## World's Youngest Mayor Guest of LaGuardia and New York

**Municipal budgets and such were discussed by the mayor of the world's largest city and world's youngest mayor when Mayor LaGuardia' of New York played host to 17-year-old Mayor Daniel Kampan of Boys Town recently. Left to right above are LaGuardia, Kampan and Father Flanagan, founder and director of Boys Town.**

THE world's youngest mayor visited New York recently as official guest of the mayor of the world's largest city—and they talked about budgets!

Danny Kampan, Mayor of Boys Town, Nebr., is only 17 and the youngest mayor of a real city in the world. As mayor of New York, Fiorello LaGuardia controls the largest municipal budget in the world.

After being locked in private conference in LaGuardia's office for some fifteen minutes, the mayor of New York admitted newspapermen and photographers:

"Mayor Kampan and I have exchanged credentials" LaGuardia said. "We've decided this job of being mayor isn't all it's cracked up to be!"

"You said it!" chimed in the youthful Kampan.

Going to New York to take part in a national radio broadcast, the Mayor of Boys Town and Father Flanagan, founder and director of the nationally famous home for homeless boys there were accorded all the courtesies and honors extended by the metropolis only to world celebrities. They were met at the train by Mayor LaGuardia's official motor cavalcade with specially uniformed motorcycle officers flanking all sides. With screaming sirens clearing their way through the heavy New York traffic, they were whisked to the city hall for the big public reception.

While the two mayors posed for a battery of photographers, Father Flanagan stood in the background smiling gently, his eyes serious and kindly. He founded Boys Town, ten miles west of Omaha in 1917. Since then 4,466 homeless boys of all races, colors and creeds—from the 48 states of the union have been made good citizens there.

Beseiged by reporters for a history of his famous home he said: "No boy is a really bad boy. If you take him off the streets you can stem the tide of Crime. No one wants to be a criminal. It's only the lack of opportunity that makes boys criminals."

Breathless before the honors and recognition extended his homeless boys by the great American metropolis Father Flanagan told newspapermen how Boys Town began 19 years ago with five boys, how today present Boys Town with its 360 acres of fine farm land and modern buildings was his dream come true. With pride he showed reporters a recent letter written him by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the nation's G-Men. Hoover wrote: "If Boys Town were just financially able to care for all the boys that need its help, crime would be dealt one of the most effective and crushing blows I can imagine."

While in New York, young Kampan was offered an opportunity to attend an eastern preparatory school, a scholarship in an eastern college and a career. He turned them down with thanks, and a smile:

"Thank you very much" he said "but I think I'll go back with Father Flanagan!"

## THROUGH A Woman's Eyes

By JEAN NEWTON

### WE LIVE DAY BY DAY

"A SHORT life and a merry one," says the prodigal. So he spends not only his money, without thought of provision for the rainy day, but also his energy, his health and his strength. He does usually manage to have what he calls a merry life and also a short one.

And all that can be hoped for the people whose hopes and expectation of happiness go no further than "a short life and a merry one" is that their way of living may not shorten other lives than their own, that their pursuit of pleasure may not drag into its maelstrom the lives of others who are bound to them by love, though their own ideas of happiness and of the meaning of life are very different.

So much for the prodigals, the wasters. Their mistake is in thinking only of today, never of tomorrow. And no one will again say that it is a mistake.

Strange, then, is it not, that there should be people of the opposite turn of mind, those who think only of the future and not at all of today, who are just as far off the track that leads to satisfaction and happiness.

I am thinking of the people who are so preoccupied with their aims for the future that they forget that life is lived day by day. The man whose efforts to amass wealth leave him no time or thought to make friends with his family, is, of course, a familiar example. But there are others. There is the mother so occupied with thoughts of her children's future, of what she wants them to become, that she misses the pleasures of living with them through their childhood stages. There are children who allow their ambition, their work and study which in future is to bring their parents joy, to absorb them so that they become as strangers to those parents.

