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Budget Finally Passes State Legislature

Appropriation Measure Carries $70,500,000---Had Rough Sledding

Maryland's biennial budget of more than $70,500,000 ended its stormy ride through the Legislature a few minutes before 6 o'clock Saturday night.

The bill, however, received four more than the necessary majority of fifteen for enactment.

The House group made use of its sole perogative to raise a budget item as submitted by the Executive and increased the appropriation for the 1939 Legislature from $201,204 to $204,064, adding secretaries and other employes to the pay roll.

There was considerable discussion in the Finance Committee before the bill was brought to the floor on the action of the House in adding nine men to the State police force. This called for an addition to that department's appropriation of $45,000 for their salary and equipment.

Another appropriation made by the House over the wishes of the Senate, but acceded to by the upper branch, was $14,000 annually for the operators of a ferry from Baltimore to Tolchester. No ferry now is in operation, but the legislators were informed the Baltimore-Tolchester service. discontinued last year, is to be resumed.

The House added to the State Roads Commission budget an appropriation of $10,000 for 1938 and another of $10,000 for 1939 to reward "meritorious" service of salaried employes of the department with pay raises during the coming biennium.

Immediately after the budget was enacted Senator J. Allan Coad (Dem., St. Mary's), chairman of the Finance Committee. returned a favorable report on a bill extending the one per cent automobile titling tax for a period of two years from April 1.

Proceeds from this tax were part of the $3,600,000 annual revenue from the special relief taxes enacted last March. The bill passed that night continues it as a relief-fund source.

Road Equipment Need Is Emphasized

Dr. Tabler Says Maintenance Cannot Be Continued Without Funds

Governor Nice was informed on Wednesday by Dr. Homer E. Tabler, chairman of the State Roads Commission, that the commission may be unable to continue maintaining county roads unless funds for new equipment are furnished.

His warning was in reference to a $1,000,000 item for new equipment in the Governor's budget for the Roads Commission.

"We can't maintain the roads unless we are given the money with which to do it," Dr. Tabler said later in commenting on his action. "If there's no money for equipment, maintenance will just have to stop."

In his letter to the Governor he said that much of the road equipment taken over from the counties in 1933 is now completely worn out. Other equipment, still in use. is costing more for repairs than it is worth.

He cited as an example a road roller, worth only $5000 new, which has cost $1,700 in repairs in the last two years and now needs new repairs costing $700 more. Another expensive procedure, Dr. Tabler said, is the hiring of trucks for county roads, when new equipment could be used much more economically.

EASTER APPROPRIATELY CELEBRATED

Easter was appropriately observed Sunday with impressive services in all our churches.

Sunrise Services were held in the open air at Tome Institute, Port Deposit, sponsored by the Cecil County Council of Churches and Christian Endeavor. About seventy early-risers braved the frigid air to take part in the services.

EPWORTH LEAGUE RALLY

The Southern Division of Wilmington District, Epworth League will be guests of the Northern Division at their spring rally to be held at the Silverbrook Church, Wilmington, April 6, at 8 o'clock p. m. Plans are being made for the evening, and let us cooperate by being present. Do not miss this occasion of inspiring fellowship and wholesome fun.

Short Paragraphs

Elkton's annual automobile show will be held in the Armory at that place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 8, 9 and 10.

The play "The First Commandment," sponsored by the Ladies' Art Circle of Perryville, presented in the fire house netted $35.71.

A chimney fire at the home of Jos. Diller, at Calvert, Saturday morning, was extinguished by Rising Sun firemen before any damage resulted.

Sunny skies greeted Easter, but a cold wind blew the entire day, making heavy wraps necessary and giving Spring raiment a chilly reception.

The M. E. Church at Zion, after being closed several weeks for extensive repairs and interior improvement, was reopened for services on Easter.

Dr. H. C. Clauser, head chemist for the Triumph Fusee and Fireworks Co., has resigned to accept a position with a concern in Ohio, headed by Mr. Hubbard, formerly of Elkton

The estate of the late Howard Turner in Betterton, comprising the pier, restaurants, casino, amusement piers, moving picture theatre, store goods, home, and lots will be sold at public auction in Betterton on Tuesday, April 15. Mr. Turner was the pioneer in the development of Betterton as a summer resort.

WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERENCE

The 69th Annual Session of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened at Asbury Church, Salisbury, Wednesday morning, March 31st, with the Rt. Rev. Edwin H. Hughes, D. D., of Washington, resident bishop of the Washington M. E. Area, presiding.

The church conclave, at which nearly 400 clerical and lay delegates were present from Delaware, the Eastern Shores of Maryand and Virginia, with adlitional hundreds of other visitors, opened with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and reorganization of the conference.

