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## KENSINGTON

### BIG DEMOCRATIC RALLY TONIGHT AT ARMORY

Senator Millard E. Tydings, Attorney General Herbert R. O'Connor and Representative David J. Lewis will be the speakers at the Democratic Rally to be held in the Armory at Kensington tonight at 8 O'clock.

The rally will be county-wide and will bring to a close the Democratic campaign in Montgomery County.

Senator Prescott is to preside and Senator Lansdale G. Sasscer, president of the Maryland Senate; Hampton Magruder, collector of internal revenue for the district of Maryland; Kent R. Mullikin, majority leader in the Maryland House of Delegates and other party leaders will attend.

A drum and bugle contest will precede the meeting, with contestants entered from Washington and nearby Maryland counties. Red flares will be set out on the ground surrounding the armory and a fireworks display is planned if weather conditions are favorable.

A motor caravan will assemble in each of the county's 31 voting precincts and a torchlight parade will be staged to Kensington, the caravans joining at three main concentration points in the county before proceeding to the armory.

The barbecue will follow the rally.

### C. OF C. SUPPORTS REZONING PLEA

Support of the Kensington Town Council's efforts to have a commercial tract adjacent to the new railroad overpass rezoned to a residential classification was voted by the Executive and Advisory Committee of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Saturday night.

The land is located at Howard and Connecticut avenues and was rezoned commercially by the Montgomery County commissioners recently on the application of William P. Dillion, the owner, although Council members and residents of the town opposed the change.

A rehearing of the application is to be held by the commissioners and the Planning Commission, however, and Maryland-National Capital Park and the committee voted to recommend that the chamber support opponents of the proposal to zone the land commercially.

Committee members said commercial development of the tract would prove detrimental to the best interests of the town because of the close proximity to the overpass now under construction.

### PUBLIC HEALTH GROUP PLANS ACTIVITIES

A number of activities for next month are being planned by the Silver Spring-Woodside Public Health Lay Committee.

Mrs. Morrison Clark, chairman has announced that the first of a series of "well-baby" clinics will be held in the health center at Silver Spring, November. A competent child specialist will be in charge of the clinic, which is to be held every three months.

A dental clinic for school children is to be started shortly in the health center and will be open one day a week for a period of three months. The chair and other equipment will be furnished by the county.

The Lay Committee will hold a tea at the health center November 10. It will also aid in sponsoring the annual dance of the Montgomery County Public Health Lay Council to be held November 13 at Normandy Farms.

**Evolutionary Changes**

In general it may be said that evolutionary changes are taking place but so gradually among the living animals and plants that they are almost imperceptible. A case in point is the little toe of human beings which seems to be gradually disappearing.

**Bluffs Along Ohio River**

Some of the bluffs along the Ohio river rise to an altitude of 600 feet or more.

### POLLING PLACES IN COUNTY

The Supervisors of Elections for Montgomery County have selected the polling places for next month's election in the county as follows:

Laytonsville district—Modern Woodmen's Hall, Laytonsville.

Clarksburg—Gibson's Store, Clarksburg.

Poolesville—Waverly Hall, Poolesville.

Rockville—First precinct, St. Mary's Hall, Rockville; second precinct, Fire Engine Building, Rockville; third precinct, Viett Building, Rockville; fourth precinct, Garrett Park Chapel, Garrett Park.

Colesville—First precinct, W. C. T. U. Hall, Colesville; second precinct, Grange Hall, Burtonsville.

Darnestown—Public school building, Darnestown.

Bethesda—First precinct, County Building, Bethesda; second precinct, Library Building, Chevy Chase; third precinct, Community House, Glen Echo; fourth precinct, Buick show room, 6900 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda; fifth precinct, Fire Engine Building, Chevy Chase.

Olney—First precinct, Hawkins Garage, Olney; second precinct, Memorial Hall, Brookeville.

Gaithersburg—First precinct, Masonic Hall, Gaithersburg; second precinct, Water's Garage, Gaithersburg.

Potomac—Public school building, Potomac.

Barnesville—Grange Hall, Barnesville.

Damascus—Junior O. U. A. M. Hall, Damascus.

Wheaton—First precinct, Hickerson's Hall, Wheaton; second precinct, Fire Engine Building, Silver Spring; third precinct, Armory Building, Kensington; fourth precinct, Basement Presbyterian Church, Takoma Park; fifth precinct, Armory Building, Silver Spring; sixth precinct, Fire Engine Building, Takoma Park; seventh precinct, Methodist Church, Woodside; eighth precinct, Parish Hall, Ascension Church, Silver Spring; ninth precinct, Columbia Hall, Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park.

### RED CROSS ROLL CALL

To Residents of Montgomery County:

The Red Cross Roll Call for 1936 begins October 15, 1936 and will continue through October 30, 1936. Keep these dates in mind. REPEAT them and BROADCAST them until everyone in Montgomery County is conscious of them.

