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Postmaster Cross Gives Holiday Mailing Tips

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That Pete Beecher claims that used car dealers never die—they just trade away.

That the banks of the county have been busy paying out Christmas Club to depositors, which will go up in the big figures.

That the dual highway contractors are still having nice weather to complete the stretches between Grasonvill and Queenstown.

That coon hunters are scare these days as the price of the hides are not interesting and most of the local hunters have disposed of their dogs.

That our farmers claim that these war spells will cause wheat and barley to make too much foliage, and may cause it to drop before maturity.

That duck hunters claim they can kill the bag limit in less than an hour, which gives them ample time to return to their home fireside in time for breakfast.

That it looks to Mike that Senator Landsdale Sasscer will have to have Mike's political help to battle the three strong candidates who have filed for his job.

That the maniose diggers are disgusted because they will not be able to invite Santa Claus in their home and baby will have to go without shoes, as they are not making only $40 to $50 a day with two in a boat.

That farmers were busy butchering their swine. They report enough to last them until hog killing time in 1952. Several nearby farmers have remembered Mike with plenty of freshies which Mike really appreciates.

That if our old friend, Horace Greeley was rambling around on this planet these days he would advise the young folks to go to the Eastern Shore instead of the West, as gold is found daily in chunks. Our watermen, from September to April are making better than $2,000 and being their own boss.

That the first accident on the branch of route 50 road—Rosier and Melvin—occurred Tuesday morning when a car skidded on the shoulders of the new road over the Beaver Dam fill and the driver lost control bumping off several small trees until it stopped at a man-size tree. While the driver was cut and bruised his car was about demolished.

Talbot Zoning Plans Due To Bay Bridge Situation

The Bay bridge could transform Talbot county into a welter of billboards honky-tonks and helter-skelter waterfront developments unless quick action is taken to set up a aster plan for zoning, the county commissioners were told today.

"The opening (next July) of the bridge will signal the beginning of a new "era' 'on the Eastern Shore, the county's new Planning and Zoning Commission said in a report urginng the immediate expenditure of $6,000 to prepare a master plan for orderly development o fthe county's land areas.

And it said that within six month the county should set up a building and inspection code, adopt a zoning ordinance and approve a $13,800 annual budget to administer planning and zoning.

If we have planning and zoning in Talbot county, it is the opinion of our commission that the county can look forward to an era of unprecedented growth ,with a minimum of interference with the historic beauty of our entire county area," the report said.

"We can be assured that present property values will be only maintained but enhanced by the protection afforded by planning and zoning. We can encourage the industrial, commercial and residential development of our county with knowledge that property value will be maintained.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. Daniel C. Aker and son, Junior, and Joe Hoffman of Baltimore, enjoyed the weekend with Mike at his home, Meadowbrook.

Miss Annie Ogden of Philadelphia and sister of Mrs. Joseph Evans is enjoying a short vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. A. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bishop of Wilmington, Del., were pleased to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bishop over the weekend.

Mr. Jerry Skaggs left Sunday for Elkton, to be ready Monday morning to try his luck deer hunting. Jerry succeeded last year in bagging one deer in four days hunting.

Mr. Harry Garrison who is on the retired list as keeper of the Kent Island State Roads bridge, spent several days at the home of Mrs. Frank Higdon and family of Woodlawn.

Mr. Edwin Shortall visited his wife at the University Hospital in Baltimore Sunday. Mrs. Shortall is gradually gaining her strength, and her many friends hope she will soon be able to return home on Steamboat avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mann, who moved away from their home 14 montne ago, removed back again last Saturday. They are very happy to be back. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bishop ,who occupied their home while they were living in New York, moved to one of the apartments of Mrs. Margaret Cross.

Mr. Milton "Buck" Kaufman while on a business trip to Baltimore, last week, made a misstep while alighting from his car and sprained his right knee. He continued to work until Monday when he had an X-ray taken and dressed at the Easton Hospital. He has been housed until Wednesday morning when he was able to be out, but still unable to work.

