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THE speech delivered by former-Governor Alfred E. Smith before the Liberty League, if taken at its face value, means his refusal to support the Democratic party in the next presidential campaign. Stating very plainly that if the Democratic Convention endorses the present Democratic Administration it will be necessary for him and others who think like him to "take Ton the mantle of hypocrisy" or "take a walk," the former standard bearer of the party gave plain notice of his attitude. Any man as well versed in political affairs as Smith knows that the next Democratic Convention is going to endorse the administration of President Roosevelt and, therefore, the "walk" becomes a certainty unless he changes his mind.

THE Smith speech clears the political atmosphere to some extent, indicating definitely that conservative Democrats will not support the President for reelection. This is borne out by the similar attack upon the New Deal by John W. Davis, the day before the Smith speech, in which Davis, another ex-presidential candidate of the Democratic party, scornfully denounced the present Administration, asserting that it tended toward the establishment of an autocracy. The line of attack is somewhat the same in both speeches because Smith, in closing his address, attempted to set up a choice between Washington and Moscow.

IT is something of an unprecedented political spectacle for a president to be attacked by the two members of his party who, just before him, won the presidential nomination, Davis in 1924, and Smith in 1928 led the Democratic party to disastrous defeats at the polls and now lead the charge against Roosevelt who, in 1932, led the party to an overwhelming triumph. Davis, of course, has long been connected with the conservative faction of the Democrats, and no great surprise is occasioned by his attitude toward the measures and policies of the New Deal.

THE case of Al Smith is different. Three times in as many conventions, Franklin D. Roosevelt nominated and fought for the selection of Smith as the presidential candidate of the Democratic party. For years he was the trusted political friends of the man he dubbed the "Happy Warrior." In 1928, barely emerging from a sick bed, he responded to the plea of his friend Smith to run for the governorship of New York against the advice of some of his physicians. The result, strange to say, was that Roosevelt became governor of New York and Smith failed to carry the Empire State for the presidency.

SUBSEQUENTLY the new governor, it is reported, did not lean very heavily upon Smith for advice. Anyhow, the intimacy between the two men became strained, breaking down when there was a distinct boom for Roosevelt for the presidency in 1932. At the Chicago convention of the Democratic party in that year, Roosevelt was bitterly fought by the Smith phalanx which went down in defeat when the McAdoo-Garner cohorts turned to Roosevelt. For a while Smith's course was in doubt but, finally, he made a few speeches for the part ynominee.

SO far as the writer can see, the Democrats might as well face the defection of Smith, Davis and a considerable number of conservatives. Already it is known the President himself has sized up the situation in advance and is neither surprised nor dismayed at the present political picture. The Liberty League, organized largely by supporters of Smith in 1928, is about ready, in the opinion of most observers, to throw its support to any candidate to beat Roosevelt. It may delay its decision long enough to see if there is a chance of a liberal securing the Republican nomination in order to be able to effectively organize a conservative campaign to back a conservative candidate. However, the most likely prospect at this time is that the duPont, Raskob, Shouse organization will throw its support to the Republican nominee.

THE Republican party, for the most part, naturally is not worried over the recent developments. Nothing but an advantage can come to it through the defection of a number of Democrats if the party can name a candidate who will unite its factions and poll something like the normal Republican vote. The blur in the picture, however, is the division that exists among Republicans almost as pronounced as it exists among Democrats, between conservatives and liberals. There is the difference of thought that crystalizes to support Borah and Hoover. These two men represent, to a considerable degree, the cleavage that divides Republicans just as Roosevelt, on one side, and Smith port the divergent political philosophies

Sleet Storm Turns Highways Into Glassy Surfaces

Fourth Winter Blast Arrived Monday To Play Havoc With Travel On County And State Roads

TRUCKS AND BUSES HALTED BY STORM

Old Man Winter took his fourth lethal punch at this section Monday night but instead of the heavy snow that was promised by the weather man, an old time sleet storm was substituted, and as a result, roads and highways were transformed from reasonably safe avenues of travel into glassy surfaces that played havoc with traffic and precipitated numerous accidents among the motor vehicles that ventured out to battle with the elements.

