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Dr. Byrd Victor in Vote Recount in County

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skaggs moved into their new home last week.

Mrs. Avis Cole and Mrs. Mabel Paswater spent Wednesday atOcean City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walls of My Lord's Gift entertained Mr. andMrs. Frank Vraklic and children of Baltimore.

Rev. and Mrs. Hughes left on Tues day to spend a vacation in N.J. and Pa.

Mr. Charles R. Saddler of Baltimore was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Milton Anthony arrived home on the 23rd now discharged from the U.S. Air Force. Milton spent 3 years in England and was recently stationed at Oklahoma. This was a memorial day for both Milton and his mother, who celebrated joint birthdays on that date.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowen and daughter Peggy Lee and Miss Linda Griffith left on Sunday evening for Clarksburg, W.Va. to bring home Georgia Carol Bowen, who has been vacationing with her grandparents.

Mrs. Marian Collier and children and Mrs. Jeanette Wehberg and daughters motored to Virginia over the wekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Higdon and children spent Monday with Mrs. Jeanette Wehberg and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. William Doehring and sons of Baltimore were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. George Steinfelt and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reese visited Miss Martha Dietrich in Cambridge on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Swann are entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ginn of Washington, D.C., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linden Brittingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeblan Hunter and son, Mrs. Hyland and two grandsons all of Pasadena, Md., and Mrs. Myrtle Parks of Grasonville, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cozza and daughter, of Lynhurst, N.J., have been vacationing with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas this past week.

Miss Jean DeJessa is spending two weeks in Lynhurst, N.J., with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cozza.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Baker and Mrs. Clara Thomas, attended the trotting races at Cambridge over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Prettyman of Easton, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anthony.

Mrs. Charles Schelberg and son Eo and Mrs. James Booker spent Tuesday in Wilmington, Del., with Mrs. C.L. Combs.

Edwin Seward of Miami, Fla., visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Skaggs on Saturday.

Miss Vickie Schulz of Chester, spent the weekend with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Pinder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buckle and children, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Blanche Schmidt of Denton.

Little Diana Buckle is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buckle of Ridgely.

Mrs. John Edenfield and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thorington of Baltimore, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Delahay.

Mrs. Mary Morris is visiting her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Harris of Chester.

Grasonville

Mrs. Carroll Collier and children are spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walnisley a' Peverly, Va.

Mr .and Mrs. Winifred Clevenger and children motored to Crofton, Ky. last week to spend sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E Croft.

Mrs. Jessie Ireland gave a surprise party at her home last Wednesday evening in honor of her neice, Miss Lulu Wilson and her son, Frances Ireland on their birthdays. Relatives and friends were present. They received many useful

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Answer to Last Week's Article Headed "Read This"

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Editor
The Queenstown News
Queenstown, Maryland
Dear Sir:

In an article appearing in the last issue of your newspaper, in which you report the arrest of three youths in South Carolina in connection with the breaking ,entering and larceny at J.G. Messick's filling station in Queenstown, you asked the following: "What is the State's Attorney doing about it? What are his duties?"

I would first like to tell you what has been done .Trooper 1st Class Marlin S. Clevenger, Maryland State Police, who was the investigating officer, spent a large amount of time running out all possible leads after the case was assigned to him. Suspects were questioned and eliminated. Sometime later ,word was received from authorities in South Carolina that three 17 year old Florida youths had been apprehended there while attempting to steal an automobile.

In the course of questioning there these youths admitted a larcency near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge on or about the date in question and also admitted stealing an automobile from Wilmington ,Delaware about the same time. The goods found in their possession at the time of their arrest seemed to answer the description of the goods stolen from Mr. Messick.

The Wilmington, Delaware authoorities refused to extradite the youths ,and they were then charged with violation of the Federal Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicles Act before the U.S. Commissioner at Florence, South Carolina.

In reference to whether Queen Anne's County should extradite these youths, there are three factors involved: 1. It is not known whether the Federal authorities would waive their jurisdiction and release the youths to us before any trial in South Carolina. 2. It is not known definitely whether these youths are positively the ones who broke and entered Mr. Messick's. 3. Assuming that the Federal authorities would release them to us for extradition and also assuming that our police could get from them a more definite statement implicating them, there is the question of whether Queen Anne's County should spend the funds necessary to extradite, incarcerate and prosecute them.

