

IT WILL PAY YOU TO
PATRONIZE OUR
ADVERTISERS

THE JEFFERSONIAN

Equal and exact justice to all
men of whatever state or per-
suasion, religious or political.
—Jefferson.

"WITH THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE"

VOL. IX. No. 51

"It Covers The Community Like The Dew"

TOWSON, MARYLAND, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1920.

MARYLAND JOURNAL ESTABLISHED 1885 CONSOLIDATED 1915
BALTIMORE CO. DEMOCRAT ESTAB. 1885 WITH THE JEFFERSONIAN.

SIXTY-SIXTH CONGRESS ENTERS ON LAST SESSION TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Work Confined Chiefly To Passage Of Appropriation Bills—Many
Veteran Legislators Are Entering Upon Final Service;
President-Elect Harding On Scene.

(From the Washington Correspondent
of The Jeffersonian.)

The last session of the Sixty-sixth Congress convened at noon Tuesday and the national Legislature must go into high gear immediately if it is to complete its task by March 4.

The session will be remarkable in at least two particulars—the great amount of money it must appropriate and the number of veteran legislators and representatives engaged in the recent political landslide and now beginning their last three months of service.

On the eve of the opening of the short session leaders were agreed that substantially no legislation of major sort will be considered. Practice of every hour of time will be devoted to

the dozen annual supply bills. With the executive department scheduled to submit estimates running above \$4,000,000,000 and the Republican Congress determined upon economy, much time will be consumed in the pruning process.

The outstanding events of the coming session was the attendance Tuesday at the Senate session of President-elect Harding and the presentation of President Wilson's annual message. Senator Harding arrived in Washington from Bedford, Va., where he made an address, and went to the Senate chamber at noon for the last time.

The opening session was brief. The program called only for roll calls of the Senate and House, appointment of committees to notify each other and President Wilson of their convening and adjournment until Tuesday. The President received the notification committees in person and advised them regarding the delivery of his message Tuesday.

Actual work of both branches of Congress began. Consideration of minor miscellaneous measures on the unfinished business calendar probably will be started Tuesday of next week in the House and Wednesday the Senate will begin debate on the Kenyon-Kendrick bill for Federal regulation of the meat industry.

(Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

NOT UNLAWFUL

Sale Of Rabbits By Gunners Legal
According To Opinion Of
Attorney-General.

There have been contentions raised in Baltimore county relating to the sale of rabbits, and to clear the matter, The Jeffersonian got into communication with the State Game Department, which in turn requested an opinion from the Attorney-General on the subject.

In answer the Attorney-General states, after a considerable reflection, he has come to the conclusion that it is proper to rule that Chapter 570 of the Acts of 1920 does not prohibit the sale or purchase of rabbits within the State of Maryland. This means, however, unless there are local laws which prohibit the sale of rabbits, and upon investigation The Jeffersonian finds no such laws in Baltimore county.

The bill in question which was passed at a recent session of the legislature, was prepared by the State Game Department, and it was not the intention to prohibit the sale of any game except Bob White, Quail, Partridge, Chinese Ring-necked pheasants, native pheasants, Ruffed Grouse and Wild Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Sherman are now occupying an apartment in the home of Mr. Urban Linzey.

Mr. Ernest Hendrix, of the Hendrix Motor Company here, is spending some time in Belair.

Mr. Frank Mullen assumed new duties in the office of the County Surveyor here this week.

Mr. Robert Platon was selected as one of the judges at the poultry show held in Baltimore this week.

Little Rose Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Scott, is recuperating after a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Myers are spending the week-end at the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Casper.

The "Jeff's" Christmas tree and realistic garden is bigger and better than ever before. Don't miss it.

County Commissioner Cravens was absent this week from the meetings of the Board due to illness.

Mrs. Harry Bourke spent a few days this week at the home of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Dunphy.

Mr. Martin R. Schuster attended a "big roast" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schuster on Monday evening last, and has been "grunting" ever since.

The Alumni Association of the Towson High School will hold a dance on Monday evening, December 27th, at the school building here.

The caved-in sewer on the York Road, at the corner of Railroad avenue should be promptly repaired, before some child is seriously injured.

