REPORT ON CHEST CLINIC MADE BY HEALTH DEPT.

The County Health Department has made the following report for the year in its chest clinic work:

The last chest clinic of 1937 in the county was held in Rockville on December 17. These clinics were conducted by Dr. Leo. V. Schneider of the staff of Glendale Sanatorium and are held under the auspices of the Montgomery County Branch of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association and the County Health Department. They are supported largely by funds from the sale of Christmas Seals.

The most important measure in the control of tuberculosis is the discovery of the disease in its early stages when the patient can easily be cured by sanatorium treatment and can be kept from spreading his infection to others in the community. Tuberculosis is, however, very difficult to detect early and the clinic examination is of great importance.

Fifteen clinics were held in the county this year. New patients have x-rays taken in advance. Diagnosis of the early cases is difficult by physical examination alone, even when done by a specialist.

The chest clinic is also a place where a physician may send persons already known to have the disease to find out whether satisfactory progress is being made. This function of the clinic, however, is secondary to the examination of new patients suspected of having the disease. The more clinic time devoted to new patients the greater its benefit. In the December clinic in Rockville, 11 of the 15 patients came in for the first time. Six of the 11 were pronounced free from active disease and only 1 of the 5 had sufficient activity to need sanatorium care.

It is hoped that an x-ray machine can soon be obtained as a part of the county clinic. At present patients have to be taken beforehand to a hospital for x-rays. This is a great inconvenience, often requiring much nurses' or volunteers' time. With a machine on hand, pictures can be taken on the clinic day, immediately developed and then read by the clinician at the time of the physical examination.

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figures may be obtained by any interested party or parties from the records of the County Commissioners themselves.

"I do not know of any other way of financing so large an undertaking than the issuance of bonds, and this seems to be the fair way. I say this because it would be impractical to raise the whole amount by a current levy and as the school buildings that are now being constructed have quite a long period of usefulness, it is no more than fair and just that the oncoming generations, who will also derive benefits therefrom, should bear a reasonable proportion of their construction cost.

"I would like to also call to your attention the fact that the present Board of County Commissioners have raised the tax rate from ninety cents to one dollar and fifty cents on every one hundred dollars. As every one cent of tax rate brings in approximately ten thousand dollars, the increase of sixty cents means that the present board receives about $600,000.00 more per annum than the previous board, the same being, of course, nearly two thousand dollars more per day. Even with this increased revenue, amounting to more than $1,800,000.00 by direct taxation, over a period of three years they have retired only $462,500.00 worth of the County indebtedness over this three year period of office."

Local B & O Commuters Retain Train Service

Announcement was made this week that Rockville and Gaithersburg residents will not be deprived of service to Washington by discontinuance of trains 37 and 38, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Trains 24, leaving Brunswick, and 77, leaving Washington, which now are through trains will stop at Rockville and Gaithersburg, at the same time as the two trains discontinuance of which has been asked by the Company.

The announcemeint came in time to intercept plans formulated by the commuters to vigorously oppose the discontinuance of the two trains at a hearing before the Public Service Commission on a date early in January.

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paying a much larger portion of the current expenses of operating the schools. The State has full jurisdiction of the school system and should rightfully pay more of the expenses.

As to the 90-cent tax rate referred to in the letter, I did not think the Senator would dig up that 90-cent tax rate ghost to hold up to the public gaze. I thought he would be only too glad to allow it to stay buried and unmolested. Certainly the 90-cent tax rate did not pay the expenses of the county government, but that was easy to get over. They simply issued bonds to make up the deficit and more bonds with which to pay the interest on bonds previously issued. Those were great times, bonding, building, buying and selling at exorbitantly high prices and high rates of interest; plenty of money—everything was lovely. All you had to do was to issue bonds and more bonds and spend the money.

The present Board of County Commissioners have reduced the indebtedness of the county approximately $465,000, besides securing the reduction in the State Roads overdraft of $192,000 of over-draft.

This Board of County Commissioners set a tax rate of $1.50 because that is what it requires to run the county government and make payments on the county indebtedness. The credit of Montgomery County at this time is in splendid condiffion, better than it has been for fifteen years, and it is due to the fact that the bonding houses know the commissioners are not going to issue any more bonds but intend to pay off the county's debts as they come due.

