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NO NEW TAXES TO BE LEVIED SAYS O'CONOR

Annapolis, January 3: With assurance from Governor Herbert R. O'Conor that no new taxes would be asked for during the session, and that the policy of gradual elimination of the real estate tax would be pressed, the 1945 session of the General Assembly of Maryland got underway in the State House here today.

Financially, Governor O'Conor pointed out, the State has never been in a sounder position, its credit ranking with the highest among the States of the Country. The present bonded debt of the State, of $27,150,000, reflects a total reduction under his administration of more than $21,000,000, Governor O'Conor emphasized. At the same time, he pointed out that the present real estate and property tax rate is the lowest it has been since the Civil War and that the State has been opearting on a balanced budget throughout the six years of the administration.

Emphasis was laid by Governor O'Conor upon the fact that it has been the constant aim of his administration, especially during the three years of war, that the State's fiscal affairs be administered so as to relieve the burden of taxation upon the citizens of the State to the fullest extent consistent with adequate provision for the demands and possible emergencies of the war.

In meeting this responsibility, Governor O'Conor declared, the administration has not stinted in providing funds for the many actual expenditures growing out of the war, while on the other hand adhering to a strict policy of economy in providing for the noraml peacetime functions of government.

$6,300,00 in Savings

Emergency expenditures arising as the result of the State's participation in the war effort have added substantially to the total cost of administration, the Governor added, but declared that this had been offset largely by reversions to the State Treasury resulting from economies and savings effected in other activities of the State. Each year, it was pointed out at the Executive Offices, efforts for economy in operation of the various departments, agencies and institutions have kept expenditures below the amounts appropriated so that a total of more than $6.300,000 has been reverted to the State Treasury during the six years.

With a healthy surplus assured for the end of the fiscal year on June 30, Goevrnor O'Conor has indicated that he will ask the Legislature to "earmark" a substantial portion of the unencumbered funds for post-war construction purposes, to add to the approximately $2,500,000 already allotted for this purpose and to which the balance of the War and Peacetime Emergency Fund will be added at the close of the fiscal year.

Expansion of public education, health and conservation program will be high on the administration list for the session, Governor O'Conor made plain. Betterment of the Public School System, with increased pay for the State's white and colored teachers, and a program of medical care for the indigent and medically indigent persons of the counties, have been announced by Governor O'Conor and will be implemented with the necessary appropriations, the Governor made known.

Post-War Plans Advanced

Post-war programs will be given the utmost consideration, likewise, Governor O'Conor said, to the end that, should Victory be achieved promptly in Europe, and the beginning of the industrial reconversion bring temporary unemployment to a portion of Maryland's workers, it will be possible to initiate promptly many of the $161,000,000 worth of State, municipal and county construction and highway projects that have been approved by the Maryland Post-War Commission.

A second great "cushion" against any extended period of industrial employment, the Governor pointed out, is the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Fund, totaling $107,000,000. The liberal features of the Maryland Unemployment Compensation law assure maintenance of adequate standards of living even though many thousands of workers might conceivably be out of employment temporarily.

"For the chronically ill, the aged, the juvenile delinquent and the mentally afflicted, provisions already made assure greatly improved care and attention as soon as new construction is possible," the Chief Executive emphasized. "In all phases of industrial, business and civic activities, I believe that Maryland can look forward with every confidence to 1945, and the difficult period that will follow the achievement of Peace."

Firemen Respond To 4 Calls This Week

The Chestertown and Galena volunteer fire companies were called to a fire in Kentmore Park, near Locust Grove on Monday evening, caused by the explosion of an oil stove in a hunter's lodge, which was partially destroyed.

The Galena firemen had the blaze under control when the Chestertown company arrived.

On Tuesday the Fire Company was called to the farm of Mrs. Ethel Mason's in Flatland where a very stubborn chimney fire was brought under control.

Wednesday noon another call came from the Flatland area where a chimney fire was reported on the Misses Nicholson's farm, tenanted by Mr. James Williams.

