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DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That Henry Melvin gives this daily tip to motorists: "Never dictate the right of way—give it.

That Amos South looking over his territory, claims that most people can't stand prosperity—fortunately most people don't have to.

That oystermen who have been on relief for about ten days, claims the most useless exercise in the world is running into debt.

That Harry Reynolds who hasfoaded the great part of theU. S., claims that women and plams are alike in brand; some are upright and others are grund.

That the latest dispatch to Delegate Joe Bishop is that slot machines had to be taken out of army camps because too many soldiers were listing them as dependents in figuring income taxes.

That with the opening of the Bay span, Charlie Bright, the real estate dealer of the Island, claims that fate is bound to hand you a lemon now and then—and the opportunist will squeeze out the juice and start a lemonade stand.

That lawn owners throughout the county are busy these spring-like days getting the dead leaves and other trash cleaned up, while our gardeners are busy getting their gardens in shape for planting early frost-proof vegetable seed.

That the U. S. Senate Monday passed by voice vote a bill to provide cost-free $10,000 life insurance to all recall to active duty in the armed forces since June 27. A compromise now will have to be worked out with the House.

That the road contractors are busy laying cement on the overhead and bridges on the new dual highways. It is hoped our property owners will follow and get their pavements in shape. Don't wait to get a letter from the town clerk.

That please don't think that Grant Yates is not on the job and thinking deep to claim that some politicians work on the theory that a good story is more important to them than the truth—telling a lie on credit instead of the cash.

That it is with much regret to Mike, that our Commentator Governor McKeldin, didn't appoint Glenn James of the Record-Observer as a substitute Police Magistrate instead of Asbury Bartlett, an old GOP Ringer, while James is a newly converted. He has the political drag and smoothing board.

That our town Fathers should make a tour of inspection of our back streets and notice the bad holes in the macadam streets. They are large enough to break a spring or burst a tire if hit square. We hope you notice them Commissioners. You could have the town sued by not attending to this matter as they are very dangerous.

Tha the new Maryland license plates for passenger cars and motor cycles may be displayed on those vehicles beginning Friday, Thomas B. R. Mudd, commissioner of motor vehicles, announced Tuesday. For all other classes of Maryland motor-vehicle registrations, including all commercial vehicles, license plates may be displayed on and after April 1.

FOR SALE—New 52 gallon Frigidaredare Electric hot water heater, used one month. Also a 20-gallon kerosene automatic hot water heater with oil drum, used practically new. Both heaters can be seen at Knotts & Jewell, Centreville, Md.

NOTICE—I will not be responsible for any debts made other than myself. W. J. Allen.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Miss Barbara Brittingham of Washington, D. C. spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linden Brittingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Linden Brittingham attended the Ladies Nite banquet Thursday evening given by the Laurel Delaware Fire Dept.

Districting Plan Hits Senate Snag

The Democratic plan for setting up a seventh congressional ristrict in Maryland ran into a snag Thursday when two SState senators declared to be bound by caucus in support of the scheme.

Both said that they wanted more time to study the redictricting bill, which was introduced in the Senate Thursday by Sepeaker George W. Della.

Senator Leroy W. Preston, of the Fifth Baltimore District, pored over the details of he measure for evidence of possible gerrymandering.

Senator Preston's precinct, the Thirty-seventh of the Twenty-seventh ward, was "jumped" in the list of precincts to be included in the new congressional district.

Francis X. Dippel, of the Third Baltimore Districvt, objected to being bound by caucus because he said the plan had not been presented to him before he was requested to pledge his support.

The Democratic redrawing of boundaries to make room for a new district was assured of majority support in the House when all but one of the Democratic delegates stood up in caucus when asked to support it. Meanwhile, the Republican delegates put their names to their party's redistricting plan, which was presented to the House today.

The Republican plan was laid on by a team under the leadership of J. Paul Marshall, of Montgomery county.

The Democratic plan was the work of Representatives Preston and Garmatz.

McKeldin Blasts At Teachers Rise

Using the strongest language he has put into many statements since assuming office, Governor McKeldin today repeated every item of the $35,000,000 construction and salary raise programs proposed by the State Department of Education.

Going over the heads of their leaders, Governor McKeldin appealed to school teachers to support him in his stand.

"The effect of these measures upon our State budget and the State debt would be so staggering that I must raise my voice in firm opposition," Mr. McKeldin declared.

