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Annual Home-Coming At Washington College Here Today

Poe Says Career Disqualifies Nice

Calls Criminal Court Practice "Insuperable" Barrier To Governorship

G. O. P. Aspirant Often Has Enabled Guilty To Escape Just Punishment, He Asserts.

Harry W. Nice's career as a criminal lawyer was characterized as an "insuperable disqualification" for the office of Governor of Maryland in an address broadcast last night by Edgar Allan Poe.

At the same time, Mr. Poe praised Governor Ritchie's record in office and called his reelection "essential to the continued welfare of the State."

Calls Him "Jolly Fellow"

Mr. Poe prefaced his remarks concerning Mr. Nice's law practice by calling the Republican Gubernatorial candidate "a jolly, likable fellow, a good campaigner and stump speaker, a good promiser looking to the securing of votes and of an easy going nature, which often is characteristic of one of his size and weight."

But, Mr. Poe added, "he has won success at the bar as a criminal lawyer and he constantly appears in court as the defender of those charged with the violation of our criminal statutes. On numerous occasions he has succeeded in enabling the guilty to escape just punishment, a result which, while lucrative and gratifying to him personally, has hardly enhanced the welfare of the State or qualified him for the high office of Governor.

"On the contrary, when a lawyer devotes his time largely to the defense of lawbreakers a lowering of ideals and of the obligations of citizenship necessarily and inevitably result. He of necessity is constantly brought in close contact with an undesirable class of citizens and, for the time being at least, becomes their champion and adviser.

"Even when he knows or believes them guilty, he nevertheless strives to secure their acquital, and thus makes common cause with them against good and decent government. He is led to employ and use agencies and means calculated to defeat the ends of justice and encourage the commission of crime and to seriously interfere with the proper enforcement of law and order.

"My own deliberate opinion is, and I feel confident that the vast majority of the citizens of this State, upon reflection, will agree with me —that when a lawyer elects to devote his time mainly...to the criminal courts...he thereby disqualifies himself from holding the highest office in the State."

Men Of The Line



John Lord and Ellery Ward are veterans of many, many Washington gridiron campaigns, and it must be sweet revenge to this sterling pair of linesmen to play for once on a team that is bowling over old opponents who heretofore have trod in their faces all afternoon.

This pair are good footballers, and this afternoon if you want a real treat watch their work in the line on offense and defense. Lord is center and Ward will be in one of the guard positions.

A great deal of the credit for Washington's three wins this season can be placed upon their broad shoulders.

CONFIDENCE IN BANKS

That the bank depositors of Maryland have recovered from the shock which they received when the doors of financial institutions in which their money had been placed were shut in their face is made evident in figures furnished by the first call report of insured institutions made public by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The increase in deposits in 177 Maryland banks from $385,160,000 on December 30, 1933, to $456,793,000 on June 30, 1934, a period of six months, indicates a general return of confidence and perhaps a much more plentiful supply of ready money.

Deposits in other States average about the same as in Maryland. Deposit insurance has ended, apparently, the wide-spread distrust of banks.

Board Votes To Hold Track Meet Declamation Tilt

Annual Contests Will Be Resumed at College

At a meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College, held last Saturday morning, it was voted by that body to resume the holding of the annual Eastern Shore Track and Field Championships at Washington College; an affair which was dropped during the past three years due to the lack of track athletics at the Shore institution.

But with the plan to have track athletics at the local college this coming spring, and feeling that track is of prime importance in the athletic setup of all Easter Shore high schools, the Board voted to revive this meet which yearly drew hundreds of high school boys to the Washington College campus.

The annual Eastern Shore Declamation contests were also discussed by the Board and a vote to resume this annual feature of the Commencement week exercises was made by the members. This contest at Washington College is the final of a series of elimination contests which are held in each county, with the latter selecting one represenative to vie with other winners for the Shore title.

In the life of Christ Jesus every material obstacle and adverse circumstance was met and overcome through an abiding faith in and understanding of God. — Christian Science Monitor.

Talent is nurtured in solitude, character is formed in the stormy billows of the world.—Goethe.

