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TEACHERS SALARY LAW PASSED

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The 3000 school teachers in Maryland will read with pleasure that the legislature, on Saturday, enacted the measure to increase their salaries from $500 to $650, spread over an eight to ten year period.

A. S. Cook, of the State Department of Education, was pleased with the most constructive bit of school legislation since the enactment in 1922 of the present equalization system.

Nineteen participating counties will carry the burden of increases for two years, after which time the state will contribute to the added costs.

The full increase will not take effect immediately, the bill providing salary raises shall not be at a greater rate than $100 in any two years.

As pointed out by the State Education Department many counties already pay some salaries in excess of the rates called for in the bill.

Keystone Auto Club Meeting

Keystone Automobile Club's big meeting in Philadelphia Convention Hall Tuesday night attracted more than 15,000 motorists, who cheered demands that motorist taxation be put to its proper uses in highway building and highway safety.

C. Townley Larzelere, Vice-President of the Club, who presided in the absence of President J. Barton Weeks, declared that safety demands the best that highway builders have to offer. Diversion of highway funds to other chanels, it was declared, is one of the chief drawbacks to highway modernization.

"There is need for vast improvement in the highways of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Here in Pennsylvania we are just emerging from an era of obselete road building. New Jersey is far ahead in modernization of its highways, but the pernicious practice of diverting motorist tax funds to general purposes has literally robbed the motorist of many seriously needed improvements. Maryland has made a start on modernization, but use of funds for many unrelated purposes has prevented an extensive program of highway improvements."

J. Maxwell Smith, Secretary of the Club, reported that Keystone's Motor Patrol traveled 216,985 miles last year, giving assistance to 18,487 motorists. In addition to aiding individual drivers, assistance was given to the authorities in the handling of traffic emergencies. The Public Safety Department's work embraced more than 600 schools, with a total enrollment of 825,000. Safety Squad members outfitted by the Club now number 15,000. The Club's Highway Safety Textbook is now being used in 55 high schools. Maintenance of 67,000 directional and warning signs was continued in addition to the erection of more than 2000 new signs.

Chevrolet Dealers Busy In March

DETROIT, Mich. — Chevrolet dealers sold 24,342 cars and trucks in the second ten days of March. Combined sales of new and used cars for second ten days in March were 66,295 and for the month to that date 126,-373.

Port Deposit Gets Inhalator

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., March 30 —The Water Witch Fire Company here has added an inhalator to its equipment. Dr. William Jack, president of the Port Deposit National Bank, has been conducting first aid experiments with the device.

Arrested On Breaking And Entering Charge

CHESAPEAKE CITY, Md.—Four 15-year old boys were arrested on Tuesday charged with the theft of chickens and held for a hearing on Monday.

Two other boys were given a police court hearing on the charge of breaking and entering and held for the grand jury.

Speakers Named For Cecil Bureau

NORTH EAST, Md. — At the ninth annual banquet of the Cecil County Farm Bureau Ex-Representative John Norton, of Nebraska; P. C. Turner, of the Maryland Farm Bureau; and C. E. Wise, of the Bureau will be the speakers.

Oldest Member Honored

GLASGOW, April 4—Mrs. Laura Smith, oldest member of Pencader Grange, was honored by a birthday card shower at a meeting of the Grange. Estelle Foy, James and Hilda Hewes, Dorothy Beatrice, and Joseph Laws were obligated in the third and fourth degrees. The Grange will visit Delaware Grange on April 10.

ANNAPOLIS MD.

(Special Correspondence)

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 30—From figures compiled by Wm. A. Codd, chief auditor of the State Road Commisssion, it is learned that less than half of the $15,428,878 paid by Maryland motorists for gasoline taxes, license fees, fines. etc., was used for the maintenance and construction of the roads. The divisions for debt service, expenses of the Motor Vehicle Service, State police and traffic courts used over $8,300,-000 of the amount. The remaining amount of $7,100,000 was used by the Commission, the counties and Baltimore City.