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## Mother's Cook Book

### WAFFLE TIME

WAFFLE time is any time with most folks, but during the cold weather waffles, hot cakes, muffins and gems are more especially enjoyed. The following recipe for the hurried housewife will be most welcome:

**Quick Waffles.**

Take two and three-fourths cups of pastry flour or one and one-half cups of bread flour and one-half cup of corn starch, add four teaspoons of baking powder, one teaspoon of salt, mix well, add three well beaten eggs and one-half cup of vegetable oil. Mix well and add one and one-half cups of milk. Beat thoroughly and bake on a hot waffle iron. Serve with maple or canned sirup.

### BIGGEST LIAR OF 1936

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## TRY THIS TRICK

By PONJAY HARRAH

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### THE VANISHING COIN

MAKING a coin vanish would seem to be a feat of difficult legerdemain. It can be accomplished, however, in a very simple manner, without resort to long practice or the need of expert skill.

The magician begins by showing a few coins on the palm of his left hand. He picks up a small one—say a dime—with his right hand, letting the larger coins lie open in his left.

The right fingers perform a rubbing motion. The small coin melts completely from view. The magician, not caring to lose more money, puts the remaining coins in his pocket.

The magician does not pick up the small coin from the left hand. He only pretends to do so. Actually, he slides a larger coin over the small one. People, seeing the little coin gone, think the right hand has it, but the small coin went into the pocket with the others. The rubbing motion with the right fingers was only an illusion.

## TODAY DECIDE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THE man you meet upon the street
Today was yesterday a child,
Who yesterday was plastic clay,
Unfashioned yet and undefiled.
Then came the old the mind to mould,
The heart to shape for good or ill,
For we may take the child and make
Tomorrow's man the thing we will.

The woman who is known to you
Today was yesterday a maid
To take, refuse, as we may choose,
Then genuine, the masquerade.
Then came to us the moment thus,
To us who surely understood
Life's calm and storm, our task to form
Tomorrow's woman, ill or good.

The child you find with open mind
Today in school, at home, or where,
Is ours to plan—the woman, man,
Tomorrow is today's affair.
And we who teach, or pray, or preach,
The teacher, parent, all who guide,
Shall shape the will for good or ill—
Tomorrow's life today decide.

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## PAPA KNOWS—

"Pop, what is a nibble?"

"Buying ten shares."

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## Eve's Epigrams

A Miss is as good as two a-mile.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Washington Grove

The Charles Lowry family and Mrs. Sarepta O. Brooks are moving to Darnestown. Mrs. Brooks is recuperating from a dislocated shoulder.

Mrs. Henry Becraft, president of the Woman's club, and Mrs. Roy McCathran attended a "club executive" meeting Monday in Washington at the home of Mrs. Frank Perley.

Mr. Osborn Sappington, grandson of Dr. Albert Osborn, is leaving for Texas to enter Texas University.

Mr. and Mrs. August H. Sorgenfrei are leaving to be guests of their daughter, Mrs. George McGuinn, at Virginia Highlands, Va.

Miss Minerva Brake is a patient at Montgomery General Hospital.

Dr. Albert Osborn attended an alumni banquet of Cornell University at the Raleigh last Thursday.

Mrs. Edgar, mother of Mrs. Oscar Lancaster, has returned to Washington after a visit with her daughter.

Many friends of Rev. Philip C. Edwards, pastor of Mt. Airy M. E. Church and former pastor here, will be sorry to learn of his serious illness with the flu.

Miss Mary Lacey, of Columbus, O., is a guest of her brother, Mr. John Lacey.

## Damascus

Mrs. Edith Plummer, 53, died at her home in Cedar Grove Wednesday of last week. Death was due to bronchitis. She was a life-long resident of Cedar Grove. Surviving are her husband, Ewell S. Plummer, one brother, James Sibley, of Brink; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Bowman, of Howard County, and Miss Emma Sibley, of Cedar Grove; one grandchild, Miss Mary Lee Thompson. Funeral services were conducted at Salem M. E. Church and burial was in the adjoining cemetery, on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Charles L. Watkins, Sr., had an attack of pneumonia, and is reported critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Brown, of Cabin John, were resent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moyer.

## Rockville

Mrs. J. M. White entertained the following friends at bridge on Friday in honor of Mrs. Lawrence Chiswell: Mrs. Nicholas Brewer, Mrs. Lloyd Brewer, Mrs. George Seybold, Mrs. Barrett Willson, Mrs. Alinus Spears, Mrs. Walter Williams and Mrs. W. H. Helfrich.