His statement was evoked by the impending appearance of four measures drafted by the State Department of Education calling for a $10,000,000 anuual increase in spending to raise teacher salaries by $500 a year, distribute school grants to localities at the rate of $5 per pupil above present subsidies and boost aid to local library systems, plus a $35,000,000 bond issue to raise funds to be given to local governments for school construction at the rate of $100 per pupil.

The program was announced February 10 by Thomas G. Pullen, State Superintendent of Schools, and was endorsed the same day by the advisory council of the Maryland State Teachers Association.

Bills embracing the program have been prepared, but have yet to be laid before the General Assembly. Copies were given to the Governor, howeverfl and this led to his announcement that he opposed the entire group. Mr. McKeldin spoke of the measures as "sponsored by the State superintendent of education."

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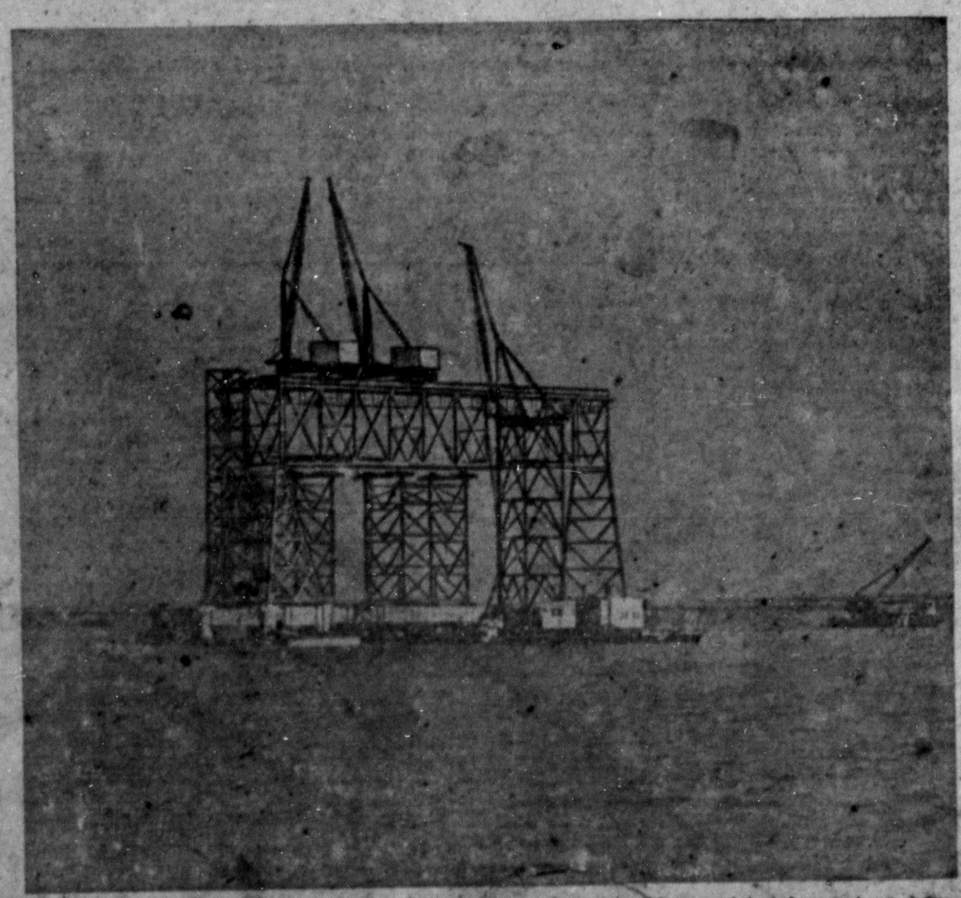

This photo from the Maryland State Roads Commission provides a pictorial report on how work is progressing, on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The section shown rests on piers 20 and 21, a little more than a mile out from the Western Shore. It was floated into place last month, and now firmly anchored, is serving as a "work bench" for construction of other sections that will also be floated into position by barges as they are completed. This initial section to be placed is approximately 300 feet long and weighs 350 tons.

McKeldin Green Bag Submitted to Senate

Governor McKeldin sent his Green Bag to the Senate Thursday nominating Republicans to most of the major State jobs at stake.

A. Earl Shipley, Republican of Westminster a former State senator, was confirmed almost immediately as Director of Parole and Probation for a two-year term. The other names—the lists certain hundreds—were referred to the committee on Executive Nominations.

