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O'Conor Plans To Reveal His Liquor Views

Proponents of legislation to impose a Sunday liquor ban will learn within the next few days to what extent Governor O'Conor plans to use the weight of the State administration to tighten regulations.

The Governor indicated early this week that he would, very soon, state explicitly how tight he thinks the liquor regulations should be drawn and what, if any, concessions should be made.

His appointment this week of Charles T. Leviness, Assistant Attorney General, as chairman of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore was represented by sources close to the Governor as a preliminary move toward more stringent enforcement of the regulations now on the statute books for the control of alcoholic beverages in the municipality.

In announcing Mr. Leviness' appointment, the Governor stressed the point that the new chairman was free "from connections which might prove embarrassing."

Mr. Leviness, whose nomination is being submitted to the Senate this week, will take office May 1, relieving Dr. John T. McGinity, Republican. He served on the Attorney General's staff during Mr. O'Conor's term as head of the State Law Department.

Although the Governor, during the recent campaign, put himself on record for more stringent regulation of the liquor trade on Sundays, and again pledged himself to effect such changes in hiss inaugural speech, there have been no further pronouncements from his office since legislation to this end has been introduced in the Assembly.

With the question coming to the fore as the legislators returned this week to begin the last half of the ninety-day session, a great many of the county members insisted that sentiment throughout rural areas was decidedly in favor of the Sunday ban.

Senator Dudley G. Roe (Dem. Queen Anne's), administration floor leader, said unqualifiedly that the nine counties of the Eastern Shore would back the Sunday closing bills now before both the Senate and the House.

He, as do many other county representatives, leans toward compromise or even local option on the question.

Most of the opposition that has been voiced to the pending bills has come from Batimore leislators, and representatives of counties bordering Washington and Tidewater areas on the Western Shore, where there are numerous summer resorts.

Senator Earl Bennett (Dem., Dorchester), chairman of the Senate Temperance Committee, said that a hearing would be granted opponents of the closing measure (today) Thursday afternoon.

Speaker Thomas E. Conlon, (Dem., Fifth Baltimore) is one of the sponsors of the House measure to force Sunday closing of liquor establishments.

A group of Senators, including Wilmer C. Carter (Dem., Third Baltimore) and Wilmer F. Davis, Rep., Caorline), minority floor leader, introduced the Senate bill.

Leaders of the Baltimore Ministerial Union, George W. Crabbe, superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, and Dr. W. W. Davis of the Lord's Day Alliance, have joined hands, so to speak, with an influential force of liquor dispensers in pressing the Sunday ban.

The most reported compromise plan would force liquor establishments to remain closed from 2 A. M. until 2 P. M. Sundays, rather than banning sales from midnight Saturday until 6 A. M. Monday.

O'CONOR'S RECEPTION TO LEGISLATURE SLATED

Governor and Mrs. O'Conor will hold one of the first formal functions since the inauguration when the executive mansion, or Government House, will be thrown open to members of the General Assembly and their friends on March 2.

The reception for the Legislature will be held from 9 until 11 P. M.

In addition to the Governor and Mrs. O'Conor, those in the receiving line will include State Senator Arthur H. Brice, of Kent County, President of the Senate, and Speaker and Mrs. Thomas T. Conlon of Baltimore.

The Little Political Bee

TALKS WITH PETER PAN

Recalling memories of the old "Turkey Trot" song that panicked the jitterbugs of a generation ago from Portland, Maine, to Sacramento, California, the Little Political Bee buzzed serenely into the sanctum sanctorum of Peter Pan this morning, singing:

"Everybody's doin' it, doin' it, doin' it."

"For the luvva Mike! doin' what?" snarled Peter Pan.

"Why, don't you know, Petey, old boy?" queried the Little Political Bee in accents that dripped of honey.

"No, I don't," snapped Peter Pan.

"Well, if you must know who everybody is, and what everybody is doin', all you have to do is just read the newspapers," said the Little Political Bee with frigid finality.