FRANK H. KARN

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Vaccination in the Prevention of Bang's Disease

Vaccination plays an important part in the control of Bang's Disease in herds where the infection is already present. Due to the fact that Abortion vaccine consists of live organisms great care should be exercised in using it. It is dangerous in the hands of an unskilled person and great harm may done. It should be used by the veterinarian only. A competent physician is the only one qualified to vaccinate your child against small pox and only a competent veterinarian should use Abortion vaccine. The bacterias in the vaccine are ALIVE and they should be handled with care as 5,000,000,000 of them are contained in a single dose.

To get best results calves only from 5 to 8 months of age should be vaccinated. Bulls are not to be vaccinated. To prove whether or not the vaccine has taken "the calves should be blood tested about 4 weeks after vaccination and if they are "positive" to the blood test this means the bacterias in the vaccine were alive and IMMUNITY in the calves is being developed.

This "reaction" to the blood test should begin to disappear when the calves get to be about 12 months of age and by the time they get to be of breeding age (18 months) they should be negative to the blood test. Any calf showing a "reaction" should not be bred as this may mean that she still is harboring some of the live bacterias in her body and may cause trouble later on.

An immune heifer may be put in a diseased herd with good prospects of delivering a full term vigorous calf.

Herds that are suffering severely from calf losses are sometimes vaccinated. In these cases every female in the herd and calves should all be vaccinated. This practice has its bad points and also some good points. Its advantages are that it will stop the abortions and produce immune heifers. However vaccinating a cow in full milk production may result in some of the bacterias locating in the udder. But I can truthfully say from experience that udder infections as a result of vaccinating a cow in full milk seem to be relatively few. Vaccinating will however make "reactors". Every animal vaccinated will react to the blood test provided the vaccine was good. If they did not react after vaccinating this would mean the bacterias in the vaccine were dead and the vaccine would be of no benefit. To get IMMUNITY you must get "reaction".

The length of time for a cow to become "negative" after vaccinating seems to vary a great deal. Some cows become negative in 18 months. Others may take 2 or 3 years.

Question of the week—

Is there any danger drinking milk from cows having Bang's Disease? Is pasturized milk safer than raw milk?

C. O. BORDEAUX,
Gaithersburg, Md.

Dear Mr. Bordeaux:

Milk from cows having Bang's Disease certainly is dangerous to drink unless it be boiled. The danger lies in the presence of the bacterias of Bang's Disease in the milk. Quite often a cow that has Bang's Disease will eliminate bacteriae of this disease in the milk. Humans drinking milk from such cows may get Bang's Disease. Only difference is in humans the disease is called Undulant fever, Malta fever or Intermittent fever. I contracted this disease in the winter of 1936 by the removing afterbirth from a cow that had aborted. You may get the destase from drinking milk from a cow that has aborted.

Pasteurized milk is theoretically supposed to be safer to drink than raw milk. And if properly produced probably is safer. However, due to the fact that the dairyman knows his milk will be pasteurized he will on occassion get careless and allow Betay to put her foot in the milk pail. Then when you get to the bottom of your glass of milk you will wonder how that sediment got there. Oh, well, maybe the wife forgot to wash the glass well. If you call her attention to it you may start a family argument, so you will proptly forget it.

I perfer to drink raw milk provided of course I know where it comes from and who produces it and under what conditions. The herd should be free from Tuberculosis and also Bang's Disease. There should be no mastitis in the herd and all sanitary and health requirements should be compiled with.

We got a good cigar from Melvin Ridgley, Gaithersburg postmaster, this week. He is the proud papa of a baby boy. All you cigar smokers quit shoving and get in line.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Gaithersburg, Md., will give a public hearing on Monday, January 3, 1938, at 8 P. M., at the Mayor and Council office, in Fire Department Building, in Gaithersburg, relative to request for change in zoning of a certain parcel of land on West side of Frederick Avenue, containing ½ acre, assessed in name of David S. Moore.

Details may be had upon application to Town Tresaurer, Walter F. Reinhart.

