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Bill To Boost County Road Fund

Move To Increase Gasoline Tax Funds For The County Roads

A move has been initiated in the Senate at Annapolis to increase by $1,629,830 the proceeds of the gasoline tax funds to be spent in the next biennium exclusively on county roads.

Under existing law, the State Roads Commission would be required to turn over to the counties on a mileage basis for construction and reconstruction of rural roads a total of $3,259,658 during 1942 and 1943.

According to a bill introduced in the Senate by Senators Philip H. Dorsey (Dem., St. Mary's) and John B. Funk (Dem., Frederick) this sum would be increased to $4,889,488 through 1942 and 1943.

There would be no change in the apportionment of the gasoline tax revenues—the proceeds of the 1½-cent lateral road tax—to Baltimore city.

The city, under the bill sponsored by Dorsey and Funk, would continue to receive three-tenths of the total proceeds of the tax, which, according to estimates, will amount to $9,303,310 during the next two years.

Of this, according to estimates, Baltimore would get $1,370,094 in 1942 and $1,423,898 in 1943.

Allotted to the counties during this period would be a total of $6,519,317.

As the law now stands, fifty per cent of this $6,519,317 would be devoted to the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of county roads and the remainder to the construction and upkeep of lateral highways throughout the State.

The Dorsey-Funk bill, however, would raise the amount that would be spent on the county roads to seventy-five per cent of the county share of the tax and direct that only twenty-five per cent be devoted to the State's lateral roads.

Under existing statutes, the fnuds turned over to Baltimore and to the counties from this tax can be used for debt service or retirement of bonds issued by counties, municipalities or other taxing areas for road or street improvements.

Complaint Of Water On Philadelphia Road

Elimination of standing water which in places covers the new Philadelphia road during and after heavy rains would require practically building over some twenty-eight miles of the highway at enormous expense, Wilson T. Ballard, chief engineer of the State Roads Commission, said.

The commissioner engineer has received complaints that in some places between Baltimore and Aberdeen water stood several inches deep across the entire south lane of the dual highway during the recent rains. This water, according to the complaints, endangered motorists by interfering with the control of their cars when running through it and when splashed in blinding quantities on the windshields of passing machines.

He explained that the design of that part of the road between Baltimore and Aberdeen was responsible for the trouble, that the commission was perfectly aware of the dangers, but that it lacked the funds to remedy the condition.

"The road has a concrete valley gutter along the left side of each lane." Until the gutter is cut away or paved over, the water will continue to be dammed up during heavy rains."

Mr. Ballard explained that the gutter-type construction extends along most of the road from Baltimore to Aberdeen, which was built some years ago. The newer part of the road north of Aberdeen is of different design.

Lewisville Homemaker's Club

The Lewisville Homemakers' Club, part of the Cecil County Federation, has chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Raymond Everett; vice-pres., Mrs. Norris Dougherty; secretary, Mrs. James Boulden; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Yerkes; chairman of parliamentary laws, Mrs. Harry Lungren; chairman of reading, Mrs. George B. Gregg; music, Mrs. Harry Yerkes; publicity, Mrs. Vicent Janney; progressive demonstration, Mrs. James Shaw and Mrs. Howard Wilkinson.

Rising Sun firemen were called to the home of Edward Rock, Sylmar, about nine o'clock Tuesday morning, to extinguish a chimney fire.

Briefly Noted News

The mercury touched the five degree mark on Tuesday morning.

The ground was white with a light fall of snow Wednesday morning.

The post office at Colora, Md., has been advanced to third class. Mrs. Emma J. Wilson has received her commission as postmaster.

Crowds of young people have been enjoying skating on the Keppel dam, near town. Beautiful moonlight nights and a fine sheet of ice have made the sport ideal.

The Sunday School Board met on Tuesday evening with Russell Johnson, Ten members were present. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines.

The Elkton Kiwanis Club reports that during 1940, 10,851 bottles of milk and 350 pounds of wafers were supplied for undernourished school children at a cost of $354.72.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Crothers have purchased from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the residence property on North street, in Elkton, which they have occupied for several years.