The amount was divided as follows:

State Road Commission .... $4,454,-670.
Counties .... $1,206,869.
Baltimore .... $1,442,984.
Total $7,104,523

Governor O'Connor's decision to try to stop the division of gasoline taxes should produce aditional road finances. Records show that with the money received from the Federal government, Maryland in 1938 spent $13,271,667.

The income last year represents money from gasoline tax $10,704,-680 and from Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, $4,724,198.

Dinner To Dr. Sykes

Dr. Sykes, who now leads a retired life after giving up his profession several years ago, was honored by the Cecil-Harford Dental Club, with a dinner at the Howard House last Thursday evening.

SHERIFF & POSSE ARREST NEGROES

Two White Men Beaten; One Dies

The Delaware police informed Sheriff Randolph, of Cecil county, of the death of one man and injury of another thrown from a B & O train. The train was stopped at Singerly and searched. Four negroes and six others were found, all were turned over to the Delaware authorities. When questioned by the Delaware State police the negroes were found to be wearing clothing said to have been the property of the dead man, shoes, hat and sweater.

County Agent Meeting

A Japanese beetle control meeting has been scheduled for April 10th, at 8:00 P. M. in the Cecil County Court House, which will be addressed by Dr. George T. Langford, specialist in insect control of the University of Maryland who will discuss disease control measures with farmers.

A proposition will be made to the meeting whereby the state and federal government plan to furnish one half if the farmers will purchase the other half, of the Japanese beetle traps, necessary to control the pest. It is estimated that it will require one trap per crop acre and each trap a farmer buys will cost him 55 cents.

FIRE WORKS BILL BEATEN

Eastern Shore Practically A Unit In Opposition To The Bill

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April — 5 On Wednesday the legislature at Annapolis adjourned after a strenuous last week of hurry, bustle, and battle. Probably to Cecil countians the most important battle of the session was the attempt to shove through the fireworks measure.

After lying inactive in the committee for about a week, the instigators of the fireworks legislation were able to get the bill out of committee Saturday and onto the floor of the Senate, where some amendments were made. Senator Squier of Cecil county led the opponents of the measure and tried to have it held over for further study, which plan was rejected 16-13.

Senator Gorfine, witt. t he prepared amendments added, led the fight to pass the bill.

This legislation appears as a perennial at each session of the Maryland legislature and requires anxious hours and hard work to be put in before it gets its ears slapped down.

This time the projectors of the measure were joined by some women's organizations and its backing for this time was respectable.

The efforts to make it all embracing aroused the Eastern Shore legislators and they voted solidly against this measure except for Dudley G. Roe, of Queen Anne's county.

Starting about a week before adjournment every effort was made to bring the bill out of committee and onto the floor. This was finally accomplished after a long and desperate resistance put up by our representatives. Senator Squier was a tower of strength in resistance and a dangerous foe when on the offensive. Our house members were with him and helping at all times. The final result was that the bill was defeated in a 15-14 vote.

The remark often heard in Cecil county that there is no civic pride, public spirit, or co-operative effort, was definitely disproved by the strength of the efforts of citizens, women's and men's clubs, all consolidated, in the effort to defeat the bill. The commercial and economic value to this section justifies all the efforts put forth to block this legislation. From the labor standpoint alone, the worth of these industries to the state of Maryland far outweigh the accusations made against the product, so that the concentrated action of our citizens was well justified.

Officer Impersonation Charged

IRON HILL, Md., April 5 — Charged with impersonating an officer and forcing his way into the home of Mrs. Laura H. Ritchie, here, with intent to rob, Frank Fisher of near Elkton was arrested last night by Sheriff David J. Randolph and held for a hearing.

NEW, CHEAP HIGH EXPLOSIVE ANNOUNCED AS CHEMISTS MEET

Product Is Extracted From Ethane And Methane; Unlimited Supply Reported Available

A new, cheap and powerful high explosive, made from natural gas, was announced yesterday as several hundred chemists arrived at the Lord Baltimore Hotel to register for the ninety-seventh convention of the American Chemical Society.

This discovery means that limitless quantities of explosives can be made from air, natural gas and steam, according to Dr. Henry B. Hess, head of the department of chemistry at Purdue University.