Ice began forming early Monday evening when the light snow that had fallen intermittently throughout the day changed to mist and rain, and long before midnight truck trains that escaped skiding accidents found further going too rough and scores of trailers were forced to stop where they stalled for the night. It was not until about eleven o'clock Tuesday that traffic on the main highways was continued. Even then blockades caused by trucks stranded across the highways caused much inconvenience and delay.

No Injuries Reported

On the hills between Elkton and Perryville the going was dangerous and several trucks were overturned or forced into the ditch, but there were no injuries reported among the drivers. The same conditions prevailed in the Port Deposit section and few cars ventured out on the glossy highways until late Tuesday morning. Many day students at Tome School were unable to get to their classes and the attendance was also small in the county schools especially among those pupils that have to be transported by private cars. Interstate bus schedules were abandoned and most of the local trains ran late.

State Roads forces were busy thruout the night and early morning covering hills and curves with stone dust and clearing the roads to permit traffic to move. The freeze on Tuesday night again impeded traffic but the roads were not so hazardous.

Gleaners To Sponsor Bake Saturday

The Gleaners of the Elkton Methodist Episcopal Church will hold a bake at the office of the Elkton Gas Company Saturday beginning at 2 o'clock.

A large variety of tempting delicious home baked products will be on sale and the patronage of the public will be appreciated by the sponsors of the bake.

P-T-A Meeting At Elem. School February 12

The regular monthly meeting of the Elkton Parent-Teacher Association will be held at the Elementary School building next Wednesday evening, February 12, beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

The meeting falls on Lincoln's birthday and Professor Guy Johnson, principal of the Elkton High School, will deliver a patriotic address. Another feature of the program will be an entertainment by the children of the Elementary School.

Cecil Red Cross Roll Call Nets $420.85

According to the report just released by Mrs. A. Victor Davis, chairman of the Cecil County Red Cross, the annual roll call for 1935-1936 just ended netted a return of $420.85 for the chapter.

A detailed report of amounts received in the various communities is as follows: Appleton, $4.00; Calvert, $6.00; Colora, $5.00; Charlestown, $3.75; Cecilton, $15.00; Chesapeake City, $24.00; Elkton, $147.10; Knights Corner, $5.00; Leslie, $2.00; North East, $17.00; Providence, $6.00; Principio Furnace, $6.00; Perryville, $2.00; Perry Point, $28.50; Port Deposit, $48.00; Rising Sun, $45.50; Town Point, $2.00; Conowingo Power Co., $49.00; Elkton Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, $5.00.

While the total amount of this years roll call was about $50.00 less than last year, a larger number of communities contributed than last year and this is taken as an indication that more and more people throughout the county are realizing the great amount of work accomplished by the Red Cross in this county.

FARMERS URGE TAX ON INCOME FIRST SAYS BUREAU HEAD

Farm Organizations Will Fight Any Increase Of Property Assesment For Additional Tax Revenue

CALLS PROPERTY TAX UNFAIR

Organized farmers of Maryland will demand that any additional revenue required for old age pensions, relief, or other needs of the state shall come from taxes other than increases of the time-worn property tax, C. E. Wise, Jr., Secretary-treasurer of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation has announced. The first consideration, he believes, should be a state income tax.

"The property tax has been the favorite form of taxation since the first tax program was created in this country," says Mr. Wise. "It was probably a fair tax in the days when more than ninety per cent of the wealth of the nation was physical property. The tax is neither fair nor adequate under present conditions when a large share of the ability to pay taxes is represented by income from sources other than land and buildings."

Taxes All Incomes

Mr. Wise called attention to the fact that the recently issued report of the joint taxation committee of state grange and farm bureau urged the income tax for first consideration in the raising of any new revenues necessary.

"Farmers will favor a state income tax with low exemptions," Mr. Wise believes. "They urge it because it taxes all persons on their relative abilities to pay. It taxes all incomes and does not measure taxes on the basis of the necessity of spending as does a sales tax. It reaches many who are not otherwise directly taxed. It is a tax which is not easily evaded, and, so far as farmers are concerned, gives consideration to the differences in productiveness of land and management ability."