On Tuesday, last I appeared befor the County Commissioners and asked them if they would make the funds available, if they could be extradited. Before seeing them, I called the Pennyslvania Railroad office and ascertained that first class (not Pullman) fares from Washington, D.C. and return for two officers and the three prisioners would amount to $122.00. This did not include travel to Washington, D.C., lodging and meals .

I gave the Commissioners all the facts and they would not make the funds available because they felt that it would cost the County several hundreds of dollars to extradite, incarcerate pending trial and prosecute. The prosecution would probably include the cost of paying the fees of court assigned attorneys to represent the defendants.

The Commissioner further pointed out that if they were convicted and sentenced, that it would cost the State of Maryland several thousands of dollars. However, they did say that their decision would be otherwise if the Federal authorities or other authorities did not prosecute.

Further answering your questions, I should like to point out that the County Commissioners and the Sheriff are constitutional elected officials, and I cannot presume to tell them what to do. In addition, it is the order of the Commissioners that neither the Sheriff nor I shall extradite any prisoner without first obtaining the sanction of the Commissioners ,who must make the

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Howard Wood III, Named To Probe Votes

Chief Judge William R. Horney of the Second Judicial Circuit last Friday, appointed 37-year-old Howard Wood, III, a Centreville attorney, as a special prosecutor concerning the alleged vote-buying said to have taken place during the Democratic primary election in Queen Anne's County on June 28.

Judge Horney in his order of court said "Howard Wood III, will perform the duties of the state's attorney of Queen Anne's County in conducting any and all investigation and, or prosectution concerning violations o fany of the election laws either before, during or after the primary election day. He will be known as "state's attorney protempore."

Mr. Wood is a Democrat and has been practicing law in Queen Anne's County for the past 10 years. He has never run for public office.

The long drawn out recount "ended last Friday night with Dr. H.C. Byrd declared the winner by a slim 22-vote margain.

At that time Hyman A. Pressman chief attorney for George P. Mahoney, requested that the Board of Election Supervisors withhould their report to the State Canvassers Board until he could obtain more evidence on the vote-buying charges.

Pressman allegedly has six affidavits from persons in Queen Anne's county who supposedly were paid to vote for the Byrd ticket.The election supervisors met Saturday, immediately were sworn in as a board of canvassers, made their report of the recount and filed it with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The final official count on the gubernatorial race gave Byrd, 1,835, against Mahoney's 1,813.

In the unofficial figures Byrd carried the county by 53 votes.

The board also stated that the 14-day unprecedented post-election recount would cost the county approximately $1,800. Mr. Mahoney who asked for the recount, had posted a $1,000 bond. His money will be returned because there was a nine per cent change in the official total. The law states any charge of two per cent or more must be paid by the county.

2 Saved In Bay as Seaplane Flips on Back

John C. White, 70 of Chester, and his son-in-law, W. Tapley Bennett, Jr., of Washington were rescued from the Chesapeake Bay Sunday afternoon when their seaplane overturned while taking off near Howell Point.

They had flown in the Piper Cub seaplane from Mr. White's Kent Island home to visit his grandson, Tapley Bennett 3d, who is at Echo Hill summer camp, two miles south of Betterton.

Mr. White, who was piloting the plane, said that he was taking off in rough water and could not get up enough speed to clear the water.

Wave Catches Wing-Tip

The rough water made the plane rock, Mr. White said, and one wing tip was caught by a wave. The whole plans flipped over and floated upside down, supported by its pontoons.

Mr. Bennett dived into the Bay and Mr. White climbed onto the plane and stayed there until a motorboat from a nearby Y.M.C.A. camp rescued both men.

Mr. Bennett, who works in the American Republics Division of the State Department, swam around until the boat arrived.

Children Witness Crash

The crash, which occurred in water twenty feet deep, was watched by about 50 excited children from Echo Hill Camp according to Miss Helen Katenback.

Both Miss Katenbach and Carl Waser, another employe of the camp, said that from the beach it looked as though the plane was well clear of the water when it dropped.

The plane, was towed into Betterton and left, still upside-down in the yacht club anchorage at Betterton.

Big Thrill Show Going On At Harrington, Del.

