May Ask Court To Stop Truck, Boat Line In Maryland

the State to prohibit the Victor Lynn Transportation Company, a Delaware Corporation, from operating its boat, bus and truck lines in Maryland until it has received the approval of the Public Service Commission, John Henry Lewin, People's Counsel, intimated Friday.

The intimation that court action may be sought to bring the Lynn company under the jurisdiction of the Maryland commission came during the stormy hearing on the applications of the Baltimore Transfer Company and the Peninsula Auto Express for franchises to operate an interlocking network of truck lines on the Delmarva peninsula.

The commission is holding hearings also on the applications of the Lynn, Donald H. Baysinger and H. D. Watson Tranfer companies, of whom are seeking to operate over part of the territory sought by the Peninsula Auto Express and the Baltimore Transfer Company. The hearing has developed into a fight on the part of the Lynn, Baysinger and Watson interests to keep the Baltimore Transfer Company and the Pensula Auto Express from obtaining franchises.

Mr. Lewin's action, if he takes it, is the outgrowth, he told the commission, of the Lynn company's incorporation in Delaware two days after the Maryland commission had refused to sanction the purchase of the A. Wooten Company, which operates boats between Baltimore and Eastern Shore points, for $350,000 when the commission's engineer had declared the property worth $190,000. The Lynn interests proposed to issue 3,500 shares of common stock at $100 per share.

The Delaware corporation was formed and the Wooten properties purchased, Mr. Lewin declared, and the company is now operating in Maryland without the sanction of the Maryland authorities.

If the injunction is obtained it will tie up the Red Star passenger bus lines on the Eastern Shore; the Victor Lynn Transportation Company, operating the former Wooten boats; the Baysinger truck lines, recently purchased, and the previously established Lynn trucking routes.

Approximately a score of witnesses most of them from Caroline county, appeared at the hearing and voiced opposition to granting franchises to the Baltimore Transfer Company and the Peninsula Auto Express, basing their opposition on the part ownership in the two concerns by the Pennsylvania Railroad. These witnehses told the commission they didn't want anything to do with the lines if they were connected with the Pennsylvania, because of allegedly bad freight service the railroad has given in past years.

The witness said the service rendered by the Sunset Express, owned by the Pickering interests, was adequate, although cross-examination by attorneys for the applicants brought out the fact that several shipping firms had changed to other truck lines because of allegedly unsatisfactory service.

While voters on the Eastern Shore maintain a solid dry front, it is the truckers who know the real truth about Eastern Shore prohibition, it developed in the examination of Henry J. Plant, head of the Plant Transportation Company, an opponent of the Baltimore and Peninsula companies.

Mr. Plant became involved in a dispute over rates charged for a shipment over his lines to Easton and one of the counsel asked him the classification of the shipment.

"It was canned hops for making home-brew," Mr. Plant declared.

Mr. West expressed surprise that such a shipment would go to the Shore.

"Oh, you'd be surprised at what goes on down there," the witness replied, "why they even make white gin and they test it by pouring it on the backs of cats. The cats start throwing mud balls and rocks at each other.

Two other protestants against granting the franchise were the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Company, which claims it lost $59,000 in 1929 and will lose $190,000 this year in both freight and passenger service between Baltimore and Annapolis. The other contestants was the Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Company, known as the Ericsson Line. Rate schedules were placed in the record to show competition which would be brought into play through operation of the Baltimore and Peninsula companies.

Counsel have until June 2 to file briefs.

Education's Aim

The ultimate aim of education is the building of character, without which there can be no real success, and there is no school for the development of character like the one in which we graduate by means of self-improvement and the overcoming of difficulties.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Human Body the Basis of Early Measurements

Early measurements were derived from different parts of the human body. Thus we find a fathom—approximately the distance between the hands of a man standing with arms outstretched at right angles with his body. A cubit was the length of the forearm, and the ell the distance between the ends of the thumb and little finger when outstretched, the palm the width of the hand, the digit the breadth of the finger. The Roman foot was subdivided into four palms, and the palm into four digits. The division into inches or uncia, a twelfth part, applied not only to the foot but to anything. For longer measures there was still less system. One finds the Hebrew's half-day's journey; the Chinese lih, the distance a man's voice can be heard upon an open plain; the Greek stadium, derived from the length of the race course; the Roman pace of five feet; the furlong, the length of a furrow. The mille passus, a thousand paces, is the origin of the modern mile. In 1374 the inch is defined in English law as the length of "three barley corns, round and dry."

No Stock

It was in a little town close to a Michigan summer resort. Two men passed an elderly woman selling balloons from a stand. One man decided what was needed to make his day brighter was balloons. So he purchased not one balloon, or two balloons, or a dozen balloons, but all the balloons the woman had. He paid her at least twice the amount she would have realized had she sold them singly. Despite this, and that she could take a half-holiday from her corner, the woman looked rueful.

"Now, what's the matter?" he asked.

"You didn't leave me anything to do business with," she complained.—Chicago Daily News.

South African Corn

Mealies is the South African name for maize or Indian corn. In the singular—mealie—it means an ear of corn.

FEWER FARMS ARE ABANDONED

In the light of cold facts and figures now being supplied by the Fifteenth Decennial Census, it would seem that the Eastern Shore of Maryland—or certainly a very large portion of it—has been hard hit by poplation losses during the last decade.

And yet, even a casual analysis of figures and conditions brings out the reasonable belief that the Eastern Shore's real population loss occurred immediately after the census of 1920 during the reconstruction period following the World War, rather than during the last few immediate years.

