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Bethesda's Buyway – The Capital Hi-Way

BETHESDA'S GALA PARADE BEGINS TOMORROW

SANTA CLAUS LANE ALIGHT

More Than 20,000 Residents of Chevy Chase-Bethesda Area Will Celebrate Event Commemorates Completion of Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda's Buyway—The Capital Hi-way

Tomorrow night amid blazing electric lights and the pungent odor of pine and cedar, Bethesda begins its celebration of the completion of the Wisconsin Avenue improvement project.

At the same time, as one of the features of the celebration, the Capital Transit Company, will dedicate its suburban bus-rail terminal at Wisconsin Avenue and the District line.

The parade will be one long to be remembered. More than a dozen bands will be in line. Over a score of floats will vie for honors. Five beautiful silver cups, including a special cup offered by the Washington Evening Star, are to be contested for. Business men of the Bethesda and Chevy Chase section, civic groups and lodges will be in line.

Girls to Take Part

One unit will include approximately 50 girls, who are to show their activities in physical educational work, while another will be made up of a boys' marching unit, with about the same number. The bands of the senior high school and Leland Junior High School also are to take part.

In addition, Leland Junior High School will have a chorus of about 70 students, who will sing Christmas carols, and a marching unit.

The students' section will include the schoolboy traffic patrolmen of the various schools in Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Glen Echo, Cabin John and Potomac.

Units of the parade will assemble at 7:30 p. m. at Bradley Lane and Wisconsin Avenue. The line of march will be from that point to the Bethesda Bank.

Just preceding the parade "Santa Claus Lane," will be illuminated by thousands of electric lights strung along "Bethesda's Buy-way."

The exercises at the District line will begin at 7 p. m. at the station. The Chamber of Commerce of Bethesda, and boards of Montgomery County and District of Columbia Commissioners will participate.

In anticipation of a huge turnout with Bethesda's Buyway thronged with visitors, special state police will be on hand; and that the event will not be interrupted the state authorities are closing to all traffic, the entire stretch of Wisconsin Avenue from Bradley Lane to the Bank of Bethesda.

Bethesda, your more than 20,000 citizens hail your joyous fete.

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RELIEF SPENT BY STATE SHOWN IN N. E. C. REPORT

From the millions allocated to Maryland by President Roosevelt under the consolidated Emergency Relief Appropriations Act of last and this year, the State still has an unexpended balance of $17,762,072.

This figure was disclosed today by Arthur E. Hungerford, State director for the National Emergency Council, who explained the total allocations were $63,083,843.

Expenditures Listed

Expenditures totaling $65, 321, 770 through November 10 included:

WPA	$14,498,095
CCC	7,668,388
Federal Emergency Relief Administration	7,409,090
WPA	6,245,423
Resettlement Administration	6,128,587
Roads and grade-crossing elimination	908,061
Agriculture, exclusive of public roads	227,117
Rivers and harbor work	97,673
All other major organizations	2,144,330

Hungerford explained that these figures do not include money not allocated to specific States. If general expenditures were taken in, the total would be somewhat higher, he said.

INCOME TAXES RECOMMENDED BY MD. FARMERS

Also Urge Reassessment of Property in 1937

A six point tax report is to be presented at the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau in January.

C. E. Wise, Jr., Secretary of the joint tax committee of the Maryland State Grange and Maryland State Farm Bureau lists the recommendations as follows:

(1) Strict economy in government and minimum issuance of bonds.

(2) Renactment of present special relief taxes as basic revenue sources for relief purposes.

(3) Dedication, without diversion, of all highway revenue to road purposes.

(4) Re-enactment of the act allocating 70 per cent of the 1½ per cent gasoline tax revenue back to counties.

(5) Reassessment of property in 1937.

(6) Enactment of a state income tax on individuals as a means of reducing state and county taxes on real estate.

The committee also takes a definite stand against gross receipts or general sales taxes of any kind, in the belief that taxes can better be levied on ability to pay rather than necessity of spending.

SOMERSET P. T. A. WANTS TEACHERS' PAY INCREASE

A resolution recommending a general salary increase for all school teachers in Montgomery County was adopted at a meeting last week of the Parent-Teachers Association of Somerset School.

The resolution is directed to the governmental agencies of Montgomery County, both administrative and legislative.

A copy of the resolution is to be sent to the Montgomery County Board of Education and to the Montgomery County Civic Federation with the request that the latter organization adopt a similar resolution and forward it to the members of the State Assembly from the county.

The resolution was presented by Charles S. Moore, a member of the Board of Trustees of Somerset School.

RUFUS J. BURDETTE, 65, RETIRED FARMER, DIES

Rufus J. Burdette, 65, a retired farmer, died yesterday at his home here after a year's illness.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Della Deall Burdette, and three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Duvall, Damascus; Mrs. Helen Bolton, Washington, and Miss Jessie Burdette, Damascus.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the home. Burial will be in the Montgomery Methodist Protestant Church Cemetery at Clagettsville.

POPULATION OF BETHESDA AREA

Over 20,000 Says Montgomery County Civic Body

If there be any doubt as to the statement that more than 20,000 people reside in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area, the following figures given by the Montgomery County Civic Federation for 1935-1936 will prove interesting.

