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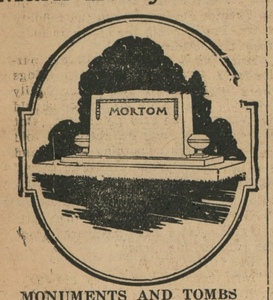
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THE OLD FAMILY TREE

MISS MARTHA LORD had put her foot down about young Mattie and Tom Gannett.

A knock interrupted her thoughts and a young man came in, waving an envelope.

"It's come; haven't opened it yet. Let's call Mattie and give her a thrill, too. She looks mighty peaked lately."

"Nonsense! Mattie's all right. What's come?"

Her nephew, Billy, laughed. "You know darned well what I mean; the answer from the Brant paper about Arnold Ross and Mathew Lord. Hi, Mattie!"

The girl came in listlessly and Billy began briskly.

"Mattie, last week when I was mending Aunt Martha's old clock, a letter dated Brant, Mass., August 10, 1826, dropped out of one of the columns. Just imagine that! Here's what it said: 'Mathew Lord is not dead and I am haunted lest he be found and brought home. His reason is gone; my own scarce stood the strain of those ten awful days in the open boat, after the Gloria went down. The brig which rescued us will never put in on this coast and tell that two, and not one, were saved. Mathew is dead to his past—probably dead in very truth by now. I loved Martha so! If I had not lied and said he died in my arms in that boat with her name, his wife's, on his lips, she would never have turned to me for comfort. Mathew was a clever ship's master, but no mortal man could have kept the Gloria afloat in such seas. But why should I have brought that mad, drooling thing home to her? I left him at Calcutta and took my one chance to win Martha. She chose him, not me, four years ago; now it is my turn. If I can only keep from screaming that he is alive, when she asks me again how he died!

'Arnold Ross.'

"There! That's what we found in the clock! Fine crook, this Ross, to pull such a stunt on poor Mathew Lord; one of our own family! Well, I wrote and asked the newspaper at Brant to dig out some old history for us. Here's the answer: 'Dear Sir: Regarding Lord and Ross, we find as follows: Mathew Lord, born January 17, 1802. Married to Martha Whittemore, June 23, 1821. Died at sea, April 10, 1824, in small boat in which he and his mate, Ross, were adrift, after fishing sloop, Gloria, foundered. Arnold Ross, born Nova Scotia about 1803. Married June 20, 1826, to Martha Whittemore Lord, widow of the late Capt. Mathew Lord. Strangled to death in cabin of his ship, March 8, 1827. Assailant never apprehended. His widow joined the Mormons and moved West. If there is a story, let us have it.

'Yours very truly,
'The Brant Eagle.'"

Mattie sat up straight and tense, but Miss Martha sniffed.

"Humph! I, for one, can't make head or tail of it; just a jumble of dates and names."

"Why, it's plain as anything!" Billy was pacing the floor excitedly. "After Ross had got rid of Mathew, as he tells in that old letter, he persuaded Martha to marry him. Then, about a year late, Lord was rescued, perfectly sane, and came back and found Ross had married Martha. Some jolt! He snooped around, found how Ross had lied and tricked her into it, went to Ross's ship and strangled him—"

"Stop! A murderer in our family! God-fearing, upright men and women, with a sense of duty—" The outraged old lady glared at her nephew.

"Well, when that sense of duty clashed with honest-to-goodness love, our old Mathew didn't stop at a good case of murder! And I'm proud of him! Then he broke the news to Martha, beat it out West and, when it seemed safe, she joined him. Luckily for us, she took the old clock with her, and there Ross' letter has stayed until now! Say, by jove, if Mathew hadn't done that little job of fancy murder in the cabin, there wouldn't have been any Lords! If Martha and Ross had had a family, they'd have been Rosses."

But Mattie was laughing hysterically. "I'm going over to the store to see Tom; you can't stop me now, Aunt Martha!" she cried.

Her aunt recognized defeat and thought fast.

"Do, Mattie," she said calmly, "and ask him for supper. Pick a mess of peas when you get back and cut some roses for the table." But Mattie was gone.

"Billy," Miss Lord went on, "I never want to see or hear of those papers again; do you hear? Never! And you'd better go now; I've got to think!"