"Meanin' what?" snorted the political scribe.

"That everybody and his brother, apparently, is panning the Old Democratic Political Machine, the boss, the junior boss, the sub-bosses and all the bootlickers. And that everybody and his grandmother is laughing long, loud and uproariously over the ridiculously funny "Harmony" banquet pulled off a couple of weeks ago, amid a great fiasco of free dollar tickets for a selected crowd of the faithful."

"Is that what you mean by that infernal song: 'Everybody's doin' it'? insisted the ink slinger.

"Well, in general, yes," said the Little Political Bee. "But in particular I'm referring to the panning that is being handed out by the local press. Did you happen to notice that last week every single newspaper in Cambridge had either a swift kick to the differential; an uppercut to the transmission, or a solar-plexus blow to the universal joint for the already badly incapacitated Old Political Machine?"

"No," said Peter Pan. "Come to think of it, I hadn't noticed it."

"Well," said the Little Political Bee, "you'd better come out of that ground-hog nap of yours and pay attention to what's going on in the community. Take a look at these clippings and see just what a whale of a lot of merriment was kicked up by the ridiculous childish and hypocritical effort of the Old Political Machine to get on the good side of Governor Herb."

"Lemme see 'em," snorted Peter Pan.

And as the Little Political Bee forked them over, here's what Peter Pan read from Watt Webb's Daily Banner and Cambridge Record: Watt hauled off and sez, sezze:

"By the way, that banquet was really a funny one. No one seemed to know the object of it but as far as can be learned, it was for the purpose of adopting resolutions of loyalty to Governor O'Conor. It would have been much more effective if the resolutions of loyalty had been proclaimed before the election, when many thought the election in doubt, rather than after the election when the candidate had won. That banquet was really funny. One was reminded of that story in the Bible of the rich man who sent out invitations for dinner but so many gave excuses—this one had married a new wife, and others had various excuses to keep them away. Mayor Brohawn is reported to have stated that he gave away nearly fifty tickets, a member of the Organization State Central Committee stated that he gave away over fifty, and, of course, the bosses gave away many more than these two, so it seems that there was not a rush for tickets but, in order to get out the crowd, tickets were freely offered and freely given to those who would accept them. But why, after all, was it necessary for Democrats to adopt resolutions of loyalty to a Democratic Governor?"

And then, right smack on the first page of the Democrat & News, plucked from the intrepid and courageous column of The Rambler, comes this other little nosegay that must have caused no little weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth in some quarters you and I both know about. Cause the Rambler up and sez, sezze:

"What was announced in certain circles as a Democratic "get together" meeting was held at the Armory building last Thursday night.

"The meeting was well attended, but it seems that the great majority of these holding tickets at $1.00 each were followers of the old organization leaders, and it looks to many like this was as intended.

"No local speaker, in the interest of party harmony, urged the nomination of former State Senator Olin R. Higgins for Congress, nor was any reference made about the two factions of the party getting together to decide upon whom our local appointees should be when the Governor sends his green bag to the Senate.

"But of one thing we can be certain, when the time comes for him to make his appointments the anti-organization forces will have the ear of the Governor.

"So far as the writer has been able to learn, nothing for the good of the party was accomplished at this meeting."

"Astounding," said the political scribe, wiping the perspiration from his reeking brow. "Who'd ever thought such things would come to pass."

"Of course, it was pretty durned ridiculous for a bunch of Democrats to find it necessary to get together and endorse a Democratic administration. But still they had to linger out some way of telling Governor Herb they were with him. And this was the only way the brains of the Political Machine could conjure up. Which gave everybody a good laugh, anyhow. Probably including Governor Herb, who is known to be a young feller with quite a sense of humor."

"I suppose the whole affair will soon blow over, though," said Peter Pan consolingly. "People soon forget things like that."

"Mebbe, Mebbe," said the Little Political Bee, with a knowing wink. "But some of the boys who didn't get those free paste-boards to the turkey dinner, are gonna remember it when the next election rolls around. You can put that in your pipe and make a real conflagration."

