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EASTERN SHORE BLOC REPORTED IN LEGISLATURE

Combine By Nine Countie To Obtain Appropriations Sought

SENATOR M'DANIEL BALK

Annapolis, Feb. 27—Formation o an Eastern Shore bloc, which has been in process here for the last two weeks but well under cover, is attracting considerable attention. The plan seems to be a pooling of interests by the nine Eastern Shore counties to secure appropriations from the State Treasury. So far, only the senators from the counties across the bay have taken part in the conferences, although some of the members of the house of delegates have been consulted.

Last night the promoters held a meeting lasting from 8 o'clock until midnight, but the movement seems rather to have been retarded than accelerated. This is said to have been due partly to the refusal of Senator McDaniel, of Talbot county, to go into the combine and partly because several of the members had contracted "cold feet".

Shore Boulevard Involved

It is said the plan involved an arrangement under which each of the nine counties should receive a stake in the "grab", as some here have called it. Senator Towers, of Caroline county and Senator Roe, of Queen Anne's county, are sponsors of a bill to authorize a state loan of $750,000 for a road to be known as the Balti-More-Eastern Shore boulevard. Those counties, it is asserted, were to accept the granting of that loan as their share.

It is intimated that it was thought best that all Eastern Shore counties should share in the feast of gold that was to flow from the state's credit, and an arrangement was made that Senator should select his plum.

Reported Apportionment

Senators Roe and Towers, representing Caroline and Queen Anne's—$750,000 for the Baltimore-Eastern Shore boulevard.

Senator Lankford, of Somerset—$100,000 for a road from Princess Anne to Deal's Island.

Senator Harrison, of Worcester—$100,000 for jetties at Ocean City.

Senator Cooper, of Kent—A bridge over Chester river, costing approximately $150,000.

Senator Adkins, of Wicomico—$200,000 for the State Normal school at Salisbury and $50,000 for a bridge at Salisbury.

Senator Byrn, of Dorchester—$100 000 for a road and bridge, the latter at Cambridge.

Senator Cantwell, of Cecil—Abolition of tolls on the Havre de Grace bridge. These now run to about $160,000 a year, not nearly all of which, of course, are paid by residents of Cecil.

Senator McDaniels Balks

Now for the diagnosis of the "cold feet."

The first chill came, according to reports, when Senator McDaniel said his county wanted nothing but simple justice and did not propose to go into any "log-rolling scheme". Then Senator Byrn is reported to have said that he had consulted some of his people and that sentiment seemed to be strong against any increase in the tax rate. Senator Cooper is quoted as having said that he had conferred with John N. Mackall, chairman of the State Roads Commission, who had said there was no possibility of the Chester river bridge being built in the near future. Then it was discovered that Senator Lankford was lukewarm regarding the bloc, and that Senator Cantwell, who was the only absentee last night, had already made an arrangement for commutation bridge tickets for residents of Cecil and Harford counties and was not so much interested as he might have been.

The attitude of the bloc at present is said to be one of watchful waiting.

Young People Enjoy Social

The Young People's Division of the Church of the Brethren held a very enjoyable social at the church on Friday night. Mr. S. F. Rairigh of Baltimore and Dr. C. A. Whisler gave interesting talks, followed by clever stunts and games, including Bible base ball. About 45 were present. Refreshments consisting of punch and cake were served.

MARCH

By THE CRACKER

March comes in with bluff and blus er, like the senate going amuck oes extremes with fickie gusto, lamb ke capers, broncho bucks. Balm eezes, dashing showers, untame ephyrs swept and wail, alternatin weet and sour; beams of sunshine blizzard, gale. Spring and Winter utumn, Summer, mixed up in one ecipe; cavorting like a well-tanke ummer on a white horse jamboree Yet this boisterous introduction's bu the harbinger of Spring; soon wil pass its noisome ruction, soon the birds blithely sing, and all Nature will be springing forth in all its beauty rare; and its buds and blossoms flinging fragrant perfume everywhere. March may be somewhat unpleasant, with its inconsistent grind, and its winds which keep you guessing where your hat is going to land; still it has its genial features with its storm clouds and its sting, 'Tis the winding up of winter and the herald of the Spring.

THE COUNTRY BOY'S ADVANTAGES

A "Boy Wanted" ad in a daily paper in a large city sometimes brings to a store, factory or office a hunderd or more applicants.

A rural youth was once surprised by being picked out of a crowd of job seekers and brought into the presence of the boss.

"You are from the country, are you not?"