The convention, which will be opened officially today and will continue through Friday, is expected to attract 4,000 chemists from all parts of the country. More than 500 papers in seventeen different fields of chemistry will be read at sessions in the Fifth Regiment Armory.

The new explosive for dynamite, which has both peace and war usages, is extracted by a chemical synthesis from natural gases providing two new explosives, each as destructive as nitroglycerine, which is the most powerful of all detonating explosives.

"An insignificant fraction of the natural gas resources of the United States, which has ninety-eight per cent of the world's supply, is capable of furnishing all of the high explosives which could ever be used," Dr. Hass explained.

One of the new destroyers is made from ethane, a colorless and odorless gas found in natural gas, while the other is made from methane, which is common "fire damp" or marsh gas, he said.

Each of these two gases is condensed to a solid when treated with formaldehyde, to which nitrogen is added This makes the mixture which can be substituted for nitroglycerine, of which there is a limited supply, Dr. Hass pointed out.

"The process puts the lid on the price of glycerol for high explosive purposes at an estimated figure of 15 cents a pound. During the World War the price of glycerol rose to over $1 a pound because of its by- product nature, consequently limiting supply, coupled with a large demand," he continued.

The war value of the natural gas dynamite is principally in saving of expense because of the limtless supply of its souces. Glycerol for nitroglycerine comes from fat, or from food, Dr. Hass explained.

The United States last year had a total output of two and a half trillion cubic feet of the natural gas, half of which went to waste.

Germany and England use glycerol in some of their explosives, while the United States fighting forces use it only for firing trench mortars and pistols. It has been used as an ingredient in smokeless powders.

The new dynamite has "ideal" destructive power for airplane bombs, but bombs filled with it are not considered practical as yet because rifle bullets can explode them in the air. In peacetime, Dr. Hass asserted, this destructive power makes the dynamites the main explosive and "blasting" agents.

This discovery was a by-product of another one, in which Dr. Hass and his associates developed a method by which usually inactive nitrogen can be united easily with other chemicals. That discovery was called vapor-phase nitration. It was announced last summer.

STATE LEGESLATION

What is reported to be the greatest amount ever enacted by the Maryland legislature, was passed by the Senate on Thursday night, carry appropriation of $95,000,000 for the biennium.

Six bills passed Thursday by the Senate are to advance or reinstate Baltimore police officers whose advancement and reinstatement was not asked for by Commissioner Robert F. Stanton.

Reappearing at Annapolis as sponsor for a pinball machine measure before the legislature was Chas. T. Cox, formerld a lobbyist for the liquor interests and saloon keepers organization. About the same time he appeared on the scene this year, arrived also a number of petitions for the pin ball machine graft. Unless new legislation is passed at this session the pinball business will automatically become illegal next month. The legislator receiving request to act on the pinball petitions, will pass them along to Governor O'Connor for his information In the meantime delegates for and against turned up in the house all pepped up for a scrap. Stacks of telegrams are being received at the state headquarters. The r-licensing of the machines will probably get the assistance of Baltimore, Frederick and probably Montgomery counties. There will be strong support. What the eastern shore delegation may do in the matter was not evident at the close of Thursday's session.

Sheriff Randolph Goes Raiding

RISING SUN, Md., March 30 — In raids on three tap rooms on Wednesday, last week, Sheriff Randolph rounded up Forest Fritz, Wm. Davidson and Woody S. Brown, on charges of operating gaming tables and illegal slot machines.

Easter Sunrise Service

To Be Held At Tome School April 9, 1939, 7:00 A. M.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md.—Sponsored by the Youth Division of the Cecil County Council of Churches and Christian Education.

John W. Lord. President. the Associated Churches will hold the annual Sunrise Service at Tome, the following being the order of worship:

Call to Worship—Trumpeters.

Hymn — Conugregation, Crown Him Lord of All.

Invocation—Re. Joseph Dickerson, Rising Sun Methodist church.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Howard McGuire Hopewell Methodist church.

Scripture Reading—Rev. Harry N. Bailey, Perryville Methodist church.

Musical Selection — Junior Choir, Perryville Methodist church.

Psalter — Dr. Venable, West Nottingham Presbyterian church.

Xylophone Solo—Mr. Harry Barnes, Elkton Methodist church.

