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Governor's Green Bag Contains Surprises

Appointments Made In Many Of The State And Local Offices

Taking the General Assembly and the politico-prognosticators by complete surprise, Governor O'Conor on Wednesday night named Col. Beverly G. Ober, of the Maryland National Guard, as superintendent of the State police.

Colonel Ober's appointment was the greatest surprise in the "green bag" submitted in dribbles to the Senate throughout the day by the Governor.

Willis R. Jones, former deputy Attorney General and a member of the Bowman reorganization commission, will succeed Charles J. Butier, Republican, as director and chairman of the State Board of Welfare in charge of the Maryland penal institutions.

To succeed J. Cookman Boyd, Republican Parole Commissioner, the Governor chose another of his associates in the State's Attorney office, Herman M. Moser.

Subject to change, depending on whether the administration's new plan for conservation is approved by the Legislature, the Governor named, under the existing setup for a three-man board, the following Conservation Commission:

Edwin Warfield, son of the late Governor Warfield, chairman.

William H. Labrot, former member of the House of Delegates from Anne Arundel county.

Robert Harrison, of Talbot county, as representative of the oyster industry.

The Governor appointed for State Librarian was Robert Leach, Jr., former State's Attorney of Baltimore, who appointed the present Governor an Assistant State's Attorney about sixteen years ago at the outset of the O'Conor political career. Mr. Leach succeeds John W. McCool, Republican, of Elkton.

The Cecil county appointments that came out of the green bag were: Justices of the Peace—Robert L. Alderson, Cecilton; James Rodney, Chesapeake City; Warren E. Malin, Elkton; Charles P. Bartley, Elkton; George N. Owens, North East; Granville C. Barrett, Rising Sun; J. Howard Pugh, Port Deposit.

Ducking Police—Jesse Meekins, North East; Harry Jackson, Perryville; Robert Kennedy, Cecilton.

Cornor—Dr. J. B. Slicer, Rising Sun.

Wilmington Conference Will End Where It Began

The Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference will come "home" March 21 for its seventy-first and final session in the church where it was organized.

And that church, Asbury M. E., Wilmington, Del., will at the same time celebrate its own 150th anniversary.

The conference will convene Tuesday night, March 21, in the church at Third and Walnut Streets, for a special service commemorating Asbury's century and a half of service, said the Rev. Henry M. Parks, pastor.

The anniversary will be attended by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes of the Washington area, members of the cabinet, five of the former pastors, Gov. Richard C. McMullen, and Mayor Walter W. Bacon, he said.

The Rev. Dr. E. C. Hallman, superintendent of the Dover District of the conference, will preach.

Then, on Wednesday, the conference will actually begin its last session. It was organized in Asbury in 1869.

Later in the spring the three great branches of Methodism, the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South, and the Methodist Protestant Churches will be merged into one church of more than 9,000,000 members.

The Rev. Dr. Walter E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, said the conference will be "the last in the regular way." It is scheduled to close Monday, March 27.

A call session might be held later if it is needed in preparation for the merger, he added.

The program for the conference has not been announced.

Oyster-Ham Supper

The Men's Brohterhood Annual Oyster and Ham Church Supper, of Perryville Methodist Church, will be served Thursday March 9th. in the Church House. Supper will be served beginning at five o'clock. The men are planning to serve a full course supper with a complete menu with pie for desert for 50 cents.

Briefly Noted News

Several flocks of geese have been seen winging their way North.

The W. C. T. U., will meet with Mrs. Edwin L. Haines on Thursday afternoon, March 9th, at 2:00 o'clock.

Elkton Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Mercantile and Automobile show at the Elkton Armory, March 23, 24 and 25.

Charles Boyd has opened a salesroom in the Allee & Shepherd store building, and has on display a large supply of electrical goods.

Wm. McFadden and family are moving to the vicinity of Port Deposit, where he will be employed on the farm of Conard Jamison.

A motor boat belonging to Harold C. Reese, Lancaster, has been reported to State Motor Police as stolen from the river beach at Peach Bottom. The boat was valued at $150.