From 1920 to 1924 there was a tremendous exodus from the farms to the cities. Thousands of Eastern Shore citizens abandoned farming of allied agricultural pursuits. Countless families moved into nearby cities or more thickly congested areas and obtained employment in mills, on streets, with transportation companies or entered other fields of activity.

The last few years, we believe, has actually witnessed a gain in population, rather than a loss. Today there are fewer abandoned farms than existed five years ago. In almost every village and town houses are at a premium and virtually none can be found vacant.

For these reasons the Eastern Shore need not feel too acutely the loss in population figures revealed in the 1930 census. We believe that the situation which caused this loss has already largely been corrected, and that the 1940 figures will disclose a steady and gratifying growth in practically every section of the peninsula.

Defy Passing Years by Right Way of Thinking

But why look old? That, says some one, is all nonsense. But is it? They do say we are as old as we feel. And that's about the truth of it. Of course, we change as time passes. That must be admitted. Yet the change need not be at so rapid a rate.

Even then, we ought to show the change very much less than we do. You know the gentle shock we sometimes get when we run across a person we haven't seen for years. There is a definite, a marked change in him. It depresses us; because our thoughts immediately turn to ourselves.

Many grow old, as we all know, long before their years. The face is a remarkable index to the mind. If there is a lack of faith, or control, sure enough we shall show it in our eyes, our lines, the poise of our head—even our hands. Many people add to the diseases of the mind such other things as gloom, discontent, pessimism, fear.

Beauty, we are always told, is only skin deep. Beauty—real beauty—is soul deep. Once we get the right way of thinking, we shall never look old.—London Tit-Bits.

Point to This

The most winsome and wayward of brooks draws now and then some lover's foot to its intimate reserve, while the spirit of a bursting water pipe gathers a gaping crowd forthwith.—James Russell Lowell.

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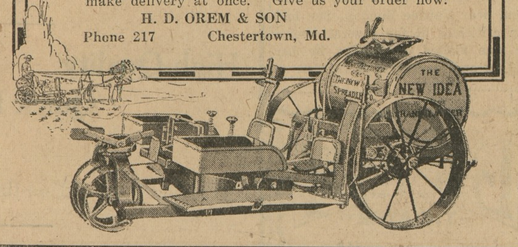

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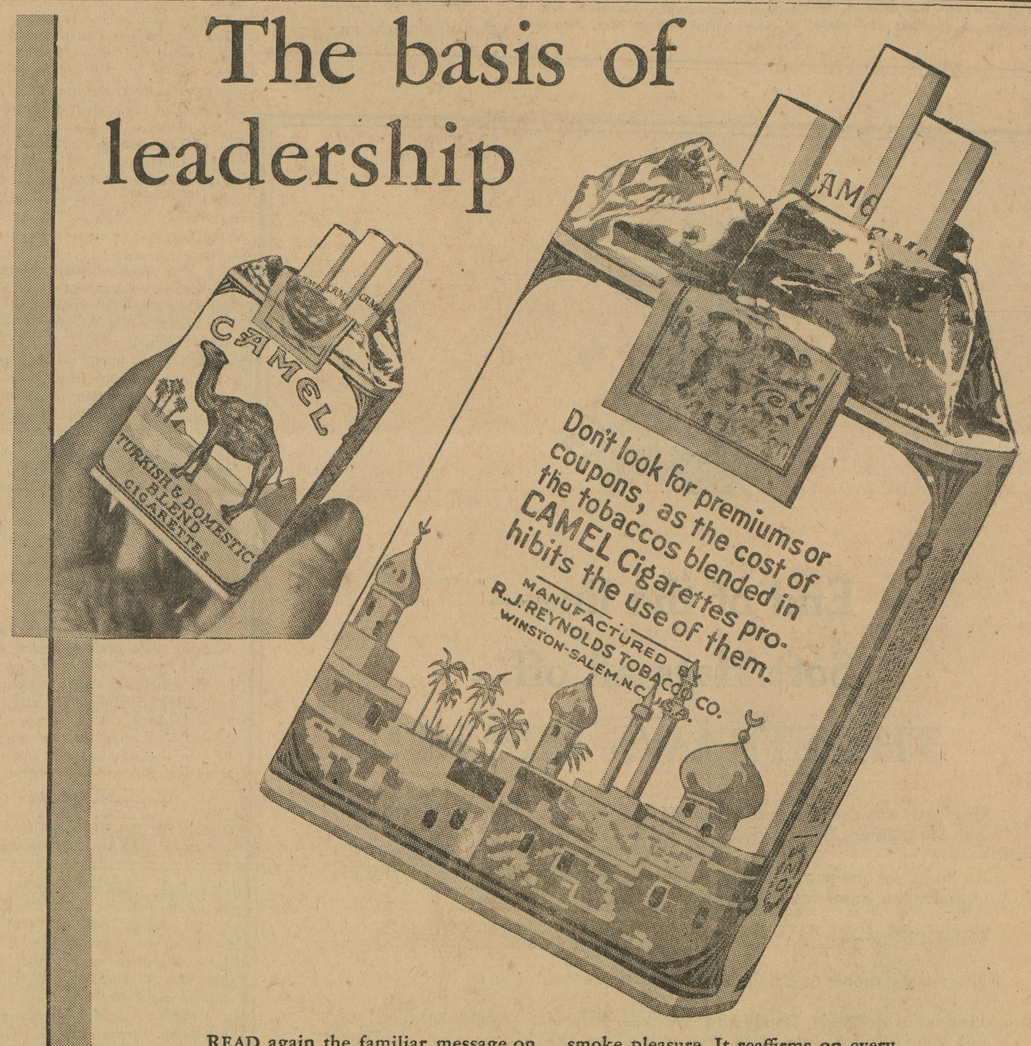

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