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HOMEMAKERS ALTER JANUARY PROGRAM

I have just completed my annual report and have found it interesting to review the activities of the clubs for the past year. I think perhaps it would be well in January to give a short resume of this report.

During the month of January you are aware that the Agent's Annual Conference is held, which means that she must be out of the county January 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12. This means a slight change in the meeting dates again. Please note the schedule.

On January 20 the Inauguration of the President is to be held and that will be a legal holiday so I am asking the Browningsville Club to meet with the Damascus Club on the 14th. There will be no cards sent out for the first three meetings to remind you of the dates, for this notice will come so near that time it is hardly necessary.

The topic is to be the first discussion in the Home Furnishing Project and deals with the kitchen-dining room area. For roll call in the clubs that do not have a regular roll call chairman I suggest a report on your most satisfactory Christmas gift.

Schedule of Meetings

Cedar Grove, January 4; Clarksburg, January 5; Poolesville, Barnesville, Dickerson, January 6; Gaithersburg, January 13; Damascus and Browningsville January 14; Cabin John, January 15; Slidell, January 16; Burtonsville, January 18; Four Corners January 19; Wheaton and Rockville January 21; Colesville, January 22; Travilah, Darnestown, January 25; Brighton, Unity, Sunshine, January 26; Silver Spring, January 27; Pomona Grange, Germantown, January 28.

EDYTHE M. TURNER,
Home Demonstration Agent.

Commissioner Karn In Favor Of State Tax To Raise School Expenses

Frank H. Karn, president of the Board of County Commissioners issued a statement this week in which he advocated strongly the provision of a general State tax to defray school expenses.

"A high tax on real property is discouraging and destructive. It stifles enterprise and therefore causes unemployment. This works a hardship on all classes of people and business. In order to have prosperity or even normal conditions, the people must be kept at work. This can not be done by having taxes on real estate so high people will not buy, build or barter. Real estate can not bear the burden of building and operating the public schools and of keeping in repair the secondary roads and at the same time pay the current expenses of government. The roads should be built and kept in repair very largely with the tax money derived from gasoline.

"We should have a general State tax to defray the current expenses of the public schools."

Montgomery Is Second In Tiling Taxes Paid

The records in the State Comptroller's office in Annapolis show that from April 1 to March 31, 1936, the fiscal relief revenue tax program period Montgomery county motorists paid the second highest percentage of the automobile titling tax, contributing 8.40 per cent of the amount collected in the eight-month period. Baltimore county was third with 8.34 per cent. Total tax was \$31,677.64 in Montgomery county.

Baltimore City motorists paid 40.38 per cent of the \$377,288 collected by Maryland from the 1 per cent automobile titling tax between April 1 and November 30, it was shown today by an analysis.

Mrs. Columbo Bardette Dies At Damascus

Mrs. Columbo Bardette, aged 74, wife of the late Franklin Burdette, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Urner Purdum, in Damascus, on December 24, due to a heart attack. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burdette of Browningsville. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Urner Purdum and a son, Earl Burdette of Sykesville. Two sisters, Mrs. Cora Beall of Gaithersburg and Mrs. Elizabeth Piquette of Poplar Springs, and three brothers: Oscar, of Long Corner; Rufus, of Plain No. 4, Frederick County and George Burdette of Lisbon.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 27, at 1:30 p. m. Burial took place at Howard Chapel Methodist Church cemetery.

Commissioners Cut Parking Privileges

Under an ordinance passed by the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday parking of motor vehicles on the streets, roads and highways of Montgomery County's suburban district for more than 24 hours will be prohibited after January 19.

Violations of the new law will carry fines not exceeding \$50 or jail sentences not exceeding 30 days, or both, in the discretion of the court. Commissioner Paul M. Caughlan said a number of residents have complained that cars often have been parked for as long as two weeks.

A petition filed by residents of Crestview, a new Chevy Chase subdivision, appealing to the commissioners to take over and maintain certain streets and connecting alleys was taken under advisement. Action was withheld because of the absence of Commissioner Robert D. Hagner, who was ill and could not attend the meeting. Crestview is located in Hagner's district.