We in Montgomey County have always felt that disasters such as floods, famine, etc, could not visit us,—at least we never had one of any consequence. However, we did have a serious flood last Spring and for the first time observed the work of the Red Cross as it instantly came to the relief of our distressed citizens. We cannot foresee just where or when such a visitation will again strike. However, we now know that we are not immune from such visitations and we further know that the Red Cross was ready to help us and was on the ground before most of us knew the seriousness of the situation. This help was available to us ONLY because of the funds realized each year from ROLL CALL memberships.

Our Montgomery County Chapter also needs funds to carry on through the coming year the work of the Red Cross Visiting Nurse, the work among the children in the schools, home accident prevention, etc. The Red Cross Nurse is the only bedside nurse in the County available to any person living within our boundaries.

The Annual Membership fee in the Red Cross is the small sum of $1.00, but gifts in any amount are gratefully accepted. I feel everyone with an average income can afford to become a member.

Lay aside your dollar now and be ready when the Red Cross Worker calls to do your bit. Please keep in mind that the men and women who come to see you are volunteers and receive not one cent of compensation. You can help them by being ready to join and make it unnecessary for them to call a second time.

Montgomery County has always been near the top in percentage of population members of the Red Cross. Let us not surrender our place in the sun, but on the contrary let us see if we cannot lead the entire Country in 1936.

Sincerely yours,
THE ROLL CALL COMMITTEE
Donald A. DeLashmutt,
County Roll Call Chairman.

**Earlyday Pickpockets in England**

During the Eighteenth century the courts and levees held in the royal palaces of England welcomed almost anyone. Consequently pickpockets were numerous and active. However, writes Andrew W. Robertson, London, Eng., in Collier's Weekly, these "mixed" receptions were stopped in 1792 after one of these light-fingered lads, during a levee at St. James' palace, made the inexcusable mistake of picking all the pockets of the prince of Wales.

**Indians Used Sand Dunes**

The Indians sent smoke signals from the Michigan sand dunes during tribal wars and held councils with the missionaries upon them. Occasionally the shifting sand uncovers remains of prehistoric villages and piles of stone implements, buried for many centuries.

**Iran and Iraq**

Iran and Iraq are the official names respectively for Persia and Mesopotamia.

## Just in Montgomery

Dr. V. L. Ellicott, health officer for Montgomery County, has gone to New New Orleans to represent the county at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association.

The Rev. L. J. Westfall, formerly pastor of Huntingdon Baptist Church, Baltimore, was the guest preacher at exercises commemorating the 115th anniversary of the founding of the Baptist Church at Rockville, Md., at 11 a. m. Sunday.

A new citizens' association, formed by residents of Seven Oaks, Branwill Park, Highland View, North Hills of Sligo and other communities east of of Sligo Creek, was organized Thursday night at a meeting held in the Parkside School at 8 o'clock.

H. C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland, will be among the speakers at the annual meeting of the Montgomery county Council of Homemakers' Clubs in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fairland, the afternoon of October 26. Approximately 200 members of the various homemakers' clubs of the county are expected to attend.

To fill vacancies, the supervisors of elections for Montgomery County have appointed the following Republican election officials for the November election: Laytonsville district, Rev. W. A. Ledford, clerk; second precinct, Rockville, Claude F. Mullineaux, clerk; fifth precinct, Bethesda, Raymond H. Stevens, judge; second precinct, Gaithersburg, Luther C. Crawford, officer of registration; William F. Garrett, judge; Charles B. Stang, clerk.

The Sandy Spring Community Fair will be held November 6 at Sherwood High School under auspices of the Future Farmers of America, with Mr. Sydney T. Lawler as teacher, and the 4-H Club, with Mrs. Margaret Mullinix in charge. The three farmer's clubs, the Grange, the Young Men's Club of St. John's Church and the Community Council are helping sponsor the event, and about 30 classes in farm products and 15 or 20 in the 4-H Club group have been listed. The public is invited to attend and participate.

To stimulate interest in its program for the care of individuals in the community suffering from impaired sight the Silver Spring Lions Club had as guest speaker at its Tuesday night meeting Dr. Alfred G. McDonald, who is a member of the District of Columbia. The Major Activities Committee of the club, under the chairmanship of E. Wilson Stewart, is at work on the establishment of an eye clinic to serve those in the community unable to pay for attention to the eyes. Dr. William Kettler, local optometrist and a member of the club, has been aiding the committee in this work.

### FOUR ENTER RACE TO HEAD FIREMEN

An open race for the presidency of the Montgomery County Volunteer Firemen is foreseen as members of the 11 department embraced by that organization made ready for their sixth annual convention here Saturday.

T. Marshall Duff of Chevy Chase, who headed the association during the past year, will not become a candidate for re-election and four or more candidates are to seek the position he is to vacate next week end.