Mrs. Robert C. Cooper, wife of the pastor of the Rockville Baptist Church, is in New York City.

Miss Margaret Slade, of Reisterstown, was the week-end guest of Miss Emily Blandford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rudd entertained the members of Christ Church choir at a buffet supper on Saturday evening at 7 at the rectory. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. David Betts, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Williams, Mr. Franklin Wilson, Miss B. C. Allnutt, Miss Betty Markland, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stock, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stock, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Bashe Abert, Miss Martha Williams.

Mrs. Carter Claggett entertained the following guests at dinner Thursday at her home on Montgomery avenue: Mrs. Charles Pyles of Hancock; Miss Emma Hodson and Mrs. Frank Davis of Poolesville; Mrs. Julian Waters of Germantown; Mrs. Emily Hall, of Gaithersburg; Mrs. John Williams of Kensington; Mrs. Edgar Chiswell of Washington; and Mrs. Albert Wootton of Rockville.

Mrs. Elizabeth Offutt left Saturday for Boonton, N. J., where she will spend the remainder of the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Perris.

On Thursday Mrs. Edwin Broome was hostess to her bridge club, with the following present: Mrs. Barrett Willson, Mrs. William Clarke, Miss Elsie England, Mrs. Frank Letzear, Mrs. Siedman Prescott, Mrs. Walter Bauer, Mrs. J. M. White and Mrs. A. H. Griffith.

One of the Tuesday bridge clubs was entertained this week by Mrs. Valentine Wilson. Mrs. Lloyd Brewer, Mrs. J. M. White, Mrs. Shirley M. Prescott, Mrs. Alinus Spears, Mrs. Nicholas Brewer, Mrs. Randolph Talbott, and Mrs. Walter Bauer were those attending.

Mr. George Seybold is spending a week or ten days in New York.

Mr. Banks Ruddock, of Charlotte, N. C., visited friends here this week.

Mrs. Albert Ady has been a guest for the past week of her mother, Mrs. John N. Morris, in Baltimore.

Miss Emma Lee Clogg has returned from a visit with relatives on the Eastern Shore.

## Gaithersburg

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Byrne recently entertained at a dinner at their home on Diamond avenue. Plates were laid for eighteen guests.

Miss Rose Dorothy D'Anna and Joseph Samuel Thorpe, both of Washington, C., were married on Thursday by Rev. Michael J. Finnerty, pastor of St. Martin's Catholic Church, at the rectory.

Installation of officers of Pentalpha Chapter No. 38, O. S. S., was held at the Masonic Hall with Past Grand Matron, Minnie Hopple, as installing officer, assisted by Past Matron, Catherine Gates, Rockville, acting Grand Marshal. Mrs. Lillian Robertson and A. R. Selby, the outgoing Matron and Patron, were presented with jewels from the Chapter and gifts from their officers. The incoming Matron also received gifts.

The annual bazaar and supper on February 17, in Masonic Hall will be given by Forest Oak Lodge Knights of Pythias. The chairman is Brawner Z. Harding.

Mrs. William McBain addressed the Inquiry Club of Rockville on Tuesday evening. The topic was "The Indians." The club met with Mrs. Raleigh Chinn.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Clark, of Winton, N. C., parents of Mrs. Yale Barber, have been guests at the Barber home on Frederick avenue.

Mr. William E. Day, of New York, was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Day.

A meeting of the P. T. A. of the Gaithersburg High School, with Mrs. Paul Thomas presiding, was held in the auditorium Monday evening.

Reports from the delegates who attended the County Federation of P. T. A. at Rockville, newly organized, were heard. The principal discussion of the evening was a report of the building committee, headed by Dr. W. D. Barnett, that a bill has gone to the Legislature for the construction of four rooms and gymnasium and the elimination of the portable buildings.