Tawes Advice on Filing Tax Returns

It has been brought to the attention of J. Millard Tawes, State Comptroller, that many licensees, and the publis at large see mto be confused regarding rules covering the filing of returns under the Maryland Retail Sales and Use Tax Acts, or else completely ignore them. Mr. Tawes, in order to clarify the situation, directs the attention of all holders of Retail Sales and Use Tax Licenses and the general public to the following points which must be observed in reporting returns under the laws as passed by the Legislature.

1. Persons engaged in wholesale business must collect the tax on accomodations sales and on all other sales to persons whom this law considers consumers.

2. The Tax must be paid on personal property which is purchased for use in business, but which will not be resold, such as stationery and office supplies, tools and equipment, etc.

3. Builders and Contractors engaged in building or repairing real property are the consumers of all personal property which they purchase and must pay the tax thereon.

4. Property which is purchased outside of Maryland is subject to the use Tax when it comes into the State.

5. Manufacturers must pay the tax on all purchases which do not become a component part of their manufactured product and which do not meet the requirements of rule 62 and 63.

6. Fabrication of tangible personal property on a specia lorder for a consideration is one of the services subjects to the tax.

7. Property which is given away is taxable.

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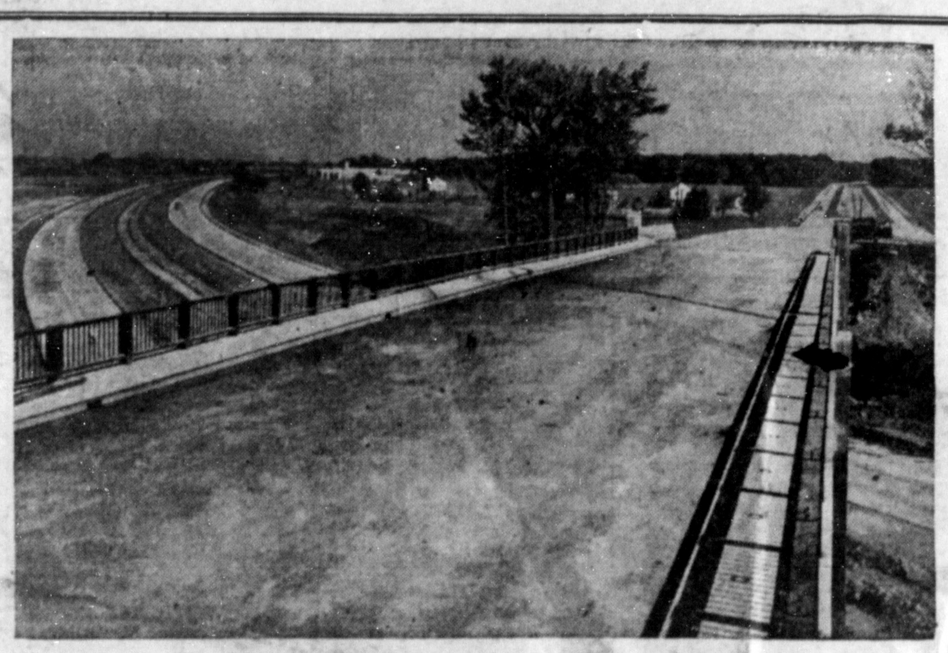

The new divided highway from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge across Queen Anne's County will carry two major traffic streams as far as Queenstown. One will be vehicles bound to and from Centreville, Chestertown and northern Shore points via Route 18 and 213. The other will be Route 50 traffic to and from Easton, Cambridge, Salisbury and Ocean City. This photo from the Maryland State Roads Commission shows how, at the point where the routes divide, traffic will be separated to insure maximum safety. The overpass from which the photo is taken will carry northbound traffic from Route 50 over the other highway, after which it will descend to grade in an easy, sweeping curve and merge with bridge-bound traffic by means of a long accelerating lane.

Phone Facilities on Shore Will be Expanded

Expansion of toll facilities on the Eastern Shore, at a cost of $182,000, is planned according to an announcement by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City.

G. C. Hicks, district commercial manager for the C. & P. said the project scheduled for completion in the summer of 1952 involves the installation of 29 long haul message circuits from points on the Eastern Shore to Baltimore and Washington as well as 9 additional short haul message circuits between points on the Shore.