Relief Situation In County Takes On Serious Outlook

Chairman Of Welfare Board Sees Alarming Situation Ahead Unless Immediate Action Is Taken. 260 Families Now On Relief With Other Applicants Weekly

That the relief situation in Cecil county has reached an acute stage is revealed today in a leter from Pierre N. LeBrun, Chairman of the Cecil County Welfare Board, to Senator Harold E. Cobourn, in which he states that unless some definite and immediate action is taken, the Board will not be able to meet the emergency and relief will have to stop before any action of the Legislature will prove beneficial.

Mr. LeBrun states in his letter that there are now 260 families on relief in the county at the present time with the number of applications for relief increasing daily. He also points out that Governor Nice has instructed the State Director of relief, Harry Greenstein, to make final distribution of all relief funds which can be expected under the law from the gross receipts tax. The entire amount for the State is $675,000, of which one-third, or about $225,000, will go to the counties. Of this sum, $5,715.96 has been earmarked for Cecil county to take care of the relief needs for the unemployable group until such time when more money is made available by the Special Session of the Legislature.

260 Families On Relief

In view of the fact that relief in the county is now costing approximately $4,000 per month, and as any benefits from Legislative action may not be forthcoming until April or May, it is obvious that a serious situation is developing. It is also stated by Mr. LeBrun that included in the 260 families now on relief, there are among them 85 employable men who have not been certified for work owing to the fact that several pending WPA projects have not been approved.

Allotment Insufficient

That some immediate action is necessary to forestall suffering among those now on relief is apparent, as the sum of $5,715.96, allocated to the county, is supposed to take care of the unemployable group; in this allotment, the employables, who are applying for relief in larger numbers each month, are not taken into consideration. The allotment to this county will provide for the unemployables about six weeks and this will not be sufficient to meet the needs before further relief is granted by the Legislature.

Cannot Borrow Money

The State Board of Relief suggested that various county units might borrow money for emergency purposes but Cecil county is prohibited by law from borrowing money that cannot be repaid by May 1, 1936. This the Board finds is an impossibility as the revenue of the county would be insufficient to meet this requirement. Just what steps will or can be taken were not stated by County Chairman LeBrun, but the seriousness of affairs is plainly evident.

MOTOR CRASHES IN MARYLAND DURING JANUARY KILL 26

Scores Of People Also Badly Injured In Total Of 400 Automobile Accidents

ONE DEATH REPORT FROM CECIL COUNTY

With Maryland automobiles continuing to exact their terrific toll, twenty-six people were killed during the month of January, just three less than the number killed during the same period last year. One of these deaths occurred in Cecil county.

26 The month just closed also showed a record of more than 400 traffic accidents involving painful injuries to scores of people. Prince George's county led the counties with the largest number of fatalities last month, reporting six victims for the coroner to pass upon. Three of these were snuffed out almost instantly when the automobile in which they were riding entered the Crain Highway, near Upper Marlboro, and was wrecked by a fast passenger bus.

16 Die Every Hour

Baltimore and Washington counties each reported two deaths for January, with one each from Frederick, Howard, Cecil, Harford, Anne Arundel, Dorchester and Allegany. Nine people were killed in Baltimore City.

This year there are approximately 15,000 more automobiles on the streets and highways than in 1935—each of them a potential death weapon when in the hands of flagrant, indifferent driver. With the death rate in Maryland from automobiles averaging one for every sixteen hours, it is time to call a halt. Every motorist can help. Live and let live—is the battle cry. Drive safely.

HONOR GUEST HERE TONIGHT

GENERAL MANAGER OGDEN

Jack Ogden Honor Guest At Base Ball Meeting Tonight

The 1936 baseball gates will swing open tonight, Thursday, not for actual battle on the diamond, but at least to give the fans of Cecil county an idea of the enthusiasm that is being shown in the great national past time for the forthcoming season.