Wednesday night the Firemen responded to a call at the home of Dr. H. G. Dana, Washington Ave., where another chimney fire was extinguished.

OWI PLEADS FOR USE OF V-MAIL LETTERS

Use of V-mail by civilians in writing to service men overseaas must be stepped up in 1945 to conserve critically needed transport space, the Office of War Information reported today on the basis of facts from the Army and Navy. An intensified campaign urging the public to increase its use of V-mail will be opened January 1, 1945, by the War and Navy Departments with the cooperation of OWI.

While the total volume of Army and Navy V-mail, incoming and outgoing, is almost twice that of 1943, recent drops in the use of the microfilm service by both service men overseas and civilians at home has been of concern to the Army and Navy.

Reasons pointed out by high-ranking officers for the importance of extended V-mail use by the public include:

1. The increase in the numbers of service men now overseas, with a consequent rise in the volume of mail to be handled.

2. The need for the maximum utilization of cargo space of all kinds, especially in air transport.

3. Extension of supply lines as action progresses in both theaters of war.

4. Continuing importance of a steady, frequent flow of letters to service men's morale.

Rear Admiral Joseph R. Redman, U.S.N., Director of Naval Communications, said:

"The Navy V-mail service was inaugurated to supplement and ease the problems of transportation in the establishment of good mail service in wartime. Although the American public has been contributing faithfully in all phases of the war effort, with the crisis at hand, renewed efforts must be expended. The public is asked to share the air-mail space by using V-mail; and in this manner to curtail the present air-mail load, which on occasion backlogs and hinders the goal for which the Navy is striving-getting the biggest morale builder of all—mail—to the largest Navy afloat."

Major Gen. J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General of the Army, pointed out the mail shipping problem:

"With more than 40,000,000 individual pieces of mail being dispatched to American troops overseas every week, it is now more important than ever before that the public use V-mail when writing to American soldiers stationed outside the United States.

"The reason for this is obvious, in that there just is not sufficient cargo space to carry this letter mail by air unless a high percentage of it is in the form of the space—and weight-saving V-mail. The use of V-mail at this time, when we have well over 5,000,000 men overseas, means more and faster letters for our American soldiers, letters which can be carried by air rather than on the slow surface vessels which are otherwise necessary if the volume of mail moving by air is not reduced through the use of V-mail.

"The American public has a direct obligation to our fighting men to see that they get mail often and in as short a time as physically possible under prevailing conditions."

Maj. Gen. F. H. Osburn, Director of the Information and Education Division of the Army Service Forces, stressed letters as morale builders.

"In my various observation trips to overseas theaters," he said, "both in the Pacific and in Europe, I have been much impressed by the great importance of mail from home in keeping up the morale of troops. . . I

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FARM BUREAU HELD MEETING FOR ELECTION

The annual meeting of the Kent County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 29, at the Little Court House in Chestertown. President, Howard S. Leaverton, presided at the meeting.

The following directors were elected to serve for the year of 1945:

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Leaverton, Wm. R. MacCubbin, Walter H. Hadaway, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Walbert, Albert T. Nicholson, Arthur Burris, Wm. A. Bell, Edgar Lusby, Ralph Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ford, Clem A. Davidson, Grover Woodall, Robert Hare, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Newnam.

Mrs. L. A. Sutton was elected chairman associated women of Kent County.

Delegates to State Convention to be held in Baltimore January 9, 10, 11, 12, were H. S. Ford, Clem A. Davidson, B. F. Rash, Wm. A. Bell, Walter L. Walbert, Albert Nicholson, Walter H. Hadaway, Jr., Mrs. Wm. E. Greenwood, Mrs. Clem Davidson, Mrs. H. S. Leaverton.

An all-time high in membership for the organization was reported at the meeting, having 355 members, which gives Kent County the honor of being the only County in the state to reach the all time goal set up for them by the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Kent County Farm Bureau also has the largest percentage of farmers signed up in Farm Bureau, than any other county in the state.