ALLEN—DOUGHERTY

Mr. and Mrs. Willard A. Dougherty, 382 South College Avenue, Newark, Del., announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary E. Dougherty, to Hugh P. Allen, of Elkton.

The ceremony took place at the home of the Rev. Lawrence L. Knotts, of Stanton, on Saturday evening, March 20. at seven o'clock.

Wearing a steel romance crepe gown, with accessories to match, the bride carried magnolias and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Clara Leon, of Philadelphia, an aunt of the bride, was maid of honor.

Miss Anna Knotts, of Stanton, was bridesmaid. George Dougherty, brother of the bride, was best man.

After the marriage ceremony, the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents where a reception and a wedding dinner was served.

Mrs. Dougherty, mother of the bride, celebrated her birthday anniversary on the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will reside in Newark.

Drunken Driver Before Magistrate

Officer Jones of the State Police force, arrested George Bell, of Mesquehousing, Pa., formerly of this section, and took him before Police Justice George L. Ewing, of this town, where he was charged with operating a car while under the influence of liquor, reckless driving, operating on revoked license, Pennsylvania operotors license, and Pennsylvania tags.

Bell drew a sentence of one year in the House of Correction on the drunken driving charge, sentence being suspended. He was also fined $200 for operating car on revoked license, and $1.00 on reckless driving charge.

CONTRACT FOR FILLING STATION

Baughman & McCauley, Rising Sun builders, were this week awarded the contract by Pogue & Roberson for a filling station to be erected on the vacant lot at the southwest corner of Main and Walnut streets, in this town. The station is to cost approximately $5000, and is being erected for the Sinclair Refining Co., which will occupy it about June 1st.

The structure will be what is described as one stall, with hoist and concrete wash slab. It will be white with green trim.

There will be a concrete driveway, and concrete pavement extending from front of structure to the street.

Officers Raid Long View Road House

Hard Liquor Seized---Operator Held Under $750 Bail

In a determined effort to break up the illegal sale of hard liquor at taverns and roadhouses that operate only on a beer license, four deputies from the sheriff's office staged their first raid Tuesday night of last week, and as a result Norman Hanna, manager of Long View, a roadhouse situated one mile east of Rising Sun, was arrested and taken to Elkton. His bail was fixed at $750.

The raiding party entered the place at 11 o'clock and found nine quarts of alleged whiskey and a five cent slot machine. The establishment holds a beer license under the name of Nelson Howery and a warrant has been sworn out for his arrest. Magistrate George L. Ewing, of Rising Sun, fixed the amount of bail for Hanna.

The Sheriff said he is determined to break up the illegal sale of whiskey at places holding only beer and wine licenses and will continue his investigations in all parts of the county. Those in the raiding party were deputies Elwood Racine, Wilbur Nickle, Joseph Barowsky and Jesse Sharpless.

Bel Air To Have Ten Days Racing

Must Have Live Stock And Agricultural Exhibit And $5000 In Premiums

On March 24th Governor Nice signed Senate Bill No. 21, introduced by Senator Risteau. This Bill provides that all the half-mile tracks in Maryland, namely Cumberland, Hagerstown, Marlboro, Timonium. Bel Air and Pocomoke, shall have a ten-day racing privilege each season. The Bill further provides that in connection with each meeting there must be a live stock and agricultural exhibit, and not less than Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) paid in premiums for these exhibits. It further provides that on all money bet over Five Hundred Thousand ($500,000) one per cent must be paid to the State Agricultural Society, together with any unclaimed premiums and five per cent of the net profits; this money to be used for holding one or more State Fairs.

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTED WITH PORTRAIT

A large framed portrait of the Honorable John Andrew Jackson Creswell, prominent figure in the affairs of the nation during the re-construction period, and Postmaster General under President Garnt, has been presented to the Cecil County School Board by Miss Mary C. Haines, of Elkton.

Mr. Creswell lived at Creswell Hall, on the outskirts of Elkton.

The Board of Education accepted the gift, which has been in the Haines family for many years, with thanks, and it is now hanging on the walls of the Elkton High School Below the portrait is a brief sketch of his life. Mr. Creswell is buried at the Elkton Presbyterian Church cemetery. It is the hope of the donor that coming generations may learn of the life of Mr. Creswell and his many contributions to the nation during the days following the Civil War.

BILLS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Among the bills of local interest introduced in the House of Delegates at Annapolis, last week, were the following:

By Cecil Delegation — Changing boundary lines of Third and Fourth election districts in Cecil county. Special.

By Reynolds—Authorizing Cecil county to give $5,000 yearly to volunteer firemen. Special.

By Cecil Delegation—Giving Chesapeake City right to opearte water system. Special.