Those who have already declared themselves in the contest are Irving W. Johnson of Takoma Park, J. H. Spencer Brown of Olney, Hiram Musgrove of Bethesda and J. Thomas Kennedy of Silver Spring. It is held likely by fire officials that additional aspirants may come forward before the parley opens.

Johnson, publicity chairman of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; Brown, chief at Olney, and Musgrove, chief of the Bethesda Fire Department, are members of the association's Executive Committee. Kennedy formerly was chief at Silver Spring.

The convention is to be held in the Masonic Temple at 7:30 o'clock and will be preceded by registration of firemen at the fire house at 1:30 p. m., a parade at 2:30, pumper contests a half-hour later, demonstration of Silver Spring's new aerial ladder truck at 5 o'clock and dinner at 6:30.

Following the business session, officials of the State Association and the District of Columbia Fire Department, together with prominent county residents are to address the fire fighters at 9 o'clock.

**The "Torch" Song**

Webster's International dictionary recognizes the word by defining a torch song as "a popular, sentimental song of unrequitted love; hence, a torch singer." One explanation is that the phrase is based on an old saying that when a jilted lover is pining for the loved one he is "carrying a torch" for her. Songs designated as torch songs are "blues."

**Robin Greatest Songster**

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TERMITES ATTACK THE CORNERSTONE

## Farmers Debate New Tariffs And Effect on Agriculture

Discussion of the widely publicized Roosevelt advocacy of reciprocal tariffs has brought a surprising flood of endorsements from farm leaders to Democratic campaign headquarters.

Gov. Landon has seen fit, in recent speeches, to attack the Roosevelt plan. "The reciprocal trade program," he says, "has delayed recovery for our farmers. It has sold the American farmer down the river."

Farm leaders, thus challenged, have gone intensively into the record. Here, for example, is the verdict as set down by the All-Party Agricultural Committee:

"In 1930 a Republican administration gave us the Smoot-Hawley tariff. In 1932 it gave us 12-cent corn with a tariff of 25 cents, and 25-cent wheat with a tariff of 42 cents. That was the year of 3-cent hogs, 3-cent cattle, and 5-cent cotton.

"Competing farm imports in 1932 hit the lowest point in more than 25 years. If exclusion of imports is the cure, why weren't farmers prosperous then?

"During the years from 1920 to 1930, before farm prices hit the great depression toboggan, the country imported far more competing farm products than in 1935."

**Official Figures**

Figures of the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that there has been no injury to American farmers from the reciprocal trade agreements advocated by President Roosevelt.

"Reciprocal trade treaties," it is stated, "have helped to increase farm exports. In the year ending June, 1936, farm exports were nearly 200 million dollars greater than in 1932-3, in spite of the effect of the drought."

The simple fact about the reciprocal tariff law is that it empowers the President to reduce cautiously and moderately the existing rates of duty by not more than 50 per cent, thereby giving to the Executive for the first time in history an effective means of seeking through mutual and reciprocal concessions, reductions in the trade barriers of other countries which restrict their importation of American goods.

**From the Corn Belt**

A widely quoted editorial by a corn belt editor says: "The trick of the high tariff advocates is something like this: (1) Get farmers excited about a trickle of farm imports, even though farm imports are considerably smaller now than in 1920-29. (2) Propose raising tariffs on a few farm products. (3) Meanwhile quietly arrange for raising tariffs in a big way on things farmers and other plain folks buy, the things that foreign nations might sell in exchange for American farm exports. (4) Raise prices on what farmers buy, cut down farm exports, make food cheaper, and give farmers the horse laugh for being fooled again."

**Doubled Values**

The improved status of the farmer during the past four years is clearly indicated by the prices he is receiving for his product today, as compared with 1933 prices. Wheat has risen from 48 cents to $1.18; corn from 27 cents to $1.13; lard from 40 cents to $1.15; hogs from 37 cents to $1; calves from 50 cents to $1.15; oats from 17 cents to 42 cents. Eggs and butter have doubled; potatoes have trebled; cheese has increased from 8 cents to 17 cents. (The figures are for March, 1933, and September, 1936.)

### Campaign Boner

By BOAKE CARTER
*Radio Commentator*

Charges by Frank Knox that bank accounts are unsafe and insurance policies in danger, have caused more of an uproar than almost anything in the political campaign.

Col. Knox himself ducked to cover immediately by revising his remarks and saying he meant the banks were sound, but the money is not. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is sued figures showing an increase in assets of insured banks.

Many business men and Landon backers are resentful of the Knox efforts to stir up a panic. Most insurance company officials feel the same way, but are keeping silent for political reasons. Which is a pity, for the longer insurance bigwigs remain silent, the easier it is to conclude that they prefer to pay lip service to politics to the detriment of their business.

When Col. Knox steps up to say that today no bank account is safe, and no insurance policy is secure, he is guilty of a type of reprehensible scaremongering. And gentlemen who attempt to harm their own nation so that they can ride into public office for their own satisfaction deserve no public office. Political campaigns surely can be conducted without resorting to promoting false panics.

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