The various schools of the county who have a musical course were invited to participate at this meeting. Brownsville quartet, who sings over radio station W.P.M.D., represented Damascus High School. Mr. Harry Beall, accompanied by Miss Hazel Jacobs, represented Sherwood High, and Mrs. Helen Bickmore, accompanied by Mr. Maxwell Burdette, gave a trombone solo; also Mrs. Charles Hershey gave two vocal solos, and a visitor, Mrs. John Barnett, gave several very delightful vocal solos. A social hour followed with refreshments.

Miss Marguerite Beauregard, sister of Mrs. Bernard Diamond, has returned home, after spending several days at the home of the latter.

Mrs. Charles P. Fox spent last week-end visiting in Warrenton, Va.

Mrs. Greenberry Griffith, Mrs. William W. Griffith and Miss Maud Dorsey, of Laytonsville, were guests of Mrs. Merle Haines for luncheon and contract bridge on Tuesday.

The Thursday evening bridge club was entertained this week by Mrs. Jack Wallace in Washington.

The Ladies Aid of Epworth Church is to give a luncheon Thursday of next week at the home of Mrs. Norman Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Miers of Washington, were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Irvine.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Crawford had as their guests on Monday Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Wiltshire of Bethesda.

## Laytonsville

Mr. and Mrs. Washington W. White, Misses Louisa and Dorothy White, Washington White, Jr., and Charles White were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bell in Washington, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hawkins, accompanied by Mrs. Cora Howard and Mrs. Julia M. Becraft, went to Randallstown Wednesday, to visit Mrs. Verda Griffith, who is recuperating after a recent illness.

Mrs. Elgee Higgs, Mrs. Allison Taylor, and Mrs. V. H. Dyson were entertained by Mrs. Merhle Haines at Gaithersburg on Friday at a dessert party, followed by contract bridge.

Mrs. John H. Snouffer and Mr. and Mrs. George B. Snouffer entertained recently at a party in honor of Mr. John H. Snouffer's 71st birthday. Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Clark and son, Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Primkert, Edith Snouffer and Mr. Earl Brengle of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. James Williams and family, James and Miss Constance Williams, Miss Ruth Bogley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Talbott, Mrs. Elizabeth Cramer, and Mrs. Julia Becraft.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Griffith were hosts at a Sunday dinner, their guests being: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark and son Henry T., of Brighton; Miss Laura Gartrell and Mrs. Alice Harris, of Washington.

Mrs. Mary F. Allnutt entertained Misses Mary Lou and Hazel Riggs and Miss Mary Taylor in Washington over Inauguration day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowatt Windham entertained at dinner Sunday. The guests being: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hargett, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hargett, of Germantown; Mrs. Thelma King and son Collier, Mrs. Jenny Collier, Mr. William Flair, Mr. Walter Sabine, Miss Anna Beasley, Mr. Jack Warfield and Billy Ferguson, of Rockville.

Mrs. Colbourne Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Warfield, has returned to her home in Rockville, after an operation for appendicitis, at a Washington hospital.

Sunday morning Mr. William A. Leidloff, of the local M. E. Church, and Rev. J. E. James, of the Burtonsville M. E. Church, exchanged pulpits. It is remembered Rev. James served the Laytonsville charge some thirty years ago.


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# INDEPENDENT

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## Auditors Make Report Advising Reassessment And Bookkeeping Plan

The audit firm of Wooden & Benson, of Baltimore filed a report of their work with the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday morning. For some months the auditors have pursued their inspection.

Among recommendations were general reassessment of all Montgomery County taxable property, simplification of tax rates, and modernization of the county bookkeeping system. The auditors declared that "due to the condition of the records and lack of systematic routine and method of collecting and summarizing information, it was not possible to satisfactorily audit your books." The report added, however, that the examination had failed to disclose any instance where county funds had been improperly handled.

Division of the county into two sections, rural and suburban, was suggested by the auditors as a step toward simplifying the tax setup. There are now 71 different tax rates in the county, the report said which is unparalleled in the State of Maryland. In addition it was asserted that a large amount of personal property and securities are not placed on the tax books.

Opinion was expressed that the county should be remunerated for collecting taxes for special taxing areas by computing the cost and deducting it as the collections are made. Suggestion also was made that pages of the cash receipt book in the county police court be numbered and better records kept of the issuance of warrants and posting of collateral.