Duet—Mr. and Mrs. John Astel, Ebenezer Methtodist church.

Address—Rev. Edward Ehart, Curate of Cecil County Cooperative Parish.

Sextet—West Nottingham Presbyterian church.

Ceremonies of Cecil County Boy Scouts, Led by Mr. Otis J. McCauley, Scout Commissioner.

Quartet — Felty Brothers, Hopewell Methodist church.

Musical Selection—Young People's Choir of North East Methodist church.

Closing Hymn—He Leadeth Me.

Benediction—Rev. John Jones, Port Deposit Methodist church.

Elkton Rotary Club

Last week on Tuesday evening the guest speaker before the Elkton Rotary Club was Chas. Z. Keller, of the Farm Bureau of Md., on the Federal farm program for 1939.

Banquet Date Changed

The banquet scheduled by the Jersey Cattle Club to be held on April 14th at Elkton, has been changed to April 28th so as not to conflict with the annual Farm Bureau banquet scheduled for April 14th in North East.

100 Butlers "Tell All"

NEW YORK — 100 butlers employed by 100 well to do families recently gave "Town and Country" asynopsis of the family mode of life and costs of the average for each family for a year:

2400 bottles of beverages, 1908 guests per year entertained, 10 servants maintained, 3 trips on which 7 trunks are taken along, 5 persons to average family.

The beverages consumed consisted of 200 bottles of wine, 560 bottles of whiskey, 280 bottles of gin, 110 bottles of champagne, 380 bottles of beer, 300 bottles of ginger ale, and 430 bottles of charged water.

Favorite cocktail, Martini; Manhattan second; Old Fashioned, third.

Average home per family, 42 rooms, 94 per cent have country homes, one family uses 44 rooms and needs 40 servants; about one quarter of houses are redecorated each year.

ARSON IN CECIL FIRE

ELKTON, Md., April 2 — The Elkton Fire Co., after a fire attacked two properties at Cherry Hill, in which one property was completely gutte dand the other damaged badly entailing losses of over $6,000, reported to the State Fire Marshal's office that gasoline had been sprinkled on floors and ignited, in the home of Mrs. Joseph Miller, which was completely consumed. The second building property of Mrs. F. Gallagher and occupied by Mr. Theo McFadden and family, was set afire by sparks from the burning Miller home.

The Elkton, North East and Newark fire companies responded to the call. The firemen were too late to save the Miller property, but prevented complete destruction of the McFadden domicile. Lack of water was a contributing factor in the spread of the fire. Out buildings were saved.

Mrs. Miller at the time of the fire was at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Ross, where she was staying recently. Two weeks ago a small blaze was extinguished in the Miller house, thought to be of incendiary origin, which the fire marshal's office has been investigating. The indications are the last fire yesterday was a case of arson.

School Attendance

School attendance figures by the Board of Education show Rising Sun tops for the high school with a percentage of 94.5, with Chesapeake City second, and Calvert, third.

In the grades Chesapeake led, calvelt second, and Cecilton, third.

In one teacher schools Pilot was first, Jackson, second, and Warwick, third.

In two teacher schools Perry Point was first, Providence, second, and Elk Mills, third.

In Collision

EARLEVILLE, Md. — Returning from a visit to Elkton three young men from this place were in an automobile collision near the Bohemia River bridge Saturday. Richard Loller was seriously injured and was taken to the Union hospital for treatment. Frank Reed and Earl Getchell were not seriously injured.

More Than 60 Ships Use C. & D. Canal In Month

More than sixty vessels passed through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal last month, the Baltimore Association of Commerce's export and import bureau announced last night.

Forty-nine of the ships entered this port via the waterway and eleven cleared via that passage. Overseas trade with twenty-seven entrances and clearances rank first. Vessels in the coastwise and intercoastal trades that used the canal numbered twenty-three and ten, respectively.

Meanwhile, improvements to the canal are going forward. The hopper dredge Clatsop is at work deepening the approach channel in the Delaware river, near Reedy Point.