Dr,. Ralph R. Johnson, a General Evangelist of the Methodist Church, will conduct evangelistic service in the Perryville Methodist Church for two weeks, beginning Sunday evening, January 26th.

The Executors of the Frank Reynolds estate have sold the home property at Harrisville, near Rising Sun. The large stone house and four acres of ground was sold to Harry E. Fisher, at private sale.

The double residence property located on Maffit street, Elkton, owned by Leonard Brown, has been purchased by Mrs. Fred Racine of near Elkton. She will move her family there in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smithson and daughter, Miss Virginia, have moved from Colora to Havre de Grace. J. C. Emery and family have moved to property, near Colora, recently vacated, which was purchased by Mr. Emery.

The Sunshine Bible Class of the Cherry Hill Methodist Church has elected the following officers to serve during 1941: president, Mrs. F. C. Breitenback; vice president, Mrs. Eva Egnor; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Sara Worth.

Miss Louise Worthington and Mrs. Carroll Cameron will be hostesses to the Ladies Missionary Society of West Nottingham Presbyterian Church on Thursday afternoon, of this week, January 16th, at the home of Mrs. Cameron.

Extend Thanks

The Children's Aid Society and the Cecil County Welfare Board want to thank everyone who helped to make Christmas a joyous time for the children of Cecil County. Homemakers Clubs, Women's Clubs, Firemen, Lion's Club, Schools, Churches, Scouts, Girls Clubs, Young People's Societies, and numberless organizations and kindly individuals all contributed splendidly.

Particular credit is due to the Kiwanis Club of Elkton, who again collected and distributed toys, and to the Elkton High Schools for helping to collect and repair them. Some two thousand toys were made available in this way. The collection was an unusually fine one and included tricycles, sleds, dolls of all descriptions and many things to delight children, all shiny and new in appearance, because of the excellent work done in repairing and painting them.

We want to thank the storekeepers who allowed us to place our "Help Santa Pack" boxes in their stores, and all the people who contributed through them. And to all who in any way helped brighten the holidays, we want to say "Thank You" on behalf of the children who were made happy.

Seeks Annulment Of Marriage

Floyd J. Kintner of Elkton, attorney, has filed a bill in the Circuit Court for Harford County for Mrs. Mildred J. Jones, next friend and mother of Miss Bernice L. Jones, asking for an annulment of Miss Jones' marriage to Stamatis Karamahalis of Aberdeen.

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The bill alleges tha tthe complainant had no intention of entering into a marriage ceremony, but that she was compelled by fears of bodily violence. The ceremony was performed last Oct. 7. It is further alleged that the respondent is a citizen of Greece, and that he thought a marriage with an American citizen would confer citizenship upon him. This, it is contended was the motive behind the marriage.

Electric Rates Will Be Cut

Cecil And Harford County Consumers Will Benefit By The New Schedule

Following negotiations instituted several months ago by People's Counsel Joseph Sherbow, Public Service Commission on Monday announced an annual slash of $21,000 in rates of the Conowingo Power Company, applying to consumers in Cecil county and the neighboring section, Fifth election district, of Harford lcounty.

These new rates will apply to consumption covered by meter readings taken on and after Wednesday.

Domestic consumers will get about $7,000 of the cut, the remaining $14,000 going to commercial consumers.

This is the third and largest in a series of reductions brought about in the rates of the Conowingo Power Company during the last five years through the conference method. On June 1st, 1936, a reduction of $14,000 was made and on July 15th, 1937, a further reduction of $19,000 was put into effect. The present reduction makes the total annual savings to the Company's customers $54,000.

Annual President's Ball At Elkton Armory

The annual President's Ball for Cecil county will be held in the Elkton Armory, Friday night, January 31st. Mrs. Robert C. Mackey has been appointed General Chairman, and Edwin Dorcus, chairman of the Executive committee. The other members are: Horace Lilley, secretary; Edwin S. Dorcus, Mrs. John K. Burkley and Mrs. Wallace Williams. Funds raised will be used to fight infantile paralysis.