The question embarrassed the country lad, because the jokebooks had made him feel that being from the country is somehow a joke, if not a disgrace, in the eyes of the city man. However, he was caught with the goods" and confessed that he was—in fact, that he came right off the farm.

"I thought so—that's why I want you," said the boss, and before the farmer boy had recovered from his surprise he found himself started in a job which eventually led to genuine success.

In the first year he found out why the employer wanted country boys. He found this out by watching the employees who came and went in the establishment. The employer needed boys and men who would tell the truth whether it appeared to be to their advantage or not. He needed employees who were not "color blind," but could tell the difference between their own money and the firm's.

He needed workers who worked, whether they were watched or not, and who were not afraid to stay on the job an hour longer when an hour meant a lot to the firm.

From long experience he had found that he could rely upon a country boy more safely than upon a city boy. Some city boys were honest and industrious, and some country boys dissappointed him, but the average of good employees was higher among those who had grown up in the country.

The employer explained it by saying the country boy was used to getting up early because he had chores to do before school. He was satisfied to work later because he was used to doing some more chores after the main part of the day's work was done

His pay seemed larger because he knew how to make a dollar go father. The opportunities appeared larger because he compared them with what jobs offered in country stores and village offices. And he was truthful and honest as a matter of habit.

And another thing, the country boy would go to night school and prepare himself for bigger positions, while the city boy was squandering time and money in the stores and in cheap theatres.

One thing the boss said he could not understand and that was why country boys left the country. He said the production of food was the biggest game in the world and the most profitable if a man mixed brains with his labor. Practically all of the most sucessful mem he knew, he said, were planning to go back to the country some time and live on farms. Why didn't they stay there and make their success there in the first place? Any country boy could answer him. It is because of the loneliness of the country. The country boy reads of the great sights of the city, the great men there and the great opportunities there, until everything in the country seems small by comparison. He wants to see and do greater things, to be associated with the big men in their big enterprises.

And any country boy over twelve years of age can do that, beginning right now. He can join an organization with over half million members, among them Calvin Coolidge, Hon. William H. Taft, Dan Beard, Dillion Wallace, Anthony Fiala and scores of others. He can work with them and make a name for himself without leaving home. When he does go to visit the city he can find brother Scouts everywhere who will welcome him.

LAW AND LEADERSHIP

EDGAR A. GUEST

He who is wise is the strength of the fool, the strong is the guide to the weak,
As a man and his wife we are bound in our race and one common glory we seek.
And the law is our tie and who laughs at the bond or shrinks from the duty it asks,
Shall find with the morning the men of the field, unwilling to go to their tasks.

For all was it written, the great and the law, for the dull and the wise is it said,
This you must do for the good of our land and this is the path you must tread.
And the rich man, the great man, the wise man who sneers and turns to an easier way
Shall find with the morning the men of the field unwilling the law to obey.

High the example the great man must set, wise deeds must come from the wise,
Much must be done by the man who has much or all of his glories are lies.
And if wise men shall scoff at the law of the land it must follow as night follows day
That the men of the field, seeing all that you do, shall also refuse to obey.

You, who are leaders, must lead to what's best or our nation goes down in depsair;
If you shall venture to scorne of the law, your people will follow you there.
They see what you do and they know what you are, and if to the law you're untrue,
You shall find, with the morning, the men of the field, betraying our country as you.

NEAR EAST RELIEF CAMPAIGN

The second week of the Near East Relief campaign in Caroline county has brought the cash receipts up to $440. To this will be added the credits for contributions of wheat, corn, potatoes, etc., as well as bundles of clothing and shoes brought in by the bundle day drives.

Mrs. Evelyn Harris spoke at Concord church last Sunday morning and received contributions amounting to $33.77. In the afternoon she spoke at Chestnut Grove where the collection amounted to $9.51. On Monday evening a moving picture show at Federalsburg netted the cause $43.88 and on Wednesday evening the picture and lecture at Preston brought in $40.18.

The contributions of clothing and food have been very generous. There are still a few days left of the bundle campaign, which closes Wednesday, March 5. These contributions should be sewed up in burlap bags, and if delivered to the bread trucks running between Baltimore and this county they will be taken directly to the Baltimore headquarters free of charge. Contributors who cannot load them on the trucks may send their bundle to the office of the county agent in Denton, from which they will be properly forwarded. All bundle contributions should reported to the county chairman, Mr. F. Baynard, Denton, so that they may be credited on the county quota. These contributions are just as important as the cash donations and everyone has something that can be easily spared and that will be of great help to the little ones in the Near East.