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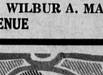

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NEW REGISTRATION LAW GOES INTO EFFECT JAN. 1 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

With the coming of the new year the new registration law takes effect in the county. Largely through the initiative of Mr. F. Byrne Austin, formerly clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors of the county, this law was enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, and will bring about radical changes in the qualifying and registration of citizens who desire to participate in future elections. All arrangements for its operation January 1 have about been completed by the Board of Election Supervisors and its office in the court house has been a scene of activity this week.

This law is known as the permanent registration law, and among other features provides that all special registration days, with one exception, will be dispensed with and persons who have declared intentions may register at the Election Supervisors' office in the court house at Rockville anytime during regular office hours.

For the convenience of those who are unable to come to Rockville one special registration day is to be held four weeks in advance of each election in each precinct throughout the county.

In the case of the State and county election next November 8 the special registration day will fall on October 11.

Residents of the county who declared their intentions on or before November 8, 1937—the law requires prospective voters to make declarations one year in advance of an election—may become eligible to vote by registering in either manner outlined above as suits their convenience.

Those who have declared their intentions subsequent to November 8, 1937, will not be eligible to vote in the 1938 election. The one-year stipulation in the declarations of intentions statute has been in effect for years, but has met with growing opposition that will in all probability result in its repeal at an early date.

Two officials will sit daily at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections to carry out the law. They are known as permanent members of the Board of Registry, which is bi-partisan. Mr. John A. England, Republican, and Mr. F. Byrne Austin, Democrat, are the present members.

STATE'S ATTORNEY WINS IN SLOT MACHINE CASE

The fight of States Attorney James Pugh to keep slot machines out of the county was won when Malmolin J. Stewart, an agent for a Washington company which leases the machines, forfeited $150 and costs in a test case at Rockville.

The agent assumed responsibility for six store-keepers from whose establishments the machines had been confiscated in a series of recent raids. Steuart was charged technically with having set up, kept, maintained and operated the machines for the purpose of gaming. Similar charges against the merchants were nolle prossed.

Pugh said some of the machines would be destroyed and the others would be returned to the merchants with the understanding that they would not be used again in the county. It was estimated that approximately $1,000 in slugs was contained in the confiscated equipment.

Police launched the drive against the machines on instructions from Pugh, who contended that the slot machines were illegal under the act of the State Legislature, which provides for legalizing "slot machines" and other devices entailing skill for the purpose of raising revenue for relief. Pugh contended that machines operated by a crank require no skill but are purely chance machines.

Muskrat Season Opens Saturday In Maryland

Maryland's muskrat season, heralded to equal last year's $2,000,000 success, will open January 1 throughout the State, with most dividends slated to come from Eastern Shore traps.

In Western Maryland, trappers find only the so-called bank rats, which make their home along the banks of streams and whose fur is of less value than the "marsh rabbits" on the shore.

Early-arriving fur buyers indicated prices would range around $1.50 and $2 for black pelts, with browns running 35 or 40 cents less.

WHY NOT HAVE HEALTH BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR

The Director of the State Department of Health makes the following suggestions for the turn of the year:

"If you haven't done so recently, go to your doctor and have an inventory made of your health assets. If the audit shows that you have liabilities as well as assets, it is better for you to know them, so that you can budget your health intelligently.

"In a recent survey of chronic illness in the United States, covering a representative population of over 3,000,000 persons, in widely separated parts of the country, it was found that one out of every five had some chronic disease, or suffered from a serious defect of vision or hearing or from some other permanent physical disability.

"Nearly every one of these chronic diseases starts with slow beginnings that may not even be recognized by the individual, but that often may be readily detected in a careful medical examination. Early discovery may not make complete recovery possible, but in many instances it is possible to check the onset of disabling handicaps, and to prolong both life and usefulness.

"It is quite as important to have a periodical audit of your physical resources as it is to have your automobile inspected or your bank book balanced from time to time. Neglect in either case is likely to cause disaster. This is a good time of the year to have your health account balanced and to start in on a health budget adapted to your physical resources."

George Philip Fenwick Buried At Forest Glen

George Philip Fenwick, 79, member of one of the oldest families of the county, at Forest Glen, died Monday after a short illness.