W. R. Ballard, Landscape Gardening Specialist of the University of Maryland, was the guest speaker for the Homemakers Clubs of Cecil County at the Calvert High School on Monday, February 27 at 2 P. M.

The annual banquet of the Conowingo branch of the Philadelphia Electric Company, was held Tuesday night in the new high school building at Darlington. The Parent-Teacher Association furnished the dinner.

The Democratic State Central Committee has recommended the appointment of Nivin C. Stewart, of Providence for School Commissioner, to succeed Dr. T. B. Moore, of Rising Sun, whose term expires on May 1st.

George R. Walker, formerly employed at the Elkton station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, now as a freight brakeman, was badly injured when a passing train struck him as he stood on a car ladder. His leg was badly crushed.

A joint meeting of the Harford and Cecil County Medical Societies will be held at the Harford Memorial Hospital, Havre de Grace, on Thursday March 9th, 1939. Dr. Richard T. Shackeford, of Baltimore, will speak on the proposed change in the Coroner's system.

Congressman Lansdale G. Sasscer, Representative of the Fifth Congressional District of Maryland, who took the oath of office in the House of Representatives on February 16, was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough, Dean of the Maryland Delegation, on Monday, February 20, in the Speaker's Dining Room, House Representatives.

Injured In Auto Accident

Dr. James Wise, brother-in-law of Judge J. Owen Knotts of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, was severely injured last week, when his car collided with an empty bus at the underpass south of North East.

He was taken to the Union Hospital, Elkton, where he was treated for a broken kneecap and bruises and lacerations of the body. Dr. Wise was enroute to Baltimore when the accident occurred. He was later removed to a hospital at Dover, Del. He was a former state auditor of Delware.

Attempt Holdup

A man who identified himself as Joseph Woludzki, 29, Philadelphia, is being held in jail at Elkton on a charge of attempt robbery.

Deputy Sheriff Robinson said he and three other officers arrested Woludzki when the former seaman stopped a truck driven by Lloyd Stevens, of Baltimore, on Highway 40 two miles west of Elkton.

Population Peak

That the population of the United States probobly will not reach its crest until about 1960 is the opinion of Dr. O. E. Baker, agricultural economist of the United States Department of Agriculture. The number of births per year, however, has been downward since 1924.

Births per year have declined from nearly 3,000,000 in 1921 to about 2,300,000 in recent years, Dr. Baker points out. He cites figures to show that enrollment in the first grade of public schools has declined about 100,000 each year since 1930. Enrollment in elementary schools as a whole is declining, and there are about 12 percent fewer children under 10 years of age in the nation than when the census was taken 9 years ago.

Earl Montgomery, Jr., 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Montgomery Liberty Grove, suffered both legs broken and other injuries when struck on the road near his home by an automobile driven by John Bond of Colora. He was roller skating when the car struck him.

Bodies Found At Canning House

Woman And Boy Die From Fumes From Stove

The bodies of Mrs. Clara Horn, about 60, and her 11-year-old grandchild, George, were discovered Thursday in the scale house of a cannery at Liberty Grove, where they had been living in a makeshift home.

Dr. R. C. Dodson, Cecil county coroner, said they had been dead "about two weeks," and that the cause of their death had not been determined. There were no signs of violence.

The woman, fully clothed, was lying across the bed and the child was under the bed, attired in night clothes and a bath robe.

Discovery of the deaths was made by George Liddell, owner of the cannery, which has not been operated for about a year.

The cannery is at Liberty Grove, and Liddell went to investigate after being informed by the postmistress that she had a couple of letters for Mrs. Horn and that she had not seen the woman for several days.

Liddell went to the cannery, saw the bodies and notified officers. Rooms in one end of the scale house had been equipped as living quarters, and Mrs. Horn, a widow, and her grandson had resided there for some time.

Dr. Howard J. Maldeis, post-mortem physician for Baltimore City, will perform autopsies to determine what caused the deaths.

It is thought the deaths were due to gas from a cool oil stove.