"But in the meantime what other political news have you fetched in for this edition?," insisted Peter Pan.

"That't enough for one week," repled the Bee. "And I'll be back with another load of honey next week. But in the meantime keep your eye open for a new scheme that is being cooked up by the Political Machine. I've got the low-down on it, and I'll blow the whole works next week."

And then His Beeship zoomed out the window into the bright February sunshine, still warbling gaily: "Everybody's doin' it, doin' it!"

Canning Crops Conference Opens Today

The annual Canning Crops Conference will be held at the University of Maryland on February 23 and 24, it is announced by Dr. A. Lee Schrader, head of the Department of Horticulture. The meetings, which will be held in the auditorium of the Horticulture Building, are sponsored by the College of Agriculture, the Extension Service and the Experiment Station in cooperation with the Tri-State Packers' Association.

Members of the onference will be welcomed this afternoon by Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, following which presentation of Ten-Ton Tomato Club prizes will be made by Dr. T. B. Symons, dean and director of the extension service. Other speakers on the program for the session today include, J. E. Metzger, director of the Experiment Station; J. G. Horsfall, of the Geneva Experiment Station, C. A. Greenleaf, National Canners' Association, and Herman A. Hunter, Canning Crops Specialist.

Speakers for the remained of the conference are: Dr. L. P. Ditman, Albert White, Dr. E. P. Walls, Dr. C. H. Mahoney, H. L. Stier, W. C. Beavens, Dr. R. G. Rothgeb, and Dr. A. Lee Schrader of the University of Maryland; Maurice Siegel, of Strasburger and Siegel, Baltimore; J. S. Caldwell, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and F. M. Shook of the Tri-State Packers' Association.

A special conference of canners is being called for Friday afternoon to suggest problems for research and extension work on canning crops.

AAA Payments Adjustment Is Announced

The adjustment payment rate on wheat which will be made to porducers who plant within their 1939 acreage allotments is 11 cents per bushel, it is announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

The payments, AAA officials said, will be made on the normal yield of each producer's allotted acreage.

Beside the price adjustment payments, producers who cooperate in the 1939 AAA farm program, and plant within their acreage allotments, will receive agricultural conservation payments at rate of 17 cents for carrying out specified soil-building or soil-conserving practices. Counting both conservation payments and price adjustment payments which will be made to cooperators on the normal yield of their acreage allotments in 1939, the total payment will be 28 cents per bushel.

On the basis of estimated participation in the 1939 AAA farm program, it is expected that 212 million dollars will be distributed among producers of wheat, cotton, corn and rice. It is estimated that $64,113,000 will go to the wheat growers.

The allocation was made according to the formula established in the Price Adjustment Act, one-half of it on the basis of the amount by which the returns from each commodity failed to reach parity income and the other half of it on the same basis as that on which funds are apportioned under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program. The allocation was made on the basis of average farm prices for the marketing season ending January 31, 1939. The payment rates announced will be net payments to producers.

Rev. Lambert Addresses Club

Expressing pleasure at being asked for a return engagement at the Cambridge Woman's Club Rev. Frank Lambert spoke last Friday on the subject, "Church and State." The closest attention showed the interest of the clubwomen in Mr. Lambert's address.

He defined the church as embodying the ideals and aims of man as a religious being; the state as the group of people in a given area with common interests and government, or more briefly—religious power and civil power.

The club showed its appreciation of Mr. Lambert's address by applause. The hostess for the day, Mrs. Russell P. Smith, assured him of a third invitation at a future date.

At the close of the program, Mrs. Herbert Dozier served tea and cookies of her own make.

At the business meeting, the president, Mrs. White, presented the legislative chairman, Mrs. Henry Hooper, who said her committee had been studying taxes, under three heads. The first of these, city taxes, was admirably given by Mrs. Jonathan Wheatley, who had made a careful analysis of the overworked dollar of Mrs. Taxpayer. Further studies of county and state taxes will be given later.