Born on an estate near Rock Creek at the District Line, Mr. Fenwick was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart Fenwick. Later the family moved to Woodside, and for more than 30 years he has been living in Forest Glen, making his home with his sister, Miss Agnes Fenwick.

Mr. Fenwick never married and his only survivors are his sister and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Katherine Fenwick of Silver Spring.

Funeral services were held at 9.30 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

County Gets $37,893 For State Aid For Charity

Samuel E. Shannahan, chairman of the Board of State Aid and Charities, for the benefit of aged persons, blind, and dependent children, announced allotments for the January-March quarter totaling $1,605,958, approximately $50,400 more than was distributed during the quarter ending December 31.

Of the $673,551 allocated to the counties, $400,680 is dedicated to old-age assistance; $258,191 to dependent children, and $14,679 to blind aid.

The allotment for Montgomery County totaled $37,893.

Welcome 1938!

NEW OFFICE BUILDING IN ROCKVILLE IS COMPLETED

The building at 102 S. Perry st., two doors south of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, will open January 1, fully occupied. The offices of attorneys, Walter W. Dawson, William Wilder Evans, John H. Gassaway, Charles C. Jones and John E. Oxley will be moved to the new address on the first, all of whom maintain separate offices and will occupy all of the first and second floors of the building. The Mode Beauty Shop operated by Miss Ruth Rosenberger and her assistant, Mrs. Herbert Butts, will be located on the ground floor, with separate entrance from the main building.

The completion of this structure and the new office building, recently constructed by Judge Thomas C. Kelley, who is now engaged in the practice of law, marks the beginning of the development of a new business block in the county seat.

The building was designed by Frank Proctor, Architect, of Silver Spring, and constructed by S. F. Grimes, general contractor, of Woodfield, for John E. Oxley, of Rockville, the owner.

Cabin John Community Christmas Celebration

All children of the Cabin John community, under twelve years of age, were special guests of residents there, who held their annual community Christmas celebration Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Cabin John firehouse. Civic organizations and churches united in the celebration, when presents from Santa Claus were given out at 8:45 p. m.

Arrangements were handled by a committee composed of Capt. Ira Sheetz, Charles E. Benson, Herbert Carter and John Johnson.

Auto Injuries Fatal To Chevy Chase Youth

Five-year-old Joseph David McGee, of Chevy Chase, died Monday, at Georgetown Hospital with head injuries suffered when he was hit by a motorist in front of the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McGee

The driver, Gregg C. Smith, of Bethesda, told police the youth ran in front of his car. A passing motorist took the injured boy to the hospital.

Funeral services took place from Warner E. Pumphrey's funeral home, in Silver Spring, on Wednesday, at 8:30 a. m.; thence to the Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Bethesda, where mass was said at 9 a. m. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery.

George W. Mobley Dies In Baltimore Hospital

Mr. George W. Mobley, a leading farmer of Laytonsville district, died Thursday of last week in Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, as the result of a second operation performed for the removal of a stone. He was a son of the late William B. Mobley of Laytonsville. He was fifty-eight years of age and unmarried.

Mr. Mobley was a communicant of St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church. His pastor, Rev. Thomas F. Opie, officiated at simple funeral services held Sunday afternoon, and largely attended, at the residence of his cousin, Mrs. Louisa G. White, in Laytonsville, where he made his home. Interment was in Laytonsville Cemetery.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Daniel Gaither, of Glenwood, Howard County.

Joseph Lee Clagett Dies After Short Illness

Joseph Lee Clagett, prominent Rockville civic leader, died Tuesday night at his home here. He was the beloved husband of Mrs. Grace Collins Clagett.

Funeral services are announced to take place this (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with requiem mass, and interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Georgetown Prep Riflemen Capture National Crown

The Georgetown Prep School rifle team of Garrett Park came through with a 483 team score in the final round of the first series of national junior matches to copp first place honors and the division trophy for class C teams.

The Georgetown juniors earned a point rating of 400 throughout the four matches of this series to beat out a team from Winnetka, Ill., by 10 points and to lead the third place Beverly (Mass.) girls' team by another 10 points, according to the tabulations of the National Rifle Association, the sponsors of the matches.