HEADS CECIL COUNTY CHAPTER OF RED CROSS

At the annual meeting of the Cecil County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Mrs. A. Victor Davis was re-elected chairman for the coming year. Other officers elected were as follows: Miss Grace Wells Price, vice-chairman; Mrs. Lynn B. Gillespie, secretary; Charles S. Pyle, treasurer; Mrs. Sterling Dunbar, chairman Production; Miss Mary Ellen Davis, chairman Home Service; Mrs. Walter Miller, chairman Recreation, and Garvice Sligh, chairman Publicity.

Fall From Truck Fatal To Noth East Boy

Was Getting "Lift" With Other Boys When He Fell

Frank Ferguson, 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ferguson, of North East, was fatally injured Saturday morning in a fall off the rear of a truck on which he was riding near that town.

Young Ferguson, a student at the North East High School and three other youths, Joseph McKinney and George and Joseph Gatchell, were walking along the road towards North East between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning when the truck of R. L. Wasson approached going the same direction.

Getting a "lift" the four young men were seated in the rear, when young Ferguson in some monner lost his balance and fell on the hard surfaced road. He was picked up unconscious and taken to Union Hospital, Elkton, where he died an hour later from a fractured skull.

Questionnaires Mailed To Former Students

Cecil County Officials Attempt To Determine What New Courses To Offer

Officials of Cecil County High School have mailed questionnaires to former students who were graduated since 1927, and who withdrew from between 1932 and 1936 concerning occupational information.

The purpose of the survey was to aid the school authorities in determining what new courses should be offered to meet the probable present and future needs of the student body. The new courses will be offered at the same time at all the high schools of the county.

The survey was arranged by John J. Seidel, director of vocational education and supervisor of industrial education; H. E. McBride, school superintendent; Principal Guy Johnson, of Cecil County High School; Charles L. Murray and Mrs. Helen F. Farmer, of the Elkton High School faculty.

Fisherman Drowns In Susquehanna

William Morrison, of Havre de Grace, was drowned in the Susquehanna river on Tuesday of last week. He went up the river to fish his nets, and after doing so pushed his boat out along the river bank. The supposition is he then went to look for old scrap iron.

When he came back his boat had floated away. It was caught at Havre de Grace by William Caponie about ten o'clock Tuesday morning, and a search started for the missing owner.

The searchers finally located Morrison's clothes and boots, where he had a short while previously pulled his boat up on the bank..

Tracks in the mud led to the river, where he went into the water to swim out to the boat, as it drifted away, but no further trace of the missing man could be found. The river was grappled with hooks by searchers, and airplanes from the Aberdeen Proving Ground sent out to look for the body.

With the river slowly rising at the time it is thought the body has been carried out in the bay.

DWELLING DESTROYED BY FIRE

Rising Sun firemen were called to Lombard about four o'clock Saturday afternoon, where the dwelling occupied by Roscoe Kennedy was on fire. The family were moving at the time, and had taken a load of furniture to their new dwelling place. On their return the house was discovered to be on fire, the flames already having made great headway, and the structure was doomed before the arrival of the firemen, who devoted their efforts toward protecting nearby buildings. The dwelling was totally destroyed, together with what furniture remained in it at the time. The origin of the fire is not known.

NEW X-RAY FOR HOSPITAL

The board of managers of Union Hospital, Elkton, have ordered a new X-ray machine at a cost of $3,000. The present outfit has become so obsolete it no longer meets the needs. In order to raise the money necessary to pay for the machine, the managers have made an appeal to the people of the county to make contributions for that purpose.

Personal And Social

Carlton B. Nichols, of Wilmington, was a Rising Sun Easter visitor.

Mrs. Asher Roberson entertained the Komrade Klub, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Deborah Hasson, of Aiken, has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Ben Briscoe.

Miss M. Lidie Stewart visited her sister, Mrs. Ella Reese, in Philadelphia, over Easter.

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Woodward, of Baltimore, called on Rising Sun friends on Monday.

Mrs. Effie K. Evans returned from Miami, Florida, last week, where she spent several weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Kyle, of Philadelphia, spent the week-end with home folks in Rising Sun.

Mrs. T. N. Hite and daughter Miss Lelia Hite, spent the Easter holiday period in Roanoke, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Townsend have moved from Sylmar to the C. C. England property, Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hartenstine, of Principio Furnace were Easter visitors of Rising Sun relatives.

H. K. Thomas and family entertained over Easter Mrs. Sara E. Thomas and Prof. and Mrs. W. M. Cline, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue and Jesse T. Cameron expect to attend Friday's session of Wilmington M. E. Conference, at Salisbury, Md.

M. U. Zimmerman and family spent Easter with his mother, Mrs. Cyrus Zimmerman, in Palmyra, Pa.

Billie Buck, of Sparrows Point, Md., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Buck.

