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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Noted Temperance Speaker In Elkton

Dr. D. Leigh Colvin held the Prohibition Rally as scheduled in the Presbyterian Church in Elkton, on Wednesday evening, December 15. As local editors were conspicuous by their absence it falls upon the W. C. T. U. Press reporter to let the county know that those who attended were well repaid and confirmed in their belief that the only solution to the liquor problem is Prohibtion.

Dr. Colvin read from Isaiah 28 the account of the drunkards of Ephraim who were drunk with wine and beer, the only alcoholic beverage known in those times, and who were stamped out in less than a century later because of drunkenness. Other nations have likewise perished which resorted to debauchery.

Where is the United States headed, with the liquor business relegalized, protected and promoted by the government? The conditions under prohibition were not all that was hoped for because the government, part wet and part dry did not adequately attempt to enforce the laws. Now it not only does not enforce regulation but openly and deliberately encourages the people, through a campaign of advertising, appealing to, young and old, men and women, to drink. It offers Government House Rum, made by your money and mine in the Virgin Islands and many other brands of beer, wine and liquors all of which, once it is tasted, is its own salesman because of its habit-forming nature.

We cannot be too thankful that there are people in this country determined not to be made alcoholics and to pass on to their children's children this age old curse. A goodly number of such, from all over the county took time out of a busy week to honor Dr. Calvin by their presence to honor Dr. Colvin by their presence friends of Prohibition.

Elkton Supply Company Entertains Sales Force

The Elkton Supply Company, managed by Harry Crook, entertained their sales force with a turkey dinner at the Glasgow Arms, last evening, about twenty persons being present.

Delaware Fishing Boats To Be Inspected

The Delaware Board of Game and Fish Commissioners expect to begin the inspection of fishing party boats for hire, in February, or shortly thereafter according to a decision made at a meeting of the group in Dover, last week. Plans for this work have been completed resulting from the loss of eight lives in a fishing accident off Bowers Beach last June. Fishing for pleasure dropped off so greatly following the catastrophe, according to Leonard K. Yerger, president of the board, that the commission took upon itself the work of safeguarding the welfare of sportsmen.

G. Clifton Maull, of Lewes, secretary of the commission, will go to Washington next week to confer with Federal authorities in an effort to secure a trained Federal inspector from the boat inspection service.

Visit Friends in Philadelphia

Rev. and Mrs. Albert E. Thomas and daughter, Dorcas June, were business visitors at Allentown, Pa., and Philadelphia, Pa., Monday and Tuesday. They were accompanied to Philadelphia by Mrs. Martin Thomas. While in the city they visited Gererd Golden, a son, who is assistant manager of a Woolworth store.

Thomas to Broadcast Over WDEL

Following are the dates of the radio broadcasts over WDEL by Rev. and Mrs. Albert E. Thomas, which have been requested: January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 5, 1938.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARY FRANCES MILLER

Mrs. Mary Frances Miller, wife of the late Joseph B. Miller, died at the home of her son Preston E. Miller, North East, Md., Tuesday, December 21, at the age of 89 years and 9 days. She is survived by the following children: Ernest S., J. Alfred and Preston E., and two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Biles and Mrs. E. Kirk Brown. Funeral services will be held in the Union M. E. Church, Friday, December 24, at 2 o'clock. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

Kiwanis Hold Meeting At Glasgow Arms

The Kiwanis Club of Elkton, held their regular meeting at the Glasgow Arms last week.

WILLIAM S. GORDY, JR. TO BE IN FIGHT FOR GOVERNORSHIP

State Comptroller To Announce Candidacy After First of Year

William S. Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller, will announce his candidacy for the Democratic Gubernatorial nomination shortly after the first of the year, it was learned yesterday.

Friends of Mr. Gordy, both on the Eastern Shore and in Baltimore, said no definite date for the announcement has been decided upon, although reports have been current in Baltimore that he will enter the contest on January 4, against Mayor Jackson, Herbert R. O'Conor, Attorney General, and Lansdale G. Sasscer, President of the State Senate.

He Lives in Salisbury

The entrance of Mr. Gordy in the race will make two candidates from the counties and two from Baltimore city. Mr. Gordy is a resident of Salisbury, Wicomico county, and Mr. Sasscer comes from Upper Marlboro, Prince George's county.

