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Budget Cut Likely; Governor Indorses Budget Aide Bill

NICE APPROVES BUDGET AIDE BILL AND MEMBERS

Gov. Harry W. Nice unqualifiedly approves of the proposed Advisory Budget Commission and the personnel named in a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Ridgely P. Melvin, Democrat, of Anne Arundel.

The commission would keep in touch with the activities of State departments and recommend to the Governor what amounts should be appropriated. Members named in the bill, who will receive $1,900 each per year, were B. Howell Griswold, Jr., Baltimore; David G. McIntosh, Jr., of Baltimore County, and Brig. Gen. Amos W. Woodcock, of Annapolis.

In a prepared statement the Governor said:

"I believe that this is a sound and constructive piece of legislation and will answer a long-felt need in this State. It will aid both the executive and the legislative departments in very important particulars and greatly facilitate the business of budget making and should have been put into effect twenty years ago.

"I am particularly impressed with the personnel of the commission and cannot emphasize too strongly my hearty indorsement of the type of men who have been selected. I indicated this to the sponsors of the bill when I was consulted about it in the first instance, and now that the names appear in the bill itself, I am glad to take this opportunity of publicly expressing my feelings on this point. . . .

"I am grateful to learn that the commission joins with the sponsors of the bill in seeking to draft Mr. Walter N. Kirkman for the position as executive secretary. . . . In giving these indorsements I want to take this occasion also to pay my tribute to the most excellent work done by Mr. William H. Blakeman, who has served as my budget director."

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. MOUNT OF DAMASCUS

Death claimed Mrs. Susan C. Mount, of Damascus, Md., Sunday, February 14, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel W. Day.

Mrs. Mount was probably the oldest resident of Montgomery County, being 92 years and 5 months. She had spent the most of her life in the County, having moved here in her youth from Frederick, where she was born.

She was the daughter of the late Mathias Molesworth and Catherine Condon and the widow of the late John R. Mount of Damascus.

Besides Mrs. Day, she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Fannie Stanley of Damascus, and one son, James R. Mount of Gaithersburg, Md. Sixteen grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Mount was a devoted member of Damascus M. E. Church and spent much of her time in her earlier days doing church work and temperance work in that community. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the M. E. Church, interment being in the adjoining cemetery.

MRS. L. K. MARK DIES; RITES FOR BETHESDA RESIDENT SATURDAY

Pneumonia caused the death in Mt. Alto Hospital, Washington, of Mrs. Lavinia Knight Mark, thirty-nine, wife of Frank F. Mark, of this place.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill D. Knight, of Rockville, and also leaves her husband, two sons, Fauston, ten, and Albin, five, and the following brothers and sisters; Merrill O. Knight, Jr., Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Elizabeth Kasanin, Chicago; Owen Knight and Anne Knight, Silver Spring; Albin Knight, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Lucy Goebel, Wheaton, Md., and Julia Knight and Carlton Knight, Rockville.

Burial was in Rockville Union Cemetery.

Oppose Tax Diversion

Diversion of the State gasoline tax for any purpose other than the use of highway funds is opposed in a resolution adopted by the Silver Spring Business Men's Association. A copy of the measure has been sent to Governor Harry W. Nice.

—Washington Evening Star.

MEMBER OF ANTI FLAG SALUTE SECT ARREST MADE IN BETHESDA

Broadcast from a sound truck of a lecture by Judge Rutherford of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society by a group of Jehovah's Witnesses in Kensington Monday resulted in the arrest of Joseph Leathers, 35, driver of the truck. Leathers gave his address as 1603 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., headquarters of the religious sect. He was charged with disorderly conduct in a warrant obtained by Town Councilman Thomas Tremearne of Kensington.

The group of about a dozen devotees of the sect were broadcasting the sermon loud enough to be heard several blocks away, police said. Tremearne ordered the arrest under a town ordinance of Kensington.

A. F. Cox, member of the witnesses' group, who obtained Leathers' release on bond for appearance in county police court March 9, said it had been the custom for his group to broadcast messages in Maryland and Virginia towns and that they had broadcast several times in Bethesda without molestation. Members of the party, other than the driver, were not arrested. Leathers remained in the Bethesda police substation for five hours before he was released. He had expressed the desire to remain incarcerated until time of his trial and county police were willing to oblige.