Dodge Dealer Returns From Visit To Factory

Mr. C. M. Blake, of the Del-Mar-Va Motor Company, has returned from a visit to the Dodge factory, to which 350 Dodge men had gone from this and surrounding locations. 117 of the dealers participated in a monster drive away movement of Dodge trucks. Many dealers taking along enough men to move the trucks. Dealer Dan Stetler, of York, Pa., took away 34. Mr. Blake participated in the mass movement of trucks and reports that much interest was expressed to him enroute on its appearance. Mr. Blake reports the Dodge factory to be very busy.

Amos & Andy To WCAO

Amos and Andy have been transferred to Columbia Broadcasting system beginning Monday, April 3rd on Station WCAO at their usual 7:00 to 7:15 time.

N. Y. Now Turkey State

ALBANY, N. Y., March 30 — It would make better reading along about November, but—The State Agriculture Department reported today New York in the past decade has gradually become "more and more" important as a turkey producing state. The 1938 state production was 320,000 turkeys as compared to 167,000 in 1929, the department said.

Arrested For Bigamy

On Wednesday, March 28th Frank Burman, of Philadelphia, was arrested by the Philadelphia police and turned over to Sheriffi Randolph and lodged in the Elkton jail on the charge of bigamy, on warrants sworn out by States Attorney Rollins.

ANNAPOLIS NOTES

(Special Correspondence)

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The state comptrollers office reports that this years income tax collected, indicates the state will run over $100,000 behind the collections of last year which were $1,012,234.

Cecil county tax return is $2,921.-00 to date from income taxes.

The State Road Commission was today ordered by Governor O'Connor to hold up orders they were about to place for $55,000.00 worth of equipment contracted. As Mr. O'-Connor explained the new laws now in the legislature when passed and signed will drastically change the entire set up of the department and the need for the equipment under such circumstancs is not proven. In the meantime no orders will go forward. If the counties in large part take over the cost and maintenance of county roads, this will be definitely so. As a matter of fact there may really be excess equipment.

Maintenance of the county roads under the direct supervision of the commission as at present conducted, is most unsatisfactory, even the department acknowledges this fact. No successful organization or uniform regulation for county roads has been either devised or established, due to the present allocation of funds, complicated by the fact that the County Commissioners control the funds, while the commission is responsible for the work. The insufficiency of the funds to maintain the roads in some of the counties is a yearly headache and has caused numerous shut downs on the work at most inopportune times.

Kennedy's Small-Boat Measure Is Signed By President Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, March 29—President Roosevelt today signed the bill sponsored by Representative Kennedy, of Maryland, exempting all vessels of the United States under 200 tons from provision of the international Labor Office treaty, convention No. 53, which would require vessels to maintain a licensed crew outside of inland waters.

The Kennedy bill was one of sixteen introduced in the House at the beginning of the session seeking exemption of small craft from the provisions of the treaty.

Senator Tydings, of Maryland, sponsored a like measure in the Senate but the House acted first, and Senator Tydings submitted that measure for his bill.

Another Still "Busted"

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md. — A still of 100 gallon capacity along with 2000 gallons of mash, located on the Hillary Jones farm in Harford county, was located and Paul Coakley, of Havre de Grace, led four Federal men to the place where they captured Edward Wagner, but missed another who escaped leaving behind coat, shoes and rubbers, as he fled. Wagner is in meditation in a Baltimore jail held for the federal grand jury.

Big Shad Run Predicted

DELAWARE CITY, March 31—Experienced fishermen who have spent years on the Delaware fishing grounds blieve from all present signs that the Spring Shad run will be large.

Rising Sun Home Purchased Recently

RISING SUN, Md., April 4—John B. Fassett, who sold his farm at Calvert to Robert C. Cissell, of Wilmington, has purchased the home here of the late Louis Ryan and will take possession in June.

Wilmington Horse Show

Elaborate plans have rounded into precise form for one of Spring's most gala events. The annual Wilmington Horse Show to be staged on the beautiful Rood estate "Meadows on the Brandywine" May 11, 12, and 13th, on the Monchannin road near Wilmington.

Surrounded by the natural hunting country which makes this spot one of the favorites of the show goers, the spacious ring site is taking on its springy tinge of white rails and green meadows. Timber fences have been made trim and firm, and the outside jumping course in all readiess for the array of jumpers to exhibit their skill.