Billy, with some thinking of his own to do, escaped thankfully. "Whew! Glad that's safely over! I pulled it off, though! Pretty soft the way she fell for me finding the letter in the clock; a darned good story, if I did make it up! And this letter I wrote myself from the fake editor is a wow. But I'll never dare tell anybody; not even Tom! He'd tell Mattie, sure, and she needs to think just what she does think—that the Lords are descendants of a strangler and a bigamist!

"Well, they've got to let me be best man, anyway. That's little enough for using up such a corking plot on 'em!"

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"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "de man dat's allus complainin' 'bout getting de wust of everything is simply advertisin' de fact dat he's a pore business man."—Washington Star.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent county letters Testamentary on the personal estate of

RICHARD LOCKWOOD,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of November, 1931, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 19th day of May, 1931.

HARRY GRIFFITH,
Executor.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Trust Estate of Louis B. Parsons and Mary E. Parsons.
In the Circuit Court for Kent County, In Equity, No. 2681.

Ordered, this 16th day of May in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-one, by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, and by the authority of said Court, that the Creditors of Louis B. Parsons and Mary E. Parsons and all others claiming any interest in the estate and property, or the proceeds of the sale thereof, granted and assigned by the Deed of Trust of the said Louis B. Parsons and Mary E. Parsons to Harrison W. Vickers, Trustee for the purpose in said Deed stated and declared, be, and they are hereby directed and required to file their said claims, with the proper vouchers thereto, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, on or before the 25th day of July in the year nineteen hundred and thirty one, provided, a copy of this Order be published in Kent County, Maryland, once in each of four successive weeks before the 25th day of June in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

LEWIN W. WICKES.

True Copy—Test:
ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters Testamentary on the personal estate of

KATIE B. AARONSON,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of November, 1931, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 26th day of May, 1931.

CHARLES HULETT,
Executor.

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S. Scott Beck, Attorney.

RATIFICATION NISI

T. Arthur Skirven, et al
versus
Percy G. Skirven, et al
In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In Equity, No. 2612

Ordered this 5th day of June 1931 by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity that the Auditor's Account and Report, stated and reported by Herbert E. Perkins Special Auditor in the above entitled cause, be Ratified and Confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown within three weeks from the date of the first publication of said notice, viz: June 27th, 1931; provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of two successive weeks before the 22nd day of June next.

ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.
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ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.

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S. Scott Beck, Attorney.

RATIFICATION

In the matter of the Trust Estate of William B. Groves and Catherine R. Groves, his wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, In Equity, No. 2592.

Ordered, this 3rd day of June, 1931, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the Auditor's Account and Report, stated and reported by Herbert E. Perkins, Special Auditor, in the above entitled cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown within three weeks from the date of the first publication of said notice viz: June 27th, 1931, provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once in each of two successive weeks before the 22nd day of June next.

ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.
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ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent county letters of Administration on the personal estate of

HOWARD STEVENS,

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of December, 1931, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of June, 1931.

HENRY STEVENS and
BENJAMIN STEVENS,
Administrators.

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S. Scott Beck, Attorney.

RATIFICATION NISI

Charles M. Howard, Attorney
vs.
The Hinchingham Land Company
In the Circuit Court for Kent County, In Equity, No. 2647.

Ordered, this 3rd day of June, 1931 by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the Auditor's Account and Report, stated and reported by Herbert E. Perkins, Special Auditor, in the above entitled cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown within three weeks from the date of the first publication of said notice, viz: June 27th, 1931, provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once in each of two successive weeks before the 22nd day of June next.

ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.
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PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS

CHAPTER NO. 37
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 2 of Acticle 38 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Fines and Forfeitures," and to add one new section to said Article 38, the said new section to be numbered Section 2A, and to follow immediately after Section 2 of said Article, so as to prohibit the payment of informer's fees.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 2 of Article 38 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Fines and Forfeitures," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2. All fines, penalties and forfeitures, when recovered, shall be paid to the county or city where the same may be imposed unless directed to be paid otherwise by the law imposing them. This section not to apply to fines or forfeitures for offenses at common law.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article 38, said new section to be numbered Section 2A, to follow immediately after Section 2 of said Article, and to read as follows:

2. No portion of any fine, penalty or forfeiture shall be paid by any informer.

Section 3. And be it further enacted, That all general or local laws inconsistent or in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 4. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 6, 1931.

