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Tax Measure Passes With Cuts

General Assembly Lops $5,000,000 Off Measure--Session Half Completed

Annapolis, February 18: The Maryland Legislature, reconvened last night, was "under full steam" today, to begin the second half of what gives every promise of being a record-breaking session in many ways. Oldtimers here are agreed that more actual results have been accomplished in the first half of the session than has been the case up to the final week of many previous gatherings of the General Assembly.

Chief among the accomplishments to date is the successful passage of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor's Tax Bill, providing for cuts in the income tax levy up to 20%, affecting everyone of the ninety-odd thousands who are expected to file returns, and reducing by successive stages the Real Estate Tax from its present 23.35c levy to 21c per hundred.

Guard Bill Signed

Among the twenty-one measures to which Governor O'Conor affixed his signature on Friday last, was Senate Bill No. 38, to authorize establishment of a State Guard to replace the National Guard which is now in the Federal Service. It is expected that organization of this new force will be begun in the reasonably near future.

In general, there has been a marked spirit on the part of the Legislators in both Houses to "go along" with Governor O'Conor in his efforts to keep the State on the sound financial basis achieved by the Governor's program of two years ago.

Race Relations Day

On Sunday evening the services at Janes Methodist church, in this town, were devoted to Race Relations Day. Dr. Walter Wright, president of Lincoln University, was the speaker of the evening, and outlined in his interesting talk the founding and the chartering in 1854 through the efforts of Rev. Dickey, of Oxford, of Lincoln University, the country's first and foremost institution of learning for the negro. At the time of the founding of the school every avenue of learning in this country was closed to the colored race, and this led to the pioneer work of Rev. Dickey in the great cause.

A quartette from Lincoln University sang several groups of Spirituals during the services, and the offering taken was for Negro educational work.

Enters U S Naval Academy

William Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Evans, of Elkton Heights has entered the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis where he will undergo a three-months course as a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve Force, following the successful completion of which he will be commissioned an ensign.

Mr. Evans is a graduate of St. Andrews school Middletown, Del., and of the University of Virginia. Last fall he enlisted as a naval reservist and following a cruise of several weeks on the U. S. battleship New York, he was recommended for further training at the Naval Academy.

Financial Campaign For New Hospital

The Board of Directors of Union Hospital on Wednesday afternoon approved unanimously of a financial campaign in Cecil county for funds toward a new Hospital.

John M. Smith and M. J. Ewing, directors of the Institution, were authorized to formulate plans toward that end. Those present at the meeting were: A. C. Cameron, North East, president; Miss Grace W. Price, of Elkton; Miss Virginia Abrahams, of Port Deposit; H. Wirt Bouchelle, of Elkton; David B. McDowell, of Calvert; T. J. Murray, of Elkton; John M. Smith, of North East, and M. J. Ewing of Elkton.

Attractive Exhibit

Camron & McCoy have an exhibit in the show windows of the Allee & Shepherd store building that is attracting a great deal of attention.

The exhibit is a display of the Purina Mills products. The lively little chicks, in a brooder, that may be seen under the electric light, day or night, is the particular exhibit that causes people to pause in front of the window and watch the fluffy little things.

Briefly Noted News

The ground was covered by a light snowfall on Monday morning.

Calvert Homemakers Club met on Wednesday afternoon of this week with Mrs. Ida McKinney.

The March or spring term of Circuit Court is scheduled to convene at Elkton on Monday, March 3.

Several members of Co. E, National Guard, attended the evening service at the Methodist Church, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ragan have moved from Rising Sun to Oxford, where the former is employed by H. T. Walton & Son.

The W.C.T.U. met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Jennie W. Taylor. Twenty-two members were present to enjoy the program.

The Sunday School Board of the Methodist church met on Thursday evening, Feb. 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mix and son have moved from the McVey apartment on Cherry street, to the bungalow of C. C. Buck, on Haines avenue.

Harry Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, of Zion, has enlisted in Troop E, 104th Calvery, P. N. G., and will be stationed at Indiantown Gap.