The Nation-wide competition includes 153 of the best junior squads from 29 States. Georgetown's leadership of the 45 teams in Division C was due to the steady holding of Robert Fenwick, who fired a 99 out of a possible 100 score to give his team the necessary 1-point lead for the final round. Harry Lee and teammate Fernando Geigel both came through with 97s, while Earl Nadler dropped to a 96 and John Deitweiler to a 94.

JACKSON-FOR-GOVERNOR BANQUET NEXT MONDAY

Arrangements have been completed for the Jackson-for-Governor-Club banquet which they are giving at the Congressional Country Club, on January 3, at 7 p. m. in honor of Mayor Howard W. Jackson, who is a candidate for Governor, and Mrs. Jackson. An interesting program has been arranged, and among those taking part will be Mrs. Elsie Harvey Weaver, Miss Marie Duehon, Mr. William J. McNally and Mrs. Charles Haycraft.

Mr. Jesse Frank Nicholson, president of the club, will act as Toastmaster, and has assisting him on the reception and program committee, Mr. C. Allen Sherwin, Miss Margaret Dronenburg, Mr. Earl H. Griffith, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCoy, Dr. and Mrs. Bates Etchison, Mr. James Gouldin, Mr. Trimble Sawtelle, Mr. David McPherson, Mr. Edward Northrup, Mr. James Pimper, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith, Mrs. John Catesby Weedon, Mr. William Ingersol, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeVeau, Miss Mary Ellen Corby, daughter of Mrs. Karl Corby, Mr. and Mrs. George Warner, Miss Dorothy Nicholson, Capt. and Mrs. Clarence C. Calhoun, Mr. John H. Gassaway, Mr. and Mrs. William Price and Mrs. John Anderson.

Mary McCurdy Is Wed To Edward Christmas

Mary Jane McCurdy of Kensington was married this week to Edward Christmas of Marlboro, race horse owner and trainer, in a ceremony performed in the Christian Church here by the Rev. J. Lloyd Black.

Mr. Christmas is a member of the District Bar, a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he belonged to Sigma Nu fraternity. The bride, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, claims the same alma mater.

The couple is spending two weeks in Florida before returning to make their home in Laurel.

Redland Hunt Fixtures Announced For January

The Redland Hunt of Rockville announces fixtures for January as follows:

Saturday, 1, Kennels; Wednesday, 5, Redland Crossroads; Saturday, 8, Olney; Wednesday, 12, Kennels; Saturday, 15, Muncaster Mill; Wednesday, 19, Redland Crossroads; Saturday, 22, Laytonsville; Wednesday, 26, Kennels; Saturday, 29, Muncaster Mill.

Meets at 1 p. m., weather permitting.

Germantown Grange Elects 1938 Officers

The Germantown Grange has elected the following officers for 1938. Master, James D. King; overseer, Albert Cissel, jr.; lecturer, Maurice Ward; Steward, John Upton Leaman; assistant steward, William Miles; chaplain, Mrs. Edgar Stevens; treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Browning; gatekeeper, Roger Phelps ceres, Miss Irene King; pomona, Mrs. Genoa King; flora, Miss Margaret Hargett; lady assistant steward, Miss Viola Shank; executive committee, Emanuel Walters, Clark Boyer and Walter Johnson; pianist, Melvin Walters.

RABBIT FEVER APPEARS IN WEST PART OF STATE

Bre'r Rabbit is in the market again and when done to a turn adds appetizing variety to the menu at this time of the year. But there are certain precautions that should be observed, according to a warning issued by the State Department of Health, to be sure that the specimen you have bagged or bought, is a healthy one, and to safeguard yourself against possible infection with the germs that cause "tularemia" or "rabbit fever", in humans.

The following precautions should be taken:

Don't handle the game with bare hands, when preparing the meat for the market or for the table. Use rubber gloves. If it is impossible to use gloves, wash the hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling a rabbit.

Do not allow any open cut or scratch to come in contact with the rabbits. Keep your hands away from your face and your eyes. The infectious material can be absorbed through a mere scratch or break in the skin.

Cook all rabbit meat thoroughly. Thorough cooking of the meat destroys the germs.

Wild rabbits are especially responsible for the spread of rabbit fever. The animals become diseased through the bite of ticks that carry the disease-producing germs. Rabbit fever is usually contracted in handling, or skinning infected rabbits, or in preparing the meat for the market or for cooking.