Mrs. John T. Hopkins is nursing injuries received recently when the automobile in which she was riding was struck by another machine.

(Continued on Page 10—Col. 1)

FLYING FIELD HERE

Government Has Been Asked To
Establish Gigantic Plant
At Dundalk.

Piloted by Captain Temple Joyce, George C. Smith, director of the industrial bureau of the Board of Trade, flew over from Washington on Tuesday last and landed at the Dundalk Aviation Field, this county.

The trip was arranged with an effort to induce the government to locate its gigantic aviation field here. On Jan. 1st the War Department's lease on McCook Field, Omaha, Nebraska expires, and it has been announced it will not be renewed. The Dundalk field being so close to Washington it is hoped this section will be favored.

2000 LAID OFF

Men At Sparrows Point Ship
Yard Temporarily Out Of
Employment.

It is understood that 2000 or more employees of the Bethlehem Ship Building Co. at Sparrows Point this county were laid off for an indefinite period this week, the action on the part of the big corporation being due to the finishing of contracts.

NEARING COMPLETION

"Jeff" Community Xmas Tree And
Realistic Garden Will Be
Spectacular.

Every night this week, after the foreman at The Jeffersonian had locked up and wended his weary way homeward, Old Santa Claus cautiously made his way to the office to work on the Community Christmas Tree and realistic garden, and as a consequence the display is about completed except for an artistic touch here and there, after which it will be open to the public.

Santa has spent a few more hours on this season's exhibit than heretofore and from the peeps the printers "devil" has taken while Santa was away, we are told, it will be a dandy.

This marks the fourth annual Community Christmas Tree and realistic garden erected for the people of Baltimore county, rich or poor, white or black, and in figuring up the number of persons, men, women and children, who viewed the settings every year, the registers, which each visitor signed, totals nearly 30,000.

The Jeffersonian has spared no expense to have Old Santa make this year's display the greatest and grandest.

The electrical effect will be spectacular and the whole as vivid and realistic as it is possible to portray. Bring the kiddies to the Jeffersonian; they will be delighted, and so will you.

FORT HOWARD CHOSEN

Army Corps Headquarters, It Is
Understood, Will Be Estab-
lished Here.

(From the Washington Correspondent
of The Jeffersonian.)

The War Department has decided to make permanent headquarters of the Third Army Corps at Fort Howard instead of Fort McHenry, it has been learned.

The necessity of making large additions to the equipment and property at Fort McHenry, and the demand for the utmost economy, together with the personal opinion of the officers of the Third Army Corps, have caused the change. The original plan was to move Fort McHenry's permanent headquarters. It was suggested then that Fort Howard and only would be used temporarily until improvements could be made at Fort McHenry, but the decision of the War Department, while not yet officially announced, is understood to be ready.

Officers of the Third Corps, it was made known, are very pleased with the accommodations at Fort Howard. The possibility of providing the necessary facilities for the officers, the enlisted men and for some of the clerks, together with the unsuitable facilities at Fort McHenry, made a basis for comparison which influenced the officers after the temporary change was made.

Regarding the rumors of possible removal of the Third Army Corps headquarters from Baltimore, it was stated by the highest authorities in the War Department that there is absolutely no foundation for the stories. It had been suggested that poor housing facilities and other minor objections to the location at Baltimore had caused some desire upon the part of officers of the Third Corps for another location, but if there has been any such desire it is on the part of subordinate officers, and is not reflected in the higher command or in the War Department.

"Any change would have to be approved by the War Department, and it has never been approved, not even suggested, and you can say absolutely it" (Continued on Page 4—Col. 4)

CHANGED HER NAME

Mrs. George W. Yellott Files Bill
In Circuit Court Here Through
Noah E. Offutt.

Fulfilling the wish of her father that she change her name when 15 years of age, Mrs. George W. Yellott, to Rebecca Nicholas Gittings, is the condition for inheriting the "Ridge View Farm," at Long Green, this county. Mrs. Rebecca Nicholas Yellott filed a bill in the Circuit Court at Towson on Tuesday last, asking the Court to construe the will of her father, the late Henry N. Gittings.