Rev. Paul E. McCoy, pastor of Sassafras and Warwick Methodist Churches has been unaminously invited to return for another Conference year.

William Starkey, of near town, slipped on the ice Monday, suffering a fracture of the hip. He was taken to a Baltimore Hospital for surgical treatment.

Rising Sun firemen were called out about seven o'clock Sunday morning, to extinguish a chimney fire at the home of Edson Burkins, Rock Springs.

The men of the Methodist church of this town have taken over the task of painting the dining room of the church, devoting two evenings each week to the job.

Robert M. Carico, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Carico of near Elkton, will be one of the graduates from the Air Corps Basic Flying School, Montgomery, Ala., on March 5.

At the Fourth Quarterly Conference held in the Methodist church house, Bay View, Rev. W. F. Bouchelle was invited to return to the charge for another Conference year.

Harry Coslett of North East has been granted a divorce from Bernice Coslett in the Circuit Court at Elkton. He was granted custody of two children, Donald and Barbara Coslett.

The members of Perryville High School soccer team, champions of Cecil County, have received from the State Department of Education, small bronze championship pins.

Robert J. McCauley, realtor, has sold for Lambert W. Davis, the river front property on the Sassafras river, at Knight's Island, containing 230 acres of land, to New York parties.

A new 1941 Studebaker coupe, owned by Robert Groves of Harford County, which was stolen while parked near a drug store in Bel Air, was located later abandoned near Perryville.

The Elkton Board of Town Commissioners has rejected all bids on the proposed new town office and library building, to be located on the site of the old court house, because they were too high.

A maddog scare in Newark, Del., has led to a limited quarantine in that town. The action came as a result of the discovery of a dog suffering with rabies. Dog owners will be required to keep their canines muzzled or on a leash.

Harry Burkins, who has been employed as a special officer on the Camp Meade construction work since Armistice Day, has returned to his home here, since the unit of work upon which he was employed has been completed.

Wesley Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferguson, of this town, has been sent to Lynn, Massachussetts, by the government, where he will receive a month's instruction in the plant of the General Electric Company. Wesley is a skilled electric welder and has been engaged for years past on airplane work.

Spring Supper

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Rising Sun Methodist Church will hold a Chicken Salad and Ham supper, on Thursday evening, March 20, at 5:30 o'clock in the Church basement. Price of supper 50 cents.

Series Of Robberies In Elkton

Intruder Robs Town Council Safe And Law Offices

Elkton was the scene of a series of robberies last week, when three business offices and a warehouse were entered.

The thief chose the lunch hour as his working time to force the doors of three offices in the business section, departing with $100 of the town's money and several dollars in stamps.

Finding nothing of value in the law office of Wm. J. Bratton, the intruder scattered papers all over the floor. From the office of Town Treasurer Delaney Scott the thief took all cash in sight from the open safe, which netted him about $100.

Entering the adjacent office of the John H. Terrell Co., insurance brokers, in the People's Bank building, the intruder found the safe locked but took a supply of stamps.

Police believe the thief, or thieves began their survey of Elkton early the previous morning, when it was discovered someone had forced entrance to the Elkton Supply Company. Prompt action on the part of Officer Elwood Boyd, when he saw a light in the building, frightened away the visitors before anything of value could be taken.

A rear door of this building had been broken open to permit entry.

Delancey Scott, town treasurer, received several papers and an insurance check in next morning's mail. They apparently were sent by the person who rifled offices Monday, and were mailed in Balto.

Ninety-Fourth Annual Meeting

At the ninety-fourth annual meeting of the policyholders of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company held at Elkton on Tuesday, the following directors and officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Directors, H. Arthur Cantwell, North East; James F. Evans, Elkton; Joseph T. Tyson, Rising Sun; S. Wills Lusby, Cecilton; Harry H. Howard, Chesapeake City; Winifred Rose, North East; Pierre N. LeBrun, Port Deposit, and William Sterling Evans, Elkton.