Walter Cameron, of Washington College, Chestertown, Md., spent the Easter vacation at his home in Rising Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson, of Long Island, spent the week-end with Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Sara Wagner.

John L. Tosh and family have moved to their recently purchased farm about one mile west of Rising Sun, at Harrisville.

Rev. Frank White, pastor of Rising Sun M. E. Church, is in attendance at the annual session of Wilmington Conference, in Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Pogue, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., were week-end visitors at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue.

Miss Mary J. Trimble of Bay View, and Charles H. Hilaman, of Nottingham, Pa., were married at Baltimore on Wednesday by Rev. E. C. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Micheals and daughters, of Media, Pa., were visitors, on Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Micheals' father, Mr. Edwin Haines.

Martha Etter. Virginia Teachers College, and Fulton Etter, Hampton-Sidney College, spent the Easter vacation period with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Etter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Brumfield, of West Chester, daughter Mrs. Herbert Ward and three children, of Towanda, Pa., were visitors of relatives in and near town on Tuesday.

George Prettyman, of the Rising Sun High School faculty, who had an enforced absence of several weeks on account of illness, has recovered and is able to resume his duties at the school.

NEW MARRIAGE LAW EFFECTIVE JUNE FIRST

The newly enacted 48-hour statewide Marriage Law, which was signed by Governor Nice last week, will become operative on June 1st, 1937, and will put a stop to the commercial quick marriage business in Maryland.

LIONS TO ENTERTAIN DISTRICT OFFICERS

The Rising Sun Lions Club will entertain the officers of the 22nd District, Lions International, on Thursday evening, April 15, comprising about one hundred delegates from the various Lions Clubs in the District.

The ladies of Ebenezer M. E. Church will prepart the banquet, which will be served in the High School auditorium, at 6:30 o'clock.

State Aid To Public Schools

Only Four Counties Able To Finance Programs Without Assistance

The increase in wages for school teachers, authorized in the budget adopted last week, means that five additional counties will receive aid from the State in keeping up their school systems.

The five new counties which will be paid out of the State's equalization fund are Frederick, Howard, Prince George's Talbot and Washington. Formerly fourteen counties received State aid. The increase in the number means that now only four—Baltimore, Montgomery, Hartford and Cecil—will not receive help in their school financing.

The equalization fund is the State's means of providing adequate school facilities for every county, regardless of whether the county can raise enough on its own taxable value to support the system.

Briefly, under the system the State insists that each county levy at least 47 cents per $100 for schools, and that these schools be maintained at a certain level of efficiency. If the income from the school tax and normal State sources is not sufficient to pay the cost of the county's system, the State agrees to make up the difference.

The 1933 cut in teachers' salaries, by reducing the cost of maintaining the county systems, removed a number of counties from the list of those receiving aid from the equalization fund. The increase, consequently, adds to the list.

Teachers' salaries were cut from ten to fifteen percent in 1933, but about one-quarter of the reduction has been restored.

However, no provision was made in the budget for giving them the normal raises they would have received for additional years of experience. In other words, teachers' salaries now will be only what they would have been in 1933. If the cut had not been put in then, they would have received several raises since that year. By this much, the teachers still suffer from the depression which made the cuts necessary.

Citizen Soldier Quota For Cecil County

Recruits To Enroll at Perry Point—Will Receive Month Of Training

Captain C. Otis McCauley, of Perry Point, reports that plans have been completed for receiving applications from young men who desire to enroll in the Citizen's Military Training Camps. Captain McCauley, who has been named county chairman to secure candidates, states the quota for Cecil County is 11 and those desiring to make application must interview him at Perry Point. Those selected for training in the cavalry will be stationed at Fort Myer; coast artillery at Fort Monroe; field artillery at Fort Hoyle, while the infantry and signal corps will train at Fort George C. Meade. Applicants must be between 17 and 29 years.

The 1937 training camps for the Third Corps Area, which comprises the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, will be held from July 7 to August 5. Three of the camps, Fort George G. Meade, Fort Howard and Fort Hoyle, are in Virginia.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS TO STAGE YEARLY DISPLAY

It has been predicted that the single blossom Japanese cherry blossoms will be in full bloom between April 4 and 11 in the nation's beautiful city, Washington. The double blossom trees usually bloom about a week after the others.

The bossoming of the trees is an omen for the annual journey of thousands of persons who have a desire for the aesthetic.

It was necessary to burn smoke smuges under the trees last week in order to protect them during the unusual cold snap, when the mercury went below the freezing point.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Miss Verna M. Murry, of Pequea, Pa., has filed suit against Harry M. Fisher, of Lancaster, R. D. 4. Miss Murry, a school teacher, was injured in December, 1936, at Martic Forge, when machines driven by Fisher and Miss Murry collided.