FARMER LOANS NOW AVAILABLE

The emergency crop and feed loans are now available, according to S. M. Thomson, Regional Manager of the Baltimore office.

The opening date for the emergency loans to farmers is earlier by several weeks than in previous years and Mr. Thomson said the loan funds will be disbursed in plenty of time for early spring crops.

These loans will be made only to farmers who have no other source of credit. Farmers who can qualify for loans from Production Credit Associations will also be held ineligible.

Four hundred dollars is the maximum loan this year to any one farmer, but it is pointed out that in each case a loan will be made only in the amount actually necessary to grow crops or maintain livestock until pasturage or forage crops are available. The interest rate this year is four per cent per annum.

LEGION POST DRIVE ON FOR MEMBERS

An intensive membership drive will be launched immediately by Cissel-Saxon Post, American Legion, of Silver Spring.

Meeting at the home of Major Howard F. Cutler last night, the Membership Committee laid plans for a house-to-house canvass of approximately 750 potential members.

Marcel Zimmerman is chairman of the committee, assisted by Major Cutler, Walton C. Redmile, commander of the post; H. S. Giusta, Captain Joseph C. Cissel, Charles J. Clifford, Lauman T. Faulconer, Talmadge Miller and G. A. Hood.

Dutch Crew Hears Sermon by Pasma In Rockville

At the morning service Sunday in the Rockville Presbyterian Church a group of officers and men from the Royal Dutch Navy Submarine O-16, now at the Washington Navy Yard, heard a sermon by Dr. Henry K. Pasma, a native of Holland. He spoke on the topic "Hands Across the Sea."

The services were under auspices of the International Committee on Good Will of the Rockville Rotary Club.

The weekly meeting of the Rockville Rotary Club was attended by Dr. F. Vening Meinesz, distinguished scientist of the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, who came over on the Dutch submarine for scientific observations of water gravity. He brought greetings from the Rotary Club at Amersfoort, the Netherlands, and presented the local group with a small flag of his club.

MONTGOMERY PLAYERS GIVE SOCIAL DRAMA

The Montgomery Players presented Henrik Ibsen's social drama, "The Pillars of Society," Saturday at Leland Junior High School, Forty-fourth and Elm Streets, Chevy Chase, Md.

Martha Williams directed the play, which was performed by a cast of nineteen.

Clifton A. Whyte was in the leading male role and Jane Plummer Rice and Patricia Lucas, the latter making her debut with the Montgomery group, have the two prominent feminine parts.

Landon School Dance Attended By 150

The mid-year dance was given last week at Landon School, in Bethesda, Md., with about 150 students and their guests attending.

In the receiving line, were the principal of the schol, Mr. Paul Landon Banfield, and Mrs. Banfield; Frank Buck, Jr., chairman of the dance committee; Miss Ruth N. Butler, his partner, and Dr. and Mrs. William Herbst.

Commissioners to Condemn Tracts On Conn. Ave.

Condemnation proceedings against the Capital Transit Company were ordered by the Montgomery County Commissioners yesterday in Rockville in an effort to secure title to the center portion of Connecticut Avenue between Chevy Chase Circle and Chevy Chase Lake.

This action was taken after the board received a letter from the transit company rejecting an offer of $5,000 for the land and stating that it would not accept less than $15,000. The land totals slightly more than four acres, but is strung along in a two-mile strip in the center of the street where the now abandoned Chevy Chase Lake trolley line once used it as a right of way.

With the vote to condemn the property the board also adopted a motion to reduce the assessment on the land to $1,000 per acre. The land was described by Commissioner Robert D. Hagner, who has been negotiating with the transit company, as being of very little value since abandonment of the trolley line. When the street car service was in operation the land with poles, wires, tracks and other equipment was assessed at more than $40,000.

At the request of Morton J. Luchs, Washington and Montgomery County real estate developer, the assessment of the Lux-Manor subdivision was reduced from 3 cents to 1½ cents per square foot. The board appointed Miss Ruth Boland of Germantown as a temporary clerk in the office of the Board of Election Supervisors, effective March 1.