CHAPTER NO. 79
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 68 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Public Education," sub-title "Chapter 5, District School Trustees," in order to authorize the same use by all veterans' organizations of public school houses as is now authorized to the American Legion.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 68 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 5, District School Trustees," is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

68. The County School Superintendents of Maryland be, and are hereby authorized to enlarge the usefulness and increase the efficiency of public school property by allowing the use of public school houses for farmers' meetings, public speakings, lectures, entertainments, church festivals, Red Cross meetings, Y. M. C. A. meetings, meetings and entertainments of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreig Wars, United Spanish-American War Veterans and other regularly incorporated and recognized veterans' associations, and for any other purposes which are for the civic welfare.

Approved April 6, 1931.

CHAPTER NO. 169
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 323 of Article 27 of the Annotaated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Larceny—Dogs," to make anyone convicted of feloniously taking and carrying away a cat guilty of the crime of larceny.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 323 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Larceny—Dogs," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

323. Every person convicted of feloniously taking and carrying away any dog, bitch, or cat, or as accessory thereto before or after the fact shall be deemed guilty of the crime of larceny, and shall restore the dog, bitch, or cat, to the owner thereof, or shall pay to him the value thereof, and shall be sentenced to confinement in jail for not more than three months.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 6, 1931.

CHAPTER NO. 175
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27 of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1929 Supplement), title "Fish and Fisheries," sub-title "Tidal Waters," prohibiting the use of purse nets or buck nets in the waters of the State of Maryland.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 27 of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1929 supplement), title "Fish and Fisheries," subtitle "Tidal Waters," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

27. On and after November 1, 1931, it shall not be lawful for any person, at any time, to fish with a purse net or buck net in any of the waters of the State of Maryland.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That all Acts or parts of Acts, general or local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect November 1, 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931

CHAPTER NO. 219
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1929 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," to be under subtitle "Fire—False Alarm," said new section to be known as Section 149B and to follow immediately after Section 149A of said Article, making it unlawful to give false alarm of fire.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1929 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," to be under sub-title "Fire—False Alarm," said new section to be known as Section 149B, to follow immediately after Section 149A of said Article, and to read as follows:

149B. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to give or cause to be give any false alarm of fire by means of the telegraph box connected with any fire alarm telegraph or by means of telephone or telegraph system, or by any other means or method. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon convicition thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment not exceeding twelve months, or to both fine and imprisoment.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 6, 1931.

CHAPTER NO. 356
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 475A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1929 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Refuse—Throwing or Dumping," making the section State-wide in its operation and effect.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 475A of Article 27 of the Annatated Code of Maryland (1929 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Refuse—Throwing or Dumping," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

475A. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, dump, or deposit any trash, junk or other refuse upon the land or property of another without the written consent first had and obtained of the owner thereof, or under the personal direction of such owner; or to throw, dump or deposit any trash, junk or other refuse upon any public highway of this State; any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and any person convicted thereof before a Justice of the Peace or court of proper jurisdiction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than $5.00 or more than $50.00 or by imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) or more than ninety (90) days, or both.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931.

CHAPTER NO. 428
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Licenses," sub-titlte "Rules of the Road," to follow Section 209 of said Article and to be known as Section 209A; providing special regulations applicable on streets and highways laned for traffic.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be added to Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Licenses," sub-title "Rules of the Road," to follow Section 209 of said Article and to be known as Section 209A, and to read as follows:

Section 209A. Whenever any street or highway has been divided into clearly marked lanes for traffic, drivers of vehicles shall obey the following regulations:

(a) A vehicle shall normally be driven in the lane nearest the right-hand edge or curb of the highway when said lane is available for travel except when overtaking another vehicle or in preparation for a left turn or as permitted in subdivision (d).

(b) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as is practicable entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.

(c) Upon a highway which is divided into three lanes a vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or in preparation for a left turn or unless such center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of such allocation.

(d) The State Roads Commission may designate right hand lanes for slow moving traffic and inside lanes for traffic moving at the speed indicated for the district under this Act, and when such lanes are signposted or marked to give notice of such designation a vehicle may be driven in any lane allocated to traffic moving in the direction such vehicle is proceeding, but when traveling within such inside lanes vehicles shall be driven at approximately the speed authorized in such lanes, and speed shall not unnecessarily be decreased so as to block, hinder or retard traffic.

Any person operating any vehicle in a manner contrary to any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to a fine of not less than five dollars ($5.00) nor more than fifty dollars ($50.00) for the first offense.

Approved April 17, 1931.

