

New Financial

Responsibility Law

Motor Vehicle Commissioner Clarifies Several Points

"A great many questions have come into the Department concerning the new Financial Responsibility Law, effective on January 1, 1946," states W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. In order to clarify several different points, the Commissioner has compiled a group of questions and answers which may serve to satisfy a question in your mind.

1. Q. Should I report an automobile accident that I may have outside of Maryland to the Department of Motor Vehicles here in Maryland?

A. No, but you will probably find that the State in which you had the accident will have a similar requirement for reporting accidents and that their state will work reciprocally with Maryland and subsequently the Maryland law will be brought to bear on you.

2. Q. Do I have to report an accident where the damage involved is only to my automobile or to the car I am driving, but is in excess of \$50?

A. Such an accident would have to be reported. However, if the damage is all to your own property or to the automobile you are driving, you will not be requested to post any security.

3. Q. If I have an accident which is not my fault involving \$500 damage to another car, must I post the \$500 cash with the Commissioner? If I am unable to do so, what happens?

A. You must post your \$500 with the Commissioner. If you do not, your license will be suspended within 60 days from the date of the accident.

4. Q. Do you mean that under this law I could be driving my car at a normal rate of speed and in a proper manner and some other driver could pass a boulevard stop sign, go through a red light, be exceeding the speed limit and be intoxicated, hit my car and damage his own to the extent of \$350 and then if I can't post the \$350, I would lose my right to drive? Isn't this a terrible hardship to place on an innocent party?

A. Under such circumstances you would lose your right to drive unless the other driver agreed to settle your damages, or you post the necessary security. This law does not give the Commissioner the right to judge who is wrong; all he does is require each party to put up security for the other's damages. This may seem a hardship, but you could have very easily protected yourself by purchasing Liability and Property Insurance. If you elect to operate your automobile without protection for the public, then this law will work against you severely, but you have the choice before an accident occurs to comply with the intent of this new statute.

5. Q. If my license is suspended and my automobile tags suspended would it be all right to sell the car to my wife and then let her get the car in her name and operate the car for me?

A. The Maryland Law reads that a person transferring or selling a motor vehicle after suspension of registration for the purpose of defeating the intent of the law shall, on conviction, be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000.

Hybrid Corn Show

Farmers of this section will have an opportunity to compete for a prize and ribbons in a Hybrid Corn show to be staged by Rogers Farm Supply of North East and Southern States Cooperative at the Rogers Farm Supply December 1.

Entries, each consisting of three ears of Southern States Open Formula Hybrid corn, may be left at the store any time between now and November 10. E. Z. Miller of Elkton, will pick the winners the day of the show. A blue ribbon and a bushel of hybrid corn will go to the grower of the best entry, with red and white ribbons going to the two runners-up. A grower may make as many entries as he wishes.

The show corn becomes the property of the store, the winning ears to remain on display until after the first of the year.

Opposed Dredging

Of Channel

At a meeting held at the Wellwood Club, Charlestown, Md., Wednesday night of last week, a number of interested citizens rigorously protested the proposed channel from Charlestown to Havre de Grace, as planned by the Government.

RURAL MAIL

CARRIERS DISCUSS
DIRT ROADS

At a meeting of Rural Delivery Mail Carriers, held in Elkton on the night of October 22, the carriers voiced their sentiments in no uncertain terms as to the condition of the dirt roads in the county, over which they travel. The unanimous opinion was that the dirt roads were not only bad, but were constantly growing worse.

There are over 600 miles of dirt road in the county and many of them are impassable, according to a number of RFD men. Some parts of their routes have been closed to mail delivery because of conditions. With the winter approaching, the patrons along many dirt roads will be without mail service. It was brought out at the meeting that for some time the roads have been in bad shape and following the rains of the past summer many are wrecked and impassable. Bridges are out in many places and mail service hampered. The mailmen stated that they were not compelled to drive their cars over impassable roads and that complaints will be filed and the position of the mailmen recorded at Washington. A future meeting will be held at which the public will be invited to attend.

Anna May Wong

At Elkton

Anna May Wong, fascinating Chinese-American actress, will make her scheduled appearance in the Elkton High School auditorium, Tuesday evening, November 13, 1945, at 8:00 o'clock. Miss Wong will present her unusual program, "Leaves from a Chinese Fan." This is the first of the four-program series being offered to the public by the Cecil County Teachers' Association, the series under the production of the W. Colston Leigh, Inc., Bureau.

Miss Wong is well known to motion picture audiences throughout the world. She has contributed many notable performances, generally of sympathetic type. Her best remembered role was that of a Chinese woman in "Shanghai Express," which also had Marlene Dietrich in the cast.