The petition asks the county to assume jurisdiction and maintain Bayard boulevard, Berkley street and Allen place and the connecting alleys. The streets were installed by the subdividers and were never dedicated to the county, it was said. Permission was given the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to purchase \$30,000 of Greenboro, N. C., bonds and \$10,000 of Camden, N. J., bonds for its sinking fund.

January Schedule For Fox Hunters Announced

Announcement has been made by the Redland Hunt club that the following fixtures have been scheduled for January, 1937: Saturday, January 2, Redland Crossroads; Wednesday, January 6, Muncaster Mills; Saturday, January 9, Laytonsville; Wednesday, January 13, Olney; Saturday, January 16, Derwood; Wednesday, January 20, Mt. Zion; Saturday, January 23, Kennels; Wednesday, January 27, Holland Farm; Saturday, January 30, Laytonsville.

Saturday meets at 1 p. m. Wednesday meets at 11 a. m., weather permitting. The "Field" must not ride on wheat or among cattle. Must also close gates and report all damage.

Excepting subscribers and resident land owners or renters, in the Redland Country, hunting will be by invitation only.

A fixture card properly received is an invitation to hunt.

H. T. Cole is secretary of the Hunt Club and Thomas T. Mott, Master of the hounds.

American Standards

If the average "man in the street" were asked what he and his like desired, he would reply, if he answered truly, something like this: "Better living, better housing, more of the necessities, comforts and luxuries of life, steadier work, more certainty of a job, more security for old age."—Exchange.



John Thomas Martin Dies of Heart Attack

John Thomas Martin, for nearly half a century a prominent painter and interior decorator of Gaithersburg, died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eva Howard, in northeast Washington, of a heart attack.

He was a native of the District of Columbia, the beloved husband of the late Ann M. Martin (nee Spates) of Rockville, and seventy-seven years of age.

For many years he was Democratic officer of registration, for the Gaithersburg district.

He was a member of Forest Oak Lodge, Knights of Pythias. Surviving, besides Mrs. Howard, are another daughter, Mrs. R. E. Mills, of Gaithersburg, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held this (Friday) afternoon from the home of Mrs. Mills, in Gaithersburg, and interment will be made in Forest Oak Cemetery of that town.

County Officials Await West Virginia Police

On Tuesday Montgomery county authorities awaited the arrival of two West Virginia State policemen for a conference on which should proceed first against two men implicated in murders in both Maryland and West Virginia.

Lieut. James Fillingner and Sergt. Joseph Horne, of Charleston, W. Va., were expected to confer with State's Attorney James H. Pugh on Monday, but failed to arrive in Rockville.

The West Virginia officers arranged for the meeting with Pugh to question Lawrence Gingell, 20-year-old former golf caddy, in the torch-slaying of W. Earle Dollman, 34, near Sutton, W. Va., on Thanksgiving day.

War Joseph Kirby, 21, held at Charleston, was quoted by officers there as having accused Gingell and William B. Reed, 25, of murdering Dollman and burning his body in his automobile.

Phonetic Spelling

Mrs. Fooey: Why did you take your little girl out of school?
Mrs. Nutt: 'Cause the teacher didn't know nothing. She told Elvora that IV spells four when any idiot ought to know it spells ivy.

TAXES YET UNPAID ON SOME 3,500 PROPERTIES

County Treasurer J. Forest Walker, in an interview the first of the week stated that State and county taxes for the year which began July 1, have not been paid on approximately 3,500 pieces of county real estate.

Under the law, the county treasurer is required to advertise for sale at public auction all such property on which State and county taxes are not paid by January 1.

The annual tax sale takes place on the second Monday in April, and all property advertised will be offered for sale on that day unless the taxes due, together with interest and costs in connection with advertising, are paid in the meantime. The law allows two years for redemption of property thus sold.

Mrs. H. S. Kingsley Is Victim Of Pneumonia

Last Saturday morning Mrs. Carrie May, beloved wife of Harold S. Kingsley, of Gaithersburg, succumbed to an illness of pneumonia.

Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lycurgus M. Griffith, Jr., of Washington, a grandchild Betty Byrne, a brother, C. E. Crawford, and two sisters, Mrs. Harvey Selby and Mrs. John B. Ely, all of Gaithersburg. She was a member of Epworth M. E. Church and Pentecostal Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services held at the home Monday afternoon were largely attended and interment was in Forest Oak Cemetery.

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ALL-TIME HIGH RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP GAIN NOTED

The roll call of the Montgomery County Chapter, American Red Cross, resulted in an all-time high for memberships, Judge Donald A. DeLashmutt, chairman, announced yesterday. A total of 5,755 memberships was collected, which was 1,925 more than the county quota, and total receipts amounted to \$6,670.72.

The previous high of the county was in 1918-19, during the World War, when 4,499 were enrolled. The

Silver Spring-Takoma Park district led with 1,934 members and receipts of \$2,161.36, while Chevy Chase was second with 1,722 and collections of \$1,899.72.

Chairman DeLashmutt said he wants to thank every District Chairman and each and every one of the workers who made this most excellent Roll Call possible.

Below is given a tabulation of the result by districts:

Chairman and District	Number of Members Secured	Contributions	Total Receipts
Mrs. Vernon Brewster Silver Spring-Takoma	1934	\$143.36	\$2,161.36
Mrs. George Pariseau Bethesda-Edgemoore	926	86.70	1,092.70
Rev. Fred Kullmar Kensington-Garrett Park	287	1.50	288.50
Mrs. Henrietta Stewart Laytonsville	9	—	9.00
Mrs. Elizabeth E. DeLashmutt Rockville-Norbeck-Derwood	317	17.75	408.75
Mrs. Robert Gray Poolesville-Boyd-Dickerson	74	.50	74.50
Mr. Willard Souder Damascus-Woodfield	63	6.51	69.51
Miss Ruth Weid Sandy Spring-Ashton	204	34.10	242.10
Miss Alverta Cook Gaithersburg, Washington Grove	195	5.85	200.85
Mrs. Kelly Rice Darnestown	14	—	14.00
Mrs. Roger Whiteford Chevy Chase	1722	111.45	1,899.45
Major L. L. Dye Special Gifts Committee	10	200.00	210.00
Totals	5755	607.72	6,670.72

Social Service League To Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Social Service League will be held on January 12, at 8:15 p. m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room in the Court House in Rockville. The president, Dr. J. W. Bird, of Sandy Spring, will preside.

At this meeting reports of the work of the League during 1936 will be given by the president, treasurer, executive secretary and chairmen of the Standing Committees. Elections to fill the vacancies on the Board, which automatically occur each year, will take place.

An amendment to the by-laws will also be presented to be acted upon by the members of the league.

All those who are interested in the work of the Social Service League are cordially invited to attend.

Boy Scouts Troop, Silver Spring, Holds Inaugural

Washington Boy Scout officials, visiting Scout troops and members of St. Michael's Parish, Silver Spring, witnessed the formal inaugural and solemn investiture of Troop 244, Boy Scouts, in St. Michael's. The ceremonies were conducted by a new ritual prepared by the Rev. Louis Barcelo, C.S.C., and the Rev. A. E. Fuller, S.J., for the installation of troops under the auspices of the Catholic Church. Father Barcelo, district commissioner and member of the archdiocesan board of scouting, was master of ceremonies. The Rev. Thomas A. Calnan, pastor of the church, gave the invocation and an address of welcome. Linn C. Drake, Scout executive of the D. C. Council, spoke and presented the charter to the troop committee.

Other speakers of the occasion were: Capt. Chester Wells, president of the D. C. Council; Dr. Stanley, council commissioner, and Father Fuller. The Boy Scout Troop of Blessed Sacrament Church, Chevy Chase, assisted in the investiture ceremonies.