The Entertainment Committee for the Wilmington Horse Show Dance to be given Friday evening, May 12, will gather for their initial meeting Friday, April 31st at the home of Miss Deborah G. Rood, and discuss plans for the dance, time and location for the festive affair, and joyful diversion for the exhibitors and guests attending the show. Following the meeting the members will b guests at a tea given by Mrs. Richard Dorsey Morgan, at her home in Fairville, Pa.

The Parking Space Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 4th, at Miss Deborah G. Rood's home to plan arrangements for the manw subscribers attending the annual spring show.

WORLD NEWS of the WEEK

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — 338,000 mines idle on Monday in Appalachian coal fields in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Coal stocks already on hand for three weeks. Union shop issue contract expired March 31st. Parley for new contract fails.

TOKYO, Japan's aggressive action in taking possession of Spratly Islands, claimed by the French, arouses suspicion of intentions in regard to Singapore and Phillipines.

BERLIN — Germans are ready to negotiate a trade contract with the United States to take large amounts of farm surpluses provided U. S. will meet them halfway. Probably another jughandled contract like those offered in South America where all profits go to Germany.

MOSCOW — The Soviet remains cool and unenthusiastic about British offers to help Poland. Czecho-Slovakia is too recent to arouse enthusiasm among Russians.

MADRID—Faced with the probable oubreak of epidemics of diseases, Gen. Franco acts quickly to prevent spread of sickness War malnutrition makes Spanish. Madrilenos susceptible to tuberculor and other diseases.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Senate on Saturday passe dand sent to the House, bill authorizing War and Navy purchase and storage of war raw materials to the amount of 40 million dollars, during next four years, to be spent at the rate of ten million per year, as part of the U. S. government defense program.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—William Green, President of the A. F. L., announced Saturday that a special convention will be held on May 8th at which time the United Textile Workers will return to the A. F. L. after leaving the C. I. O.

WARSAW, Poland—Exchange of military plans and information between England, France and Poland is reported in backing up England-France guarantee against the German Reich.

ROME, March 29 — Accusing the French of virtually rejecting Mussolini's invitation to settle disputed Italian-French questions, the government called 250,000 reservists to the colors, and immediately dispatched them to an undisclosed destination.

BERLIN, March 29 — By decree Dr. Frederich Warner, Priest of the Evangelical Church Council, gave sweeping orders for the Nazi fication of the church, providing church members could each choose some pastor other than the regular minister, also that any minister could be removed from his church, and desirable to redistrict parishes. Protestantism long divided into Nazi and anti-Nazi elements, now come under control of the party. This church body was the one in which Kaiser Wilhelm and the Hohenzollern's worshiped.

WASHINGTON, March 30—The House Committee on labor finished a draft of amendments to Wage-Hour Law. This will go before Congress for consideration very shortly. The amendments are aimed to equalize the lew's effects to th benefit of both capital and labor.

WARM SPRINGS, Ga. — President Roosevelt leaving busy Washington, is now starting a ten-day rest period in Warm Springs, Ga. During the vacation he will address Tuskegee Institute Colored College.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — House group has issued warning to WPA on expenditures. Agency is due for a rigid check up on appropriations. House in critical humor lops fifty million off agency request.

PARIS, France — Premier Edward Daladier in answer to the Mussolini recent address, insists Italy must begin peace moves, denies demands by Italy in December stated demands in full. Asserts France will fight to stop land grabs.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 29—Gen. Gerardo Machado, former executive of Cuba, died today in the hospital after an operation for cancer. He was unable to recover after the shock. He was an exile from his homeland, although his life from the age of 22 was devoted to serving her. Funeral services were held in Havana on Wednesday of last week.

LONDON, March 29—Announcement of Britain to hold the territorial army, of 38 divisions, or about 170,000 men ready for an emergency such as a continental war, was made by Premier Chamberlain. Regular army divisions will total about 700,-000 available men.

MADRID — War threats start in Spain. 21 already pay death penalty as Franco courts start operating on victims brought in by insurgent sympathisers.