"Leaves from a Chinese Fan" has been termed one of the most unusual items of entertainment ever to be brought before the American public. It is in the nature of a series of monologues, portraying interesting characters. The Leigh Bureau rates Miss Wong's program as one of its finest in the entertainment line.

Maurice Dunkle, President of the Cecil County Teachers' Association, has expressed the belief, judging from the early sales of season tickets that the public is appreciative of the opportunity offered by the association in the four-program series. A limited number of season tickets are yet available, though sales are going on rather rapidly.

Those to follow Miss Wong in the Elkton High School auditorium later in the season are: H. R. Knickerbocker, December 11; William Mathew Lewis, January 14; Gerald Wendt, February 11.

Sale Of Jeeps

Nation-wide sale of 9100 new and used jeeps to Federal Agencies, State and Local Governments, with orders to be accepted up until midnight, November 6, is announced by the Office of Surplus Property, Department of Commerce.

This will be the first peacetime sale of the popular military vehicles, known officially as the Command Reconnaissance One-Quarter-Ton Truck.

The total to be sold includes 3000 new or rebuilt jeeps, some in their original factory shipping crates.

The sale will get under way through 11 Regional Offices of OSP as soon as the available vehicles in each area have been processed for sale.

OSP stated that the jeeps will be sold on an "as is" and "where is" basis.

Prospective purchasers, OSP said, will have until November 6 to submit their orders to the Regional Office which will turn them over to the Washington Home Office for allocation among the priority claimants.

Injured In Fall

From Apple Tree

Wm. S. Henry, of Charlestown, is a patient in Union Hospital, Elkton, suffering from injuries sustained by falling from an apple tree at his home.

Mr. Henry was using a ladder to pick apples, when, in some manner, it slipped, throwing him to the ground.

Chicken Supper

At Zion

There will be a chicken supper served at the Zion Community House on November 8, from 5 to 8 p. m.

Traffic Acci-

dents Take Toll
Of 41 Lives

Traffic accidents took a toll of 41 lives in the State of Maryland during the month of September, 1945, with 6 victims in Baltimore City and 35 in the Counties. This is an increase of 32% over September 1944, when there was a total of 31 persons killed in the City and Counties. In addition to these fatalities, the records also reveal that 1,304 accidents occurred in Maryland during September, with 701 persons injured. Baltimore City reported 790 accidents with 351 persons injured, and the Counties 514 accidents with 350 persons injured.

Six Counties experienced a fatality-free month—Calvert, Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne and Wicomico. Kent County was the only county to have a perfect accident month with no deaths, injuries or collisions being reported.

Forty-one persons killed during September is the highest for any one month during this year. Traffic fatalities now total 303 as compared to 263 for the same period last year—a 15% increase.

Eighteen of the 41 persons killed were pedestrians—next, was motor vehicle with motor vehicle and fixed object accidents 9 each; bicycle and non-collision accidents 2 each, and train accidents 1 death.

Thirteen hundred and four accidents reported in Maryland during September is the greatest number for any one month since December 1943 when 1393 accidents were reported. The ending of gas rationing and the 35 MPH Victory Speed Limit naturally caused this increase in accidents—more cars are on the roads driving at faster speeds—speeds too great for, should we say, war weary vehicles, vehicles that have been neglected mechanically for the past 3½ years.

Governor O'Connor, the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission and other agencies cooperating in Traffic safety take this opportunity by asking all who are using the streets and highways in Maryland TO DRIVE AND WALK CAREFULLY—and, as our slogan for the month, we say, "Now, Let's Fight A War Against Accidents."

Home Canning Sugar

All War Price and Rationing Boards in Maryland will discontinue issuing home canning sugar rations after October 27, Leo H. McCormick, OPA Maryland State Director, has announced. Home canning sugar applications now filed with the Boards will be processed and ration certificates issued. Applications received too late for processing so that certificates can be issued on or before October 27 will NOT be honored.

War Veteran Killed

By Train

Leonard Gumerick, aged 25 years whose home was in Baltimore, missing from Perry Point Hospital, veteran of World War II, was killed when struck by a train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Thursday Oct. 18.

The State Police Department was notified of the missing man and began a search. The body was horribly mangled. A piece of clothing bearing his name was found along the tracks and in this manner identification was made.

The remains were shipped to his former home in Baltimore for burial.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Vanneman, Princeton, N. J., were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines. Miss Mary Belle Smith, of Wilmington, Del., was entertained at the same home, the two ladies having been classmates at Dickinson College.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Ewing, Wilson and Ruth Ann were among the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crothers, who helped Mr. Crothers celebrate his birthday anniversary.

Guests Saturday of Mrs. Mary Cherry and Miss Louise Worthington were Mrs. Irvin P. Knipe, Norris-town, Pa., and Mrs. Brantley Duddy, Doylestown, Pa.