The directors reelected the followingd officers: President, Dr. H. A. antwell; secretary-treasurer, W. Sterling Evans; assistant secretary,

Chesapeake City Odd Fellows

At the regular meeting of Bohemia Lodge No. 68, I.O.O.F., of Chesapeake City, the following officers were elected: E. O. Dolores, Noble Grand; Robert G. Miller, Vice-Grand; Walter F. Cooling, Treasurer; John M. Reed, Jr., Secretary. On Monday evening, February 17, the Lodge celebrated its 91st birthday and a buffet supper was served in the lodge room.

Perryville Teacher Enlists

Perryville High School has lost its third teacher, in the person of W. W. Bratton, instructor in chemistry and science. Mr. Bratton is a member of Company E, of Elkton, which has been called for a year's service in the U. S. Army.

Charlestown Town Board

At the annual town election in Charlestown, Frank L. Murphy was re-elected president of the Board of Town Commissioners without opposition. Commissiioners elected are John Owens, Charles Dennison, Alfred Lynch, and Edward Irwin. The board elected Mr. Owens secretary and treasurer.

Men Paint Church Educational Plant

Several men of the Janes Methodist Church are turning out several nights each week to paint the Educational building and the wood work of the Church. The work will include the painting of the dining room, and the different class rooms of the Sunday school.

Octoraro Presbyterian Congregation Honors Pastor

In honor of the 26th anniversary as pastor of Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church, Lancaster county, Pa., Rev. Geo. H. Shea was tendered a "package surprise" at the manse by members of his congregation.

The pastor was presented first with a large cake carrying 26 lighted candles. Then came the deluge of surprise packages.

Recipes From March Of Dimes

Schools Of County Help Swell Infantile Paralysis Fund

The committee in charge of the recent President's Birthday Ball, report the amount of $700 for the Infantile Paralysis Fund for Cecil County.

The Marc hof Dimes netted $506-18 of which amount $303.42 was given by the school children of the county.

The dance receipts totaled $321 after all expenses were paid.

One half of the total receipts will be retained in the county and the other half goes to State and Nation. There is a balance of $564.75 to the credit of the Infantile fund in Cecil county from previous years.

Contributions from the various schools in the county for the March of Dimes were as follows:

Cecilton schools, $14.23; Chesapeake City school, $16.30; Elkton High school, $19.84; Elkton Elementary school, $9.01; Parochial school, $16.20; Elkton colored school, $3.21; Cherry Hill, $10.36; Leeds, $14.03; Pleasant Hill, $5.80; Kenmore, $13.99; Calvert, $12.91; Colora, $5.65; Oakwood, $3.15; Pilot, $3.75; Rising Sun High school, $10.50; Rising Sun Elementary, $10.25; Perryville High school, $5.85; Perryville, Elementary, $43; Liberty Grove, $6.95; North East High school, $19.88; North East Elementary, $30.03; Elk Mills, $12.28; Union, $5.20; Port Deposit Town school, $10.35; Jackson, 70 cents. Total, $303.42.

No Cut In Teachers Salaries

A breakdown was reported Wednesday night in administration efforts to reach a working basis for apportionment of the cost of equalizing the salaries of negro teachers in ninteen of the counties with those of white instructors.

Governor O'Conor spent nearly two hours with a special committee he has named to attempt to find a means of meeting the equalization cost—set at $412,000 a year by the State Department of Education—without saddling the burden on the State.

Members said at the conclusion of the session that no real progress had been made, except for an agreement among the committee members that no attempt should be made to cut the salaries of white teachers to help absorb the cost.

There also was agreement in principle, it was learned, that the ninteen counties involved should stand some of the cost, but when efforts were made to get down to figures on how much of the burden should be laid on the counties, the discussion "went into a tailspin", as one member put it.

Veterans To Be Classified

The committee appointed by the American Legion, Cecil Post No. 15, has prepared a questionnaire, in conjunction with the movement of the national organization to have all veterans classified in order that they may be contacted in cases of possible emergency.

