, the other on the Western Shore.

To regulate building and loan associations.

To regulate sale, possession and discharge of fireworks.

To eliminate the section of the present marriage laws which authorizes marriages through the publication of bans without the obtaining of licenses.

To authorize permanent tags for automobile licenses.

To control installment selling.

To change condemnation procedure so as to expedite acquisition of rights of way by the State Roads Commission.

The bills were to be submitted on a 50-50, or rather 55-55 basis—half of them to the Senate and half to the House.

Three new Senators and twelve new Delegates, one a woman, were sworn in to fill vacancies after the Senate had organized by re-electing Senator Arthur H. Brice, Kent county, as President and the House had re-elected Thomas E. Conlon, Fifth Baltimore district, as Speaker.

The three new Senators:

George W. Della, Sixth Baltimore district; Robert Fulton Waller, Wicomico county, and D. Stuart Bushong, Washington county.

The new delegates:

Nicholas J. Ropka, First Baltimore district; Stephen P. Campbell, Jr., and Joseph V. Cain, Second Baltimore district; Mrs. Dorothy Pippen, Fourth Baltimore District; Elmer Fody and Charles C. Griffin, Sixth Baltimore district.

Also John R. Richert and J. Alvin Ford, Anne Arundel county; B. Benjamin Rosenstock and J. Tyson Lee, Frederick county; E. Brooke Lee, Montgomery county; and J. Herbert McElwee, Washington county.

Senator Dudley G. Roe, Queen Anne's county, and Delegate John S. White, Prince George's county, were slated to continue at this session their roles as majority floor leaders, Roe as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and White as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Junior Co-op Board

Fred Dukes, of Perryville, has been named chairman of the junior board for the Southern States Cooperative, in the Aberdeen section. The board comprises John C. Mitchell, C. B. Osborne, and J. Calvin Fichael of Aberdeen, and William Boyer and Mr. Dukes of Perryville.