Mrs. Yellott is the wife of former County Commissioner George W. Yellott, and states she has had undisputed possession of the property for 40 years. She also asks the Court to decide if, under the provisions of the will she acquired a fee-simple title to the farm or only a life estate in it. Mrs. Yellott is represented by Attorney Noah E. Offutt.

AT THE MAIL BOX

CONSIDERING THE
HIGH COST OF
EVERYTHING
AND WHAT THE
SCHOOL MARM'S
ASKED FOR—DURN
IF THE COMMISSIONERS
DON'T DESERVE
CREDIT—



FARMERS LINE UP FOR GREAT

FIGHT ON FOOD SPECULATORS

Aim At Co-Operation With Buying Public—Laws Sought Permitting
Interstate Business By Farm Groups—Over 1,500,000
In Movement Declares Head Of Organization.

(From the Washington Correspondent
of The Jeffersonian.)

More than 1,500,000 farmers, banded together in the National Board of Farm Organizations, are preparing for a drive on Congress to get legislation to protect the consumer and farmer from being victimized by speculators and profiteers in food. President Chas. S. Barrett, of the board, announced.

"Seven million farmers now are forced to sell their products at the lowest prices in history in proportion to production costs," said Mr. Barrett.

The farmers' program for protective legislation begins with amendments to the anti-trust laws to permit farmers co-operative societies to engage in interstate business. Through many of the co-operative societies farmers plan to sell direct to the consumer.

As the anti-trust laws now are interpreted the co-operative societies in many cases can be made subject to present interpretations of the anti-trust laws are changed, the co-operative societies can make a big and

"But 100,000,000 consumers are paying the highest prices in history for these same products. Billions of dollars of profit thus are going into the pockets of the speculators and middlemen."

The amount appropriated for schools for the year 1921 is \$555,550.00; the amount for roads \$492,225.00, and the amount for general running expenses \$524,935.00.

In addition to the assessable property subject to the full county rate, it is estimated that the county will receive a revenue of approximately \$99,670.00 from taxes collectable on foreign stocks and bonds, owned by residents of the county. The bulk of these two items, amounting to \$123,670.00, will, it is understood, be added to the roads fund.

The rate of State taxes for 1921 will be 25 1-3 cents, which added to the county rate of \$1.78 will mean a total of \$2.13 1-3, which every taxpayer in the county will be required to pay on every \$100 worth of assessable property he may own.

With but few exceptions, only minor changes have been made in the appropriations for general running expenses for the year 1921. Three new appropriations will appear on the back of the tax bills for 1921, which do not appear on the bills for the current year, namely, \$2,000.00 for the Agricultural Agent; \$3,000.00 for Baltimore County Trade Commission, and \$18,000.00 for interest on Annex notes.

The appropriation for the County Agent was urged upon the Commissioners by representative farmers from all over the county and will, it is believed, meet with general approval. The Baltimore County Trade Commission was created under an act of the last Legislature, and the appropriation of \$2,000.00 is intended to cover the expenses of this Commission so that it may function. The members of the Commission themselves will receive no pay. The County Trade Commission is intended to do for Baltimore County in a general way, what a somewhat similar commission is now,

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 3.)

MUST CARRY LIGHTS

All Horse-Drawn Vehicles Must Be
"Lit Up" In The
Future.

It will no doubt be a painful shock to the man in Baltimore county who for "aud lang syne" or some other reason has clung to his overgrown foot-loose horse, that he must carry a light on his vehicle in the future, else face the nearest justice of the peace for violating the law.

The weekly report of automobile Commissioner Baughman brought out the fact that all horse-drawn vehicles must henceforth be "lit up," and while this may peeve those who use horses, it is hailed by automobile drivers with delight.

Numerous complaints have reached the authorities at Towson relative to wagons passing up and down the State roads all hours of the night without lights, and in some instances serious accidents have resulted from not complying with the law on the statute books. Automobiles have gone forth at night illuminated like a block carnival, but the horse-drawn vehicles, until recently, have lurched along through the night shadows inviting disaster.

A reason unknown reason the rural dwellers have a prejudice against being "lit up" vehicularly or otherwise, against the application of traffic laws for their buggies and farm wagons. Now even a man riding horse-back must carry a lantern.