G. O. P. Women in Conference

Washington, Feb. 21.—Republican women of Maryland are making head way in the organization of their national campaign committee, according to Mrs. W. Bladen Lowndes, of Roland Park, Baltimore, associate members of the Republican National Committee for Maryland. She was in Washington today to confer on campaign plans with Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, vice-chairman of the Republican National Executve Committee.

Congressional district chairmen are being selected. They, in turn, will select county chairmen. County chairmen will name their district chairmen and these their precinct chairmen. Republican study clubs also are being organized by Maryland women.

SHORE CAN CO. BANQUETS STOCKHOLDERS AT HURLOCK ON 22D

On Friday, February 22d, the annual meeting of the stockholders and friends of the Eastern Shore Can Company was held at Hurlock. At 10:30 the stockholders met in Harper's Hall, and after hearing a statement of the condition of the company, which showed that 1923 was the best year in the history of the company, re-elected the old board of directors.

Then at 12 o'clock the stockholders and the invited guests of the company, numbering at least 200, met in the warehouse of the company. Chincoteague oysters were served on the half shell, in stews, or fried, and eveything else was at hand that goes with an oyster feast..

After all had been served, Mr. Walter M. Wright, president of the company, asked for attention while he presented Mr. W. D. Corddrey, of Snow Hill; Mr. Geroge Woolford, of Cambridge; Mr. C. M. Freeman, Secretary of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, Senator Orlando Harrison of Berlin; Mr. W. F. Gardner, Traffic Manager for Chamber of Commerce, Salisbury.

The two themes emphasized in the addresses were co-operation and home buying.

After Mr. Gardner's speech the meeting adjourned and all voted it the largest and most enjoyable of all the meetings the Can Company has held so far.

All parts of the Shore were well represented, among those present being men from as far north as Sudlersville, as far south as Girdletree, and as far east as Georgetown.

The officers of the Eastern Shore Can Company are: President, Walter M. Wright, Preston; Vice President, George M. Woolford, Cambridge; Secretary and Treasurer, S. O. Neal, Hurlock; General Manager, A. V. Neal, Hurlock.

The directros, in addition to Mr. Wright, Mr. Woolford and Mr. A. V. Neal, named above, are Elbert Douglas, Preston; Senator E. Dale Adkins, and Walter Disharoon, Salisbury; J. R. Phillips, Berlin; Charles E. Simpson, Trappe; Guy LeCompte and Russell P. Smith, Cambridge; J. P. Harris and Harvey Parrott, Preston; H. H. Nuttle, Hobbs; Robert Jarrell, Jr., Goldsboro; Senator L. B. Towers, Denton.

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!!

Whenever you know of some item of importance, whether only a personal or a big story, we would greatly appreciate it if you would send it in or call Denton 20 and tell us over the phone. Whenever a death occurs in your neighborhood, or a couple gets married, a house or a barn of a neighbor burns, or some accident, let us know about it and we will be glad to put it in the paper. Our effort is to make this the best paper for news in the county and you can help by giving us the news.

CONCORD CHURCH PUTS IN ELECTRICITY

Concord Church has been improved by the addition of electric lights. We say without fear of contradiction that Concord Church is the best lighted church in Caroline County. It would pay any church officials to visit this church, who are considering a lighting system. A Westinghouse electric lighting plant has been installed. These plants are second to none, and so simple that a child can operate them.

The parsonage is also lighted by electricity, which makes it an ideal home for the pastor and his family. The present pastor has served this charge for two years, and in that time many improvements have been made. We must remember that there are two sides to life; spiritual and temporal. We cannot neglect one without neglecting the other; both are essential.

Some of the improvements to the church property are as follows: The church hsa been beautified by metal walls artistically decorated; a new pipeless heater has been placed in a new cellar made especially for the purpose. In the coldest weather the church is comfortable. Cement walks have been laid in the yard at the parsonage. We are not ashamed to invite anyone to look over the property. Most of the work has been done by the pastor's own hand. He feels it his part and duty to care for the property as much as though it were his own. Many dollars have been saved by his doing the repair work. The camp-meeting grounds will be lighted by electricity this year, which will add greatly to the comfort and convenience of the public.