LEGISLATIVE GROUP OUTLINES WISHES OF ORGANIZED FARMERS

Legislative wishes of organized farmers of Maryland have been worked out in detail, according to P. C. Turner of Baltimore County, chairman of the legislative committee of the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Tax problems, as usual, attracted major attention of the farm leader group. The organization will continue to fight for a state income tax, and the continuance of selective sales, or luxury taxes. The committee again opposed diversion of gas taxes in any form, but expressed opposition to a Constitutional Amendment preventing diversion at this time. Elimination of state levies on real estate for tax purposes were also favored by the farm group, but again legislative rather than Constitutional means of accomplishing the purpose were favored.

"Three recent proposals were included in the questions on which the farm bureau leaders took action," Mr. Turner reports. "The Maryland organization will support the national farm bureau in its stand for a conservative policy on the farm tenancy question, favoring a plan which will help real farmers to own land, but which will not put the Government in the position of lending money to those who have not proved their ability to operate farms. The group favored the administration of the soils conservation and domestic allotment act through the extension service of the University of Maryland, and also favored proposals which would provide legal methods for the establishment of soils conservation districts to control soil erosion which is doing permanent and long time damage to Maryland's resources."

Gordy May Run For Governor

Comptroller William S. Gordy, Jr., is being groomed for Governorship, according to The New Citizen, of Frederick, a weekly, owned by David C. Winebrenner, 3d, Secretary of State under Former Governor Albert C. Ritchie.

Mr. Gordy's prospects have been discussed informally in Baltimore City, but adherents of Mayor Jackson, who probably will be a candidate, do not admit they consider him a serious opponent for the Mayor.

The story in Mr. Winebrenner's newspaper said, in part:

"If the organization which the Baltimore Mayor has been building for several years does fail to get him the nomination, or if circumstances indicate that there will be a close fight for it, it is safe to say that Comptroller Gordy must be reckoned with.

LEGISLATURE PLANS BUDGET CUT BUT FEARS LOBBY PRESSURE; FIXED SALARIES TO BE "JUGGLE PROOF"

Leading members of the House Ways and Means Committee have indicated that the committee, in making its budget cuts, is bringing appropriations for the next two years into almost direct line with actual expenditures for 1936.

Gov. Harry W. Nice requested that $70,000,000 be appropriated for the two years beginning next October 1st. The actual expenditures for 1936 were in the neighborhood of $83,000,000. A two-year budget drawn along that line would be several millions of dollars below the figure recommended by the Governor.

Whether that system of budget-cutting will be carried through to the end—and some legislators say that would mean a bitter fight on the floor—remains to be seen. The Ways and Means Committee and the Finance Committee are not expected to complete their budget deliberations before the end of next week.

Fear "Heat Turned On"

House leaders indicated that even if the budget-cutting is completed before next week end, the actual amendments will not be made public before the following week. They explained that if the amendments are made public over the week-end, each department suffering cuts will "turn on the heat" in an attempt to secure restoration of those reductions.

Such a process would slow up the work of the committees and would allow time for the departments seeking restorations to build up strength for real floor battles.

There also was a suggestion today that the money-handling committees might see fit to discontinue their talk of "restorations of 1933 salary cuts." Both committees have adopted resolutions calling for fifty per cent. restorations.

Want Salaries Fixed

However, some leaders pointed out, if the budget is adopted with the definite policy of fifty per cent. restorations, the 1939 Legislature will face pressure to have the remainder of the restoration made. One leader suggested that salaries be fixed at some definite point without mention of restoration and that the Legislature make it plain that the salaries so fixed will remain at that point.

There also is every indication that salaries fixed in this budget will be "frozen." Past budgets have allowed department heads to "juggle" the salary items, which means the salaries paid persons doing the same work are not always the same. Shifting of salary items from one employe to another has been especially common on the State Roads Commission.

The Legislature was in recess today, half of its 90-day biennial session already completed. The Legislators have passed only six bills through both houses and more than 400 have been introduced.

When the budget is finally cleared out of the way, the big rush will start. Night sessions will be held and bills will be pushed through in machine-gun order.