Youth Rally At Christ Church

The Youth Fellowship of Christ Methodist Church will have charge of the special service to be held Sunday afternoon, January 7th, at 4:00 P. M. The speaker will be the Reverend Milton Keen, pastor of the Washington Street Church, Hurlock, Maryland.

During the past summer the Reverend Keen was in charge of the evening vesper services in connection with the annual summer conference held at Wesley Junior College, Dover, Delaware. Reverend Keen is an interesting speaker and makes a particular appeal to youth.

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the various churches of the county, youth and friends of youth are invited to hear Reverend Keen.

LEADERS IN HOUSE OPPOSE HOME RULE BILL

Annapolis, Jan. 3—Strong opposition to the proposed home-rule bills for Maryland counties and municipalities was assured at the opening session of the Legislature today by leaders of both parties in the House of Delegates.

The bills, sponsored by the Legisaltive Council, are aimed at the elimination of the jams of local bills that crowd the calendars of both houses at the end of each session.

The Kent County Commissioners have approved the Home Rule bill as a whole but there are some parts of it that they do not favor. Just how the Kent representatives stand on the matter we are unable to state at the present time.

Delegate John S. White (D)., Prince Georges), the re-elected Speaker of the House, declared in his inaugural statement today:

"We have it in our power under the present laws of Maryland to see that no such jam occurs."

J. Milton Dick (R., Allegany), Republican minority leader, said he will definitely oppose the bills.

He said he has not polled the Republican members on their attitudes toward the proposed legislation, but that he was confident the Allegany delegation of six Republicans is unanimously opposed.

New Year's Eve Dinner Held At Kennedyville

Mr. and Mrs. J. Horton Silcox entertained at a dinner Sunday, Dec. 31 at their home near Kennedyville. The guests were:

Corporal Bonwill H. Weer of Baltimore, who is home after three and one-half years in Hawaii Islands; Miss Eloise Jervis of Still Pond, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Eliason of Chestertown, Miss Grayson Smith of Greensboro, Md., and their children; Mr. and Mrs. J. Horton Silcox Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silcox and Misses Frances and Jean Silcox.

NOTICE

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THE EDITORS

Local Resident Wins $12,000 Damage Suit Settlement

Melvin S. Boulter of Piney Neck, son of James A. Boulter, received a $12,000 settlement from the Baltimore Transit Co. and others, as the result of injuries suffered when an auto in which he was riding was struck by a bus of the Baltimore Transit Co. on Dec. 27, 1943. Suit was brought this past August and settlement was completed this week. Mr. Boulter was represented by Richard Carvell and William Pepper Constable.

1,221-Pound Hog In Worcester May Set Peninsula Record

Whaleysville, Md.—Harry B. Davis farmer and poultry grower of Whaleysville, Worcester County village, has not only hung up enough hams, shoulders, and other pork cuts to end any OPA red point worries he may have had, but he also has put on the same hook what seems to have been a Delmarva hog record.

The day of the 1,000-pound porker may have passed for the average peninsula farmer, but not for Davis. His monster Poland China hog tipped the scales at killing time, undressed, at 1,221 pounds, and netted him 1,123 pounds dressed.

Even in the days of big hogs, a half a century ago, there were few porkers on the peninsula that ever came anywhere near this weight. In fact the so-called big porkers of recent years have been generally found in the 800 or 900 pound division, and very few in the latter group.

As things now stand, the Davis family have all the meat they can possibly consume for the next few months at least.

Tuesday, Farmer Davis finished storing away the final pound of meat from the record-breaking porker he slaughtered at his farm on Dec. 30. He is sure it was the largest hog ever killed in Worcester County and he is reasonably sure it was the heaviest slaughtered in recent years on the peninsula.

Purchased a year ago, the record porker measured nine feet three inches from nose to tail, stood four feet 10 inches in height and its body at the waist was around 107 inches in girth, at the time it was killed.

