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SATURDAY, MARCH 1st, 1941

A bill was introduced in the Maryland Legislature this week which, if approved by the registered voters of Kent County, will greatly improve the high school and educational facilities of this county. It will directly affect every section of the county, more particularly the First and Fifth district. The provisions of the bill have been carefully worked out by a group of civic-minded citizens who have made a careful study of the present high school facilities of this and other counties of Maryland. It is, like all public improvement projects, costly and must be paid through taxation. The cost of the $400,000 project will mean an average of 14½ cents in tax rate over the 20 year period of the bond payment period based on the present county assessment and on a supposed three percent interest on the bonds. The payment of $20,000 each year over the 20 year period plus interest would mean a tax rate cost of 18 cents the first year and eleven cents the last year making an average of 14½ cents. This cost will be paid by residents of all of the seven districts of the county and every voter should study the provisions of the bill carefully and determine whether the cost will be offset by the benefits derived. While the benefits of the education of our youth cannot be measured in dollars and cents, it is a serious problem and one that should not be decided by snap-judgment. Each of the provisions of the bill should be carefully studied. One should try to picture the benefits and then weigh these benefits against the cost. The major changes would be the establishment of junior high schools at Galena, Chestertown and Rock Hall and a major high school at or near Chestertown. All students, so desiring, could complete their high school education in a modern school where they could choose the particular line of study that would best fit them for their future. At the present time facilities enable a choice of courses in the Chestertown High School only where a student may choose between a business or academic course. The other High School in the county are practically confined to the academic course. It has been said by State educational officials that adequate school facilities would permit additional courses to be established including a course in agriculture whereby teachers would be furnished by the State and Federal governments. The establishing of Central modern high schools and the transportation of pupils to that school from a wide area is not a new idea. The writer was told by officials of a middle Western State fifteen years ago that they were building million dollar school buildings in isolated sections and transporting pupils to it from a large area. They stated that this method was the true spirit of public education as it gave boys and girls in remote rural areas the same advantages as those enjoyed in the cities and larger towns. Another problem confronting those interested in education in this county is the proposed establishment of a twelve year school program in Maryland. In fact such a bill is now before the State Legislature and should it pass it would mean that the counties that do not have the facilities to adopt the twelve year program will be offering a year less in public education than those which do have these facilities. For the past twenty-one years a high school graduate in Baltimore city is one year ahead of graduates of the county high schools. The question naturally arises in the minds of tax payers concerning the cost of these additional educational facilities in addition to the $400,000 building and equipment program. Under the present State equalization plan the counties are compelled to levy fifty-one cents of the tax rate for school purposes. The State then provides the additional funds necessary to maintain the minimum State program. This policy has been in effect for a number of years and there is every reaosn to believe that it will continue. This leads to the thought that the operating costs will not be increased. Parents in the extreme sections of the county are concerned about the long distances of travel during the last two or possibly three years that their children are in the Senior High School. This is a condition that apparently cannot be overcome as Kent County is too small and has too small a high school population for the establishing and maintaining of three or four major high schools according to State standards. We have expressed the above facts as we see them for the purpose of pointing out the provisions of the school bill. It is up to the voters to determine whether or not they are satisfied with the present school facilities or whether or not they think it is a good investment to adopt the new program. It is not a program just for today or tomorrow but for many years to come. It is this privilege of the people themselves determining the policies of their Town, County, State, and Nation that makes a democracy and when the school program comes to a vote on June 24th, the majority will rule rgeardless of the outcome. Voters have four months in which to study the bill and a intelligent vote for or against is not subject to criticism.

STILL POND

Rev. Jarvis Cook, of Cordovia, Md., will be the guest speaker at the Epworth League Devotional Service Sunday evening. Rev. Cook needs no introduction here, as he has been with us on several occassions and has always left a most appreciative audience. So be with us Sunday evening and help us enjoy this service.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson visited their brother, Norman, in Philadelphia, Monday, who has been quite sick for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jervis, celebrated their Wedding Anniversary the 21. While Mrs. Watson and Mr. Wm. Medders, celebrated their birthday anniversary during the week.

Mrs. Chas. Sewartz, of Wilmington Delaware, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schofield, her mother returned home with her for a short visit.

The local W. C. T. U. held a meeting in honor of Frances E. Willard, at Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Price's, on Tuesday. Rev. C. E. Davis spoke on the life of Miss Willard, which added much to the enjoyment of the program.

We are glad to know of the improvement of Dorothy Jean King. Jean, who has been quite ill at her home near here. She has been a frequent visitor with relatives here and we will be glad to see her out and around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford, entertained at dinner Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Anthony, and Mrs. Anthony's mother, of Queen Annes County, and Mrs. Newcomb, of Chestertown.