Chestertown Bans Fire Company Carnivals

Plans for a carnival in Chestertown, Md., to raise money for the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company were brought to an abrupt end when the Mayor and City Council turned over to the fire company $1,000, an annual payment which will continue only as long as the firemen forego carnivals. A like amount is received from the county

In making the donation, the Mayor and City Council, placed a resolution on their minutes which will halt the payments if the carnival method of raising money is ever revived.

Rising Sun Girl Scouts

The recently organized troop of Rising Sun Girl Scouts met on Wednesday evening last at the home of Mrs. Everett F. Johnson, with twelve members present.

Plans were completed for the bake to be held on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 25. It was decided Tenderfoot tests would be taken at the next meeting.

Following the transaction of routine business various games were played and refreshments were served.

Liquor Law Violators

Mrs. Anna Purnell, was arrested at her home on Water Street, Elkton, by Sheriff David Randolph and Town Officers, Elwood Boyd and Robert Johnson, charged with having untaxed liquor in her possession for sale.

Charles Bedwell, an alleged runner for the Purnell house, was taken into custody, charged with transportating untaxed liquor. Both were held under bail for hearing.

Another Old Deed

Dr. J. B. Slicer has in his possession an old deed recorded the 15th March, 1735. The old deed is a grant from John Penn, Thomas and Richard Penn, Esq., "true and absolute proprictors and governors in chief of the Province of Pennsylvania and counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex on Delware" conveying to Henry Reynolds a certain section of eighty acres of land.

The penmanship is executed in splendid manner and despite the lapse of years has not faded out.

Scout News

Scoutmaster Warren opened the meeting on Monday evening at 7:15. After singing several songs we had a study period in which the troop was divided into two groups. One group studied first aid and the other took tenderfoot tests.

Fourteen Boy Scouts were present, four recruits and the chairman of the Troop.—Irving Liggett, Scribe

Marion E. Slonecker, Jr., has been awarded the contract for carrying the U. S. mail from the railroad station to the Postoffice in Elkton, succeeding Halus Reynolds.

Coroner's Jury Exonerates Sheriff

Fatally Shot Negro Who Attempt To Pull Gun

A coroner's inquest Wednesday night exonerated Sheriff David J. Randolph and Officer Robert Johnson in the fatal shooting of a Washington Negro when he attempted to escape arrest.

The dead man, Charles W. Sheen, 25 years old, was shot when he and a companion, James Johnson, also of Washington, were accosted by the officers after the wrecking of an automobile alleged to have been stolen in Washington. Both men have criminal records, according to police.

According to testimony at the inquest, Sheen was attempting to draw a .38 pistol from his hip pocket when Sheriff Randolph shot him three times. Sheen was still struggling for possession of his own gun when Officer Johnson, who took the other Negro without a struggle, fired two shots at Sheen, it was testified.

Johnson was turned over to Washington police by State's Attorney Ellis Rollins on charges of stealing the automobile.

Sheen's body was claimed by a Washington woman who returned it to Washington.

Special Session Of Court

A special session of the Cecil County Circuit Court was held at Elkton on February 21, with Judge J. Owen Knotts, on the bench when several minor cases were disposed of and application made for the removal of two other cases to other courts was made.

Howard W. Taylor, a local contractor of Perryville, charged with failture to support his wife and child, and also contempt of court, was given a suspended sentence of one year in the House of Correction, and released under bail to carry out the court's orders.

The following jurors were drawn: Carroll C. Short, John W. Scott, George B. McKeown, John R. Coudon, John M. Lilly, Glenn H. Graybeal, Leroy Tome. They will take the place of Daniel H. Husfelt, deceased, Elwood H. Burris, Fletcher H. Nickerson, Edward H. Gallagher, Walter N. Arrants, Claude C. Buck, and Ormond R. Burroughs.

League Of Women Voters

The Cecil County League of Women Voters held their bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Donaldson Brown at Ararat Farms, Port Deposit, Mrs. C. C. Andrus, chairman of the department of foreign policy for Maryland and Mrs. Alan P. Hobitzel of the Baltimore League, were the speakers.