Increased facilities for handling toll calls will be provided from Balanock, Seaford,Cambridge and Eastimore to Salisbury, Ocean City, Ontun. The Salisbury-Washington route is also to be expanded.

Between points on the Shore additional circuits will be furnished from Chestertown to Centreville, Easton, Elkton, Galena and Rock Hall as well as between Cecilton and Elkton.

It was emphasized by Hicks that this is a continuance of the company's expansion program on the Eastern Shore and will involve the installation of complicated electronic equipment in the C & P's central offices in Baltimore, Cecilton, Chestertown, Easton, Elkton, Princess Anne, Rock Hall, Salisbury, Severna Park and Vienna.

Charles Church, District Manager of E. S. P. S., Resigns

Eastern Shore Public Service announces the resignation of Charles S. Church, who has been District Manager of their Millington Maryland Office during the past 16 years

Robert F. Irwin of Denton, Maryland, well known to the customers of the Electric Company, succeeds Mr. Church as District Manager in Millington. Mr. Irwin began with the Company seven years ago as a meter reader and for the past few years has been with the engineering department.

A graduate of Denton High School he is married and has a nine year old daughter. Since he is highly qualified to represent the Electric Company in his new position, customers of Eastern Shore Public Service may expect continued courteous and efficient service.

Mr. Church, in leaving the Company, severs an association of eighteen years. While his many friends will miss him, they will be glad to know that after a trip to Florida, he plans to enjoy life on his farm near Millington.

Col. Stanwood Warns Youth on Draft Law

Calling attenion to the fact that failure to register is a violation of law and akes the delinquentliable to penalty. Colonel Henry C. Stanwood, Maryland State Director of Selective Service, expressed fear that some youths in Maryland were placing theselves in jeopardy either unwittingly or because of an "I-think-I-can-get-away-with-it attitude.

Colonel Stanwood said that the local boards have standing instructions to turn over the names of suspected delinquents under the Selective Service law to Federal authorities for investigation and prosecution if facts warrant.

"There is not—and never has been—any intention to persecute" Colonel Stanwood said, "but the obligation to register at 18 is very plainly set forth in the Selective Service law and failure to comply certainly makes a youth a delinquent; and all we can do is to act accordingly."

Although the young man who becomes 18 is required to register at a local board office within five days of the date of his eighteenth birthday, Colonel Stanwood explained, if he happens to be away from home h need not return; he may register he need not return; he may register ient to him and the record will be sent to the local board having jurisdiction, even though it is in another State. After he registers, it is mandatory that a registrant keep his local board informed of any change in his address or change in status, the State Director pointed out, and this applies after he becomes 26 as well as before.

Questioned concerning the man who did not register because he was o nactive duty in the armed forces, Colonel Stanwood explained that such a man is required to register within 30 days o fthe time he is separated from the armed forces.

"Any person who changes from an active duty in the armed forces, registration to a status which does require it must register promptly to be within the law." Colonel Stanwood said, adding that those who were out of the country on the regis within 30 days of the time he is sedate they re-enter the United States, which includes Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rice and the Virgin Islands.

Colonel Stanwood said that noncitizens entering the United States for the first time arerequired to register at a local board within six months following the date of their entry.

FOR SALE—Modern Equipped Barber Shop in Queenstown. Good stand. Low Rent. If Interested, call 2271 or 2161.

Pension Rise Due Next Spring

Many old workers are on the home stretch of the road to bigger social-security pensions.

Within a few months there will be a sizable increase in monthly old-age insurance payments, the second since Congress changed the social security law in 1950. By July 1, several thousand workers will become eligible for the larger pensions up to a maximum of $80 a month for a retired pension.

A new method of computing pensions will provide tidy bonanzas for many elderly employes and self-employed persons. Some employes who retire next July will get $80 month pension for life in return fo ra tax payment by them of $81 for 18 a months' work in social security coverage.

If pensioner John Brown gets $80 a month and his wife is 65 or older she gets a pension amounting to half of his, or $40 a month. If the Browns have a child under 18 they get an additional $30 a month, or a maximum total of $150 for one family.