The first cases of rabbit fever were reported a few days ago from Western Maryland. Both occured in the same family—mother and son. In both cases the disease seems to have been contracted in skinning and dressing rabbits brought in by the son from a hunting trip.

When symptoms develop that suggest rabbit fever, the family doctor should be sent for without delay.

Miss Elizabeth Bond Wills $10,000 To Hospital

Miss Elizabeth S. Bond, who died last week, aged eighty one years, in her will, probated in the Orphans' Court here Tuesday, bequeated to the Montgomery County General Hospital at Sandy Spring a fund of $10,000. The will directs that the sum, to be known as the Sarah A. Bond Memorial Fund, in memory of the mother of the testatrix, be invested and the income be used for general purpose of the institution.

Also she leaves $3,000 to Mrs. Grace Parsley Thompson of Annapolis, a cousin; $2,000 to Salem M. P. Church, Brookeville, the income therefrom to be paid to the Salem Cemetery Co., for maintenance and upkeep of the family burying lot and the cemetery, and the residue to the Montgomery County Social Service League.

Basketball Tourney Set For Junior Hi Schools

Leland Junior High School will again be the host at the annual Montgomery County junior high school basketball tournament, H. Franklin Lehr, of the physical education department, has announced.

Junior high schools from Rockville, Gaithersburg, Sherwood and Leland will compete for the county trophy. The tourney will start at 7:15 p. m. March 11.

RECENT AUTO ACCIDENTS BRING PROTESTS FROM LOWER COUNTY CITIZENS

Action of protests was voiced at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday occasioned by recent automobile accidents in the suburban section of the county. It was charged that speeding and reckless driving is rampant.

Commissioner Robert D. Hagner declared he received an average of six or eight complaints a day against speeding on Connecticut avenue, Wisconsin avenue, River road, Edgemoor lane, the Rockville pike, and the Old Georgetown road. Commissioner Paul M. Coughlan said he also had received numerous complaints against motor vehicle violations in the eastern suburban district of the county.

W. M. Throckmorton, of Chevy Chase, appeared before the board to protest against violations of the motor vehicle laws in his neighborhood. He declared that the most frequent violators are delivery truck drivers.

Commissioner Hagner said he would ask State's Attorney James H. Pugh to investigate reports that speeding charges were being dismissed before they got to court and that frequently the police were declining to make arrests because of the difficulty of obtaining convictions.

A deputation of residents, headed by three attorneys, appeared before the board to protest against its decision to rezone tracts of land on Sligo avenue and Pine street in Silver Spring, for commercial purposes. The group presented the board with a petition bearing 161 signatures asking that the board retract its decision and reopen public hearings on the matter

The board took action also directing the State Roads Commission to obtain bids for the resurfacing of Montgomery avenue between Sligo Parkway and Flower avenue, Silver Spring.

O'CONOR ENDORSED BY TAX REFORM COMMITTEE

The newly organized tax-cut county committee first of the week formally made public it will support Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor for Governor of Maryland in the Democratic primary next September.

Candidates of the new faction of the Democratic Party, whose platform calls for "clean politics" and "general tax reduction", Summer Wood, for State Senator; Dulaney Hunter, for House of Delegates; and Stephen Puller, for the Board of County Commissioners, issued the following statement:

"We have, as individual tax conscious citizens, decided to support Mr. O'Conor because we feel that his four years of experience as attorney general, many years' experience as State's attorney for the city of Baltimore, as well as his reputation for honesty in public and private life, recommend him. He stands for a "breathing spell" for the taxpayer, elimination of politics from the State's magistrate system and tightening of the State budget law by constitutional amendment."

Holiday Dance Held At National Woman's Club

The Alumni Association of Gaithersburg High School held a special holiday dance at the National Women's Club, Bradley Lane, Bethesda, on Wednesday evening.

The arrangement committee, through whose activity the success of the event was largely due, included: Marrietta Crawford, chairman; Oliver Smith, Elizabeth Mullinix, Madeline Howard, Linwood Heller, William Beall, jr., Rebecca Miller, Arthur Beall, jr., Margaret Plummer and Jack Watson.