Jobseekers Have To Wait O'Conor Says

Governor-elect O'Conor this week served special notices on two select political groups—the jobseekers and the politico-socialites.

To the former:

I am serving notice that I am not taking up time on things that well may wait until the somewhat distant future.

And for the latter group:

I have just decided that the best way to get down to brass tacks is to defer attendance at social functions until all the hard work that lies ahead of me is out of the way.

Since his return the first of the week from a brief vacation cruise, Mr. O'Conor has spent his time conferring with the chairmen and subchairmen of the three commissions he named immediately after his election to study governmental reorganization, taxation and budget problems.

In connection with these meetings, and subsequent sessions he expects to have with the commissions' members, the Governor elect said that his presence was in the role of a collaborator and in no sense an effort to influence the decisions of the investigating groups.

"I simply wish to keep abreast of their findings," said Mr. O'Conor, who granted the commissions independence of action when he named them, "so I may be in a position at the time of my inauguration to give at least a partial report of what has been accomplished."

Mr. O'Conor disclosed that the budget studies bein conducted by the commission, headed by Hooper S. Miles, State Treasurer, with Walter N. Kirkman, former budget director, among those assisting, had reached a stage where considerable basic data had been assembled.

By the first of the week, said Mr. O'Conor, their findings will be in such shape that he will begin a series of night meetings with the commission and start the initial work on the preparation of the budget he must submit for the fiscal years 1940-41.

On Wednesday, he announced he will meet with the full commission on governmental reorganization, headed Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president of the Johns Hopkins University.

The Governor-elect is keeping in contact daily with the commission he named to study the revenue prospects, of which Wm. Lee Rawls is chairman. In this connection, Mr. O'Conor announced the addition of three to its present membership. They are:

George R. Morris, realtor.
Francis J. Carey, attorney.
H. H. Walker Lewis, attorney.

Mr. Morris, he explained, will bring to the commission the viewpoint of the realtors, and Messrs. Carey and Lewis are well versed in taxation from a legal standpoint.

The revenue commission, according to Mr. O'Conor, is collecting a mass of data and must except for preliminary decisions await the result of the budget commission's work and that of the governmental reorganization group before drafting a definite tax program.

Mr. O'Conor said he now is ready to begin drafting his inaugural address and already has secured Frederick R. Huber, Municipal Director of Music, to arrange the inaugural ceremonies, to be held January 11.

Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, Adjutant General of Maryland, will collaborate with Col. Elmer Munshower, head of the State police, and Judge Stanton, Baltimore Police Commissioner, on the handling of the inaugural crowd and traffic regulations. They will confer on the matter within a few days, Mr. O'Conor said.

Meanwhile, still in the capacity of Attorney General, the Governor-elect forwarded to the State Treasury checks for approximately $127,000, representing amounts due from bonding companies on State deposits lost in the old Baltimore Trust Company.

This was from bonds deposited as surety for the State's funds by the bonding companies. The amounts and sources were:

U.S.F. & G.	$25,900.60
Fidelity and Deposit	23,311.66
AEtna Casualty Ins. Company	25,851.45
Amer. Surety Co.,	52,000.00

The last item, Mr. O'Conor said, represented interest.

Seals Have Many Uses

Christmas Seals are attractive Yuletide decorations for packages, envelopes and cards; they are increasingly popular items for stamp collectors and they are powerful weapons for the protection of homes from tuberculosis. They were first sold in this country at Wilmington, Dela., in 1907.

Eastern Shore Briefs

SOMERSET REPORTS FEW HOLLY BERRIES; PRICES ARE SKY HIGH

Princess Anne, Md. — Prices paid for berried holly have zoomed sky high in Somerset county this season, but few can profit thereby—for most of the holly trees are as bare of berries as Mother Hubbard's cupboard was of bones.

As they have for many seasons past, rural families are roaming the woodlands in search of the holly. Ordinarily, gathering and selling the traditional Christmas greens is a big business with farm folk, but this year the outlook is discouraging.