It requires 22 marks to vote a full Democratic Ticket.

Mark an X in box after the word Democratic.

NOTES ON SPORTS



"When Football Was A Game Of Grunt And Grit"

Washington College's Home-Coming and football game today with Susquehanna as its opponent is holding the local sporting sportlight. Up on Kibler Field this afternoon Coach Ekaitis' boys will endeavor to annex their fourth victory in as many starts.

We for one can't help but take exception at the manner in which Washington College's football victories are chronciled by the daily press of Baltimore City. Washington College didn't defeat Hopkins, the Jays merely lost a game. And Washington College didn't lick Mt. St. Mary's. The Mounts merely lost a tough contest, by flukes, to the Shoremen.

It has been in the above vein that Washington College's feats on the gridiron have been chronciled this year, with the locals getting no credit for scoring more points than their opponents—which is really what wins football games. On the other hand, in the Hopkins and Mt. St. Mary's games, it has been too bad according to Baltimore's press, that the Shoremen could sneak across a victory. I wonder if, when the season is over, and Washington has clipped off wins against all her opponents, the Baltimore newshounds will find cause to point a devastating finger at us and say that all of them were lucky breaks. We wouldn't put it pass them.

We were pleased to learn this week of the action of the Board of Visitors and Governors in voting to resume the holding of the Annual Eastern Shore Track and Field Championships at Washington College. We have always been interested in the run and jump game, and know that among the high schools of this section it is a major sport.

The decision, too, to have a track team at Washington this spring, will create interest among prospective students on the peninsula.

It looks as though basketball fans will view Washington College's Flying Pentagon in new surroundings this season. Plans to use the Chestertown Armory as the home court are progressing rapidly. Such a step will not only give the Shoremen a regulation-size playing court here, which will attract opponents who have steered away from games here, but it will provide seating capacity for two thousand spectators. With such a capacity there will not be the old fight for seats, which kept so many from the gymnasium on the Hill. Now, or when the armory is put in use, everyone can have a perfect viewpoint without worrying about. it.

Delaware, Washington's natural rival on the gridiron and opponent for the last game of the season, ran into a snag last weekend, when the Blue Hens tackled Lebanon Valley. The Pennsylvanians turned back the cacklers to the tune of 27 to 0; which victory completely fooled the local dopesters.

That a winning football team draw the crowds can be proved this afternoon up at Washington College, where the authorities are expecting a capacity crowd to see the Shoremen meet Susquehanna. Give a fan a winner he can back and he'll be yelling his head off. You'd better get there early.

The playing of Gibby Young in Washington's backfield has certainly kept abreast with the confidence which his uncles, the two "Guts" Youngs, have placed in him. Both former football stars at Washington, the Uncles "Guts" will be on deck today to see their nephew perform.

Football Game, Dance Dinner For Alumni Gathering Here

Washington Favored Over Susquehanna

The annual Home-Coming festivities are under way up at Washington College today, with old grads, young grads, tall grads and short grads gathered from hither and yon to mingle on the historic old campus to renew old friendships and see Washington College's rejuvenated football team play Susquehanna University.

Throughout the entire day, beginning this morning, activity of all kinds will keep the crowds interested on the Hill. The feature of the day, of course, will be the football game, which will start at 2.30 on Kibler Feld. Washington College, fresh from its victories over Gallaudett, Hopkins and Mt. St. Mary's, is primed to add Susquehanna to the string; while the Pennsylvanians will strive to break the Shoremen's winning streak.

The Mt. St. Mary's game, played last Saturday, was completed without serious injury to any of Coach Ekaitis boys, and this week strenuous work has been given to the perfection of Washington's offense. That a close game will be fought is forecast by Susquehanna's win over Haverford, which held Hopkins to a 7 to 0 victory a few weeks ago.

One of the features of the day will be the presence of the high school boys and girls of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, who have been invited to attend this game as the guests of Washington College. At the same time that this invitation was announced it was stated that a get-togther dinner would be held following the game for alumni athletes of the college. This dinner, under the direction of Harry S. Russell, will be held at the Chestertown restaruant, at five-thirty this afternoon. All Washington male alumni are invited to attend.

