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P.T.A. Presents Arguments On School Conditions Here

In the interest of acquainting the people of Kent county more fully with the need for increased educational facilities for the pupils of Chestertown High School, the Parent-Teacher Association of Chestertown High School will sponsor a series of articles to appear in the Kent county papers. The first articles of the series will attempt to answer some of the arguments that have been advanced against the proposed high school building for Chestertown, while the second group of the series will attempt to advance reasons in support of the claims for improved facilities.

ARGUMENT NO. 1 — THAT KENT COUNTY IS NOT ABLE FINANCIALLY TO ENLARGE THE PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL PLANT OR BUILD A NEW BUILDING.

A recent statement concerning the present status of Kent County's bonded indebtedness says in part:

"1. That the county's tax rate for all purposes has been reduced from $2.50 in 1920 to 83 cents in 1934.

"2. That the bonded debt for which the people of the county are responsible has been reduced from over a half million to a PALTRY $6,000 in school bonds.

"3. That at the present rate of retirement which has been consistently followed during the past four years, Kent county's entire bonded indebtedness will be wiped out within two years."

(Kent News, August 25th, 1934).

Examination of the 67th Annual Report of the State Board of Education of Maryland for 1933, under Table 179, lists the percent that indebtedness for school bonds is of the total county bonded indebtedness as of September 1933. The figures for school bonds in the different counties range from $12,000 for Kent county to $2,561,300 for Montgomery county. The percent that school bonds are of the total indebtedness for the two counties is:

Montgomery county 2.9 percent, the highest in the state.

Kent county .1 of one percent, the lowest of all counties in the State of Maryland.

With the total amount of school bonds for Kent county reduced to $6,000 in 1934, according to the above figures, the percentage of school bonded indebtedness for Kent county should be .05 of one percent. Comparison with neighboring counties of Cecil and Queen Anne's indicates that both counties have a .3 of one percent indebtedness for school bonds is of the total county indebtedness as of 1933. The average for all counties in the state is 1.7 percent.

Comparing the assessible basis back of each dollar of school indebtedness for the counties of Kent, Montgomery, Cecil, and Queen Anne's, and the state as a whole the facts are:

Montgomery	$ 34
Kent	1,351
Cecil	321
Queen Anne's	334
State Average	59

On the basis of the value of school property per pupil belonging to schools in 1933, the 1934 figures not being available, Kent county ranks 18th among the counties in Maryland in the value of school property per colored school pupil and 20th among the counties in Maryland in the value of school property per white school pupil. The value of school property per colored school pupil is $32 while that for white school pupils is $90. The average for the counties of the state is $53 and $176 respectively.

On the basis of facts, comparing Kent county with the average for the counties of the State of Maryland and with neighboring counties, it would appear that Kent county is financially able to support adequately improved educational facilities.

KENT SCHOOLS TO OPEN NEXT WEDNESDAY

Teachers And P. T. A. To Gather Tuesday

MISS ENGLE WILL SPEAK

Teaching Roster Approved By Board

The opening of schools in Kent County for the year 1934-'35 will be preceded by a general teachers' meeting on the morning of Tuesday, September 4 and a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Associations on the afternoon of that date in the assembly room of the high school at Chestertown.

Miss Lavinia Engle, a member of the Maryland Legislature from Montgomery County for a number of years, and Chairman of the Maryland League of Women Voters will attend both meetings. In the morning she will address the teachers on a subject of particular interest to them. In the afternoon, she will address the Parent-Teacher group on the subject, "Maryland Public School Standards: What They Are and the Importance of Maintaining Them." Patrons of the schools are urged to hear this address on a subject of vital interest to the public.

On the day following this meeting, Wednesday, September 5, all of the schools for white children will be opened. Plans are being made by the teachers to have everything in readiness for the regular program of work to begin a few minutes after the call of school at 9:00 A. M. and avoid the waste of the pupils' time.

The list of teachers as approved by the Board of Education is as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Millington—Harry R. Rasin, Principal; Lois Baxter.

Galena—Lelia N. Ware, Principal; Lilly O. Ferguson, W. Skirven Startt.

Chestertown—W. J. Stenger, Principal; Mary W. Carroll, Harry R. Poole, Hermione Riches, Marie D. Bryan, Richard W. Hall, Anna J. Brice, Margaret Russell, Lottie P. Peacock, Katherine Gessford, Geraldine M. Fitez, Estella K. Comegys, Owen C. Blades.

Rock Hall—W. A. P. Strang, Principal; Estelle B. Strang, Charlotte Holloway, Helen L. Ashley.

Special teachers with time devided between:

Galena—Ella J. Hadaway.

Rock Hall—Arthur L. Greenwood.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Millington—Harry R. Rasin, Principal; Anna M. Hague, Virginia Wood Gale, Helen S. Sutton.

Massey—Edna Beasten Peaper, Principal; Mamie C. Donahoe.

Sassafras—Helen E. Caulk.

Galena—Lelia N. Ware, Principal; Grace E. Burris, Lillian M. Leager, Agnes F. Mullen.

Chesterville—Alberta Littleton.

Locust Grove—Mildred G. Neal.

Kennedyville—Barbara A. Elliott, Principal; Mary Jane Hill, Mildred C. Melvin.

Morgnec—Elizabeth Jarvis.

Still Pond—Miriam Kirby.

Worton—Rebecca Wood, Principal; Naomi R. Myers.