Chicken Thief Caught

Avery Hill, a young white man of Kemblesville section has been landed in Elkton jail, after eluding the officers for several weeks. Hill, in company with John Cox and Celais Dean, were accused of stealing chickens from A. Alice Webb. Cox and Dean were apprehended, but Hill escaped only to be caught last week. When arrested it is alleged he confessed, also stated that he dyed his hair and grew sideburns in hopes of eluding the officers. His scheme failed to work.

New Castle Presbytery

The four hundred fifty-fifth stated meeting of the New Castle Presbytery was held in Dover, Delaware, Presbyterian Church on Monday, Jan. 13. The Rev. John E. Thomas, D.D., was moderator, and Rev. William Leishman, stated clerk.

Those in attendance from West Nottingham Presbyterian Church were Dr. S. J. Venable and J. E. Brumfield. Rev. Evan W. Renne, and Thomas Gault represented Rock Presbyterian Church.

Meeting Of Stockholders

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Rising Sun held January 14, 1941 the following named persons were elected Directors: Howard G. Barnes, T. Harold Brown, Jesse T. Cameron, M. E. Flounders, Chas. H. Morris, John T. Neary, W. M. Pogue, Chas. S. Pyle, Robt. K. Wood.

Organization was effected as follows: Chas. S. Pyle, President; Geo. E. Lawrence, Cashier; M. E. Flounders, Secretary of the Board.

Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Community Fire Company of Rising Sun will meet in the Fire Company recreation room on Monday evening, January 27, at eight o'clock. The meeting is for the purpose of adopting a constitution and by-laws, and a full attendance is urged. only to attend, but to give their support by becoming a member of this helpful organization.

Chinese Checker Party

The Woman's Bible Class of Janes Methodist Church, of this town, will hold a Chinese Checker Party at the home of Mrs. H. L. Shepherd on Tuesday evening, January 21.

Contribution, 25 cents. Refreshments will be served. Everybody welcome.

Love solves many problems.

Susquehanna Bridge Toll Lowered

New Three Cent Rate Available To Purchasers Of Ticket Books

Governor O'Conor on Monday night announced adoption by the State Roads Commission of special commutation rates on the Susquehanna river toll bridge which would reduce the present toll to 3 cents a trip for passenger cars.

The Governor said he was advised by the commission that the new rate available to anyone purchasing special 60-day and 120-day ticket books, had been approved by the consulting engineers representing bridge bondholders.

The new ticket books will go on sale by the end of January.

Present tolls on the bridge start from a 20-cent minimum for passenger cars. Under the new schedule the commutation rates will be available only to persons purchasing the ticket books.

A new reduced rate scale for the general public has not been set yet.

The Governor said he had been asked formally to approve the 3-cent fare and "will do so with great pleasure."

Originally the commutation idea was developed by the State to help residents of Harford and Cecil counties, some of whom use the Susquehanna span many times daily. A survey of the volume of local traffic, completed recently by engineers, was used as the basis for the ticket book plan.

The decision to extend the 3-cent rate to all comers, however, was regarded as a surprise, and was taken to mean that an exceptionlly heavy volume of traffic is using the span daily.

Sixty-trip ticket books will be good for sixty days; 120-trip books will be good for ninety days, under the new plan.

When the Susquehanna bridge was opened, the one-way rate was set at 25 cents; subsequently it was dropped to 20 cents.

Liberty Grove Homemaker's Club

The Liberty Grove Homemakers Club met at the home of Mrs. Howard Griests on Wednesday, January 8th. A covered dish luncheon was served to 18 members. Those present were: Mrs. Howard Griest, Mrs. Bertie Griest, Mrs. Blanche Gillespie, Miss Gertie Holly, Mrs. Lulu Rowland, Mrs. La Berta Everist, Mrs. Eleanor Moore, Mrs. William Morrison, Miss May Kimble, Mrs. Margaret Clendenin, Mrs. William Cross, Mrs. Helen Pyle, Miss Anna Pyle, Mrs. Clarence Stewart, Mrs. Mary Rawlings, Mrs. G. Louis Taylor, Mrs. Horace Taylor, Miss Alice Garvin.

