# Motor Deaths Drop Sharply During 1938

## January, February Had 42 Fewer Fatalities Than Same 1937 Months

February, the second month of 1938, ended with a total of 26 motor vehicle fatalities, eleven less than during the corresponding month of 1937, according to figures released by Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Walter R. Rudy. This represented a drop of about 30%. The first two months of 1938 showed 62 such fatalities, a drop of 42 or 41% from last year's record high totals.

By months the totals are: 1937, January, 67; February 37. 1938, January, 36; February, 26.

The Eastern Shore was charged with four fatal accidents resulting in eight deaths, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester being free of fatalities. A slippery road crash in Cecil accounted for four deaths while a car mowed down a man and wife below Delmar for two additional deaths.

A majority of the accidents occurred on straight, dry, concrete roads during clear weather. Sixteen of the fatal accidents occurred during the hours of darkness. Twenty passenger cars and two trucks were involved. All the operators appeared to be normal, not drinking, and without physical defect. Most of these were white, between 20 and 29 years of age, with five or more years' driving experience.

One noticeable fact of February was that none of the twenty-two drivers involved was held. Inquest was deemed unnecessary in three cases; nine drivers were exonerated, two verdicts were accidental death, six were unavoidable accidents while two cases were pending.

# February Mild, Snowfall Light

## Weather Averages Five Degrees Above Normal

The month of February just ended was the mildest February in Maryland since 1933, says State Meteorologist John R. Weeks. Temperatures were about five degrees above normal. Precipitation, mostly in the form of rain, was slightly below normal and the snowfall very light. The heaviest rains were on February 19 and 20.

The mean temperature for the month was a shade under 39 degrees. The highest mean was at Solomon's at 42.8 degrees and the lowest at Sines in Garrett county at 34.7. Westernport reported the highest temperature for any day with a figure of 76 degrees on February 18 while the lowest figure was 5 below zero at Sines on the first day of the month.

Precipitation averaged 2.37 inches, or a half inch below normal. Easton was the wettest spot during the month, recording 3.67 inches of rain and snow figured in terms of moisture, while Hancock with less than an inch was the driest. The average snowfall for the state was 7.1 inches, also a half inch below normal. Sines reported 11.5 inches during the months while counties along the southern tier had only a half inch to report.

## Famous Test Group Tries Out New Tire

What he believes the most severe and exhaustive series of gruelling skid and wear tests ever made on a new automobile tire before it was introduced to the buying public are described here by Mr. J. Noble Payne, proprietor of the Standard Auto Supply located at Easton, Maryland, representatives of The B. F. Goodrich Company here.

Mr. Payne following his recent announcement of the new Safety Silvertown tire with the "life-saver" tread says:

"Before the Goodrich company would release its new tire to its sales organization and thus to the buying public it enlisted Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory of Pittsburgh, Pa.,. largest independent testing organization in the United States, and asked the organization to make the most rigid skid and wear tests possible. They were given an absolutely free hand.

, "More than 95,00 miles were traveled by the Goodrich testing fleet in making these investigations, with a senior engineers and three junior engineers of Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory in charge at all times. Special apparatus automatically recording skidding on a chart more accurately than had ever been done before was devised and usd in the tests.

"In addition to the new Goodrich tire, regular and premium-priced tires of the five other leading tire manufacturers were put under identical tests to determine their resistance to skidding and wear.

"The net results, as released by Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory is that the new tire gives greater resistance than any other tire tested, including those listing from 40 to 70 percent higher in price. The new tire gave more safe mileage than any other tire in its own price range, averaging 19 percent more non-skid miles than the others on which the tests were made.

"Despite the severe nature of the test, not one of the new tires blew out, or failed from any cause, while two of the other tires failed."

### HAIR STYLES

An interesting illustrated article describing coiffures that women can study an adapt to their own fancy. One of many feautres in the March 27th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

An increasing number of trailer tourists spend the winter in the North.

## SWING BAND MAESTRO ON SCREEN

Benny Goodman, leading man among swing band maestros, shows his artistry on the screen in "Hollywood Hotel", musical film coming to the Centreville Opera House on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. With him in the shot above is Frances Langford, blues crooner, who warbles a few ditties.

# Stevensville Hi-Lights

### SHORT SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES
By Caroline Coursey

Jack Gardner is another tall Senior. He has light brown hair and brown eyes and is seventeen years old. This year he is vice-president of the Senior Class and also secretary-treasurer of the Boys' Athletic Association. He does not like school and has a special dislike for spelling and French. Jack hasa secret ambition to someday become an aviator and go soaring far above our heads from continent to continent. Although, not especially active in athletics, he has served as an assistant coach at Stevensville High School in previous years due to the fact that he is very dependable and trustworthy. He possesses a good sense of humor and is well liked by all.

### FASHIONS AND FADS
By Irene Evans

Flash! Big Apple is on the air!