Davis tried an experiment on the hog last year when he first bought it. He fed it ordinary poultry broiler mash, the same feed that he gave to his 50,000 chickens. The hog thrived on the broiler mash from the start, Davis says.

The giant porker was 21 months old. Its heart and liver alone weighed 36 pounds. From its fat, Farmer Davis obtained nine 50-pound cans of lard.

With The Sick

Mr. Owen Blades, professor at the Chestertown High School, is ill at the home of his sister in Pocomoke City.

Mrs. Conrad D. LosKamp is a patient at the local hospital, as a result of a fall on Friday night, near her home in Kentmore Park, at which time she sustained a broken hip.

Dr. Esther M. Dole of the faculty of Washington College, is convalescing from an operation at the local hospital, performed on New Year's Day.

Mr. Cordray Loud who is ill at the University Hospital in Baltimore is somewhat improved.

Former County Treasurer Jesse R. Copper, one of the oldest retired farmers of Kent county, has returned from Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where he underwent an operation for one of his eyes. The sight of the eye has been restored. Mr. Copper recently celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday.

Red Cross Broadcast

On January 4, 9 to 9:30 P. M., E.W.T., there will be a special "Man Behind the Gun" program, and on January 11, a special "We, the People" program. Guest appearances will be made in behalf of the American Red Cross. There will be no commercials.

ESTIMATED TAX TO BE FILED BY JANUARY 15

George Hofferbert, Collector of Internal Revenue, reminded taxpayers in this district today that January 15 is the deadline for filing original or amended 1944 Declarations of Estimated Tax and for paying installments on previously-filed declarations for 1944.

Nearly all farmers are required to file original 1944 declarations by January 15. Most other taxpayers who were required to file 1944 declarations did so last April, but those who underestimated their tax by more than 20 per cent should file amended declarations to avoid the substantial underestimates. January 15, likewise, is the last day for paying all installments due on 1944 declarations.

Mr. Hofferbert also called attention to the new provision of law which permits a taxpayer to file his annual income tax return for 1944 and pay the tax due on the return by January 15, instead of filing or paying "estimated tax" otherwise due at that time. Taxpayers availing themselves of this special provision will be saved the double duty of filing and paying "estimated tax" on January 15 and filing and paying on the annual return March 15. March 15 remains the regular deadline for filing 1944 annual returns and 1945 Declarations of Estimated Tax.

For detailed information and forms, Mr. Hofferbert invited taxpayers to call at his office at Room 211, Custom House, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

A Leadership Training School

The Methodist Churches of Kent County will hold a Leadership Training School in Christian Education, beginning Monday, January 8th, at 7 P. M. and continuing for six successive Monday nights.

The sessions will be held in the First Methodist Church in Chestertown, with Rev. Paul Reynolds in charge as dean.

Three practical courses will be offered, with capable teachers in charge. They are, 1 "Guiding Intermediates", Rev. S. T. Hamblin; 2, "Guiding Adults In Christian Service", Dr. F. G. Livingood; 3, Bible Study, "The Life of Jesus", Rev. J. B. Vaughn.

These courses are open to all who desire training for Christian Leadership. The registration fee is $1.00.

In addition to the dean the other officers are: Registrar, Mrs. Mattie Thereoux; Chairman of Worship, Rev. J. M. Kay; Chairman of Publicity, Rev. W. P. Roberts; Librarian, Rev. Lester E. Loder.

Credit Association To Name Directors

The eleventh annual stockholders' meeting of the Denton Production Credit Association will be held at the Dentonia Theatre, Denton, on January 9th. J. Franklin Baker, president of the Association, will preside.

Victor Dean, secretary, announces that two directors, one from Queen Anne's county and one from Dorchester county, will be elected. Plans for the program will be announced later.

Members of the association from Kent, Queen Annes, Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline counties will attend.

