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CONGRESSMEN OF MARYLAND ADOPT LAW PROGRAM

Montgomery to Benefit From Ship-testing Basin Near Cabin John

Maryland Congressional delegation returns to the Capital Tuesday, January 5, all primed for action, having already decided upon certain outstanding legislation to be pressed at the coming session.

While the legislative plans of the two Senators, Millard E. Tydings, of Havre de Grace, and George L. Radcliffe, of Baltimore, and the six Representatives have not been fully formulated, most of them have in mind seeking approval of bills which failed in the last session and offering a variety of new measures.

Some of the legislation that will be pushed for quick action by the Senators, Representative David J. Lewis, of Cumberland, and other members in the House, includes:

Proposing a specific appropriation for the construction of the Savage River dam in western Maryland, near Bloomington, Garrett County, advocated as a means of providing a uniform flow of water in the Potomac River the year around and promoting considerable industrial expansion.

An appropriation for using the Potomac River basin as a laboratory for studies in water pollution, flood control, and to encourage industrial development in the upper Potomac region.

An appropriation for constructing a model ship-testing basin near Cabin John, in Montgomery County, to cost $3,500,000. The last Congress authorized the Secretary of the Navy to acquire 55 acres of land for the ship and airplane testing basin but did not vote any appropriation for construction.

Authorization for the coinage of special 50-cent pieces commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, Md., to be observed next fall. The last Congress provided for an Antietam commission to make plans for the celebration but due to a last-minute parliamentary tangle, the coin bill, while passed by both houses did not receive final action due to insertion of an amendment.

HOME MAKERS CLUBS MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Discussion of kitchens and dining rooms will feature meetings of the Montgomery County Home-makers' Clubs during January.

Miss Edythe M. Turner, home demonstration agent for the County has announced the following schedule of meetings.

The schedule of January meetings: January 4, Cedar Grove; January 5, Clarksburg; January 6, Poolesville-Barnesville-Dickerson; January 13, Gaithersburg; January 14, Brookeville-Damascus; January 15, Cabin John; January 16, Slidell; January 18, Burtonsville; January 19, Four Corners; January 21, Wheaton and Rockville; January 22, Colesville; January 25, Travilah-Darnestown; January 26, Brighton-Unity-Sunshine; January 27, Silver Spring; January 28, Germantown.

VETERANS TURKEY SHOOT RAY'S FARM

Montgomery County Post Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold an old time Turkey Shoot on the Ray Farm on East and West highway, on New Year's Day, from 10 a. m. on. All are invited to participate.

BETHESDA WINS GEORGETOWN RD. IMPROVEMENT

Rights Of Way Must B Secured By Citizens

Announcement by the State Road Commission that it would widen Old Georgetown road provided right of way is given brought joy to Bethesdans this week and particularly William Buckley, chairman of a Chamber of Commerce Committee delegated to fight for the improvement project.

The offer to widen the road came from Nathan L. Smith, chief engineer for the Maryland Roads Commission, after an inspection of the road. The road would be widened by adding a 10-foot shoulder and a ditch on both sides, and by cutting away the banks and other obstructions which cut down the motorists' vision at curves and grades.

The shoulder also would provide sufficient space for busses to load and discharge passengers without tying up traffic.

Mr. Buckley said: "Now that the Roads Commission recognizes the need for widening the road our task is simplified and it will not be necessary to carry the matter to the Legislature to get additional funds."

"The committee will have a real job before it, however, to get all the rights of way and straighten out the legal questions involved. I feel sure we have made progress and that we can work out the details in time."

"Widening the road will be an improvement to the entire community and will eliminate the dangerous condition which has caused many accidents."

LIQUOR LICENSES MAY GO UP STATE TAXES GO DOWN

Recommendations that license fees for the sale of beer and wine in the county be increased and that the state liquor tax be reduced are proposed by the Montgomery County Liquor Control Board in a partial legislative program adopted yesterday.

The change in fees as recommended by the board would raise the cost of a class A (off sale) beer license, now $25, to $50; a class A beer and light wine license (off sale), now $15, to $65; a class 4 retail on-sale beer license, which is now $50, to $85, and a class D beer and light wine license, now $50, to $100.

A second measure in the proposed program urges that the State tax of $1.10 a gallon on liquor be reduced to 75 cents a gallon. It also recommends that the beer tax of 6 cents a case imposed by the Legislature last year be eliminated.