Tonight, in the gymnasium, an informal dance will be held for college students and visiting alumni and friends. Word has been received from alumni throughout the Eastern States who expect to be back on the "Hill" today. Former Washingtonians from as far north as Waterbury, Conn., will be present today, and even the redoubtable Eddie Keenan, behemoth of the gridiron, will be present.

Getting back to the football game, Washington College is favored to defeat Susquehanna this afternoon in the annual clash between these elevens on Kibler Field. The defeat of Mt. St. Mary's by the Shoremen last week-end, while not a surprise, was a pleasant realization, and it added much confidence to the coaches and squad. Susquehanna, however, is not being considered lightly, and they are a team which must be met and defeated to keep clean Washington's gridiron record. Judging by past performances Delaware is the most formidable of all Washington's future opponents, and it is the fighting desire of the Shoremen to go through the season unscratched so that the Blue Hens can be met and conquered to complete an unblemished season. To do this Susquehanna is the first on the list to be vanquished, and this afternoon will tell the story.

DO YOU RECALL

..**WHEN** it has not been many years ago since the only way of making a fire was by the flint and tinder, and the first matches we can remember were made on a solid block of wood and you broke them off as you needed them. Then came the old sulphur variety, humorously known as "seven-day matches."

WHEN chestnut treets were plentiful in the fields and woods of the county, and in the fall of the year gay parties of men, women and children could be seen gathering these delicious nuts? A few years ago a blight of some sort attacked these trees and has nearly exterminated them.

WHEN thirty-six States ratified the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution, and we were assured that jails and poor houses would be of no further use and an era of peace and prosperity would dawn upon the country? Only a few years have elapsed and we find these same States falling over each other in an effort to repeal it, and the end is not yet.

WHEN the tall hats, sometimes called "stove pipe" or beaver hats (and we can recall an old colored woman who designated them as "long hats") was the favorite headgear for professional men and ministers? They have about disappeared at this time and any one appearing on the street in one of these "toppers" would look odd.

Kent's Oyster Industry To Be Restored By Gov. Ritchie To Its Former Eminence

Governor Ritchie Makes Most Important Statement Regarding The Rehabilitation Of The Oyster Bars Of The Entire State—Great Enthusiasm Expressed.

The salvation of the oyster industry of Maryland is embodied in the speech of Governor Richie recently. It is the biggest thing for the watermen that has been promulgated in tewnty years, and from the water sections have come great acclaim and much enthusiastic approval.

Here in the tidewater sections of Kent and Queen Anne's hopeful feeling is expressed by the water interests. It is believed that the plans embodied in the Governor's speech will do more to bring the oyster industry back to its former prominence than anything else suggested in many previous years. He said:

The condition of the oyster industry in this State is rebected in the comparative figures given in detail in the Annual Report of the Conservation Department for 1933, on Page 131.

In 1920 the production of

Maryland oysters was .....4,959,962 bushels
In 1933 is was .....1,805,118 bushels

Showing a decrease of .....3,154,844 bushels

This decrease in production was naturally accompanied by a material decrease in the number and wages of those following the industry as a livelihood, forcing many of them out of employment, and it has seriously affected also the business of numerous merchants, storekeepers and others who are largely or entirely dependent upon the oyster industry for their living.

If the decrease in production goes on much further the industry cannot survive. It is very near the botton now, and unless the downward trend is stopped, there are competent judges who believe that in a few years it will simply cease to exist. In any event, the industry is a very sick patient. and favorable and cheering publicity will not save it. What is needed is a plan adequate to effect the cure.

The Legislature of 1929 adopted some very comprehensive oyster legislation. The underlying policy was shell and oyster planting on the natural bars of the State. This policy was put into effect, and it was hoped that it would rehabilitate the industry. Experience since has shown that the policy is sound, but that it was not undertaken on a sufficiently extensive basis.