To properly keep the county records, the report advocated the installation of a complete double-entry system of bookkeeping, together with a general ledger to furnish comprehensive information at the end of each month concerning the condition of county finances. County Accountant C. Vaughan Darby said the proposed system would be installed at little or no additional expense.

County Commissioner Charles E. King declared after submission of the report that he would demand immediate installation of the new bookkeeping system.

"This is the second consecutive year that the auditors have come in and told us they can't properly audit our books because our bookkeeping system is out of date and it's time something was done about it," he said. "The same thing will happen next year if we don't follow their recommendations and I, for one, intend to see that some attention is paid to this situation".

Two large delegations of taxpayers appeared before the board during its afternoon session. One group represented the Gaithersburg Parent-Teacher Association and urged construction of six additional

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### *Location For Bethesda Postoffice Costs $45,000*

Of twelve sites offered by realtors for the site of the new $160,000 postoffice building to be constructed at Bethesda, the postal authorities at Washington have selected and purchased the tract of land located on the northwest corner of Wisconsin and Montgomery avenues, across the street from the Bethesda County Building, and adjoining the State Theater. It was purchased for $45,000 from the Edgemoor Land Company, Walter R. Tuckerman, president. The tract fronts 163 feet along Wisconsin avenue and 107 feet on Montgomery avenue.

The cost of the building is provided for under an appropriation of $115,000 made by the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department after a long effort on the part of Bethesda business and civic leaders, who were materially assisted by Representative David J. Lewis. Plans for the building will begin at once and will be modern in every respect and will include adequate quarters for the postal station, which is a branch of the Washington, D. C., Post Office. By retaining the status of a branch of the Washington office a much better delivery and collection service is secured, it is anticipated.

### County Breeder Wins National Recognition

Peterborough, N. H.—A Montgomery county Guernsey breeder, T. Magruder Veirs, of Rockville, has just won national recognition on his pure bred Guernsey bull, Florham Beau Ideal 182430.

This bull, having two daughters which have made creditable official records, has been entered in the Advanced Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club. "Florham Beau" will be known hereafter as an advanced register sire. Only Guernseys which meet high production requirements are eligible for entry. The two daughters which have completed official records are Thornton's Valentine 383134, producing 7620.5 pounds of milk and 423.8 pounds of butter fat, in class GHI, and Thornton's Jewel 396819, producing 13088.3 pounds of milk and 604.0 pounds of butter fat, in class G.

### First Bill Introduced Deals With Minors And Firearms

Delegate Ruth E. Shoemaker, of Bethesda, introduced the first bill affecting Montgomery County in the General Assembly at Annapolis Monday night, when she sponsored the firearms bill, which will prohibit any children under 18 years of age from discharging a rifle, pistol or other weapon anywhere in the County unless accompanied by an adult. It passed both Houses in 1935, but Gov. Harry W. Nice vetoed it.

It will be remembered that Miss Shoemaker, suffered a superficial wound shortly before the 1935 session when struck by a bullet fired by a boy. She declared the common practice of allowing youths to shoot firearms without proper supervision should be halted.

### *Liberty Grove Grange Inducts New Officers*

Officers were installed at the annual meeting of Liberty Grove Grange by the State master, T. Roy Brookes, assisted by Miss Pearl Marlow, Mrs. Roy Snyder and Harry Gibson.

The officers are Henry C. Lank, master; G. Lawrence Tolson, overseer; Mrs. N. A. Marlow, lecturer; Granville Thompson, steward; Mrs. Henry Lank, secretary; G. Daniel Snyder, treasurer; Walter Wright, assistant steward; Frank Cooney, gatekeeper; Mrs. Anna Wright, Ceres; Mrs. Harriett Athey, Pomona; Miss Mozella Downs, Flora, and Mrs. Mollie Gibson, lady assistant.

### Mrs. Rogers, Musician Injured At Damascus

Mrs. Laura Rogers, of Gaithersburg, Instructor of Community Singing in Montgomery County, was taken to the Montgomery County Hospital on Saturday morning as the result of an accident, in which she received a broken leg. The accident occured on the lawn of Damascus M. E. Church, when a car backed into her. Mrs. Rogers has been conducting a class at the church weekly. The lights were out, when she started for her car, at the same time others of the group began to depart. Mrs. Rogers was caught by the bumper of the backing car and was jammed against the running board of her own car and injured.