For this gala event which is being sponsored by the Elkton Kiwanis Club, Jack Ogden, general manager of the Baltimore Orioles of the International League, will headline the ceremonies at the Armory where a gigantic sports meeting is planned. With the genial boss of the Birds will be Eddie Mayo, his sensational hot corner guardian, Cliff Melton and Cy Moore, star pitching performers. Ogden and Mayo will give base ball talks and Melton will entertain with renditions of "hill-billy" songs. The base ball picture, in which big league stars such as Babe Ruth, Jimmy Fox and other celebrated lights of the big leagues are featured, will also be shown.

Prior to the meeting in the Armory, Ogden and his party will be entertained by the Elkton Kiwanis Club at a dinner at the New Central Hotel. Mayor Henry H. Mitchell has designated the occasion as "Ogden Day' 'and the town officials will participate in the events of the evening. The Elkton Band, directed by Sterling Dunbar, will furnish music for the meeting at the Armory.

McAllister Made Special Field Representative

J. Wesley McAllister, of Elkton, former sheriff of Cecil county and who for the past year has been a field representative in the Director's office of the Federal Housing Administration with headquarters in Baltimore, was notified today that he has been made a special field representative in the Division of Modernization Credits and Field organization. With this appointment Mr. McAllister's headquarters will be in Washington, but his official station will remain at Elkton.

Fifth District Democrats To Meet At North East

With reorganization and working plans for the coming campaign in mind, members of the Fifth District Democratic Club will meet at North East Friday night of this week at 7:30. The Fifth District organization, one of the largest political clubs in the county, took an active part in the campaign two years ago and the meeting Friday night indicates that the club is again preparing for action.

Officers of the club state that much interest is already being manifested in the Fifth District over the political situation, and former and prospective members are enthusiastic over the call that has come to reorganize. The meeting will be held in the Town Building. With the Third District Club holding its first meeting on Wednesday evening of this week, the reorganization of the Fifth District Club puts two of the three leading Democratic clubs in the county back on the active list. It is expected that the Susquehanna Democratic Club, at Perryville, will soon resume its activity.

LOCAL SCOUTS TO PARTICIPATE IN BOY SCOUT WEEK

Rally And Court Of Honor To Take Place At Armory Feb. 12

TO HAVE CHARGE OF CHURCH SERVICE

The Elkton Boy Scout Troop is joining with all the other Scout Troops of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland and of the whole United States this week in the celebration of Boy Scout week, Feb. 7 to 14. This marks the 26th Anniversary of Scouting in the United States and for all Scouts is a very significant occasion. In recognition of the celebration Mayor Henry H. Mitchell has issued a proclamation. The local Scouts have arranged an attractive window display at the County Welfare office showing samples of their work, and they will take a prominent part in the Scout Rally and Court of Honor to be held at the Armory in the evening of Feb. 12. Special church services have been arranged for the evening of Feb. 9, at the Methodist Church at which the local Scouts will have full charge.

Membership Of 27

The Elkton Scout Troop now has a membership of 27 Scouts under the leadership of Charles Marlowe as Scoutmaster and Robert Loomis as Assistant Scoutmaster. The Troop is sponsored by the local civic clubs and the Troops Committee responsible for the affairs of the Troop is as follows: W. Page Selby, Chairman, Harold C. Marsh, Wallace Williams, Horace Lilly, and J. Z. Miller.

The Scouts of the Troop have participated in several interesting activities during the past year. During the summer camping season the following Scouts attending the Rodney Scout Camp on the North East river near North East, Md.; Warren Boulden, Robert Conway, Collins Cross, Thomas Dutcher, James Eder, Harry Hill, Robert Hobart, John Keithley, Sam Leithiser, Leo Mahoney, William McDonald, Davis Minster, Charles Moody, Merritt Pennock, John Sebold, Marion Slonecker, James Trone, Wallace Williams Jr. and James Duffy.

Nine 2nd Class Scouts

Those Scouts who have advanced from the Tenderfoot to the Second Class Rank include: Warren Boulden, Thomas Dutcher, John Keithley, Robert Hobart, Sam Leithiser, Marion Slonecker, Boynes Crowgy, Wallace Williams, Jr., and James Jackson. The Troop is organized with Wallace Williams, Jr., Troop Scribe, Marion Slonecker, Senior Patrol Leader, and Warren Boulden, Boynes Crowgey, Robert Williams, John Keithley, patrol leaders.