DRESSING PLANT SITE SELECTED NEAR EASTON

Easton—For several months representative poultrymen from Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties have been working on the proposition of establishing a cooperative poultry dressing and marketing plant in this territory.

The organization committee has completed the filing of the papers of incorporation and have now reached the point where this proposition has taken definite form and where producers will be given the opportunity to support the plant by subscribing stock.

The plant will be located on the outskirts of Easton as the result of a vote taken among the members of the organization.

Frisby N. Willson, clerk to the Kent Board of County Commissioners, has announced that the board will meet Jan. 16, to declare the annual tax rate for the year 1945, which will be based upon the present assessed value of all real estate and personal property in the county. The present tax rate is $1.01 on the $100.

Scoutmasters' Dinner District Meeting

The Delamarva Council will entertain the Scoutmasters of the Kent County Scout troops as their guests at the annual "Thank You" dinner to be held at the Chestertown Restaurant, Thursday evening, January 11th. Representatives from the Delmarva Council, Kent County District officers and Troop Committeemen from the various troops will be present to express their appreciation of the splendid work done by Scoutmasters for Kent County troops during 1944.

Following the dinner the annual district meeting of the Kent District will be held for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and for making plans for the annual February finance drive for the support of scouting in Kent County. Scout Field Executive R. Oscar Smeal of Easton and Kent District Commissioner of Scouting, C. Lee Gill, will outline plans for the extension and improvement of the Scout program in Kent County for 1945.

U. S. ARMY PUBLISHES 1,200 PAPERS

A total of 1,200 different newspapers are now being published in Army camps and they're all much like country weekly GI Joe read in home town.

In nearly every army camp across the nation there is a small publication which is doing its bit to take the place of the community paper the fighting men learned to know as they grew up. These camp publications are, in many ways, duplicates of the small town weekly. They are—so to speak—the "kid brothers" of the community papers which play such an important role in American life.

The similiarity of most of these papers to the community weekly is unmistakable. There is local camp news which usually consists of the latest dope on USO shows; material from the national and international scene which most of the big metropolitan sheets will omit but which may have a special interest for the given camp; there are the human interest stories about the soldiers in the camp; and then there is the plain, simple gossip which the community paper usually heads up as society news. The camp editor calls his gossip "unit news" as a rule.

The army has always encouraged the operation of these papers in every way compatible with military security. At the time the emergency hit, the army regulations read as follows: "In all permanent camps and stations of a sufficient strength to render proper support, the publication and maintenance of a daily or weekly news periodical of some description is to be encouraged. A publication of this kind not only fulfills that natural human desire of the soldier to obtain information as to the activities of his comrades and his neighboring organizations, but is a medium whereby necessary information as to recreational, welfare, and religious activities may be disseminated throughout the command."

By mid-1942 the army had gone even further. It had set up a central control of the papers and established a unit called Camp Newspaper Service. This unit had three primary functions: one—to aid and advise camp editors and their supervising officers in every way possible; two—to provide syndicated news and feature services; and three—to keep a watch on the papers to see that they did not violate war department policy and that they conserved essential and vital materials such as newsprint, ink, zinc, etc.

NEGRO MURDERED AT NARROWS CHRISTMAS DAY

Centreville—Christmas Day trouble broke out at the Narrows which resulted in a murder and the serious injury of another now in the Easton Hospital in very grave condition.

Lawrence Everett, colored, after arguing with several negroes hit Hester Huges, colored, over the head with a 2" by 4" piece of lumber 7 feet long, crushing her skull. The State Police was called and while Trooper Lewis was on his way to the scene, Charles Smith, colored, shot and killed Everett.

Hester Hughes was immediately carried to the Easton Hospital where she is not expected to live. Charles Smith was arrested for the murder of Everett and is now lodged in the Centreville jail.

J. Willis Well, fire company secretary, has notified members the annual meeting will be held in Firemens Hall here on Monday evening, Jan. 8, to elect officers for 1945. R. Clarke Davis, the retiring president and Fire Chief Herman Blackway will submit their annual reports.