### Erasmus Perry Chapter, Offers Prize For Essay

At Silver Spring Mrs. John C. Livingston entertained the recent meeting of Erasmus Perry Chapter, D. A. R. It was the occasion of the first of a series of talks on the United States Constitution. Mrs. J. Brent Clarke was speaker. Other speakers will discuss the subject at subsequent meetings and individual members will make a study of the constitutional provisions.

The chapter has offered a prize to the graduating class of the Montgomery Blair High School for the best essay on "The American Flag—Its History and Origin". The award will be presented during commencement exercises next June.

### *MATTHEWS MURDERER IS BELIEVED ARRESTED*

Late Tuesday night State's Attorney James H. Pugh announced the arrest of a man believed to be William Reed, desperado and gunman, wanted for the murder of Elwood Matthews, 65-year-old wealthy Four Corners, farmer, and Earl Dilman, Philadelphia traveling salesman.

Reed was seized in the little town of Ruston, La., A. J. Thigpen, sheriff of Lincoln Parish informed Mr. Pugh, and said that the arresting officer reported that the suspect answered in every respect the circular describing Reed.

**Seek Federal Aid**

Montgomery County authorities, will seek the aid of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in obtaining the immediate removal of the prisoner to Charleston, W. Va., where War Joseph Kirby and Lawrence Gingell, his alleged partners, are awaiting trial.

The Federal charge against Reed was kidnaping, growing out of the abduction of a colored cab driver who was taken from the District into Silver Spring, where he was robbed by three men, believed to have been Kirby, Gingell and Reed, November 15.

Unless a Federal charge against Reed is made, he must stand trial in Louisiana on the highway robbery charge under which he was arrested.

Pugh said that he intended to call a session of the grand jury to indict Reed and his confederates. Already in jail at Rockville is Richard Stockton, 22, captured by Federal agents and County detectives sometime ago when they went to Cambridge, Mass., in an attempt to find Reed.

Stockton is held for complicity in numerous holdups in Montgomery County with several other members of the alleged gang to which Reed, Kirby and Gingell belonged. He is not held in connection with the murders.

The body of Matthews, a wealthy farmer, was found December 13 in Northwestern Branch, near Burnt Mills. He had been shot twice and robbed of $40.

### *Volunteer Firemen Are Training At Kensington*

The Cabin John Park Fire Department has one of the largest enrollments of volunteer fire fighters participating in the training school for firemen, sponsored by the County Association of Volunteer Firemen, now being held each Friday night during eight weeks in the National Guard Armory at Kensington. The school affords a complete course in fire prevention and combat work, with instruction imparted by Lieutenant Brogagni, former instructor in the training school of the District of Columbia Fire Department.

The county association, which comprises all the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Companies, contemplates offering this course annually as a result of the enthusiasm being manifested in this school.

An enrollment of fifty students was anticipated when the school was planned, and at present there is an enrollment of 115 firemen.

## Gov. Nice Presents Budget; Asks For $70,656,000 For Coming Two Years

Gov. Harry W. Nice in the General Assembly at Annapolis Monday night, gave a tentative budget of the financial needs of the State of Maryland during the next two years, carrying appropriations and allocations that total $70,656,000. This is an increase of approximately $8,000,000 over those for the two current years.

Appropriations from the general treasury amount to $28,887,942.79 for the two-year period—$14,321,529.69 for 1938, and $14,566,413.10 for 1939.

Allocations from special revenues aggregate $20,529,933.22 for next year and $21,239,560.98 for 1939, or a total of $41,768,094.20.

**Diversion Cited**

The budget of appropriations, which amount to manadatory drafts on the State Treasury, was brought into balance by the diversion of $7,565,345.50 in motor vehicle and gasoline tax revenue into the general fund accounts.

All allocations made from the revenue in special funds are contingent upon the collection and realization of the estimated yield of these special taxes—estimated for 1938-1939 at $46,511,642.45.