Echoes from the Washington Social is everyone had a grand time. Special mention should be made of the numbers by O. S. Grant, Howard M. Rasin, and Harry C. Hendrickson, all of which were more than good. Around $10.00 was the receipts.

Plans are being discussed for aid to be given the British war relief society.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ford, of South Carolina, spent the week end witn her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson and other relatives here.

Mrs. Edward Dittman returned home Saturday after spending several weeks at the home of her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Katz, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaw, in Collingswood, N. J.

Milton Hogans, of Camp Meade, visited with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Atwell.

Mrs. Cornelius, who has been spending several months with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Atwell, has been visiting Miss Lillie Cornelius, at Betterton.

Mrs. John Jarvis returned home Sunday from the Dover Hospital, after a most successful operation. Mrs. Lottie Jones of Chestertown is spending sometime with Mrs. Jarvis. Mrs. Jarvis' many friends are glad she is home again.

The Still Pond Homemakers Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. F. B. Harper on Friday from 11 o'clock until 3 o'clock. Meeting opened with song and prayer. Miss Louisa Travers, the president, conducted a brief busniess meeting, during which our honor guest, the County President, Mrs. Hogans, of Rock Hall, was welcomed. Mrs. Earl Thompson, Food demonstrator, gave various ways, milk cuold be used for the family. The Club will hold its March meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Medders.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood entertained several members of the Woman's Philathea Sunday School Class and their husbands to dinner on Monday evening.

HON. STEPHEN R. COLLINS, Attorney

Ratification Nisi

In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In Equity, No. 3215

Stephen R. Collins, Assignee
versus
George S. Leager

Ordered, this 18th day of February 1941 by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the Auditor's Account and Report, stated and reported by S Scott Beck, Auditor, in the above entitled cause, be Ratified and Confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown within three weeks from the date of the first publication of said notice, viz: March 15th, 1941; Provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County once in each of two successive weeks before the 3rd day of March next.

True Copy.
ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.
Test:
ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.
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MADISON BROWN, Attorney

Ratification Nisi

In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In Equity, No. 3203

Elmer Golt
versus
Elizabeth J. Golt Steele

Ordered, this 13th day of February 1941 by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the Auditor's Account and Report, stated and rpeorted by S. Scott Beck, Auditor, in the above entitled cause, be Ratified and Confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown within three weeks from the date of the first publciation of said notice, viz: Mrach 8th, 1941; Provided a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of two successive weeks before the 24th day of February next.

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(Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.)

ASSETS

Loans and discounts (including no overdrafts)	$407,206.94
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	109,264.38
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	6,000.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	143,486.56
Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve bank	3,000.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	256,049.94
Bank premises owned $35,000.00, furniture and fixtures $4,669.00	39,669.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises	1,500.00
Other assets	22.39
Total Assets	$966,199.21

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		$337,202.46
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		473,277.82
Deposits of U. S. Government (including postal savings)		5,000.00
Deposits of States and political subdivisions		29,799.17
Deposits of banks		10,132.59
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)		1,630.30
Total Deposits	$857,042.34	
Total Liabilities		$857,042.34

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	$50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	9,156.87
Total Capital Accounts	$109,156.87
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	$966,199.21

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
U. S. Gov. obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to to secure deposits and other liabilities	$ 19,000.00
Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	39,000.00
Total	$58,000.00
Secured liabilities:	
Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	$ 29,799.17
Total	29,799.17

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss: I, W. R. Huey, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. R. HUEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 1941.
ENNA B. LEWIS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
ANDREW W. WILSON,
R. WROTH STAVELY,
H. STOCKTON STARTT,
Directors.

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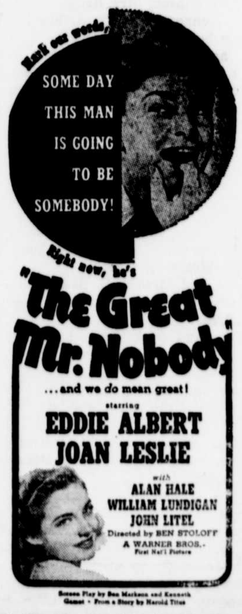

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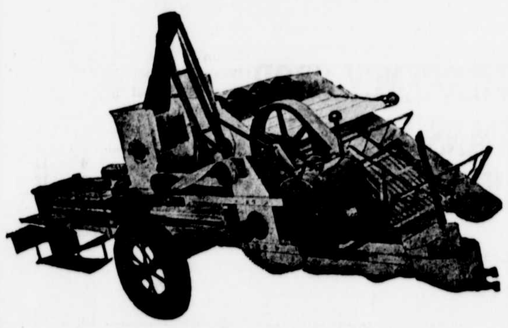

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