DEL. MOTOR LICENSES TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31

Dover, Del.—Delaware motorists will be able to use their new 1939 license plates Thursday and the use of the present 1938 plates will expire at midnight on December 31. The color scheme used on the new plates is just a reversal of the present colors, the new plates having gray numerals on a maroon background.

ACE CORN GROWER AGAIN VICTORIOUS

Princess Anne, Md.—For the third consecutive year George N. Pusey, of East Princess Anne district, was qualified as the No. corn grower in Somerset county.

Pusey set the county record for corn production in 1936 and 1937, and in the county farm products show that ended yesterday he exhibited samples of the crop that won him that distinction again this year.

POSTOFFICE SITE BEING SURVEYED

Denton, Md.—Surveying of the Courthouse Square, selected over civic opposition as the site for the new postoffice building here, is underway, although no deed transferring the property to the Government has been recorded.

Representatives of an Easton firm said they were surveying one hundred feet of the east side of the square for the possible erection of the postoffice. Walter Rutter, clerk to the county commissioners, said that group had not authorized the survey. It was said to have been authorized by the Government.

OYSTER DREDGERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Capt. Dewey Anderson, of Deals Island, first of twenty-two oyster-dredge operators in a restricted area, was found guilty by Police Judge Joseph Armstrong.

The verdict came shortly after eighteen other dredger captains were freed in Crisfield by Magistrate E. P. Wyatt on the same charges after State's Attorney F. Kirk Maddix said the two oyster areas involved, Great Rock and the Ditch Bank, had been closed longer than the two year period allowed by law.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION CONVENES AT BIVALVE

Bivalve, Md.—Members of the Delmarva Ministerial Association of the Methodist Protestant Churches heard inspirational addresses at a meeting here Tuesday and gathered for luncheon on the camp ground.

Dr. W. A. Wright, Salisbury, emphasized he evangelizing of society through work with the individual. The Rev. J. W. Townsend, Snow Hill, speaking on Special Days in the Church year, commented upon the opportunity such days as Easter, Christmas and Mother's Day offer for special services and messages.

The Rev. H. B. Flater is pastor of the Bivalve Church.

75-YEAR-OLD SHORE WOMAN TO DISCONTINUE BICYCLING

Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Campbell, 75-year-old great grandmother who recently pedaled a bicycle fifty miles, has about decided to give up cycling because she says, she doesn't like publicity.

Ever since the story of her trip from Bishopville to Snow Hill got out Thursday, Mrs. Campbell said, she has been pestered to death by strangers, reporters and picture-taking people.

I'm pretty old and seldom touch a bicycle nowadays, but when I do, I don't want folks to go crazy about it, she said, so I have decided to leave it off in the future.

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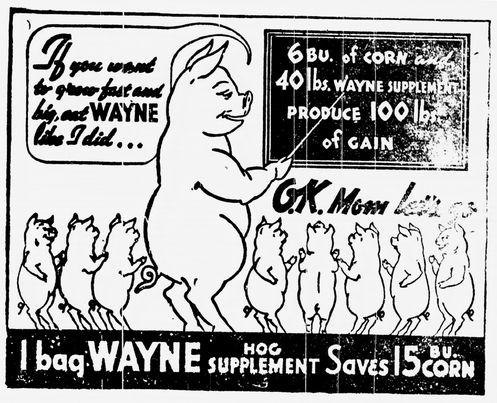

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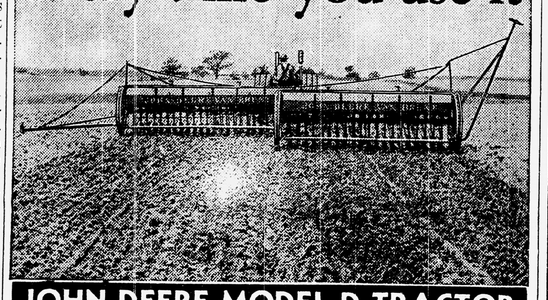

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