The Troop meets every Friday evening at 7:30 at the Methodist Church House and invites all boys as they reach their twelfth birthday to join.

Beginning Feb. 10, local leaders will initiate a campaign to raise $225.00 with which to finance the work for the current year. The funds are used to assist in sending Local Scouts to Camp Rodney, providing merit badges, Troop supplies and necessary supervision from the Wilmington Area Scout Council of which they are a part.

The general public is invited to witness the Court of Honor ceremonies on Feb. 12 at the local Armory.

Pi Alpha Card Party At Trinity Parish House

All arrangements have been made for furnishing an evening of enjoyment to all who attend Pi Alpha's card party at Trinity Parish House on the evening of Tuesday, February 11, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Many beautiful and useful prizes have been donated by the merchants of the town and a large group of card players is expected to attend the party. Refreshments will be served at no additional cost other than the admission price. Proceeds will be used by the young men to complete the improvements to their fraternity room in the Parish House basement.

Auxiliary And Legion Join To Honor Officers

Banquet And Dance Held In Southern Hotel Ball Room

MRS. W. W. BOULDEN ON COMMITTEE

More than 1200 members of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary gathered at the Southern Hotel, in Baltimore Wednesday night to honor the national heads of the two organizations, Mrs. Melville Mucklestone, of Chicago, president of the Auxiliary, and Ray Murphy, of Iowa, commander of the Legion. Both delivered addresses.

On the distinguished guests' committee, representing the Maryland Auxiliary, were the president, Mrs. Frank P. Farley, of Chevy Chase; Mrs. Adolph C. Winkler, Mrs. Harlan Johnson, Mrs. Florine Fink, Mrs. Nellie Gavin, Mrs. Samuel Couper, Mrs. Leo P. Steindler, Mrs. J. Armstrong Kirby, Mrs. Sadie Sacks, and Mrs. Warren W. Boulden, of Elkton.

Guests Of Honor

Besides Mrs. Mucklestone and Mr. Murphy, guests of honor included the Governor and Mrs. Harry W. Nice, Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Robert F. Hoyal, of Arizona; Mrs. Jonathan E. Wheatley, of Cambridge, past national vice-president and now chairman of child welfare for Area B; Mrs. Ellen D. Taylor, of the National Eight and Forty, and Mrs. Bernard L. Mann, of the Baltimore group; Mrs. Nicie Perrell, president of the District of Columbia Auxiliary; Miss Elsie Bull, head of the Maryland Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Mrs. Reuben Ross Holloway, noted for her activity in patriotic organizations in behalf of the American flag and national defense.

Following the banquet and addresses, a dance was held in the main ball room of the hotel.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR VALENTINE DANCE ABOUT COMPLETED

Purple And Gold Criterions Will Play For Co. "E" Club Affair

FRIDAY, FEB. 14 IS DATE FOR HOP

Arrangements have been about completed for the Co. "E" Club's annual Valentine Dance, which will be held at the State Armory here on Friday evening, February 14. The dance, which will be of semi-formal nature, will hold forth from nine o'clock until one.

In securing a change of orchestras for the Valentine hop, the promoters have engaged th ePurple and Gold Criterions, of the State Teachers College, West Chester, Pa., a band of finished musicians now enjoying their heaviest schedule since the orchestra was first organized about ten years ago. They will make their local debut at the Valentine dance.

Twelve Musicians

The Criterions are twelve in number, the band being composed of four saxophones, two trumpets, trombone, guitar, piano, bass, drums and the leader. They feature doubles on three violins, three trombones, three trumpets, flute, piccolo, vocal soloists, glee club, novelties and comedy skits in addition to their distinctive style of presenting interpretations of modern dance music. The glee club presents its numbers much on the same order of the well known Fred Waring's organization. The specially made orchestra suits worn by each member of the band sets the entire group, as well as each individual performer, off to an advantage.