County Treas. Warns Tax Sale Impends

According to J. Forest Walker, county treasurer, State and county taxes for the year which began July 1 have not been paid on approximately 3,500 pieces of Montgomery county real estate.

Under the law, the county treasurer is required to advertise for sale at public auction all such property on which State and county taxes are not paid by January 1.

The annual tax sale takes place on the second Monday in April, and all property advertised will be offered for sale on that day unless the taxes due, together with interest and costs in connection with advertising, are paid in the meantime. The law allows two years for redemption of property thus sold.

S.R.C. ANSWERS CRITICISM OF ROAD PROGRAM

Rural Resident Dependent On Feeder Type Roads

Answering criticism of its program of development of low-cost roads, the State Roads Commission today said that in reconstructing feeder and farm-to-market roads, it is not endangering the forthcoming program looking to improvement of the State's system of primary highways.

The Commission explained that the new improvements are not to the secondary system, but rather to what it terms the "tertiary" roads of the State.

"While the State is faced with an emergency situation in its primary highways, carrying our heaviest interstate and intra-state traffic, something also must be done to help those rural residents who are dependent on the feeder-type and farm-to-market roads. Some of these people are practically shut in during the winter months when their dirt roads are almost impassable.

Special measures must be taken to bring our primary highways up to modern standards. Under its present budget less than $600,000 out of a total annual revenue of nearly $14,000,000 is left to the discretion of the State Roads Commission for improvements to the system. Not many roads can be built with such a residue.

"But the Commission has found that it is possible, using the allotments to counties under the 1½-cent lateral roads gasoline tax, to give the rural residents wide, well-drained and soil-stabilized roads which will serve them 365 days of the year.

MONTGOMERY TITLE TAXES TOP ALL COUNTIES

State Collected $377,280.00 In Eight Months

According to an analysis made by Daniel L. Clayland, 3d, director of the Emergency Tax Division State Comptroller's office, Montgomery County, motorists paid the second highest percentage of the automobile tilting tax collected by Maryland, between April 1, and November 30.

Baltimore City topped the list but Montgomery County showed up next, contributing more than Baltimore County.

A total of $377,280.00 was taken in by the State.

During November a total of $272,251.92 was received from the special relief taxes enacted to replace the gross receipts system. The collections for the eight-month period from April 1 to November 30 were: Admissions $158,395.10; Beer, $623,675.20; Cosmetics, $180,583.05; Whiskey, $565,419.40; Franchise, $530,475.47; Titling, $377,280.00; Total, $2,435,828.32.

The collections for the eight-month period indicate that the tax program is running at the rate of $3,653,742.48 annually. The Legislature in enacting the program contemplated it would bring in $3,500,000 during the year it was in effect.

ALL TIME HIGH EXCEEDED BY CO. RED CROSS ROLL

Donald A. DeLashmutt, Chairman of the Montgomery County Red Cross Annual Roll Call, announced today that the county not only exceeded the quota of 4,130 Memberships by 1,625, but it also exceeded the all-time high, by 1,623 memberships.

Chairman DeLashmutt thanks every District Chairman and each and every one of the workers who made this result possible.

Chairmen and Districts are as follows: Mrs. Vernon Brewster, Silver Spring-Takoma; Mrs. George Parisean, Bethesda-Edgemoor; Rev. Fred Kullmar, Kensington-Garrett Park; Mrs. Henrietta Stewart, Laytonsville; Mrs. Elizabeth E. DeLashmutt, Rockville, Norbeck-Derwood; Mrs. Robert Gray, Poolesville - Boyds - Dickerson; Mr. Willard Souder, Damascus, Woodfield; Miss Ruth Weld, Sandy Spring-Ashton, Brookville, Olney; Miss Alverda Cook, Gaithersburg, Washington Grove; Mrs. Kelly Rice, Darnestown; Mrs. Roger Whiteford, Chevy Chase; Major L. L. Dye, Special Gifts Committee.

MORE THAN 300,000 MARYLANDERS UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Although fourth in population, Maryland was second of five states in the December group, in number of employees covered by the Social Security law. The state's 306,000 employees covered represent 19% of its 1930 population of 1,631,526.

The other four States enacted laws similar to that of Maryland in most respects, but arrangements for administration differ widely, the Security Board's statement showed.

Whereas Maryland put administration under the Board of Public Works, Tennessee put it under the State Department of Labor, West Virginia created a department of unemployment compensation, and Arizona and Ohio established unemployment compensation commissions.

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