Mrs. Florence McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Habbard McCoy and children were recent guests of Mrs. William Hartman, Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Monger, daughter Betty and Joan Hanna were Sunday guests of Mrs. Joe Cooney, Arlington, Va.

Miss Mildred Garvin was the week end guest of Mrs. Samuel Kirkpatrick, Folcroft, Pa.

Annual Mary-

land W.C.T.U.

Convention

The Maryland Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention was held in the North Avenue Methodist Church on October 24 and 25, with very good attendance. Cecil County was represented by Miss Bertha M. Tyson, Miss Bertha Balderston, Miss Virginia Abrahams, Mrs. Samuel Kennard, Mrs. Raymond Watkins, Mrs. Robert Given and Mrs. Charles Pyle. Mrs. Eli T. Reynolds was also in attendance at one session.

The Convention was opened by the Rev. N. O. Schriver, pastor of the church. Miss Bertha Tyson presided through all the sessions and was re-elected for another year, as were the other State officers. This is Miss Tyson's tenth year, and she insists it is her last year, as she finds the work very confining and taking more energy, both physical and mental, than she will find more to help her this year than she has in the past two or three. Several members came forward to take charge of parts of the work which should lighten her burdens.

The organization, far from being a dying one is very much alive and many new members are rallying to the cause of "Total Abstinence." Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, National President and guest speaker, gave a very stirring address bringing out the fact that the only way to get rid of the liquor problem is to "shut off the faucet." She does not favor the idea of spending time mopping up the results while the liquor interests are allowed to keep the faucet wide open with all kinds of insidious advertising. Alcoholics need help, but why have alcoholics?

The Youth Temperance Council was very much in evidence giving the opening part of the evening program in a very fine way. There is not much danger that this age-old curse will be allowed to go on undisturbed when the present "Old Fogies" die off. The Women's Christian Temperance Union is in the fight to the finish. "We will not quit till the liquor sellers quit."

Bertha Balderston
Cecil County President

Five Dollar Federal

Auto Tax

There is rejoicing in motorist circles over the approaching repeal of the \$5 Federal "use" tax, already doomed by the House and marked for abolition in the report of the Senate Finance Committee.

"This tax," said George E. Kenneipp, Manager of the Keystone Automobile Club in Maryland, "is probably the most obnoxious ever to rise the ire of the motoring public. Keystone waged a vigorous campaign for its repeal on the ground that the tax, which annually 'rooked' the motorist out of \$140,000,000, was utterly without justification. Motorists pay their way over every mile of road they travel by the tax on fuel in addition to registration and other fees, and there never was any logical excuse for imposition of a further 'use' tax."

"In a recent appeal to members of Congress, Keystone received assurance of their support in having the tax repealed. This pledge now is close to fulfillment, a fact which will give satisfaction to the million of motorists who felt they were unduly imposed upon by this completely indefensible tax."

PLANS FOR

SCHOOL RADIO
PROGRAMS

Plans are being advanced steadily Governor Herbert R. O'Connor has made known, for establishment by the Public School System of the State of a system of FM radio transmission through which additional broadcasts will be made, not only to the children of the schools but probably also in connection with the expansion of adult education.

The State Department of Education has enlisted the services of Jansky and Bailey, Consulting Radio Engineers of Washington, through a grant of \$3600 recently made for the purpose of conducting tests and surveys to determine the proper locations for the transmitting stations.

Transmitting sites of the State Police Radio System are being checked in the present survey, and it is entirely possible that one or more school transmitters may be located on sites now used by the State Police.

It is planned to develop the radio program by stages, the Governor said with the possibility that the first stations will be located in the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas, where a great deal of the State's population is centered. Present plans call for most of the programs during daytime for dissemination to the various schools in any locality. Not only will programs originating in the schools be included, but possibly also network programs of particular interest from an educational standpoint. The broadcast will also be used in connection with adult courses, according to present expectations, with the probability that a system of early evening broadcasts may develop in this field.

Navy Day At Bainbridge

A large number of our residents availed themselves of the opportunity to view Bainbridge Naval Training Center on Saturday afternoon, when Navy Day was observed by Open House on the grounds, and the gates thrown open to the public for the first time since the Center was established, after the beginning of World War II. A parade of several thousand blue jackets and Waves was one of the features of the afternoon.

The Base houses between 30,000 and 40,000 men and is a city of administration buildings, barracks, drill halls, recreation centers, etc., well paved streets, beautifully landscaped grounds, and was a revelation to most of the laymen who viewed it from the inside for the first time since it had been transformed from a peaceful countryside to a Center bristling with Armed Naval activities.

Cook-McCool

Miss Lavinia Jane Cook, daughter of Mrs. Henry Davis Cook and the late Mr. Cook, of Elkton was married in Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Thursday afternoon to Lieut. James Victor McCool, son of Mrs. George McCool and the late Mr. McCool, also of Elkton.