Approximately 10,000 thrill-seekers attended the opening night program of the 35th Kent and Sussex Fair. And thrills aplenty were in evidence as Irish Horan's Hell Drivers risked life and limb in daring auto stunts.

Tuesday all roads lead to Harrington when thefair, truly bigger and better than ever, according to officials, got underway with the traditional observance of Children's Day. All school children will be admitted free. Pony racing was one of the added attractions for the youthful guests.

The State Forestry Department is sponsoring an exhibit on woodland management throughout the week. There will be large photographs illustrating the principles of good management and motion picture films will augument those illustrations.

The exhibit was prepared by and in charge of Walter Korth, service forester of the department, State Forester W.S. Taber said. It depicts good management practices from seeding up to th harvesting of the trees. A different theme is used by the department at the fair each year.

Special Dairy Display

The dairy display loaned by the U.S. Department of Agriculture will stress primarily the importance of culling the dairy herd, more efficient milk production, and methods of balancing supply and demand.

The agronomy exhibit featuring soybeans, of which there are about 70,000 acres in the state, will show a few simple basic steps to crop efficiency.

The entomology display on crop pests will show the common alfalfa and clover insects. Ways to control their growth will also be shown.

Of three home economics displays one will feature small kitchen utensils. Another will include charts which illustrate a good diet to keep normal weight .Information on the normal weight according to height and age will also be given. The third exhibit will be a display of remodeled lamps.

4-H Judging Contest

The state 4-H judging contest will be held on Friday at 10 a.m. Club members 12 years of age and older may judge in clothing, baking, food preservation, vegetable, dairy, poultry and swine.

Fire Destroys Home And Contents on Kent Island

Last Monday afternoon about 1:30 p.m. the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department was immediately summoned to a fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Dillehunt, who live below Matapeake, adjoing the residence of William Easton. When the fire company arrived the house was completely enveloped in flames and the company could only prevent the flames from spreading to adjoining fields, that surround the house. The house and contents were totally destroyed.

The fire was discovered by Raymond Taylor, grandson of Mrs. William Dillehunt, mother of Mr. W.A. Dillehunt ,who has a summer cottage about a hundred feet from the house. The paint on the cottage was scorched somewhat from the heat. Mrs. Dillehunt summoned the fire company.

Mr. William A. Dillehunt was not home at the time, he was at Cordova, where he is employed by the Easkay Co., and his daughter, Lorraine, was in Centreville, where she is employed by Mr. Clayton C. Carter, State's Attorney.

Cause of the fire was not determined.

The fire left Mr. Dillehunt and his daughter with only the clothes they were wearing. The home and contents were covered by insurance.

WENT ADRIFT—14-foot bateau with 7½ h.p. Elgin outboard motor, last Friday evening, July 16. Outboard it attached to boat with oars and anchor. Reward Tilghman McNamee, Queenstown, Md. Phone Queenstown, 4191.

Kent Island Lions Club Exhibits Record

The Kent Island Lions Club last Thursday released the report on the civic group's achievement during the past year. They participated in 20 separate projects, some in connection with other groups.

According to the publicity chairman, C.W. Thomas, the club accomplished the following:

Entered first prize-winning "safety" float in the Kent Island Fire Company parade; completed library project by giving the remainder of $750 to the Stevensville HighSchool library; had Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin as a guest speaker; held "Ladies Night" at Fisherman's Inn; held a Christmas party in cooperation with the Kent Island Fire Company for about 150 local children. Candy, fruit and prizes were distributed; a complete Christmas with food, clothing, fuel oils ,toys, and doctor's service was furnished a needy family.

Gave $25 to the Catholic church to help buy an organ; gave $25 to the Grasonville Methodist Church to help with the reconstruction; gave to the Bar Association for prizes given in an essay contest; gave to the Queen Anne's County Youth Recreation Commission.

Held a "Jack Laird Night" with an award for an outstanding comeback of rehabilitation to Mr. Laird; held a Boy Scout Night with all boys and leaders of the Lions-sponsored troop; held a Farmers Night connection with 4- Night and each Lion invited a non-member farmer as guest to hear Art Hamilton, University of Maryland, speak; held a bingo party to help support Chester and Stevensville street lights; sent a girl to Girl's State in Annapolis; purchased several pairs of glasses for needy persons.