LOSES LIFE IN CRASH

Auto Driver Killed When His
Machine Hits Farm Wagon.
Two Companions Injured.

Crashing into a farm wagon on the Washington Road, near Halothorpe, this county, on Monday night last, an automobile was demolished and the driver, Frank Van Horn, of Baltimore City, was instantly killed. Two other occupants of the machine, John Poppa and Edwin Alford, were seriously injured.

The automobile was proceeding toward Baltimore City, on the Washington Road, when it overtook the farm wagon in charge of Herman Mine, which turned aside to give the machine an opportunity to pass, and instead of passing to the left it crashed into the farm wagon, driving it against a telegraph pole. Mine was thrown from his seat and the mules, breaking loose, ran away.

TAX LEVY FOR 1921 ANNOUNCED BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Rate Fixed At \$1.78, Approximately 9 Cents Over The Present One;
71 Cents Levied For Schools Gives Teachers Increase Asked For;
Board Exercised Sound Judgment In Granting Appropriations.

(From the Baltimore Correspondent
of The Jeffersonian.)

Like all other big corporations, Baltimore county is retrenching and "will watch its step" during the coming year, for the County Commissioners have made up their minds to see that nothing is purchased unless it is absolutely necessary, and that the prices be the lowest the market affords.

There is a lull in business everywhere just now, and everyone is complaining. Business is a "standstill"; all lines of activities have suspended operation. Thousands of people have been laid-off and the prospects for the coming year look rather dark, nevertheless, some think that with the advent of the new year a new era of prosperity will come. Let us hope so, at least.

The County Commissioners on Wednesday fixed the county tax rate for the fiscal year 1921 at \$1.78, an increase of approximately 9 cents over the rate for the current year. The details of the levy are published in the form of an advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

The levy was signed by Commissioners Coshlan, Rider and Clarke, Commissioner Grace having been absent on account of illness, and Commissioner Bosley having declined to sign the levy on the ground of his opposition to the appropriation for schools.

The total taxable basis of the county subject to the \$1.78 rate is estimated to be \$22,445,190.00, made up as follows:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Real personal and mixed property | \$86,195,100.00 |
| Corporation stocks | \$6,000,000.00 |
| Spirits | 250,000.00 |
| Total | \$92,445,100.00 |

This shows an increase of \$2,594,270.00 over the taxable basis of the current year, which is estimated to be \$89,850,920.00.

Of the \$1.78 levy, 71 cents will go for schools, 50 cents for roads, and 57 cents for all other running expenses of the county.

The amount for roads has been decreased from the new with the old rates it will appear, therefore, that the rate for schools has been increased 25 cents, the rate for roads has been decreased 10 cents, and the rate for other running expenses has been decreased 4 cents.

The amount appropriated for schools for the year 1921 is \$555,550.00; the amount for roads \$492,225.00, and the amount for general running expenses \$524,935.00.

In addition to the assessable property subject to the full county rate, it is estimated that the county will receive a revenue of approximately \$99,670.00 from taxes collectable on foreign stocks and bonds, owned by residents of the county. The bulk of these two items, amounting to \$123,670.00, will, it is understood, be added to the roads fund.

The rate of State taxes for 1921 will be 25 1-3 cents, which added to the county rate of \$1.78 will mean a total of \$2.13 1-3, which every taxpayer in the county will be required to pay on every \$100 worth of assessable property he may own.

With but few exceptions, only minor changes have been made in the appropriations for general running expenses for the year 1921. Three new appropriations will appear on the back of the tax bills for 1921, which do not appear on the bills for the current year, namely, \$2,000.00 for the Agricultural Agent; \$3,000.00 for Baltimore County Trade Commission, and \$18,000.00 for interest on Annex notes.

The appropriation for the County Agent was urged upon the Commissioners by representative farmers from all over the county and will, it is believed, meet with general approval. The Baltimore County Trade Commission was created under an act of the last Legislature, and the appropriation of \$2,000.00 is intended to cover the expenses of this Commission so that it may function. The members of the Commission themselves will receive no pay. The County Trade Commission is intended to do for Baltimore County in a general way, what a somewhat similar commission is now,

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 4.)

and for some time past has been doing for Baltimore City, that is, to "boost" Baltimore county; to advertise its resources; to point out its advantages, and to encourage the industrial development of the county.