Mrs. Quackenbush, head of the Fine Arts Committee, outlined the program for the music study classes to begin in March. All club members were invited to attend the classes under Mrs. Hobbs, the music chairman.

Mrs. Irving Jackson, the club parliamentarian, read the changes that have been made in the constitution of the club by the committee on revisions. They will be voted on at a future meeting.

Mrs. S. L. Byrn, captain of the Girl Scouts troop which is sponsored by the club, introduced Mrs. Austin Roberts, of Sudlersville, who is Girl Scout consultant for the Eastern Shore. Mrs. Roberts spoke briefly on the activities of the Girl Scouts with 10 field of interest in the new program. After the meeting, Mrs. Roberts met the Girl Scout Committee of the club, mothers of scouts, and conducted a short meeting of about 15 Girl Scouts, many of whom had known her at the Girl Scout camp in Queen Anne's County last June.

The musical program presented by Mrs. Russell P. Smith, chairman of Civic Department, included duets by Misses Betty Stoker and Shirley Sullivane.

Commissioners Grant Request For REC Service

Farmers in several districts of Dorchester county were assured of electric service last week when the Board of County Commissioners granted permission to the Choptank Co-operative, Inc., for the extension of Rural Electrification Administration service in the county.

The Choptank Co-operative, Inc., an Eastern Shore organization was formed to aid in the extension of electrical service, under the Rural Electrification Administration, to Eastern Shore farmers. A representative of the Co-operative appeared before the county commissioners at a recent meeting and requested permission to construct and operate electric transmission, distribution and service lines in Dorchester county, along the following routes:

(1) Along the State road from Federalsburg to Preston, except in that section which already is served by the Eastern Shore Public Service Company; (2) along the county road from New Church to Zion, and from Zion to the farms of Velma Gaehringer and C. W. Horn; (3) from a point near Elwood Camp Ground to the farm occupied by Charles H. Cohee, (this route passses through Elwood and Beulah); and from this same point south of Beulah to and across Hunting Creek at Back Landing Bridge.

Further extension of Rural Electrification Administration service i sto be discussed today at a meeting of the Choptank Co-operative in Centreville.

Fellowship Award To Local Church

A certificate of honor for having fulfilled its quota in the Million Unit Fellowship Movement has been awarded the Cambridge Methodist Episcopal Church, according to the Rev. D. E. McLain, pastor. The local church is one of 926 churches, or about five per cent of the denomination's 20,000 congregations in the United States, which already have reached their goals.

Quotas for the individual churches were set when the movement, now in its third year was inaugurated and were based on a communion-wide goal of 500,000 units — persons who will subscribe one dollar a month as well as undertake the spiritual obligations of the fellowship.

With the strengthening and deepening of the spiritual life of the church as its chief objectives, the Million Unit Fellowship Movement is also endeavoring to secure a better underwriting of its missions and benevolences, known collectively as World Service. Thus far, the movement has added about three quarters of a million dollars to the church income for missions and benevolences.

845 Magistrates Is Mandatory, LeViness Says

Every Governor of Maryland for fifty years apparently violated the State's Constitution when the time came for him to appoint justices of the peace, Charles T. LeViness, Assistant Attorney General, said this week.

Mr. LeViness said that on making a search of the laws to provide Governor O'Conor with a list of appointments that must be confirmed by the State Senate, including justices of the peace, it was learned that the Governor must appoint 843 of them.

"This is mandatory by law," Mr. LeViness said, "and I couldn't find that any Governor during the last fifty years has appointed the entire 843. By failing to make these appointments he violated the Constitution, although it should be added that the Governors did not do this with deliberation.

"Such a condition only shows the necessity for the passage of the bill for reorganizing the

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North Wins Shore's First Muskrat Skinning Contest

George North, 56, slipped five muskrats out of their skins in just three minutes three and three-fifth seconds Tuesday in the Eastern Shore's first muskrat skinning contest. He was awarded a $5 prize. North said he could do it blindfolded, and proved it.