Shortly after Mayor Jackson announced he would be a candidate for the nomination and before Mr. O'Conor entered the contest, Mr. Gordy's name was prominently mentioned as a Gubernatorial possibility. His friends argued he desired to cap his career in the State service by being elected executive of the State.

Remains Silent

Mr. Gordy, however, remained silent, but, it is understood, kept in close touch with political leaders throughout the State. Developments in the campaign during the past month, it was learned, have caused Mr. Gordy to follow the advice of friends that he announce his candidacy immediately after the Christmas holidays.

It is understood that the announcement originally was planned for the Jackson Day banquet of the Concord Club, at which Howard Bruce, Democratic national committeeman and a supporter of Mr. O'Conor's candidacy, will be the toastmaster. Mr. Gordy was advised, it was reported, to announce at least a week before the banquet so that he could be recognized at the dinner as a full-fledged candidate.

Invited To Dinner

Moreover, Mr. Gordy received an invitation to attend a dinner to be given by six Democratic clubs of Harford county on January 11 at the Bel Air High School. The invitation to Mr. Gordy was interpreted as meaning the Harford county Democrats expected him to attend as candidate for the Gubernatorial nomination. Mayor Jackson, Mr. O'Conor and Mr. Sasscer also received invitations.

Continuing his silence, Mr. Gordy declined to make any comment.

New Candidate To Talk At Jackson Day Dinner

The annual Jackson Day dinner of the Concord Club will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel on January 8, according to John Logan, president of the club and chairman of the banquet committee.

The speakers will include all the Gubernatorial candidates--Mayor Jackson, Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor, Lansdale G. Sasscer and one other candidate "who will announce himself very soon"—according to Mr. Logan. In addition, Senators Radcliffe and Tydings and Representative Palmisano, as well as "a figure of national repute" whose identity will be disclosed later in the week, will speak. Howard Bruce, Democratic National Committeeman from Maryland, will serve as toastmaster.

There will be accommodations for over 1,100 guests at the diner.

North East P. T. A.

The regular monthly meeting of the North East Parent-Teachers Association was held in the High School auditorium, Dec. 16. Members of the senior class presented a one-act play. The choirs of the Methodist and Episcopal Churches, led by Mrs. William Rutter, sang Christmas carols in which the audience joined. After the meeting adjourned, the cafeteria was visited, where the seniors were "at home" and served refreshments.

Bingo Party

Let's play at the Community House in Cecilton, Thursday evening, Dec. 30. at 8 p. m. Sandwiches and coffee, free. Every winner gets a prize. Benefit of Ladies' Aid Society.

Twenty-two Students From Cecil County Attend U. of M.

Twenty-two Cecil County students are attending the University of Maryland during the current semester, according to figures recently released by Alma Preinkert, University registrar.

It was further shown by the report that there are 2,505 students at the College Park campus, and the total, Baltimore students being included, is 3,700.

Students from Cecil County are Charles Astle, Norris Astle, Helen Balderstan, George Bollinger, Ann Carver, Elsie Coles, Nora Crossman, Norborne Hite, Margaret Jack, Wilson Kilby, Sarah McDowell, James Meade, Ralph Meng, Joseph Morris, Joseph Murphy, Hope Reynolds, Roy Robertson, Wallace Sadowsky, Francis Smith, Mary Tomlinson, and Morton Taylor.

HON. LAWRENCE P. WILLIAMS TO ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY FOR STATE COMPTROLLER

Hon. Lawrence P. Williams, of Southern Maryland, for a number of years a member of the House of Delegates and one of the outstanding leaders in the body, a real floor general and parliamentarian, will announce his candidacy or be drafted for the office of Comptroller of the State of Maryland.

Mr. Williams is a man of vast business experience, a former merchant, canner, packer and shipper and one time drafted to serve as County Treasurer of St. Mary's County when the finances of that county were in a chaotic condition. He at that time established a system for the county commissioners and treasurer's office to put the county on a sound financial basis.

He is a fluent public speaker, with graceful Southern manner and has a host of friends throughout the State and makes them wherever he goes.

NEWARK CITIZENS SPLIT IN PARKING SITUATION

Our neighboring town of Newark and the home of the University of Delaware seems to have its parking troubles.

For some time Councilman C. E. Johnson has been sponsoring an ordinance through council for a one-hour parking law throughout the town during the 24 hour period. His attempts have not been successful but he has reached a compromise in that a resolution was passed at the last meeting of the council for one hour parking on the north side of Main street from the college ground to the Farmers Trust Company. On the south side of the street and as in other parts of the town, the three-hour law will be in effect.