**Seeks To Restore Cuts**

Included in the budget submitted is the restoration of 50 per cent. of the pay cuts to teachers and other employes which were made as economy measures. There were also increased appropriations for care of the insane and tubercular patients of the State and some other State departments where the Governor deemed them necessary.

The budget, however, did not make any provision for the heavy relief budget of the Board of State Aid and Charities, which asked for appropriations of some $6,450,000 for the next two fiscal years.

**Sugests Tax Series**

Supplemental appropriations amounting to $9,333,000 for the two-year period, which would provide for restoration of the highway fund diversions to road purposes, were suggested, but Governor Nice left it in the hands of the legislators to provide revenue to finance relief and the supplemental items contained in his program outside of the regular budget.

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### *Town Council Confers With B. & O. Officials*

On Tuesday Chief Engineer Lane and other Baltimore & Ohio Railroad officials came to Rockville, and conferred with the Mayor and Town Council and a delegation from the local Chamber of Commerce, Dr. George L. Edmonds, chairman, as to the possibility of retaining the Rockville grade crossing and the old wooden bridge near the crossing.

In course of the discussion, Mr. Lane is reported to have assured his conferees their needs would be cared for, and that the railroad company proposed to construct a ramp in connection with the overpass, and agreed that no definite action toward closing the grade crossing or tearing down the old wooden bridge would be started until after another conference.

It was pointed out that the PWA contract through which funds were allotted for construction of the overpass provides that the grade crossing, where fourteen Williamsport school children were killed, should be closed.

### Boyds Woman Enters Suit Asking Divorce

Mrs. Mamie E. Day, of Boyds, has filed suit in the Circuit Court here for an absolute divorce from Roland B. Day, who left that town recently and is understood to be temporarily living in Reno, Nev. She also asks to be awarded custody of the couple's only child, Mary Elizabeth, aged 22 months.

### Dr. George M. Boyer In Woodfield Road Mishap

Dr. George M. Boyer, for thirty years a well known physician of Damascus, was seriously injured when his automobile struck a culvert about three miles south of Damascus on the Woodfield road.

Dr. Boyer it is stated, had been so busy treating patients suffering with "flu" and grippe that he neared exhaustion, when he fell asleep at the wheel and lost control of the car as it hit the culvert and overturned. Blowing the horn as he was trapped in the car he attracted the attention of Mr. Ollie King, who took him home. His son, Dr. McKendree Boyer, treated him for chest and face injuries.

### CHARLES LEE WATKINS, RETIRED FARMER, DIES

The victum of a protracted illness, Mr. Charles Lee Watkins, well-known retired farmer of Damascus district, died at his home in Damascus last Saturday morning, aged seventy-two years. A life long resident of that section he spent most of his long life in agricultural pursuits in the Cedar Grove community.

He was a director of the Montgomery County National Bank at Rockville and an active member of the Upper Seneca Baptist Church at Cedar Grove, where funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon, with a large attendance of surviving relatives and friends. Interment was in the adjacent cemetery.

Mr. Watkins is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie King Watkins; three sons, Clayton K. Watkins, of Gaithersburg, Clerk of the Circuit Court at Rockville; Talmadge L. Watkins, Montgomery County representative of the Federal Land Bank, and Charles L. Watkins, jr., both of Cedar Grove; eight daughters, Mrs. Lenox Howes, of Morrisville, Penn.; Mrs. Luther C. Howard, of Laytonsville; Mrs. Elgie D. Hawkins, of Woodfield; Mrs. Marion Howes, of Woodfield; Mrs. Cecil Allnutt, of Cedar Grove; Mrs. William Beall, of Cedar Grove; Mrs. Thomas Johnson, of Glenburnie; and Mrs. Ralph Walker, of Gaithersburg; two brothers, Harry L. Watkins, of Cedar Grove, and Cornelius A. Watkins, of Baltimore, two sisters, Mrs. Charles T. Johnson, of Germantown, and Mrs. G. Otis Hendrickson, of Urbana, and 19 grandchildren.

### Silver Spring Democrats Plan Information Talks

The first of a series of informative discussions on subjects of general interest to county residents, planned this Winter by the Young Men's Democratic Club of Silver Spring, will be held February 1 in Jesup Blair Community House.

Administrative night will be staged at the meeting. There will be talks on three branches of the county government.