Curtis Insley beat North in elapsed time, skinning five muskrats in two minutes and thirty-nine seconds, but there was a small tear in one of his hides and he was ruled out.

Eight trappers, in hip boots, plaid shirts and hunters hats lined up across the stage of a crowded theatre here for the contest. The contestants drew number for their starting order and then took turns skinning the five muskrats each brought along.

"Make ready," shouted the starter, "Get set. "Skin your 'rat!"

The spectators applauded and the contest was on.

Several types of skinning were used but both North and Insley held their muskrats in their laps and turned the skin wrong-side-out as the removed it.

All contestants started by cutting the skin from the muskrat's knees to its tail. Some held the animal's tail with a foot.

Shriver Mills was the youngest contestant, at 14.

After he had been declared the winner, North made the first public speech in his life.

"I am the granddaddy of all muskrat trappers," he declared amid gales of laughter. "And yet I'm the fastest rat skinner of the bunch.

"Why I could beat you all blindfolded."

He was led to the stage with a towel wrapped tightly over his eyes and stripped a muskrat's skin off perfectly in fifty-six seconds.

Wesley Robbins of Robbins, Md., was second in the second contest, with a time of 3 min-

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License Plate Applications Held Up

License plate applications of approximately 15,000 Maryland automobile owners are being held up because of changes in address, State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Walter R. Rudy announced.

Persons who have moved since the last issuance of tags, and have failed to notify the department will not receive their application blanks, Rudy said.

The required information will not be taken over the telephone and persons affected by the ruling must forward to the department a card or letter bearing the old and new address and the title number of the vehicle for which the application is desired. The information may also be presented in person at the office.

Rudy said in addition to those affected by the change in address order, approximately 2,500 other persons have not complied with the vehicle inspection regulations and tags for these automobiles would be held up.

Registration for the entire state is expected to be approximately 410,000, Rudy said. Tags must be obtained by March 31, and may be used after March 15.

14 Senators Support Ridgely For Police Head

Two representatives of a bloc of fourteen State Senators have laid before Governor O'Conor the group's recommendation that Lieut. Ruxton Ridgely be named superintendent of the State police, authoritative sources disclosed.

Senate President Arthur Brice and Senator James Lindsay went to Governor O'Conor to convey the group's recommendation, it was said. The appointment must be made by tomorrow.

Major Elmer F. Munshower, the third State police superintendent named by Governor Nice during his four-year term and a former Mayor of Frederick, already has been given support for reappointment by the Frederick county Democratic Central Committee.

Major Munshower, a lieutenant colonel in the Maryland National Guard, is a Republican

Lieutenant Ridgely is in command of the Eastern Shore district of the State police force, with headquarters at Easton.

Administration sources said his appointment would pose a departmental disciplinary problem. Promotion for Ridgely to the superintendency would shunt him around Capt. Edward McK. Johnson. Both are Merit System employes.

Speculation about the police superintendent's job took the spotlight among Senators and Delegates wondering about the executive appointments which Governor O'Conor is scheduled to make this week.

The Governor refused to comment on any of the appointments, other than to say he would follow a policy of seeking men best qualified for the posts.

A majority of the principal departmental appointments can be made by the Governor without Senate concurrence.

Crescent Class Holds Annual Banquet Here

The Crescent Class of Zion M. E. Church held its annual banquet last Friday night at the Hotel Cambridge, with 85 members and guests in attendance.

The banquet was served in the main dining room of the hotel at 7 o'clock, and an interesting program, including a twenty minute play and a talk by Miss Ernestine Taylor, teacher of the class, was presented.

Table decorations of bowls of American Beauty roses and tall red candles, made the dining room a colorful setting for the banquet which annually celebrates St. Valentines Day. Individual favors of red tulips in green celephane plants were at each place.