The pastor, Rev. C. H. Atkins, has not asked for a single improvement but what the people have willingly agreed to . It is his delight to keep things in order. There is in the community a church-going people; it isn't anything unusual to have a hundred or more at the morning service. This gives encouragement to the pastor as well as inspiration; he doesn't have to preach to empty pews. It is doubtful whether there is another country church as well attended in the county as is old Concord. Many country churches are struggling along, but here the church is alive and up and doing. There is a crowd of young people who take an active part in the church work. The pastor has been invited to return for another year. Concord is going forward. We must remember that the church of tomorrow must depend on the young people of today. The one great trouble with so many churches is that they do not give the youth an opportunity. If the church of today had a broader vision, the future church would fulfil its missions. We are glad to say that Concord is catching that vision; a new day is dawning for this wide-awake people.

So many people wonder why the preachers are not like they used to be. We cannot live today as our forefathers lived. Their way was all right in their day, but we are living in a new day. Greater responsibilities are about us and this people, realizing this, are going forward with a progress that will be noticed by all. We are proud of the church and its people.

A MEMBER

SALISBURY MEN TO SPEAK BEFORE BOARD OF TRADE

Messrs. W. T. Gardner, traffic manager, and C. M. Freeman, secretary, of the Chamber of Commerce, Salisbury, will address the regular monthly meeting of the Denton Board of Trade this evening in the rooms on the second floor of the Carter block at 7 p. m. These men are progressive, wide awake speakers who will make suggestions during the course of their talks, which will help the Denton Board of Trade in its new undertaking.

JOHN L. HIGNUTT

John L. Hignutt, of Adamsville, died Monday at the age of 70 years at his home. Three sisters and two brothers survive: Mrs. Peter Evernham, Mrs. Dora Dixon, and Mrs. George Chaffinch; and Messrs. Warner and Charles Higgnutt, all of Concord.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. and interment in Bloomery cemetery, the Rev. C. H. Adkins, officiating.

DOLLAR DAY PROVES TO BE BIG SUCCESS

Tuesday, February 26th, or in other words, "Dollar Day" in Denton was a big day. People from all over Caroline and even from other counties were present to take advantage of the dollar day bargains.

This day was made possible by the efforts of the newly formed Board of Trade of the town and the organization feels well repaid for its efforts. The big object of the day was not only to offer to the public, but to show to the people and other towns, that Denton is wide awake.

One of our merchants said that the people responded exceptionally well and if the day could have been made a greater success it was not any fault of the people, but because the merchants could have made more offers.

We have not heard of any merchant who did not do as much business as he had hoped for and without exception, it is thought, every one did more than they had counted on.

Notwithstanding the snow of the previous night, which in the early morning looked as though the weather was against the merchants, the sun came out bright and clear and the snow soon melted away and made everybody bright and cheerful.

The American Union was gratified at the returns received from dollar day.

Chevrolet Caught Fire Saturday

Much excitement was caused Saturday night about 11 o'clock when Mr. W. R. Gregg's Chevrolet caught fire cloge to the gasoline tank at the Farmer's Supply Company's store. Shortly after the car was filled with gas and oil, young Mr. Gregg rushed into the store crying out that the car was on fire and when he lifted the top the flames shot up almost as high as the building. The manager, seeing the danger of explosion of the gas tank, and the ignition of the building rang in the alarm to the fire company which was answered by several members of the squad.

The manager and clerks ran for feed bags which they packed as best they could around the engine, and after packing well they threw water over it, putting out the fire.

For a while it looked as though the car would be entirely destroyed, but it was only disabled for the time, owing to the presence of mind of those near the fire.

GREENSBORO MAN WINS PH. D. AT JOHNS HOPKINS

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pentz Attended Commemoration Day Exercises There Last Friday

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pentz were visitors in Washington and Baltimore last week. On Friday they attended the forty-eighth Commemoration Day of Johns Hopkins University, at which time Mr. Walter R. Smith, formerly of Greensboro, Md., received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

While taking his work at the university, Mr. Smith has been on three geological survey tours for the government, leading the one last year in the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, Alaska. He has accepted a permanent position offered him by the government, and is located in the Interior Department at Washington.

640 MILES OF STATE ROADS IMPROVED IN LAST 4 YEARS

Six hundred and forty miles of road in Maryland have been improved dufing the last four years, according to a quadrennial report issued yesterday by the State Roads Commission. With this additional mileage, the state now has a total of 22,000 miles of improved roads, the report states.

A map and charts also made public yesterday by John N. Mackall, chairman of the State Roads Commission, show that from 1917 to 1922 the daily average of vehicles using state roads increased from 258 to 579 a mile.

Mr. Mackall said it had been and would continue to be the policy of the commission to construct and improve roads that form a direct aid to the transportation of the state. Road work requested merely because it would increase the value of adjacent property will be refused, he said.

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