Two big Birthday cakes were lighted with 26 candles and put on the table. The candles were blown out and the cakes cut and served, with ice cream. Each member received a card with a number on it, and Miss Gertie Holly gave out the numbers on the gift packages, every one receiving a gift.

At two o'clock a short business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Howard Griest. The Birthday Bank was opened by the treasurer, and it contained $9.75.

The election of officers was next on the program. The officers for 1941 are Mrs. Howard Griest, president; Miss Alice Garvin, vice-pres.; Mrs. Horace Taylor, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Gillespie, treasurer; Miss May Kimble and Mrs. William Morrison, Project Demonstrators.

The meeting adjourned, then our hostess entertained us with Chinese Checkers and cards. We all parted at four o'clock, having enjoyed a lovely day together. Many thanks to our hostess.

Bay View Sunday School Officers

Bay View Sunday School has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Superntendent, John E. Nickle; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Elsie R. Janney; treasurer, Chauncey Smith; secretary, Mrs. M. Bertha Worth; assistant secretary, Mrs. Harriet Trimble; pianist, Mrs. Minnie Smith; assistant pianist, Mrs. W. F. Bauscher.

Blakely Back In Jail

Sheriff Randolph early Friday morning recaptured John C. Blakely, Jr., as he was sleeping at the home of his sister at Oakwood. Blakely, 26 years of age, walked out of the Elkton jail last summer, where he had been confined for holding up a man, gas station and stealing a car in Oakwood last winter.

Personal And Social

Ralph T. Wilson, of near town, has been one of the grip victims.

Taylor R. Biles left last week for a two weeks trip to Miami, Florida.

Patsy Boyle and Ann Crawford Buck are among the little folks on the sick list.

Mrs. C. E. Ansalvish, of Glen Burnie, Md., has been visiting Mrs. H. S. White.

Dorothy Kyle has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, in Philada.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Weiss, of Rosedale, Long Island, were recent Rising Sun visitors.

Mrs. Francis Kennard had as her recent guest her mother, Mrs. Rufus Benjamin, of Woodlawn.

Miss Grace Dryden, of Pocomoke City, was the resent guest of Miss Lucia Venable, at West Nottingham.

Mrs. Chas. S. Pyle is a patient in Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, where she is receiving treatment.

Mrs. R. V. Levering, of New Castle, Del., was a visitor of her sister, Mrs. Ethel Briscoe, during the week.

Miss Kathryn Morrison, of Liberty Grove, was a Saturday visitor of the William Henry's and Joseph Johnson's.

Mrs. Robert Williams and daughter Susan, of Baldwin, visited her mother, Mrs. Emma Donache during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bryson, of Washington, were Sunday visitors of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown.

Mrs. Emma Donache, Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. Charles Ritchie were Thursday visitors of Havre de Grace relatives.

Master John Shooks has been taken to Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, where he is being treated for an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Buffington, of Swarthmore, Pa., former residents of Rising Sun, viisted friends here on Wednesday last.

Mrs. William M. Pogue, Mrs. Claude C. Buck, Mrs. Clara B. Keen and Miss Gertrude Buck visited Rev. A. B. Frye and family, of Richardson Park, Del., on Tuesday.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Mary Constance Price, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Price, of Queenstown, Md., to Mr. Linden S. Gabler, at Trinity Cathedral, Easton, on Saturday the 28th of December. The bride is a granddaughter of Mr. W. Don Price, formerly of Elkton.

Engagements Announced

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Ewing, Blue Ball, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss R. Catherine Ewing to Mr. Evan L. Griffith, son of Mrs. Cordelia G. Smith, Zion, Md.

Mr. Griffith is a graduate of Calvert High School and Beacom College He is now associated with the du-Pont Company, Wilmington, Del.