You will have to give the Stevensville High School girls credit for their bright ideas, they have some queer but becoming fads. To dance the Big Apple wasn't enough; they had to have "Big Apple" dresses, skirts, shoes, and sweaters to go with the dance. And—Boy! can they step? Our girls have another great fad— "girls' sport shirts"; they are the present rage.

As you know, we keep up with the latest styles, so if you get perplexed and wonder if the styles have changed, don't get excited and look through every magazine you have in your home, just read our Fashions and Fads and you will find more information than you could secure from any fashion magazine.

The boys play an important part in our news, but our thoughts are quite upset by their actions. They have gone back to the days of Robin Hood and Little John. I say this because they are wearing out-standing colored feathers in their hats. I have seen quite a few, so I guess the idea is all right.

### CULINARY EXPERIMENTS
By Phyllis Palmer

The Freshmen girls, as young as they are, have already distinguished themselves as to whether they will make efficient as housewives or not. The first experiment this week in Home Ec. was the preparation of biscuits. Some were good and some were (well, why say more.) Violet Coleman and Mary Jane Dolby paved their way to success by capturing the first prize with their first exploitations in the great field of bread-making. Incidentally, many attempts acquired a swell case of "bumps."

The Freshman Class has adopted a Student Council without much opposition. The issue readily received the necessary two-thirds majority vote of the class. At three o'clock March 9th, the Freshman Class of Stevensville High School acquired its first Student Council in the history of the history of the school.

Thursday afternoon by appointment of Mr. Rhodes, homeroom teacher, Hobert Kelley became the first President of the organization. By the vote of the class Peggy Beecher, Charles Hobel, Violet Coleman, and Buck Snyder, were selected as assistants by Mr. Rhodes to act as official recorder.

At the last meeting of the Student Council, Buck Snyder was impeached by the Council for misdemeanor and on Tuesday a new member will be appointed in his place.

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# Queen Anne's County Social Register

## CHESTER

Mrs. Lee Bell is spending some time with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Winfield Goslin, of Wilminton.

Miss Nina Baxter and Miss Isabel Baxter spent the week-end in Baltimore with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ruth were Easton visitors last Thursday.

Mr. Albert Gardner spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elda Gardner.

Miss Reba Coleman was the guest of Mrs. Elmer Jones last Monday afternoon.

Mr. William Livingstone of Baltimore spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiliam Livingstone, sr., and sisters, Mrs. Edward Severa and Mrs. Leonard Hoxter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coursey, of Baltimore, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coursey, sr., and Miss Deborah Harris.

Mr. Tilghman Eaton spent several days in Baltimore last week with relatives.

Mr. J. W. Baxter spent Wednesday in Baltimore.

Mr. William Livingstone spent the week-end with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barton, of Queenstown.

Mr. Luther V. Jones, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Jones. His mother, Mrs. Louis E. Jones accompanied him back home for a two weeks visit.

Miss Kathleen Tolson spent some time last week with Miss Reba Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Severa and son Edward, spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walters have returned home after spending the winter in Baltimore with their children. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Palmer, of Baltimore spent the week-end with them.

Mrs. S. G. Jones and son Carroll, were the guests of Mrs. Elda Gardner last Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. James F. Langrall, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, motored to Dover last Monday to attend a ministers' meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones took their baby girl, Mary Louise to Baltimore, last Thurdsay where she is in a hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Timms and grand-sons, Louis and Bobby, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Osalle Warner of Matapeake.

Miss Katherine Kirwan was a visitor in Easton on Friday. On Sunday Miss Kirwan visited at Washington College, Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merle and Miss Mamie Kirwan, of Baltimore spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Kirwan.

## STARR

Mrs. Rena Adams was the week-end guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Welch were the week-end guests of relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. Milton Faulkner was the Sunday guest of Mr. William Owens, near Willoughby.

Mr. Ridgeway Nelson who is engaged in digging ditches on the farm of Mr. Richard T. Earle killed two snakes one day last week.

Mr. Richard Adams and sons, Richard and Clayton, of Whitford, Pa., were the Saturday guests of his mother, Mrs. Rena Adams. Mrs. J. N. McQuay, of Bozman was also the guest of her mother on Saturday.

Miss Anna Cahall is visiting her uncle and aunt, Capt. and Mrs. John Knox of Wye Mills.

Quite a number of our folk attended the supper on Thursday night held by the Ladies' Aid of Wye Mills M. E. Church.

The many friends of Mr. Palmer Knox in this section who has been quite ill with pneumonia at his home in Wye Mills, are very glad he is greatly improved and wish him a speedy recovery.


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# Proceedings of the Orphans' Court

The Orphans' Court met Tuesday in regular session with Chief Judge Henry H. Evans and Judges Palmer C. Pippin and Dr. J. W. Stack present.

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The first and final administration account and distribution of Lewis C. Quinn, administrator of the estate of Viola X. Quinn, was filed and passed.

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