The appropriation for interest on the Annex notes may be explained in this way: A commission, appointed under the authority of the annexation act, fixed a certain sum which Baltimore City should pay to Baltimore county for school houses, engine houses, etc., taken into the city at the time of the passage of the act. It was stipulated that this sum be paid in equal yearly instalments with interest, extending over a period of ten years. In order to render the whole fund immediately available for building purposes, the County Commissioners secured the passage of an act by the last Legislature permitting them to discount the

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 4.)

SWINGING BACKWARD

Indications Are That During Coming
Year Farmers Will Have Adequate
Supply Of Labor.

(Special Correspondence to The Jeffersonian.)

Indications and reports received from scattered rural communities point to a backward swing of the labor pendulum, and the prospect that during the coming year farmers of the State should have at their command a more adequate supply of labor than at any time since the outbreak of the war, says Dr. Thomas B. Symons, Director of the University of Maryland Extension Service.

Industrial depression in the cities with its consequent uncertainty of regular and remunerative labor, combined with high rents and other living costs, is already forcing back to the farms numerous farm laborers who during the period of big wages were drawn from their former occupations to better paying work in the cities.

The farm labor shortage reached its peak last spring, says Dr. Symons, when it was estimated from reports received from all over the State that the State that available farm labor was 12 1/2 per cent less than during the previous year. The situation will undoubtedly be less acute next spring when farmers begin to look about for necessary help.

At the present time, it is impossible to foresee just how much of the labor which formerly found employment on the farms of the State will be reabsorbed, says Dr. Symons. Modern machinery, which was essential during the past few years to offset the labor shortage, will take the place of some of the farmers' labor. Also present conditions, with the farmers face to face with serious financial losses due to a falling market for their products, are far from favorable. On the other hand, many farm-owning families, will find some relief in the trend of labor back to the farm.

For many respects the shortage of labor has had its beneficial effects upon the farmer. It has shown him what he can do in an emergency. As a matter of fact with a labor supply considerably less than ever before, the farmers of Maryland have succeeded in producing this year crops 12.3 per

(Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

LAD GRIEVES TO DEATH

Orphan, After Loss Of Dog, Dies.
Fever Result Of Anxiety
Over Pet.

The loss of a pet dog caused the death of little Willie Williams, who lived with his aunt, Mrs. Mary V. Eichelborn, of the Baltimore county side of Elliott City, according to the attending physician.

Willie was left an orphan, his mother having died when he was an infant, and his father was a world-war victim. The dog, a collie, seemed to take the father's place, and on election day disappeared, and fever, caused by deep grief resulted in the lad's death on Monday last.

Our experience as Tire Dealers is invaluable to you

Our close contact with the tire industry gives us a fund of knowledge invaluable to you.

We know personally the men behind the different tire organizations—their ideals—their policies—their plans.

And because of this, coupled with our daily observation of tire in actual service, we know we are selling you a tire that will deliver more than average service when we put on—

**MARATHON
CORD TIRES**

For a long time we made exhaustive tests on the Marathon Tire, we placed them on trucks, buses and other cars where we knew they would be subject to unusual punishment, and then we waited.

The unusual extent to which the Marathon Tire stood up under this grueling punishment was a revelation—it confirmed our belief that a tire could be built which would surpass by far the average of tire service.

H. E. CROOK CO., Inc., Distributors
18 W. Oliver St., BALTIMORE, MD
Phone, Mt. Vernon 3713.



Increase Your Income

A plot of good land, a small business, or some sound investment probably would bring in enough money to let you be your own boss.

The man with a bank account is the man who is ready when a good chance to "get away from the grind" comes along.

Second National Bank of Towson

HARRISON RIDER, Pres. JOS. B. GALLOWAY, Cashier.
ELMER J. COOK, THOS. J. MEADS,
NOAH E. OFFUTT, Asst. Cashier.

Vice-Pres'dents.