The engagement of Miss Ruth E. Giffing, daughter of Mr. C. Edgar Giffing, Peach Bottom, Pa., has been announced to Walter S. Giffing, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Giffing, Nottingham, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wierner, of Quaryville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, to David J. Whenry, of Quarryville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whenry, Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zimmerman of Wilmington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen C. Zimmerman, to Mr. John Anderson of Perryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bedwell of Elkton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marguerite Dorothy, to Mr. Geo. H. Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Dawson of Newark, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan M. Hutchins have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Hutchins, to Mr. Donald S. Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Preston, of North East.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Roland Crossan of of Kemblesville, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mildred Crossan, to Mr. Ellis Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Ayers of Rising Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richter, of Elkton, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Pauline Richter to Dr. Roy Allen Stewart of Atlanta, Ga. No date has been set for the wedding. Miss Richter is a graduate of the Maryland General Hospital, School of Nurses. Dr. Stewart is a graduate of Emory University Medical School and is interning at the General Hospital.

Man Declared Legally Dead Is Alive

Perry Point Veteran Appears And Proves Right To Snug Estate

Gus Aberstein—his real name is Peter Thompson—went back to work last week as a farmhand nead Middletown—richer by $6,000 and happier because he met his two sisters after an absence of 17 years.

He returned to his little house on the banks of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal after a trip to Philada. where he was legily "resurrected" from the dead. He was reunited with his sisters, Mrs. Monick Warnas and Mrs. Rose Norkus, both of Philada., and he helped to establish his ownership of the money that he left with Peter McBride, former superintendent of the New Jersey Episcopal Hospital, and had forgotten.

Oberstein, a World War veteran who had not been heard from since he left Perry Point, Md., Hospital in 1924, and who was declared legally dead nearly a year ago, was taken to Philada. last week by Clarence P. Weber of the Delaware Trust Company Middletown branch, and was immediately identified by his sisters.

Oberstein's estate, which was to have been divided among his "heirs", will now be returned to him after his fingerprints are compared with U. S. Army records, and his official discharge from the hospital at Perry Point is established.

The 55-year-old bearded Lithuanian-American appeared happy to have his life once again straightened out. Returning to this country after serving with the A.E.F. in the World War, Oberstein was sent to Perry Point Hospital. He wandered off the grounds one day, took the name of Gus Oberstein, and moved to Middletown some time after.

It was the alien registration law which really led to his recovering his money and being reunited with his family.

Howard R. Brown Heads Farmers Club

At the January meeting of the Ninth Farmers' Club, held Wednesday last, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Armour, near Greenhurst, Howard R. Brown, of Sylmar, was elected president; Atlee Armour, vice-pres.; Mrs. Fred Fox, Greenhurst, secretary; Elisha Kirk, Farmington, treas. and Mrs. Charles Morris, Zion, corresponding secretary.

About 45 members were present and were entertained at a turkey dinner by the Armours.

At the morning session a display of Hybrid open pollenated corn was held and a discussion on the growing of corn held. Thomas McDowell of New London, formerly of this county, and a member of the club, was awarded a premium for the best corn displayed.

Major Alfred N. Phillips, Jr., of Worsell Manor, Cecilton, and a member of the club, spoke on National Defense.

At the afternoon session a birthday anniversary party was held for Mrs. Thomas McDowell and Mrs. Atlee Armour, both of whom were celebrating their natal day on Wednesday.

Sligh--Benton

The marriage of Miss Edith Virginia Sligh to Mr. William McKnight Benton of Hopewell, Virginia, was solemnized on Monday, January 6, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Garvice C. Sligh in Elkton Heights. The Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley, pastor of the Elkton Methodist Church performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mac Sligh of New Bedford, Mass., formerly of Elkton, Md.

After a short honeymoon trip through Virginia the couple will make their residence in Hopewell, Virginia, where the groom is employed by the Anco Corporation.

Beatty--Pennington

Mrs. Emma Beatty of Barclay has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Josephine A. Beatty, and Mr. Samuel Eugene Pennington of Earleville, Md. The marriage took place at the parsonage of the Queenstown Methodist Church on Dec. 21. The couple was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lane of Philada. The bride is a member of the teaching staff of the Queen Anne's County schools, and for several years has been principal of the Barclay school.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey T. Pyle celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary, on Friday, at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson of near Perryville.