Aided in the Mother's March of Dimes by having a Father's March in rural districts; purchased a hospital bed which is available to persons needing a hospital bed; the fund raising projects for community betterment totaled approximately $2,000.

Mahoney Asks Recount of All Disputed Ballots

Attorneys for George P. Mahoney Monday filed a petition for a writ of mandamus in Queen Anne's county Circuit Court asking for a recount of all disputed ballots in the recount of the June 28 primary completed last week.

J. Thomas Clark, Centreville attorney ,said more than 500 of the 4,000 ballots cast are considered disputed in the petition filed. He said that the different kinds of markings considered as invalidating the ballots by Mahoney attorneys are shown on the petition.

Court Hearing Set

Judge William R. Horney, chief judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, signed a show-cause order directing the Queen Anne's Board of Supervisors of Elections to show cause whether the petition should be granted.

A hearing on the show-cause order was set for Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. in Queen Anne's county Circuit Court.

If the mandamus writ is granted, another hearing will be necessary to determine what marks are admissable as marks which invalidate ballots.

Mr .Clark said that a similiar petition was filed in Talbot county Tuesday where over 200 ballots are in the disputed category.

Following the three week's recount in Queen Anne's, Dr. H.C. Byrd's margin of vcitory over George P. Mahoney had been trimmed to 22 votes, compared to a 53 vote margin after the official canvass.

In Talbot, two weeks of recounting produced only a three-vote change in the official canvass margin between Dr. Byrd and Mr. Mahoney. Dr. Byrd's edge went from 60 to 57.

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Dr. Byrd Victor In Vote Recount

After 16 days of monotonous recount, Dr. H.C. Byrd won the Democratic nomination for governor in Quen Anne'e county by a margin of 22 votes. This compared with the 53-vote margin given by Dr. Byrd in the unofficial count.

The marathon sessions ended at 8:30 Thursday night, several hours after the Talbot recount which also assured Dr. Byrd the nomination in the neighboring county.

The recount sessions were marked by verbal fireworks, highlighted by charges of vote buying. The last ballot counted by the Board of Election Supervisors went to George P. Mahoney, Byrd's opponent for the nomination ,who had requested the recount.

Hyman A. Pressman, chief counsel for Mahoney, said that the latter will file an appeal to the Circuit Court of Queen Anne's County if Dr. Byrd is declared the winner in the board's report.

He made motions requesting that the board withhold its report to the state canvass board for a reasonable length of time and that the board ascertain the costs of the recount.

William C .Walsh ,chief counsel for Byrd, opposed the emotions and urged the board to make a prompt report.

Following a 22-minute argument between both lawyers, the board adjourned without making a decision.

At the afternoon session State's Attorney Clayton C. Carter disqualified himself in the vote buying charges which were bought by Mahoney lawyers last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Pressman had asked Mr. Carter to disqualify himself because he was a candidate for office on the Byrd ticket.

In a letter to Chief Judge William R. Horney, of the Second Judicial Circuit, Mr. Carter stated that inasmuch as he was a candidate for office in the general election in November, that he be disqualified from handling the vote buying charges.

Judge Horney said he would take the matter under advisement and announce a prosecuting attorney.

Mr. Pressman read the second or two affidavits alleging vote buying by the Byrd forces in the primary election in Queen Anne's County.

The president of the county commissioners, Sasper T.Seney ,was alleged to have paid $10 a piece for two votes while another $5 for a vote, according to the affidavits.

Mr. Pressman said he had several affidavits on the charge of buying and selling votes.

Mr. Seney, in response to a question by newsmen last Thursday afternoon, said the statement was "false". He made no other comment.

Mr. Seney, who has been president of the board for the past two years ,lives on a farm near Price, eight miles north of Centreville.

Mr. Pressman also stated that many persons voting in the sixth district, did not live in the district, county, or state.

Queen Anne's Recount To Cost County $1800

Queen Anne's county got some idea Saturday of the bill it will have to foot for the fourteen-day recount of votes cast in the June 28 gubernatorial primary election.

According to the Board of Election Supervisors ,the cost to the county will be about $1,800.

The county is required by law to pay for recounts which uncover a vote change of more than 2 per cent. The number of ballots thrown out here during the recount came to more than 9 per cent.

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