Louis Handloff, former councilman and owner of a theatre in Newark, has been an opponent to the one-hour parking law, saying that it is "not a small town need." However he is not opposed to the new resolution which needs two more readings before council before it can become a law. The three-hour law is not being enforced, Mr. Handloff said.

Counterfeit Bills In The State

The Secret Service warned Maryland Christmas shoppers this week to be on the lookout against spurious $10 and $20 bills. Harry Cooper, acting supervising agent, said the bogus $20 bills are distinguishable by the first four serial numbers, 1067, which are spaced farther apart than on the genuine, while the counterfeit $10 bills are marked by a clumsily printed letted "B" preceding the serial number.

Good Roads Bring Christmas Cheer

A Christmas tree laden with tinsel, colored balls and bright lights. Gift packages wrapped in red and green tissue paper and ribbon. Scents of roast turkey and plum pudding emanating from the kitchen. A yule log crackling and glowing in the fireplace with family and friends gathered round it. These are the signs that Christmas has come once again, bringing with it good cheer and good will to men.

Did you ever stop to consider the vitally important part the road plays in your Christmas festivities? In a forest, possibly hundreds of miles from your home, a woodman chopped an evergreen tree, which now forms the center of your celebration. In other woods stood the trees from which your yule log, your holly and your mistletoe were taken. In the country a farmer raised the turkey, the cranberries and the other good things without which no Christmas dinner would be complete. In various factories were produced the toys and other gifts scattered beneath your Christmas tree. In other workshops were manufactured the tinsel, the Christmas seals, the wreaths and the other trimmings which give your home a festive air.

Roads form the link between the producers of all these indispensable Christmas articles and your home. These same roads bring your loved ones back from distant parts to make The Perfect Day.

So, whether you are looking forward with most eagerness to a feast for the eye, in the varied and multi-colored decorations; a feast for the stomach, in the table groaning with savory viands, or a feast for the heart, in the joy of giving and receiving and of having those you love about you, you must agree that good roads are of major importance in your Christmas truly merry.

It is my sincere hope that the roads in your community are equal to the season's demands—that neither farmer nor woodsman nor manufacturer fails, because of impassable roads, to bring his product within your reach, and that no accident on the highways mars the happiness of this yuletide. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Elk Neck Services

Services Sunday, December 26, at Elk Neck charge will be as follows: At Harts, Church School at 9.45 a. m., Epworth League at 7.30 p. m., leader Miss June Crouch, preaching at 8.00 p. m.

Wesley: Church School at 2 p. m.; preaching at 2.30 p. m.

Income Tax Forms Obtainable

Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Guy T. Helvering, announced today that persons having urgent need for Forms 1041, Fiduciary Income Tax Return, for immediate use, may obtain a supply of the original (Salmon) forms, together with instructions (white), by calling at the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue for their districts. These forms are for returns covering the calendar year 1937 or fiscal years beginning in 1937 and ending in 1938.

The duplicate (green) copies of Forms 1041 are not yet available. Collectors will not mail Forms 1041 to any person until the duplicates are available and in no event prior to January 5, 1938, due to the greatly increased volume of mail during the Christmas and New Years Season.

The Commissioner explained that making these returns available at this time was in response to urgent requests from persons required to prepare a large number of returns on Form 1041, who represented that such action would materially facilitate the timely filing of such returns. He also stated that the individual, corporation and partnership income tax return forms would not be available for release or distribution prior to January 5, 1938.

Titantic Survivor Cheats Sea Again

Commander H. G. Lowe, who survived the Titantic disaster 25 years ago, has cheated the sea again.

While boarding his motor launch from a row boat in the river Conway, Wales, a gust of wind blew him into the water between the two boats. His knee boots filled rapidly and were fast pulling him under when a companion grabbed him by the coat collar and pulled him to safety.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through
the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plum danced in their heads;
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter,
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutter, and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below;
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeers,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick!
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by
name.
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer, now Prancer and
Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid, on Donder and Blitzen—!
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky,
So, up to the housetop the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound:
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and
soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes, how they twinkled! His dimples, how
merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plumb—a right jolly old elf:
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself;
A wink of his eyes, and a twist of his head,
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his fingers aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere they drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"