The Rev. E. Edgar Hammond performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate family. A reception followed at the Hotel DuPont.

Mrs. McCool is a graduate of Hood College, Maryland. Lieut. McCool has just returned from three years' service in the European theatre of war.

Chaplain Dies On

Bombed Prison Ship

The Rev. David L. Quinn, formerly rector of St. Mary's Church, North East, and a Chaplain was killed December 1944, the Navy announced last week.

Mr. Quinn was held as a prisoner of war on the Philippines since 1941. He was with the outfit of General Wainwright when the surrender was made to the Japs and at the time of his death was being transferred from the Philippines by the Japs to a prison camp in Japan.

Quinn was in the famous "Death March on Bataan." He served in the first World War. He was a native of Crisfield, Md. Mr. Quinn served as rector at St. Mary's for two years. He went from North East to a large Texas and when the war broke was given a chaplaincy commission as a Lieutenant.

Needlework Guild

Plans for the Needle Work Guild meeting on Nov. 10th are making progress. We hope to have visitors from our neighboring Branches to bring greetings and help us celebrate this sixtieth anniversary of the National Guild.

Directors please try to have your garments at the Colora School House by noon, and plan to spend as much time there as possible to help with the exhibit. Meeting will call at two o'clock.

Ruth Lippincott,
President

Property

And Income

Tax Cut

Elimination Of Real Es-

tate Levy Closer To

Realization

In announcing the further reduction of the State real estate tax to 10 cents per \$100 of assessments—the second reduction this year, and the seventh cut in this levy under the O'Connor administration—Governor O'Connor re-emphasized his desire to eliminate entirely this impost upon real property holdings in the State.

In only one period in the last 100 years, namely the several years prior to the Civil War, has the State property tax been reduced as low as it is at the present time. He voiced extreme pleasure over the State's financial position, which made it possible thus to lighten the burden of taxes on more than 400,000 property holders of the State.

Coupled with the Governor's "good news" to State tax payers with regard to real estate taxes, was the equally gratifying announcement that individual income tax payers were now authorized to deduct 50 per cent from their payments for the calendar year 1945.

The double reductions thus announced represent savings of \$1,425,000, which are in addition to the \$2,855,000 cut in the Governor's budget in January by the one cent reduction announced at that time on the real estate tax and the one-third on income taxes.

In reiterating his desire to do away entirely with the real estate tax, Governor O'Connor emphasized that a great start had been made in this direction through the reductions effected during this Administration in the amount of the State's bonded debt.

This debt was in excess of \$48,000,000 when he took office, the Governor pointed out, and it is now down to approximately \$22,000,000. How closely this reduction has been represented by a corresponding cut in the tax rate is shown by the fact that this levy is now 10 cents against the 23.35 cent rate, which he found when he took office.

That the financial affairs of the State are being handled wholly in the interests of the State taxpayers is evident by the fact that \$24,000,000 has been saved to residents of the State in income tax and real estate reductions under this Administration while at the same time, an additional \$9,000,000 from surplus funds has been allocated to the Post-War Construction Fund thus making it unnecessary to issue additional bonds to that amount for post-war construction purposes.

Pony Day At Perry-

ville Playground

The Lions Club of Perryville, Md., extends to every child of Perryville, Perry Point, Bainbridge, Principio Furnace, and the surrounding area an invitation to come to the Lions Playground Center for free pony rides on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, beginning at 10 A. M.

On display that day will be "Silver," a beautiful pinto pony, which the Lions Club will give away at the annual Christmas Party.

The Club will provide plenty of ponies, and every child, regardless of size and age, will be welcome to enjoy this day. Refreshments will be on sale. Come and spend the day and enjoy the free rides.

October Meeting

Of W. S. C. S.

The W. S. C. S. held its October meeting, Thursday evening in the Church auditorium, Mrs. Ruth C. Ewing presiding. Mrs. Isabel C. Wilson was the leader of devotions. Singing "The Highway of the King." Prayer by Rev. Bickling. Scripture reading, Singing, "O Zion Haste." Miss Isabel McCoy sang "Abide With Me." The President introduced Miss Clara Belle Smith, who gave a splendid talk on China, telling of her experiences in China during the Japanese conquest. Like all other missionaries, Miss Smith is hoping to soon be at work in China again.

The service closed by singing, "The Kingdom is Coming." A social hour in the church dining room followed. Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and mint were served. Both auditorium and dining room were beautiful with autumn foliage and chrysanthemums.

Wednesday afternoon the W. S. C. S. held a prayer-meeting in the care of the Spiritual Life Committee, at the home of Mrs. Jean Shepherd.

Franco puts strings on his bill of rights. These are his fascist ties.