Foltz--Moore

Miss Louise Foltz, daughter of the late Tunis Foltz, of Elkton, and Mr. Leo Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore of Newark, Del., were married at St. Johns Catholic church, Newark, Friday evening by Rev. Eugene Kreamer.

The bride wore a costume of rose silk crepe and carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

The bride is a graduate of the Elkton High school, and Mr. Moore is connected with the Newark postoffice staff. The couple will live in Newark, Del.

Burlin--Hansell

Mr. Donald Burlin, of near Port Deposit, and Miss Frances Hansell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hansell, of Havre de Grace, were married at the home of the bride's parents at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19, by Rev. J. C. Ledbetter, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The bride was attractively gowned in teal blue and wore a corsage of white sweet peas. A reception followed the ceremony and Mr. and Burlin left for their home near Port Deposit.

Knauss--Owens

Miss Ruth Louise Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Owens, of Principio Furance, became the bride of Robert Davis Knauss, of Port Deposit, on Feb. 16.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank Buckley, pastor of Principio Furance M. E. church, at the Owens home.

The bride's attendant was Miss Ada D. Anderson. Dr. C. I. Benson, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride wore a gown of white net over taffeta, with all-over lace bodice and cap of net and rhinestones. She carried an old fashion nosegay. Miss Anderson wore blue chiffon with snood of matching blue and carried a bouquet of mixed flowers.

The newly-weds will reside at 1913 Homewood ave., Baltimore.

Personal And Social

Miss Ruth Carson, of Port Deposit, spent the week-end with Miss Virginia Richards.

Miss Marie Anderson, of Altoona, Pa., was a Friday-Tuesday guest at the Brumfield House.

Mrs. Ada K. Buffington has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Donald Dudley, in Silver Springs, Md.

Mrs. Clara Holden, who is spending the winter in Media, was a visitor at her home here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gainor Keithley and children, of Marcus Hook, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edson Burkins, at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vansant and John Hirzel, of Wilmington, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Vansant's mother, Mrs. Jennie Tayler.

The first lady of the land, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, passed through Rising Sun on Friday last, stopping a short time at the Maryland Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jones spent Saturday in Centerville, Md., at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Jones, Jr., and found them well.

Mrs. Emma W. McNamee and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Ringler attended the "Hair-dressing Style Show," at the Bellevue-Stratford, in Philadelphia, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. White and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jones motored to Kingston, Md., Sunday week, to visit their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Morrison and son Chester.

Mrs. Willetta White of Red Pump section is seriously ill with an attack of the grip. Little Billie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McMullen of the same section is also a sufferer from the grip.

Miss Mildred Cain, of Port Deposit, and Mr. Havrey W. West, of Perry Point were married at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning, by Dr. S. J. Venable, at the West Nottingham Presbyterian Manse.

Dr. T. B. Moore, of the Board of Education, and Supt. of Schools McBride attended the convention of the School Administrators Association, which met in Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 25th to March 2nd.

Lester Farmer, U. S. Navy, has returned from South America and will be stationed in Philadelphia for a period of time. He enjoyed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Farmer, Rowlandville.

Mrs. J. Swann Everist, of Liberty Grove, has returned home after spending several weeks the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Henry Rutledge, of Drexel Hill, and Mrs. James M. Standing, of Penfield, Upper Darby, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bolton, of Elkton, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Old Court House Tea Room at New Castle on Sunday, February 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolton have six children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Robert Russell entertained at a stag dinner at his home near Colora the following: Edward Russell, of Gilman School, Baltimore; Robert Russell, of Montclair, N. J., Edward Hindman, of Baltimore, Rev. Sidney J. Venable, of West Nottingham; Dr. Ernest Rowland, of Liberty Grove; Joseph T. Richards and Lawson C. Tosh, of Rising Sun.

Reynolds--Benjamin

Miss Evelyn May Benjamin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett O. Benjamin of Port Deposit, and Mr. Herman Carroll Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Reynolds of Sylmar, were quietly married at 12:30 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 25, at Tome M. E. parsonage, Port Deposit, by Rev. John W. Jones. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross McDougal, brother-in-law and sister of the bride.