POINT OF ROCKS BRIDGE IS URGED

Representatives David J. Lewis, of Cumberland, Md., and Howard W. Smith, of Alexandria, Va., asked Congress to authorize construction of a bridge over the Potomac River from Point of Rocks, Md., to Loudon County, Va.

The Maryland and Virginia State Road Commissions already have made plans for the new span to replace one destroyed by floods last year. The bridge will cost $375,000, with fifty per cent. supplied by the Federal Government and twenty-five per cent. by each of the States.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF MONTGOMERY IS ORGANIZED

Officials of seven Montgomery County incorporated townships last night formed a permanent organization—the Municipal League of Montgomery County—at a meeting in the National Guard Armory at Kensington. Edward R. Saunders, mayor of Kensington, was elected president of the new group.

The league voted to oppose any diversion of the gasoline tax funds from use in construction and maintenance of highways. It also indorsed a bill which provides that the State Roads Commission pay lateral-road taxes directly to townships.

Other officers of the league are: Vice-President, Councilman Edgar Reed, of Rockville; secretary-treasurer, W. Merriam, town clerk of Kensington. Townships represented in the league are Glen Echo, Takoma Park, Rockville, Gaithersburg, Garrett Park, Kensington and Somerset.

Newcomb Club Holds Tea and Musicale

Monday afternoon the Newcomb Club held their mid-winter "Open House," and at the same time enjoyed the Newcomb-Bethesda Community Singers in their annual musicale.

Mrs. McCarran, wife of Senator Pat McCarran, of Nevada, whose daughter, Miss Norrine McCarran, is a member of the chorus, presided at the tea table. She alternated with Miss Doree Germaine Holman, Mrs. Henry Ayler and Mrs. J. W. Hall.

Special guests were Miss Sylvia Meyer, harpist of the National Symphony Orchestra, who played with the chorus; Miss Marie Martell, soprano soloist, and Miss Barbara Worell, and Miss Jean Davidson, who danced the minuet as a part of the afternoon's program.

PRE-NUPTIAL DINNER GIVEN BY MRS. GROOMES

Mrs. Walter H. Groomes, mother of Miss Mary Groomes, whose marriage to Mr. Edward Leon Foster, Jr., took place in St. John's Episcopal Church, Olney, Md., entertained the members of the bridal party and a few others at dinner in her home near Brookeville, Md., Thursday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spengler, Miss Lasca Foster, Mr. Charles Callison and Mr. David Rittenhouse, all of Washington; Miss Caroline Barnsley and Mr. George C. Oland, Olney, Md.; Miss Pauline Counselman, Bethesda, Md.; Mr. William F. Hobbs, Gaithersburg, Md.; Miss Margaret Watkins, Cedar Grove, Md.; Miss Roberta Wilkinson, Silver Spring, Md.; Miss Margaret B. Broomes, Miss Sallie A. Myers, Miss Mary W. Groomes and Mr. Walter Groomes, all of Brookeville, and Mr. Edward Leon Foster, Jr.

TWO BILLION DOLLAR CROP DAMAGE BY INSECTS

Corn Ear Worm Worst Offender.

Poison gas, disease traps, all of the weapons devised by modern science are being used upon the 7,000 different types of pests that destroy trees, crops, grass and food for man, according to S. A. Rohrer, of the Bureau of Entomology.

A detailed estimate by scientists of the annual crop damage by only "thirty-four of the more important insect pests" showed a $924,440,000 loss. They said their $2,000,000,000 total estimate probably was "to conservative."

Although grasshoppers and chinch bugs have rated the most public attention this year, Rohwer said the common corn ear worm probably caused the most damage year after year.

"It attacks corn, tomatoes, cotton, cabbage, tobacco and many other crops," he said.

Rohwer said the hordes of grasshoppers that accompanied last summer's draught had focused public attention on insect pest damage.

Congressmen from twelve Middle Western States have been asked by farm leaders and State entomologists to provide a $5,000,000 Federal fund to fight these pests.

Rohwer said poison bait had proved most effective against the hoppers and that it should be available early in the season when the pests were small and had not reached the migratory stage.

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