Popular At College

For years the orchestra has enjoyed the reputation of being "the best college dance band in the east," a reputation of which they are fully deserving. Many of the larger fraternities, sororities, colleges and universities in the east have engaged this band repeatedly. In addition to having furnished music for various affairs at University of Pennsylvania, Temple, University of Delaware, Penn State, Bucknell, Ursinus, Washington College, Franklin and Marshall and other eastern colleges, the band has broadcast on a number of instances over the Columbia chain on programs originating through WPG in Atlantic City and WCAU in Philadelphia. They have also been features in Atlantic City's Convention Hall and the hotels Chelsea, Ambassador, Haddon Hall and Dennis in the convention city as well as the Henlopen at Rehoboth Beach, the Hunt Plaza at Wildwood, N. J., Myers Lake Ballroom, Canton, Ohio, the Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and the duPont in Wilmington.

Saved State $8,500, O'Conor Reports

By enforcing tax assessments against a power company and a railroad in the State, the Attorney-General's office has saved the State $8,500, Attorney-General Herbert R. O'Conor said yesterday.

CECIL DEMOCRATS HEAR PROMINENT SPEAKERS HERE

Big Crowd Attends Opening Meeting And Banquet Of Third District Club

FULL CREDIT GIVEN ADMINISTRATION

That Cecil county Democrats are vitally interested in the impending political campaign, that promises to be one of the most hotly contested in this generation, was evidenced here Wednesday evening when 135 members and friends of the Third District Democratic Club gathered at the New Central Hotel for the opening meeting of the club's activity which will extend through the campaign and the election next November. Every section of the county was represented at the meeting and the enthusiasm exhibited was a tribute to a united Democracy for which this and other clubs in the county will strive as the November battle approaches.

Praises President's Record

The Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough, Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District and who has already announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination, to succeed himself, was the main speaker of the evening. Mr. Goldsborough very emphatically stated the true conditions of affairs in Washington and told his hearers just what President Roosevelt has and is hoping to accomplish. He told his hearers he has the utmost confidence in the President and pointed to the great climb on the road to recovery the country has made since March 1933. Mr. Goldsborough also commended the Third District and other Democratic clubs in the county for their activity and urged their full cooperation in the campaign that has already opened on all fronts.

Mr. Goldsborough also let it be known that everything possible was being done in Washington to further some projects in Cecil county to aid men seeking employment and that Elkton was also in line for a public building, the construction of which would come possibly next year.

Cracks At Liberty League

Former Wilmington City Auditor Zack T. Wells, also spoke and delivered several broadsides at the Liberty League which featured former Governor Alfred E. Smith at a dinner in Washington recently. Mr. Wells referred to the organization as the Celophane League and said "Al Smith is wrapped up in it." John K. Burkley, president of the club introduced the speakers, who spoke after the banquet.

Telephone Service Disrupted Sunday At Rising Sun

Blaze Puts 450 Phones Out Of Commission For Several Hours

OPERATOR FORCED OUT OF BUILDING

Fire of unknown origin put 450 telephones out of commission for several hours on the Cecil Farmers' Telephone Company lines at the Rising Sun exchange late Sunday afternoon.

The blaze was discovered by Nettie McVey, operator on duty at the exchange, who turned in the alarm to the fire department and then remained at her post answering calls until the fire put the lights out. The exchange is located on the second floor of a two story frame building located at about the center of town.

Cause Unknown

The cause of the blaze has not been determined and the damage has not been estimated. In addition to burning out the exchange office, the fire damaged the apartment of Miss Mae Johnson, located on the same floor of the building. An undertaking establishment on the first floor of the building as well as the office of the telephone company also on the ground floor, were damaged considerably by water and smoke.

Several hours after the fire disrupted telephone communications, the phone service was restored.

January Weddings Here Show Big Increase

The records for January just past show that Cupid opened the new year with a resolution to break all existing records for Maryland's famous Gretna Green. Bettering the mark of the same month in 1935 by 275, the number of licenses issued here during the first month of 1936 was 583. This is by far the largest number of licenses for any January, there having been 308 in January 1935 and 331 in January 1934.

Fewer licenses are usually issued in January than any other month in the year.