Governor McKeldin's general appointments list contained the name of five Negroes, one of whom was proposed for reappointment.

His list for Baltimore city nominated Harry Singerman, present member of the Board of Supervisors of Elections and political associate of James H. Pollack, for reappointment to the single Democratic place on the board.

He nominated one Democrat to the city Board of License Commissioners, although he did not have to, but named six Republicans to the Traffic Court.

In his general list he named two new members to the board of regents of the University of Maryland who will, in effect, be his personal representatives on the eleven-member board.

Queen Anne's Appointments

Supervisors of Elections— William A. Barwick, Republican, Sudlersville; Raymond F. Coursey, Grasonville; Walter W. Jewell, Democrat Grasonville.

Substitute Supervisors of Election William Chance, Republican, Centreville; John Alexander Dodd, Democrat, Centreville.

Justices of the Peace, designated as trial magistrates—J. West Thomas, Jr., Centreville; F. Asbury Bartlett, substitute, Centreville.

National Flower Show at Baltimore, March 3-10

Maryland's gardeners will have a preview of Spring at the 27th National Flower Show to be held in Baltimore from March 3 through March 10.

Tens of thousands of spring flowers have been forced ahead of their normal blooming schedule to be ready in time for this early March display.

The two acres of floor space in the 5th Regiment Armory have been converted into a million dollar flower spectacle.

Teacher's Raise Would Bring Pay Scale Top

The $500 across-the-board wage increase yesterday by Maryland teachers would bring their scale up to the highest, with one exception, now paid in this area.

According to a survey of salaries paid in Maryland and adjacent states — Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virgina, and Virginia—only the top wage paid teachers in Delaware—$4,400 to holders of a doctor's degree after 11 years—would exceed the proposed Maryland scale.

Under the present wage scale set by the General Assembly in 1947 the Maryland minimum is set at $2,000. This graduates in 16 annual increases of $100 each, to $3,600 for holders of bachelor's and master's degrees.

The $500 raise now requested by the State Department of Education would place the State minimum at $2,500 for teachers without degrees, exceeding the $2,400 starting salary for college graduates in Delaware, where highest minimums are paid.

A Maryland college graduate or holder of a master's degree would receive a first pay of $2,700 as compared to $2,600 paid a masters degree holder in Delaware.

The starting salary in Maryland would be only $234 less than the maximum salary paid in West Virginia which is $2,934 for a holder of a doctor's or master's degree after 19 years of service.

Kent Island Country Fair Huge Success

The Country Fair held on February 16th by the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Dept. was a tremendous success. The Fair was put on to defray part of the expense of the new fire truck which arrived on Saturday, February 21st. The net amount of the Fair proceeds was $[illegible]. The chairman, Mr. George Taylor and all of the co-chairmen wish to express their appreciation to all of the members of the Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary, and to all the people of Kent Island and surrounding communities who comprised the large attendence and contributed to making the affair a success.

Auto Inspection Bill Passes House

Maryland motorists would have to take their cars to garages and have them inspected at least twice a year, under a bill passed today by the House of Delegates.

The measure now goes to the Senate.

It would take the place of a dead letter automobile inspection law that has not been invoked since Pearl Harbor.

There was no discussion preceding the 99-18 House vote.

Under the proposal:

1. Each owner of a motor vehicle would have to have it looked over by a private garage designated as an official inspection station every spring and fall.

2. If mechanical defects that would make the vehicle unsafe to operate were discovered, they would have to be corrected before the car could be driven again.

3. After the inspection, a sticker costing a dime would be fixed to the windshield.

4. The motorist would have to pay 50 cents for the inspection, itself.

The half dollar would go to the inspection station and the dime to a fund for the promotion of highway safety.

Pvt. Walter G. Howard Undergoing Basic Training

Private Walter G. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Howard, of Queenstown, is presently undergoing Basic Training as a member of Detachment "B" of the Lackland Air Force Base Indoctrination Center here at Stewart, it was announced today by Colonel Hoyt L. Prince, Base Commander.

Training Detachent "B" was created at Stewart to handle the overflow from the tremendous increase in the number of Air Force Volunteer reporting to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Private Howard will receive 30 days of intensive indoctrination in the ways of the Air Force. This will include close order drill, physical training, use of firearms, and lectures on subjects ranging from military courtesy to radiological defense.

Upon completion of his training he will be assigned individually to an Air Force Base or sent to an Air Force technical or administrative school for further specialized training.