Commissioner Paul M. Coughlan will talk on the functions of the Board of County Commissioners, Clayton Watkins will discuss the work of the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county, and the set-up and duties of County Treasurer Walker's office will be explained by a representative from that department.

At monthly meetings during the next six months discussions will be held on law enforcement in the county, public health and agencies such as the Social Service League and County Welfare Board.

The meetings will be open to both men and women of all parties.

**GROOMES—FOSTER, JR. NUPTIALS.**

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of. Miss Mary W. Groomes, daughter of Mrs. Walter Groomes, and Mr. Edward Leon Foster, jr., of New York, which will take place in St. John's Episcopal Church, Olney, Saturday, February 20.

## Red Cross Flood Quota Of $4,000 Will Be Over Subscribed Generously

The Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking to raise $4,000 as its share of relief for flood victims in the Ohio valley.

Admiral Gary T. Grayson, chairman of the American Red Cross, requested the Montgomery County Chapter to increase its original quota of $800, set last week, five times in view of the increased need in the flood area.

In the first two days of the special flood drive, more than one-half of the quota was raised and officials of the local Red Cross were confident the $4,000 figure would be oversubscribed.

Mrs. William Wight, of Silver Spring, Chairman of the County Red Cross Chapter, is directing the flood drive. She reported that in the first two days four communities in the county reached their quotas.

Rockville, where funds are being collected under the direction of Mrs. Donald DeLashmutt, subscribed $410 in two days. That town's quota was set at $250.

Miss Ruth Weld, in charge of the drive in the Sandy Spring-Olney area, reported $235 raised. The quota was $150.

In Poolesville a $50 quota was set and the first two day's receipts were $100. Collections were in charge of Mrs. Robert Gray.

In Darnestown, the quota was set at $25 and $52 was raised in two days. Collections were in charge of Mrs. Kelly Rice.

A quota of $1,350 was set for Silver Spring. Mrs. Vernon Brewster, chairman of the Silver Spring Branch, reported $587 in the first two days of the drive.

In Chevy Chase, Mrs. Roger Whiteford, chairman of the Branen, reported $344 collected out of a quota of $1,175.

Mrs. George Parkeau, chairman of the Bethesda Branch, reported collection of $117 in two days out of a $675 quota.

Schools throughout the county, at the request of Dr. Edwin Broome, School Superintendent, made special appeals for flood relief funds. The Lions Club of Silver Spring made a special donation of $100.

The Businessmen's Association of Silver Spring planned a three-day Bingo Party at the Silver Spring Hotel, February 3, 4 and 5, the entire proceeds of which will be donated to the flood fund.

Mrs. Wright said the generosity of the people of Montgomery County was gratifying. She believed the quota would be exceeded by a substantial figure. "Residents of Montgomery County cannot but help remember the aid given their own flood sufferers last spring by the Red Cross. Almost $10,000 was spent at that time in emergency relief and rehabilitation for more than 70 Montgomery County families whose homes were damaged by a flood in the Potomac," Mrs. Wight said.

Those in charge of the flood funds in other sections of Montgomery County are:

Kensington, Rev. Fred Kullmar; Gaithersburg, Miss Alverda Cooke; Damascus, Willard Souder, jr.

Most firehouses, churches, schools and banks in the county are receiving funds for flood relief. No direct appeal has been made yet for clothing. However, as soon as arrangements have been perfected for shipping clothing into the flood area, the Red Cross will call for donations. Donations of food are being received by local Red Cross officials and shipped to national Red Cross headquarters.

In his latest message to the Montgomery County Chapter, Grayson said it was impossible to name a final goal for funds.

"The only limit to Red Cross assistance," his telegram said, "must be the maximum generosity of the American people."

### *Boxes For Lincoln Day Ball Being Reserved*

Although invitations have just been placed in the mail in Montgomery County for the Lincoln Day Ball on February 12, at the Raleigh Hotel, Washington, reservations have already been made for many of the available boxes. Among those who have already made reservations are: Mr. E. P. Colladay, Republican National Committeeman for the District of Columbia, and Mrs. Colladay; Mr. James C. Wilkes, member State Central Committee for the District