Some elderly workers may qualify for increased pensions on their first April pay day next year. Very few, however, will have received enough pay by that time to be eligible for the $80 top pensions for the individual pensioner.

To get the new increases, workers must be covered by social security for at least six calendar quarters after 1950. The size of the pension depends upon the average wage received by the workers up to $300 a month.

A calndar quarter of coverage is a three-month period beginning January 1 April 1, July 1, or October 1, in which the employed worker is paid $50 or more in wages. It is not necessary that he work every day of those quarters.

Hunters Warned On Forest Fires

H. C. Buckingham, State forester, expressed hope today that Maryland hunters will be particularly careful not to start forest fires during December.

"We've gotten excellent co-operation so far this fall," Buckingham said, "but there is still considerable danger from fire due to the recent spells of warm weather.

"The timber is still dry and highly inflammable. Much of the danger will be removed after the first snowfall and a period of continued cold weather."

Buckingham described the period from September to the first snowfall as "dangerous," but called the period from March 15 to May 15 as the "most critical" time of the year for forest-fire prevention.

Postmaster Cross Gives Holiday Tips

Postmaster Margaret Cross, of the Queenstown Post Office opened the Yuletide Season officially today. She issued her annual appeal for early filing of Christmas greeting cards and gift packages.

"It's later than you think!" the Postmaster warned. "Most people wait until December rolls around before they give the increasingly heavy Christmas mails a second thought.

The Postmaster expects the greatest [illegible] Yuletide mail in local history. She predictel it would exceed "by a considerable margin" the record breaking 1950 holiday season.

This year's deluge of Christmas mail will strain post office facilities severely," he stated. "But we'll get everything delivered by Christmas, if th public cooperates wholeheartedly.

Christmas packages for distant states should be mailed by December 7, she declared. All Yuletide parcel post should be on its way by December 10.

Christmas cards to friends and loved ones in other States should be deposited by December 15th. Greetings for local delivery should be mailed at least a week before Christmas.

Preparations to handle this Yuletide rush have already extra mail clerks and carriers, setting up new sorting tables, hauling out reserve mail sacks, thousands of bright new postage stamps are on hand, and the post office pens are all getting new points.

To keep Christmas mail on schedule', the Postmaster asks that you—

1. Stop at the post office next week to purchase the extra stamps you're going to need, thus avoiding last-minute crowds. When buying staps for Christmas cards, bear in mind the desirability of sending the cards by first-class mail. The rate for unsealed cards is 2c and cards mailed in this way do not rate forwarding or return services.

2. Check and revise your Christmas card address list this weekend. Purchase your Christmas cards early and address and stamp them at once. Then put them in a convenient place for mailing at the proper time.

3. Lay in adequate supplies of [illegible] strong cord, and printed Fourth Class labels for wrapping parcel post. Packages are limited to 70 pounds in weight, and must not measure more than 100 inches in length and girth combined. Repeat the address inside the outer wrapping, in case they are damaged in transit.

"Above all," the Postmaster said, "please address plainly and completely. Give the full name, house number, street, name of city, zone, and state. And don't forget to write your return address on Christmas card envelopes. Authorities on etiquette say its perfectly proper, because it helps people bring their address book up-to-date. But a return address is frequently even more helpful to us!"

S. E. W. Friel Elected by Tri-State Packers

Samuel E. W. Friel, of Queens-State Packers Associatioon. He was year term as president of the Tritown, Md., was elected to a one-elected November 29, 1951.

Also elected at the association's annual convention were: Glenn E. Knaub, of the P. J. Ritter Company, Bridgeton, N. J., first vice president, and William E. Lamble, Jr., of the Southern Packing Company of Baltimore, second vice-president.

Elected to the board of directors were: Francis S. Silver, of the Silver Canning Company, Colora, Md., director-at-large; D. Thompson Swing Company, Ridgely, Md., Region One; Paul A Zimmerman, of the George W. McComas Company, Monrovia, Md., Region Two; Morris April, of Morris April Brothers, Bridgeton, N. J., Region Three.