The plan I now propose may not meet the approval of everybody. No plan will. But all things considered and all allowances made, I think it is the plan which offers the greatest assurance of success, and it embodies the best thought and recommendations of those engaged in the industry.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, I AM NOT ONE OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRIVATE LEASING OF THE NATURAL OYSTER BARS OF THE STATE. My attitude about this is well known, and is stated in the platforms on which I have run for the Governor before, as well as in our present platform, and in my Messages to the Legislature.

The plan here submitted is based upon our present platform plank in regard to planting, and more definitely is as follows:

1. The production which should be our goal for a rehabilitated oyster industry is not less than 5,000,000 bushels a year.

2. Shell planting should be continued on the public bars, but we should concentrate much more on the planting of seed oysters, because they will reach marketable size earlier. The number of seed oysters planted under existsing laws was helpful to many areas, but far too few to replenish the oyster supply in general. The aim should be to plant as promptly as possible up to 3,000,000 bushels of seed oysters. While estimates vary, well informed people in the industry believe that this amount of seed oysters plus the oysters on the bottoms now, should yield an annual production of about 5,000,000 bushels, which would replenish the industry.

The seed areas at the head of the Chesapeake Bay and in the tributaries should be extended for future transplanting.

3. It is not probable that so many seed oysters can be found in Maryland waters. It is true that many packers and watermen dispute this, and estimate the supply in the seed areas at from five to ten million bushels or more.

On the other hand, more conservative authorities estimate the seed oysters available for transplanting at a considerably smaller amount, and should this be the case, then the additional seed oysters would have to be obtained from the seed areas of other States.

The success of the plan, however, depends upon the quantity of seed oysters transplanted, so every effort must be made to secure the maximum number of seed oysters which are available and suitable for planting in Maryland waters.

4. The transplanting would be a very large undertaking, and would furnish much needed employment to dredgers and tongers.

5. The transplanting should be done between March 15, 1935 and June 15, 1935. Informed people believe that if this is done the new oysters can be harvested next Fall or early Winter. More conservative opinion is that they should not be harvested until the Fall or early Winter of 1936.

6. The cost of this planting program would probably approximate $500,000. Every effort would be made to induce the Federal Government to share this.

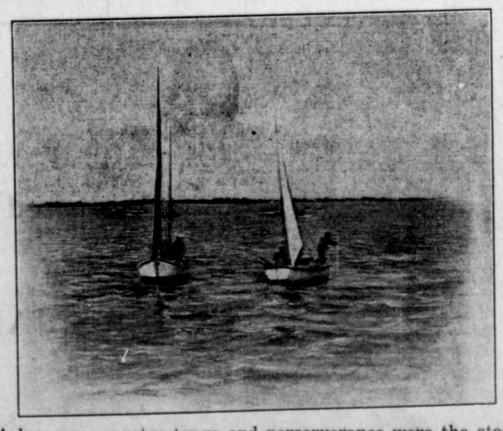
7. There must be strict enforcement of the Cull Law, with an adjustment of the leeway, if necessary.

The above is a very extensive plan, a major undertaking. It involves factors which must be worked out with judgment, skill and experience. It requires, almost above exerything else, a high degree of cooperation and mutual confidence between the different branches of the industry and the Conservation Department.

It is no secret that this does not exist now to the extent that it should. There is no need to discuss this situation at the present time, but in the near future full consideration will be given to the advisability of some REORGANIZATION OR NEW SET-UP WITHIN THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE CARRYING OUT THE PLAN PROPOSED.

In this connection, it seems to me that the quite different functions of the conservation of commercial seafood, on the one hand, and of game and inland fish on the other, which are now combined, could be separated to the mutual benefit of both, as I understand is already done in Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and other States.

The Good Old Days



A log canoe, oyster tongs and perserverance were the stocks-in-trade of Chester River oystermen in the good old days when sails were the only motive power. The above scene, taken more than twenty-five years ago on one of the numerous Chester River bars, depicts the search for the lowly bivalve. There's not much difference between this scene and the present method of catching them. The sails on the log canoe have given away to gasoline motors, but oystering is still a back-breaking task with the many-footed tongs.