Miss Ernestine Messick served as toastmaster for the evening, and Miss Margaret Matthews was musical director. As the guests assembled at the banquet table the class song was sung, after which Mrs. Henry Hooper offered the invocation. Miss Matthews led group singing throughout the evening.

The address of welcome was made by Miss Nora Dunn, class president and Dr. Dayton McClain, pastor of Zion Church, extended greetings to the banquet guests. Dr. McClain, always has a ready store of humor, and his remarks proved no exception.

The principal speaker of the evening was Miss Ernestine Taylor who has served as teacher of the Crescent Class since its organization. In appreciation of her interest and work, members of the class sent her a corsage for the banquet.

Irwin W. Windsor Dies At Hurlock

A heart attack caused the death early this week of Irvin W. Windsor, 59, Dorchester County detective, at his home in Hurlock. Mr. Windsor assumed the duties of chief county detective and investigator January 1, having served Hurlock and the fifteenth election district for the past two years as justice of the peace.

Prior to that time he had served seven years as chief probation investigator for the Eastern Shore, maintaining his office in Salisbury. He was chairman of the Dorchester county Republican campaign, and had served in this capacity in the two previous State elections. He was a life-long resident of Dorchester county, and had resided in Hurlock for the past thirty-two years.

He was a past chief of the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company and was an active member of the Hurlock Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his widow and three sons, Emerson, Dudley and Kenneth Windsor, of Hurlock, and his mother, Mrs. Fred Eagon, and one sister, Miss Bertie Harper of Wilmington, Delaware.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the Hurlock Methodist Protestant Church, with the Rev. Charles P. Butler and the Rev. Roy L. Tawes officiating. Interment was in the East New Market Cemetery.

Work On New Sewer System Progressing

Cambridge is anticipating completion of its new sewer treatment plant by early summer, it was said this week. Construction of the plant, made possible through government assistance, is providing employment for about forty men during the winter. The project will cost approximately $360,00.

The unemployed situation has been greatly relieved by various projects now underway in Cambridge and other parts of Dorchester county. In addition to the laborers employed on the sewer project, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, bricklayers, cement finishers and mechanics have been given employment.

It is expected when the plant is put in operation during the summer, the State Board of Health will lift the ban on polluted areas in time for the next oyster season.

Goldsborough Is Confirmed For D.C. Bench

The Senate last Thursday confirmed, without a dissenting voice, the nomination of Representative Goldsborough, of Md., to be an associate justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Goldsborough has represented the First, or Eastern Shore, district of Maryland for eighteen years and started his tenth consecutive term as a member of the House on January 3. He said he probably would relinquish his seat and take the oath of his new office about April 1.

Mr. Goldsborough explained that he wanted to dispose of a number of personal matters before becoming a member of the next court. In the meantime, he said he would consult the Attorney General and the chief justice of the court of which he will become a member as to their wishes in the matter.

Senator King, of Utah, chairman of the Senate District Committee, was the only member of the Senate Judiciary Committee to voice any opposition to Mr. Goldsborough's appointment. He did not vote against the Marylander. Senator King had expressed the belief that a local attorney should have been named to the place.

New Use For Farm Products To Be Sought

The location and plans for an Eastern Regional Research Laboratory for the definite purpose of developing new uses for surplus farm commodities of this region have just been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The products with which the workers in this laboratory will deal are potatoes, tobacco, milk products, apples and vegetables, all of which are important products in Maryland. This laboratory is one of four such research institutions being established in the country under authority of the farm act passed at the last session of Congress.

The location selected for the laboratory in the Eastern region is Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. Facilities for carrying on chemical, engineering, and related research by a staff of approximately 250 persons will be provided in a U-shaped building of three stories and basement. It will be located on a 32-acre tract of fland and is accessible to the great processing industries along the Delaware river and to the reference libraries and research activities of a number of institutions in that area.

As the work gets well under way, it is anticipated that producers of a number of farm products in Maryland who have experienced difficulty in disposing satisfactorily of their production will find intense interest in the work at the laboratory.