Give to the Local Fire Company MembershipDrive

The Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company's membership drive is now on. $2 for membership in the local company. Give your donation today, address it to Secretary of Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company, Queenstown, Md.

Here is a list of the honorary members todate:

QUEENSTOWN—John C. Coley, Catherine Anthony, Joseph Ginsberg, Frank Delahay, John Kinnamon, James R. Friel, Samuels Friel, W. H. Bishop, Laura Carter, W. I. Tuttle, Queenstown, Bank, Kennard Rhodes, Thomas Marsalis, Thomas Harrington, R. B. Baker & Sons, Abe Stein, Clifton Green, George Aldridge, Ruth Dutcher, Anna Moore, Arthur Southard, Joseph Ryans, Genevieve Bailey, Henry and Willie M. Johnson, B. Frank Anders, Cheston-on-Wye, Willis Putnam, W. W. Potter, Sr., Linden Brittingham, J. Edgar Bryan, Chas. Lueke, Jr., W. C. Lowe, Wye Plantation, Richard Greaves, Benjamin Howard, Karl Fisher, Raymond Warner, William M. Horn, Arthur W. Bryan, W. P. Tuppin, Olin Jarrell, Jerry Skaggs, Frank Smith, Howard Melvin, B. F. Austin, Mary E. Griffin, Mrs. Andrew Harper, Tilghman Melvin, Norman Hitch, Samuel Comegys, J. D. ShewBrooks, George Heath, Blanche Gerloch, Doris E. Dillehunt, C. P. Carter Urban Colt, Elmer Whitby, Mildred Anderson, Mrs. Edna Price, John Huitle, Margaret Cross, Clara Thomas, Ida Mandell, H. B. Hammond, C. T. Bishop, Mrs. Martha Lovelace, Ferdinand Jelke, Thorpe Nesbit, Alice Watson, Joseph Berry, E. S. Rowens, William C. White, Thomas C. Quimby, Eva B. Price, Lester Wehberg, John Whaley, Rigbon Edward, [illegible] Ella Moesser, Edwin Walls, Covert Crowder, Mildred H. Wrightson, Ellen J. Hogue, Green Spring Dairy, Henry Smith, Jennings Porter, Jose Lopez, Henry Melvin, GordonShawn Betty Hughes, William R. Bozman, Frank Patchett, Charles Altoff, Frances E. Thomas, Paul Buckle, William B. Thompson, Blakeford Farms George Moffett, Guy Harmon, Thomas Pratt, Marie Kaufman, O. P. Alford.

GRASONVILLE — Charles King, Evelyn King, Harry Bryan, Calvin Burns, Charles McDowell, Lands End Farm, Joseph Collier, Royden Curlette, Addie Knight, Willard Burns, Warren Butler, Unsigned, Carolyn Coursey, Mary Stichel, Clarence Horney, Leonard Smith, George Powell, Herbert Long, Mrs. Joseph Parks, Monroe O'Donnell, Ephraim Parks, Jr., James and Mary Chance, Arnold Palmer, W. A. Thomas, R. F. Coursey, Norman Pierson, C. P. Horney, J. R. Baker, Wesley Horney, J. K. Sewell, E. Earl Coursey, Omar O'Donnell, William Whittico, Jr., N. P. Corkran, Leroy Smith(Talisman Farm, W. H. Jones, Margaret Kornbau, W. C. Baxter, Raymond Horney Alfonza Thomas, Morgan Chance, Fred Risley, Harvey Ruth, E. S. Trompson, Raymond Ewing, Wrightson Wilson, Oscar Smith, Carroll Pierson, Wye Hall Farm.

Wholesale Prices Set New Record

Wholesale prices reached a new record high last week despite the two-weeks-old price "freeze".

Meats, although under ceilings, shot up 3.2 per cent. Wholesale prices as a whole rose 0.7 per cent, attaining a peak of 16 per cent higher than before the Korean war.

As this was announced Friday, the Office of Price Stabilization took steps to prevent meat black markets by isuing an order controlling all commercial livestock slaughter.

The OPS hope is to keep the nation's meat stocks moving to the housewife at regulated prices. In World War II the grocer's meat counters were empty a large part part of the time, while black markets flourished.

The wholesale price index, announced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the week ended February 6, was 18.2 compared with 180 in January 30. It was the thirteenth week in a row that a new record had been set.