LEGION MOVED INTO NEW HOME THIS WEEK

The American Legion moved into its new home on Maple Avenue this week and held its first meeting there this past Wednesday evening.

The official opening of the new home will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 7th, when an oyster scald will be held for legionairs, exservice men, and service men and women.

Also at some future date the home will be open for inspection by the public. All donations of furniture will be gladly accepted. If you have any to donate please call 137-R or 290 and it will be collected.

Commander Norman E. Peterson has appointed the following committees:

Maintenance Committee, care of building and grounds—Duncan Deringer, Chairman, John G. Klein, Harvey G. Blyman, Philip Kratzer, Elmer Batchlor, C. Lee Gill, Roland Corey.

House Committee, for Rules and Conduct—Ernest H. Strong, Chairman; Philip G. Wilmer, Wilbur R. Hubbard, C. Lee Gill, Chas. E. Eshman, Clark Grieb, Elmer Batchlor, Roland Sharretts.

A sign has been ordered with the painting in blue with white back ground. Home to be known as American Legion Memorial Home.

ROSALIE CATHERINE JONES

Rosalie Catherine Jones, 41, died after a lingering illness, January 3, at her late home in Rock Hall. She is survived by her husband Elmer Jones, a son Elmer Jr., and a daughter, Roselma; her father Fred J. Williams of Rock Hall, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Shreck and Mrs. Clara Willson, five brothers, Fred J., Leo A., Joseph B., George T., and Francis J. Williams.

Father Conway will hold Requiem Mass Friday at 10 A. M., at St. John's Catholic Church, Rock Hall. Interment in St. John's Cemetery Rock Hall. The list of bearers were not complete at time of going to press.

MRS. FANNIE S. JONES

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie S. Jones, 92 years old, Chestertown's oldest woman resident, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank V. Simpers here on Wednesday, were held at the daughter's home on Queen Street at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Paul E. Reynolds, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Interment was in Chestertown Cemetery.

The deceased was the widow of Edward B. Jones, a prominent business man of Chestertown for many years, and was a member of one of the leading families in this county. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Frank Simpers, she leaves two sons, Edward Jones of Philadelphia and Oliver Jones of New York; also five grandchildren.

SAMUEL JEFFERSON

Samuel Jefferson, of Kent County, died at the Kent and Queen Anne's hospital on Wednesday of this week. He is survived by one brother, I. T. Jefferson of Baltimore. Funeral arrangements have not been made at the present time.

MRS. LILLIAN BENTON PRICE

Lillian Benton Price, aged 65, widow of the late Leve Price, died Monday, Jan. 1 at the Palmatory Nursing Home, near Millington.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Biddle of Sudlersville, Miss Mary Benton, Mt. Holly, N. J.; three brothers, G. Homer Benton of Sudlersville; Denver C. Benton of Baltimore and Carroll Benton of Sudlersville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 1 P. M. in Calvary Methodist Church, Sudlersville, with the Rev. J. C. Hanby officiating.

The bearers were C. B. Chance, Del Fox, Lee, John, Charles and Olan Smith. Interment was in Sudlersville. Usilton & Wells were in charge of funeral arrangements.

SAMUEL THOMAS CRANOR

Samuel Thomas Cranor, aged 85, died early Tuesday morning at his home in Kingston, Chestertown.

He is survived by one brother, Perry Cranor of Chestertown, one sister, Mrs. John Crosley, of Virginia and one step daughter, Miss Bessie Dwyer at home.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 4, at 2 P. M., from the Usilton & Wells Funeral Home. Rev. Dan Harris and Elder Quackenbush officiating.

The bearers were William J. Savage, Truman Miller, Geo. Skeggs, Wm. Curlette, Samuel McGinnis, and Edward C. Newton.

Interment was in Crumpton Cemetery. Usilton & Wells were in charge of funeral arrangements.

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