Leo Koepfle is scoutmaster, with Mr. Teske as assistant scoutmaster. The following candidates were invested: Robert Miller, junior assistant scoutmaster; John Gallagher, senior patrol leader, and Ainsworth Glover, Dermott Smith, Paul Casey, Paul Fitzgerald, John Tierney, Robert Hubbard, Joseph Giusta, Frank McWilliams and Ridgeway and R. Lineberg.

The ceremonies were closed with benediction of the blessed sacrament by Father Calnan, Father Endre and Father Fuller assisting.

Bethesda Happenings of Interest Are Announced

The cups won in the Bethesda Santa Claus lane parade will be formally presented at a meeting of the Bethesda Chamber of Commerce to be held on next Monday evening in the Bethesda County Building.

Prominent Democratic women of Bethesda district are campaigning for the formation of a Woman's Democratic Club for that section and will hold a mass meeting Monday evening, January 11, at the Bethesda County Building.

Kensington Council Wins Its Railway Dispute

United States Judge W. Calvin Chestnut at Baltimore has dismissed a bill of complaint asking an injunction to prevent the town of Kensington, from interfering with the maintenance of the tracks of the Sandy Spring Railway which has ceased operation. This information was reported to the town council this week by Mayor Edward R. Saunders.

The suit was filed after the council had ordered the removal of the tracks on town property. The council then ordered that the tracks be removed and work has already been started.

NEW TAXES PROBLEM FACING LEGISLATURE

An Associated Press dispatch from Annapolis, calls attention to the necessity of levying new State taxes, or of increasing the present tax levies, will be one of the major problems the Legislature will have to determine when it meets this month.

Delegates must either take steps to bring in more State tax revenue, follow the alternatives of financing current expenses by bond issue or curtailing or eliminating certain functions of government, or leave the State in its present situation.

Observers familiar with State finances estimated it would take an additional \$4,000,000 annually to bring the State back to the pre-depression basis of operation.

Records of the State comptroller's office show that while revenue October 1, 1936, the close of the fiscal year, dedicated to general funds is estimated at \$10,050,000, appropriations payable from general funds during the period total \$13,287,037. The difference of \$3,237,037 is being cared for by transferring special funds and \$735,000 from loan funds into the general fund accounts.

Demand for full pay restoration to teachers and classified employees of the State, need of funds to allow the State to operate annexes to insane institutions, built and only prevented by lack of maintenance money from being placed into operation, need of funds to care for idle prisoners in correctional institutions, relief expenditures, and the demand for better roads, are all subjects for consideration in connection with possible new taxes.

Costs Up 350 Per Cent

Cost of government has increased by about 350 per cent since 1919, when the first budget was approved by the Legislature. Under the 1919 budget, figures in the State comptroller's office show \$3,394,223.67 was spent from general funds, while the 1936 expenditures was \$13,404,144.31 from general funds.

Population of the State has increased from 1,449,610 in 1919 to 1,631,526 in 1936, an increase of about 12 per cent in the 17-year period. But the per capita cost of State government from general funds has grown from \$2.34 in 1919 to \$8.21 in 1936.

If the legislators decide to levy new taxes they will find the field restricted. Maryland now has a real estate tax, gasoline, corporation franchise, cosmetic, automobile titling, whisky, beer and inheritance taxes.

Miss Barnsley Honored At Maryland University

Jean Barnsley, president of the Women's League at the University of Maryland, was selected by Tom Birmingham, president of the Student Government Association, as the Queen of the annual Food Ball, yearly relief drive campaign climax, recently.

Jean is a senior in the College of Education, and quite prominent in campus activities. Recently she directed a four-day convalee of the Women's Student Government Association which took place at Maryland.

Miss Barnsley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Barnsley of Rockville, and is a graduate of the Sherwood High School, Sandy Spring.

Horace W. Bennett Of Germantown Laid to Rest

Horace Wilson Bennett, aged and prominent citizen of Germantown, died on Sunday at his home.

He was the beloved husband of the late Columbia E. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett was a charter member and active in the Germantown Council of the Junior Order of American Mechanics for many years.

Funeral services took place from his late residence Tuesday afternoon. Interment was in the Neelyville Cemetery.