It is requested that all veterans fill out and return the forms to the American Legion Post at Elkton.

It is hoped that all veterans will comply with this request, Those not receiving forms may obtain them from the Post Adjutant.

Members of the committte are as follows: Wallace Williams, chairman; J. J. Maloney, W. W. Boulden, J. H. McCloskey, Dr. W. D. Cawley, John K. Burkely, D. E. Keesey and A. L. Peters.

Heads Tome Board

Leo M. Moore, owner of the Democraaic Ledger and member of the Lgislature, has been named president of the Jacob Tome Institute.

Moore's appointment was confirmed by trustees of the institute early in January, and notification of formal acceptance was given Saturday.

In his new capacity Moore will continue to reside in Havre de Grace making frequent trips to the Tome School at Port Deposit, and other affiliates of the institute. The appointment of Mr. Moore, who succeeds Robert W. Black, becomes effective April 15.

Mrs. Sadie E. Jones has sold her attractive bungalow with four and one-half acres of land located on U. S. Route 1, near Barnsley, Penna., to Joseph C. Hilaman of Elk Township, who will take possession on or about March 15. This sale was negotiated by Wheeler & Grier, Realtors, of Oxford, Penna.

Personal And Social

Mrs. Warren Terry spent Thursday with Oxford, Pa., friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann, of Cecilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brown entertained relatives from Pennsylvania during the week.

Mrs. Clinton Logan has been indisposed for the past several days, but is reported as improving.

Mrs. Edward Crothers spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Harvey W. Ewing, Walnut street.

Recent guests of Mrs. Granville C. Barrett were Mrs. Robert Muldoon and Mrs. Annie Pierce of Colora.

Pvt. Donald Shaffer, of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing.

Miss Jean Tome, of near town, was the Friday-Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mosteller and family, Norwood, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Micheals and daughters, of Media, Pa., were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Micheal's father, Mr. Edwin Haines.

The condition of Rev. J. B. Dickerson's father, who has been a patient in the Methodist Hospital, Philada., for some time, is reported as somewhat improved.

Joseph H. Smith has been confined to bed the past week with an attack of bronchitis.

H. S. Plummer has been a sufferer from grip the past week.

Miss Lois Montgomery has completed her nursing course at Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, and is spending sometime with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ross Montgomery, of Liberty Grove.

Mr. Andrew Jackson Pearce, Jr., of Cecilton, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Powell were married in the Methodist parsonage, Galena, by the Rev. Mr. Glan, on Saturday evening, February 1st. They are residing near Cecilton.

Mrs. J. Earl Tyson, Mrs. Lula Churchman, Mrs. Hettie Culbertson and John Tyson returned on Friday evening from a two weeks motor trip to Florida. They report the weather in the "Sunny South" was decidedly cool, with ice one morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Keilholtz entertained the following guests at dinner in honor of their daughter, Dorothy's birthday: Mrs. Mary Garvin, Hughes Keilholtz, Mrs. Donald Holmes, Messrs. William and Donald Keilohltz and Miss Dorothy Keilholtz.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Tome and family, of near town, entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mosteller and family, Norwood, Pa., Jos. Craig, Harry Simmers, Delman Whitaker, Jack Wilson, Donald Frist, of Port Deposit; Mr. and Mrs. Everett McCauley and family, of Porters Bridge.

Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Nesbitt, Colora, were Mr. and Mrs Howard W. Pusey, Wessels S. Pusey, Miss Alice Cecil and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt also recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Montgomery, Oxford, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Montgomery, Calvert, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Pierce, Colora.

Downey--Prior

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Decker, Elkton, on Saturday, February 1, when Miss Eleanor Downey became the bride of Mr. Felix Prior.

Mr. Decker, uncle of the groom, acted as best man and Miss Downey, daughter of Mrs. R. C. Downey, and the late Mr. Downey, was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Wm. Boulden, and given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Robert Downey.