The bride wore a traveling suit of blue, with black accessories, and carried a bouquet of bride-roses.

Immediately following the ceremony the happy couple left by auto for an extended trip South.

The bride has been employed for sometime at the National Bank of Rising Sun, and the groom at the Sinclair filling station in this town.

They will be at home to friends after March 25, at the McVey Apartment, on Cherry street in this town.

Suit For Damages

A damage suit for $10,000 has been filed in the Harford County court by Ralph Knackle, against James A. Henry, for alleged injuries he sustained on Nov. 1, last in an automobile accident on the Philadelphia road.

State Plans Beetle Control

Maryland Will Wage War On The Green And Gold Japanese Pest

The Maryland anti-beetle army, now in winter quarters at the University of Maryland, is plotting the summer offensive against hordes of Japanese beetles expected this summer.

Nearly three times as many of those green and white bug traps will be hung out to lure the pest. A new device is being perfected in which the bugs may be crushed to death, once caught in traps.

Despite this further mechanization of the anti-beetle forces, Dr. Ernest N. Cory, State entomologist, and his first lieutenant, Dr. George S. Langford, expressed pessimism recently as to prospects of wiping out the beetles from Maryland.

Japanese bettles were found last year in every county of the State except Garrett, and though 123,000 pounds of the little green and gold pests were lured into traps last summer, this was largely a measure to prevent the further spread of the insects.

In heavily infested areas, such as parts of Cecil County, the bugs inflicted about $5 worth of damage to each acre of field corn, $17.50 to the sweet corn. Many varieties of trees, fruits and flowers also were harmed.

Though winged, the beetles appear to travel very little on their own.

For instance, the anti-beetle armies have laid siege to Cambridge since 1927. No beetles have spread to the surrounding region, yet nearly 2,500,000 beetles were caught in that city last year.

But once a beetle colony gets well settled in new territory, they multiply rapidly. Each female lays forty eggs in the ground. In ten days they hatch into grubs. Millions of those grubs are now in the ground awaiting spring to start their meals on tender roots. About the middle of June they will have been transformed into hungry little beetles.

Outside of Dr. Cory's men and citizens cooperating with the Japanese beetle forces, federal, state and local, the pest seems to have few enemies. Last year 364 colonies of small parasitical wasps were imported from New Jersey to prey on the Japanese beetles.

A vigil of inspection was maintained in nurseries. Crops were dusted and sprayed; soil was treated.

Nevertheless, though Maryland has one of the most ambitious of anti-Japanese beetle programs, it is one of the most heavily infested States.

About 140,000 traps, colonies of wasps and other measurers won't be enough to wipe out the pests, say the anti-beetle generals. Everyone who has land can cooperate and one of the easiest ways is to kill the grubs in the soil now by placing ten pounds of arsenate of lead in each 1,000 square feet of lawn.

State Conservation Plan Changed

The Governor surprised many of the legislators by his unexpected abandonment of the Bowman Commission's recommendations for the setting up of an unpaid supervisory commission of seven members and the appointment of a salaried director of conservation.

This plan also would have separated commerical from sport fisheries in two bureaus, each with a subdirector, but under control of the commission and chief director.

Leaders in both houses of the Legislature rallied to the support of Governor O'Conor's new conservation plan, calling for a separation of commerical fisheries of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries and the control of upland game and sport fishing.

The new plan put forward by the Governor for discussion by the legislators when it became apparent that the opposing factions had stalled the conservation legislation that had been presented to the General Assembly, would put the commercial fisheries under supervision of a paid commission of practical watermen.

Non-tidewater fishing and upland game preservation would be supervised by an upaid commission composed of sportsmen and wild-life conservationists.

Truck Driver Fined

Spencer McClelland of New Jersey, arrested by state police cahrged with operating a truck with improper tags and failure to carry insurance on his vehicle was fined $100 and cost by Magistrate Walter C. Miller, of Elkton, Saturday afternoon, or serve 90 days in jail.