CHAPTER NO. 324
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to add twelve (12) new and additional sections to Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Licenses," under a new sub-title "Outdoor Advertising," said new and additional sections to come in immediately after Section 273 of said Article 56 of said Code and to be designated as Sections 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284 and 285, said new section providing for licensing of those engaged in the business of outdoor advertising; prescribing fees for such licenses; requiring applicants to secure permits and to pay a fee therefor for erecting or using billboards or other structures, signs or posters for outdoor advertising, outside of incorporated municipalties and within certain distances of public highways; prohibiting issuance of permits for the erection of structures injurious to the safety of public travel; requiring non-resident applications for permits and licenses to give bond; requiring the State Roads Commission to administer this Act and requiring applicants for permits and licenses to furnish certain information; providing for the removal of billboards or structures, signs, posters or display advertising erected in violation of this Act; prescribing penalties for violating thist Act, and making certain exceptions in its application.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That twelve (12) new and additional sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Licenses," under the sub-title "Outdoor Advertising," to follow Section 273 of said Article 56, and to be designated as Sections 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284 and 285, and to read as follows:

274. From and after June 1, 1931, no person, firm or corporation, resident or non-resident of this State, shall engage in the business generally known as outdoor advertising for profit gained from rentals or other compensation received for the erection, use or other compensation received for the erection, use or maintenance of billboards, or any other structures, signs, posters or display advertising of any kind or nature whatsoever, upon real property, without a license having first been obtained from the State Roads Commission of Maryland to engage in such business, for which the said firm, person or corporation shall pay an annual license fee for the use of the State of $200.00; provided, however, that a person, firm, or corporation maintaining not more than fifty billboards, signs, posters, or other structures for display advertising, shall pay an annual license fee of fifty dollars ($50.00) and that the licenses first issued under this section shall be dated June 1, 1931, and shall expire on the 30th day of April succeeding, and the charge therefor shall be $183.25, unless the applicant engages in business in any month subsequent to June 1, 1931, when a ratable sum shall be charged. Thereafter, all licenses shall be dated May 1 and shall expire the following April 30 and the full fee shall be charged therefor except when the applicant engages in the business in any other month subsequent to May 1st when such license shall be issued from such month and a ratable sum charged therefor.

275. Every application for license required by Section 274 of this subtitle shall be made on a form to be furnished by the State Roads Commission and shall state the full name and post office address of the applicant, as well as other revelent information required by said State Roads Commission during the consideration of any application for a license. Every person, firm or corporation obtaining a license in pursuance of Section 274 of this sub-title shall also obtain a permit and pay a fee therefor for the use of the State for the erection, maintenance or use of each billboard or other structure, sign, poster or other display advertising used, or to be used as provided in Section 277 of this sub-title, provided the proposed location of the said billboard or other structure, sign, poster or other display advertising be outside the corporate limits of any incorporated city, town or village and within five hundred (500) feet of a public highway of the State of Maryland.

276. No person, firm or corporation not engaged in the business of outdoor advertising for profit, shall, after the first day of June, 1931, erect, or maintain outside the corporate limits of any city, town or village and within five hundred (500) feet of a public highway of the State of Maryland, any billboard or other structure or signs, posters or display advertising of any kind whatsoever, without a permit for that purpose from the State Roads Commission as provided in the following section of this sub-title.

277. Every person, firm or corporation hereafter desiring to erect or mainitain billboards or other structures, signs, posters or display advertising of any kind whatsoever, outside of the corporate limits of any city, town or village, and within five hundred (500) feet of a public highway of the State of Marland, shall file with the State Roads Commission the following information, data and plats concerning and explaining the proposed location of any such billboards, or other structures, signs, posters or other display advertising.

(a) A statement signed by the applicant naming the county, election district, and the approximate distance from the nearest town, village or city where the billboards or other structures, signs, posters or other advertising displays are propose to be placed and stating whether or not the proposed location is within a district over which the Legislature has granted to any board or body the power to create zoning areas and if said proposed location be within any such district, the name of such district.

(b) The dimensions and the area in square feet of advertising surface on each of said billboards or other structures, signs posters or other display advertising, the height of such advertisement from the ground, the material used in its construction and the distance from the nearest public highway. The area of any such advertisement shall comprise the number of square feet contained within a line drawn around the outer edge of the advertising matter and pictorial desing displayed.

(c) A plat which shall satisfy the State Roads Commission that it shows accurately:

(1) The proposed location of said billboard or other structure, sign, poster or display advertissing with reference to the location of any State highway within a radius of five hundred (500) feet of such proposed advertisement.