Battery Park	400
Bethesda	12,000
Bradley Hills	1,000
Chevy Chase, Section 3	800
Chevy Chase, Section 4	1,750
Chavy Chase, Leland	1,200
Chevy Chase Gardens	450
Chevy Chase Terrace	250
Drummond	100
Edgemoor	1,000
Friendship Heights	250
Somerset Town	250
Woodmont	500
North Chevy Chase	114
Total	20,064

This does not include the newcomers of 1936.

COUNTY BANKERS TO HEAR FLEMING

President of A. B. A. and Riggs Bank To Be Rotary Guest

At the weekly luncheon meeting of the Rockville Rotary Club, it was announced that Robert V. Fleming President of the American Bankers' Association and head of Riggs National Bank, Washington, will be the guest speaker before the club December 17. Invitations have been issued to each bank in Montgomery County to send a representative.

At last week's luncheon, L. W. Degast, general secretary of the Washington Young Men's Christian Association, addressed the Rockville Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon meeting. His remarks dealt largely with work among the boys of Washington.

A. A. A. CORN ACREAGE TO BE CUT

Fearing a corn surplus, the government intends to restrict production, according to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. The 1937 Federal Farm program will be practically the same as last year, but there will be no killing of little pigs. Corn, however, is to go under a ban.

As before, payments will be made to farmers for diversion of land from soil-depleting crops to soil-conserving crops, and for soil-building practices, all under Federally specified conditions.

COMING MEETING CIVIC FEDERATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY WILL BE IMPORTANT

At the next meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation, to be held Monday evening December 14, various recommendations of the Special Legislative Committee will be acted upon.

The first recommendation to be voted upon refers to the salaries and personnel of the Montgomery County force.

The following resolution will be offered by the Committee:

RESOLVED, that this Committee adopt as an item in its proposed legislative program a recommendation that the Federation oppose any legislation authorizing increase of the personnel or pay of the Montgomery County Police Department at this session of the legislature.

In explanation the Committee says it considers the following facts:

"That for the past several years the County has not paid any of its maturing bonds but as such bonds matured refunded them; that the County has outstanding bonds and certificates of indebtedness and obligated indebtedness to the amount of $10,775,000; that demands from other sources, particularly schools, will be made for substantial amounts before the year closes, and some of these demands cannot be resisted except at the expense of our educational system and of our school children."

Police vs Schools

Moreover it adds:

"That the Police Department in comparison with other civil employees of the County is as well paid and generally better paid than the school teachers; that the standards imposed upon teachers to be eligible for appointment require many times more in the way of investment in training and education than those imposed upon policemen; that the entrance salary for high school teachers is but $1,225 per annum as compared to $1,500 for policemen; that no increase in the salary of any one group of county employees should be made without taking into consideration all classes of civilian employees and their duties; that if the county cannot afford to pay any of its maturing obligations and all of its current operating expenses it is unsound to add additional burdens by the way of any salary or personnel increases at this time.

Taxes Required

The Committee felt that the taxpayers should understand that to meet maturing obligations on July 1, 1937, the tax rate would need to be increased about 46.5 cents; in 1938, 47.5 cents; in 1939, the increase would be 56.4 cents; in 1940, about 57 2 cents; in 1941, about 59.1 cents; in 1942, 59.7 cents; and 1943, about 61 cents. **This would increase the present County tax rate from $1.50 to $1.965 for 1938 and to $2.11 by 1943.**

Considering the very substantial increase in the tax rate that will be necessary if maturing obligations are to be met, the Committee feels the taxpayers should be fully informed as to the debt situation in the County before they commit themselves to any general increase in salaries for any group or any enlargement of the personnel of any department or division of the County Government.

The next recommdation of the Committee is:

"RESOLVED, that this Committee recomends that the Federation reaffirm its former stand favoring abolition of the Montgomery County Liquor Control Board, and that the duties of that Board be vested in the Board of County Commissioners,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Committee recommends that the Federation advocate that the law providing for appeals to the State Liquor Control Board from decisions of local authorities or boards on the granting of licenses be repealed."

With reference to the subject of special assessments, the Committee adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Federation should oppose any legislation which may be introduced with a view to abolishing or changing in any way the status of special assessments which have been made against any property for special benefit improvements."

NUISANCE TAXES RENEWAL LIKELY

"Nuisance" taxes scheduled to expire next July are likely to be renewed according to the Associated Press.

In fact Congress is to be asked to enact legislation for that purpose, in order to produce much needed revenue to balance the budget.

The taxes, which provided more than $300,000,000 of revenue in the last fiscal year and returned about $150,000,000 during the first five months of this year, include levies on gasoline, radio sets, mechanical refrigerators, firearms and automobiles and parts.

Collection Cost Probed

A joint congressional committee and the Treasury are investigating to determine whether the cost of collecting some taxes is excessive in relation to their returns, and tax experts said some expiring "nuisance" levies may fall into this category. Such taxes, they added, could be eliminated without cutting seriously into revenue.

Biggest revenue producer of the special levies is the gasoline tax, which returned $177,000,000 during the last fiscal year. Next highest receipts were realized from the taxes on automobiles and parts, which totaled $55,000,000.

President Roosevelt has announced he does not plan any additional taxes, but, besides the "nusiance" imposts, several tax questions are expected to arise in the next Congress.

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