Betterton—Florence M. Jewell, Principal; Louise Hepbron.

Janvier—Frances Orr Taylor.

Chestertown—Marietta Loud, Principal; Lorraine U. Williams, Thelma M. Vansant, Naomi D. Russell, Myra W. Toulson, Hannah W. Bell, Inez Russell, A. Mildred Hoyle.

Skinner's Neck—Minnie M. Kelley.

Rock Hall—W. A. P. Strang, Principal; Hilda A. Hill, Louise A. Hersch, Nannie K. Strong, Maude E. Middleton, C. Louise Kendall.

Piney Neck—L. Nellie Peterson, Principal; Myrtle T. Downey.

Swan Creek—Emilie N. Skirven.

Fairlee—Frances B. Morris, Principal; Catherine W. Barnes, E. Eden Bryden.

St. Paul—Lillian Orr Crouch.

Cliffs—Margaret F. Stoops.

Pomona—Edna E. Faulkner.

BERNARD ADES TO HEAD STATE TICKET

Bernard Ades, Communist lawyer, who received considerable publicity several years ago on the lower Shore when he attempted to defend Euel Lee, Negro, charged with murdering Green K. Davis, his wife and two daughters, last week was nominated by the Communist party as a candidate for Governor of Maryland.

A petition bearing 2,400 signatures was filed with the Secretary of State at Annapolis by representatives of the Communist party to nominate Ades and a complete ticket for State-wide offices.

Under the law the minor parties do not hold a primary but make nominations by petitions bearing 2,000 or more names. In the last State election the Communist party polled a maximum vote of 1,432.

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

Under the provisions of Article 33, Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Elections," the Supervisors of Elections for Kent County hereby give notice that an election will be held in the several Election Districts and Precincts of Kent County between the hours of 7 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening on

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12, 1934

The places wherein such election upon the date aforementioned will be held in the respective Districts and Precincts, are as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT
First Precinct
Community Fire Co., Hall, Millington, Fire House.
Samuel S. Hurlock, Democrat.
Paul C. Price, Republican.
Registrars.

Second Precinct
Church Store Roor, Galena
F. Keith Cochran, Dem.
Joseph E. Boyd, Rep.
Registrars.

SECOND DISTRICT
First Precinct
Metcalfe Bros. Store, Kennedyville.
Robert H. Van Dyke, Dem.
Lewis S. Price, Rep.
Registrars.

Second Precinct
D. C. Kelley's Store, Kennedyville.
Stanley W. Matthews, Dem.
Ralph Geary, Rep.
Registrars.

THIRD DISTRICT
First Precinct
M. W. Hadaway's Room, Worton.
James S. Matthews, Dem.
Harry T. Williams, Rep.
Registrars.

Second Precinct
Turner & Son, Betterton.
Merritt T. Sutton, Dem.
G. Ray Crew, Rep.
Registrars.

FOURTH DISTRICT
First Precinct
Pippin's Hotel, Chestertown.
H. G. Blyman, Dem.
C. S. Smith, Rep.
Registrars.

First Precinct "N"
Bibb's Hotel, Chestertown
W. T. Hicks, Dem.
Mrs. Bertie B. Clements, Rep.
Registrars.

Second Precinct
Massey and Wilmer Harness Shop. Chestertown.
W. F. Malin, Dem.
O. Franklin Smith, Rep.
Registrars.

FIFTH DISTRICT
First Precinct
Church Hall, Rock Hall
Samuel Colyer, Dem.
Wm. E. Leary, Rep.
Registrars.

First Precinct "N"
Fire House.
Thomas A. Tucker, Dem.
John W. Downey, Rep.
Registrars.

Second Precinct
Samuel Burgess' Shop, Edesville.
Christopher Grant, Dem.
Charles T. Crouch, Rep.
Registrars.

SIXTH DISTRICT
Walter Barnes' Store, Fairlee.
Archibald Ramage, Dem.
Harry P. Jones, Rep.
Registrars.

SEVENTH DISTRICT
Mrs. Starr's Room, Pomona.
W. J. Maslin, Dem.
D. W. Ingersoll, Rep.
Registrars.

Said Election to be held for the purpose of voting for nomination of public officers as follows:

One person for Governor of Democratic Party.

One person for Governor of Republican party.

One person for United States Senator of Democratic party.

One person for United States Senator of Republican party.

One person for Comptroller of Republican party.

One person for Chief Judge of Democratic party.

One person for Clerk of Court on Democratic ticket.

One person for Register of Wills on the Democratic ticket.

One person for Senator on the Democratic ticket.

Two persons for House of Delegates on the Democratic ticket.

Three persons for Judges of Orphans' Court on the Democratic ticket.

One person for Treasurer of Kent county on the Democratic ticket.

One person for Sheriff of Kent county on the Democratic ticket.

Three persons for County Commissioners of Kent county on the Democratic ticket.

Six persons for members of State Central Committee of Democratic party.

Six persons as Delegates to Democratic State Convention.

The return judges shall make their return before twelbe (12) o'clock noon the second day after the election. that is to say, before noon Friday following the Wednesday of the election in the manner prescribed by law, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court to the County Commissioners, to the Board of Supervisors of Election and to the Register of Wills of the county aforesaid.

Bp Order of Board,

C. FRANK CROW, Pres.
J. HYDIE THOMPSON.
THOMAS W. TREW,
Supervisors of Elections.
Elmer S. Jarman. Clerk.

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