The ceremony was peformed by the Rev. George A. Creswell. The couple will make their home in Elkton.

Denver--Buckalew

Miss Nancy Deaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Deaver, Oxford, Pa., became the bride of Aubrey Buckalew, son of Mrs. Helen Buckalew, on Sunday afternoon, February 9. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Kenneth Alexander, pastor of the bride, in the presence of relatives and friends.

The bride wore a blue velvet gown, with corsage of gardenias. Maid of honor was Miss Jean Miller, Oxford, and the best man was the bride's brother, Leo Deaver.

The happy couple will live in New London. Mrs. Buckalew holds a position in National Bank of Oxford.

Press High Among Democracy's Defenders

Gov. O'Conor Declares Newspapers and Courts Are Bulwarks Against Dictators

The Courts and the Press of the land were cited by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor as the "sturdy bulwarks of defense of Democracy" in an address to the luncheon meeting of the Maryland Press Association on Saturday, at the Hotel Emerson, in Baltimore.

"In all the wars and turmoil that rage throughout the world today", Governor O'Conor declared, "there is one fundamental consideration involved. That is the preservation of Democracy, which, in its highest form as developed in this country, means liberties and rights and privileges that have become a part of the very fiber of our American life. It seems inconceivable that we should ever lose these rights and liberties, and yet France and Poland and Belguim, and other Democratic peoples have lost them.

"In the preservation of Democracy there stand in this country two sturdy bulwarks of defense, one official, the other unofficial but of possibly even greater importance than that set up in the law of the land. As the official preserver of our American System, we have the courts of the land, which interpret the law without fear, free from pressure of majority groups, entirely unbiased.

"On the unofficial side, the free press of our country always has been, as I have mentioned above, possibly of even greater importanct for the preservation of our liberties than the courts themselves. The people of America, or of any other country, in the final analysis will get pretty much the kind of government that they are willing to accept.

"With Democracy throughout the world making its final, desperate stand against dictator-led onslughts, this unofficial safeguard of our liberties, the press of our country, including the one hundred or more splendid publications in our own State of Maryland, are on trial along with Democracy. Only as long as the press of our country, and of any other Democratic nation, remains entirely free, free to publish and to criticize, free from official repression or coercion, only so long, we may be sure, will Democracy survive.

"The first step towards autocracy, whether it be Communist, Nazi, Fascist or under any other guise, is to shackle the press, to control its utterances and opinions, to use it as a medium for propaganda rather than for the free dissemination of information. With the tradition of 160 years of guarding liberty behind you, I know the press of our State and of our Country will continue to be the bulwark against which the attacks of dictators will dash in vain."

Senator Tydings, who also spoke, told members of the association that "the hope is growing fainter every day of keeping this nation out of war."

He warned that "we must look to the Orient, where Japan is moving farther and farther south", and that "should the British fleet fall into the hands of Germany" its use in a combination with German, Italian, and Japanese fleets would make an armada stronger than our own.

"We would become an isolated nation, trying to protect our shores against invasion. Our commerce would be gone; perhaps even our coastwise commerce.

"So, then, we must take steps to protect the British fleet. And, assuming we can help them, can the democracies win?"

Other speakers included Thomas E. Conlon, Speaker of the House; Senator Radcliffe and Murray Metten, president of the Del-Mar-Va Press Association.

At a business session, members of the association, which was formed in 1910, elected G. A. McDaniel of the Federalsburg Times, president; Wilmer Cronin, of Aberdeen, was named vice-president, and S. E. Shannahan, of Easton, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

The board of governors includes: Leo Moore, of Havre de Grace, retiring president; P. G. Stromberg, Ellicott City; John Worthington, Bel Air; Frank T. Wallace, Baltimore, and Clarence Lee Vincent, Snow Hill.

Meeting Of Sportsmen

A meeting of sportsmen will be held in the recreation room of Firemen's Hall, in this town, on Thursday evening, February 20, at eight o'clock. The allotment and distribution of game will be discussed. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is urged to be present.