(2) The location of the boundaries of any such State highway or highways.

(3) The relative location of any intersection or intersections at grade of any such highway or highways with any railroad or street railway.

(d) Any additinonal plats, information or data deemed necessary by the State Roads Commission to determine whether the construction or erection of said structure or advertisement would injuriously affect the safety of public travel on State highways by dangerously obstructing the clear view of the highway by one operating a motor vechicle thereon.

Upon receiving from the applicant the information, plats and data hereinbefore in this section designated the State Roads Commission shall issue for the next calendar year the permit applied for upon payment by the applicant to the State Roads Commission of a fee for the use of the State equal to the sum of one-half of one cent (½ of 1 ct.) for each square foot of the surface used or to be used for such purpose, provided that no such permit shall be issued by the State Roads Commission, if the main tenance, construction or erection of such advertisement would injuriously affect the safety of public travel on State highways by dangerously obstructing the clear view of the highway by one operating a motor vehicle thereon, and provided further that nothing herein contained shall be construed to confer upon the State Roads Commission the power to ssue any such permits for the maintenance, construction or erection of any such advertisement within any area over which the General Assembly of Maryland has conferred zoning powers in any board or body unless the application for the permit provided pained by a certificate which satisfies the State Roads Commission that the said board or body in whom such zoning powers are vested has approved of the maintenance, construction or erection of said advertisement as applied for. The minimum fee for any permit issued as provided for in this section shall be one dollar ($1.00).

Permits may be renewed from time to time for a term or terms of one year each upon payment of the fee due as provided for in this section, and may be granted at any time during a calendar year, to expire on thirtieth day of April, folowing, upon compliance with the terms of this section, and payment of such proportion of one-half of one-cent (½ of 1 ct.) a square foot of each billboard or other structure or advertisement to be used as aforesaid, as the unexpired portion of the year bears to a full year, provided that the minimum fee shall in no case be less than one dollar ($1.00).

278. The name and post office address of the person, firm or corporation owning any billboard or structure, or other advertisement, or controlling the same for advertising purposes, shall be plainly inscribed thereon. Permits shall be numbered consecutively, and each billboard or other structure used for advertising purposes, shall show the number and expiration date of the ermit.

No permit shall be required in order to erect, maintain or use any billboard or other structure on real estate exclusively to advertise the same for sale or to let; nor to erect, maintain or use the same on the building or structure or within one hundred feet of such building or the entrance thereto, where the business ad vertised is carried on, or to advertise exclusively Maryland historic shrines, institutions and church and county fairs to be held in Maryland.

279. Before and license or permit or renewal thereof required by this Act shall be issued to any person firm or corporation not a resident of this State, such person, firm or corporation shall execute and file with the State Roads Commission a bond to the State of Maryland, with surety to be approved by said Commission, in the penalty of $1,000, the condition of which sall be that the obligor shall pay the State all sums as shall become due it under this Act and shall comply with all the provisions thereof or rules adopted pursuant thereto.

280. Nothing in this Act shall affect any existing structure or advertising display unless such structure or advertising display would injuriously affect the safety of public travel on the State highways by dangerously obstructing the clear view of the highway by one operating a motor vehicle thereon, excepting that the permit fee provided for in Section 277 of this Act shall be paid therefor beginning on June 1, 1931.

281. The State Roads Commission is hereby charged with the administration and enforcement of this Act, and in connection therewith may make and enforce regulations and orders to carry out its purposes, and it is hereby authorized to remove, after thirty days' written notice given to the person, firm or corporation owning or controlling the same, any billboard or other structure, sign, poster or other advertisement display erected or maintained contrary to the provisions of this Act.

282. The fee for permits issued in pursuance of Section 277 of this subtitle is hereby imposed for revenue and the State Roads Commission shall account quarterly to the Comptroller for the amount collected and pay the same forthwith to the State Treasurer. The cost and expenses incurred in administering this sub-title shall be paid out of the receipts from said fee and the balance of said receipts shall be credited to the State Roads Commission to be used for planting and improving the rights of way along said roads.

283. Any person, firm or corporation erecting, maintaining or using a b ill board or other structure, poster, sign or other display advertising with out complying with the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars ($500.00).

284. If any clause, section or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, such determination shall not be held to affect any other clause, section or provision hereof.

285. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisionso of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2 And be it further enacted. That this Act shall take effect from and after June 1st. 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931.

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