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CECIL SENATOR LOSES FIGHT ON FIRE-WORKS BILL

Measure Passes General Assembly Outlawing Sale In State

With Senator Cecil C. Squier (D-Cecil), whose home town industry will be affected by the measure, casting the only opposition vote the House Bill 29, designated to outlaw the sale of fireworks in Maryland, was passed in the Senate late Fridy night by vote of 28 to 1.

The turning of the tide in favor of the bill was brought about by Senator Humphrey D. Wolfe (D-Howard), dean of the entire Legislature, an old friend of Senator Squier. The two senators are the oldest in point of service in the assembly.

The bill was not passed without an eleventh hour attempt to sabotage or delay its enactment through amendments offered on the floor.

Beaten at every turn, the Cecil County senator fought to the very end, but his defense against the bill outlawing the sale of fireworks in Maryland turned into a rout in the closing minutes of the fight.

The bill needs only the Governor's signature to become law. Governor O'Conor backed H. B. 29 with all the weight of the administration and is expected to sign the bill promptly.

Attorney Wins Suit Against Havre de Grace

The civil suit of A. Freeborn Brown, former city attorney, against the City of Havre de Grace for fees in the amount of $10,000 was tried last week in the Circuit Court for Harford County, before Judge Frederick Lee Cobourn and a jury.

Many witnesses were called during the four days. The jury brought in a verdict in favor of Mr. Brown, the city to pay the costs. Mr. Brown already held $2,042.03 of the city's money, collected from water rents when he was city solicitor. The jury awarded him that amount, together with $1,000 additional.

Mr. Brown was represented by Charles Gilbert Cooley and himself, and the counsel for the city was City Attorney Lawrence W. Hecht and H. C. and Walter M. Jenifer, of Towson.

Fire Destroys Rohrerstown Lumber Yard

The Bushong-Graybill Lumber and Coal Company's yards at Rohrerstown, Pa., burned to the ground Wednesday last in a $250,000 fire.

Starting from a small coal stove in the firm's office, the flames swept rapidly through the sheds and storage buildings.

Three houses adjoining the blazing yards were badly damaged by flames, while families in other homes were driven out by smoke.

Hampered by high winds and a water shortage, the firemen of many companies, in relay formation, pumped water from Little Conestoga Creek and got the blaze under control about noon.

Child Struck By Truck

Ronald Hoin, aged six years, of Lancaster, suffered injuries about the face and one tooth was knocked out, when hit by a truck driven by Wade H. Cameron, Rising Sun, Md. Cameron said the child ran from the sidewalk directly across the path of the truck.

The Elkton Supply Company has purchased the garage property from George C. Rawson at North East, and architects are working on plans for a new building.

MARRIAGE BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE

Davis Measure Provides For Restrictions On Elkton Weddings

Over the opposition of a group led by Senator James J. Lindsay (Dem., Baltimore county) the Senate on Saturday passed a bill designed to tighten the forty-eight-hour marriage law and take Elkton out of the Gretna Green category.

The measure was introduced by Senator Wilmer Fell Davis (Rep., Caroline) and provides that judges may not waive the forty-eight-hour waiting period for any reason whatso-ever unless one or both of the parties planning marriage are Maryland residents.

The effect, Senator Davis says, will be to keep out of Elkton the flood of out-of-State couples who come to Maryland to get married because the laws at home are more stringent.

Senator Davis pointed out that the voters at the last election, after the Elkton taxicab companies and "marrying parsons" had petitioned for a referendum, approved the forty-eight-hour law.

"The law the people wanted was soon circumvented", he said. "The bill now before you will make the forty-eight-hour law a forty-eight-hour law.

The measure was passed on third reading, 23 to 6. It was sent to the House.

Cecil County Women's Club

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Cecil County met in the recreation room of the court house on Thursday, March 13. Professor Clarence Fulmer, principal of Wilmington High School, was the guest speaker.

Officers were elected as follow: president, Miss Katherine M. Bratton; first vice-president, Miss Helen Branin; second vice-president, Mrs. Boynes Crowgey; recording secretary, Miss Margaret A. Bowers; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Kay; treasurer, Miss Mary Nickerson.

Hurt In Accident On Conowingo Bridge

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clothier, of East Orange, N. J., were injured Tuesday of last week, when their car skidded on the ice-covered roadway on the bridge over Conowingo Dam on Route 1, and was jammed between a Safeway Trails, Inc., bus and another car.

They were taken to Harford Memorial Hospital at Havre de Grace where physicians said their injuries were not serious.

North East Town Election

At the annual North East town election on March 17, James L. Armour was elected mayor, defeating Harmon Yerkes. The vote was Armour 185; Yerkes 119. For Commissioners, Ernest R. Goodnow, 186, Harry A. Meekins 162, defeating the present commissioners Clayton B. Craig, 118 and Charles Gibson 128. A total of 313 people went to the polls out of a registration of 657.

Easter Sunrise Service

The annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Tome School, Port Deposit, Easter Sunday morning, April 13, at 7 o'clock, according to John W. Lord, Perryville, president of the Young Peoples' Division of the Cecil County Council of Churches which is sponsoring the event. An elaborate program is being arranged for that date with prominent speakers.

$106,963,772 State Budget Passed By General Assembly

Became Law Saturday Afternoon---Administration Forces Heave Sigh Of Relief

Maryland's 1942-43 budget, embodying appropriations for expenditures of $106,963,772, became law shortly after 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

While Administration forces let go an earnest sigh of relief, the Senate found itself victim of an inadvertancy that resulted not only in elimination of appropriations for installation and opertion of a teletype system by the State police, but left the department without eighteen additional officers that the Senators thought it would get in place of the teletype.

Actually, the budget carries appropriations of $107,163,772, but this figure is to be reduced by $200,000 during the biennium by the Board of Public Works.

An amendment to the budget empowers the Board of Public Works—composed of the Governor, the State Comptroller and Treasurer—to cut from departmental appropriations the sum of $100,000 a year, the reductions to be made where the board believes they will do the least harm.

When introduced in the General Assembly by Governor O'Conor in January, the budget carried appropriations amounting to $106,664,021 A supplemental budget making direct appropriatioins raised this by $303,954. Then there were two contingent appropriation amendments, totaling $633,848, and the Legislature increased its own budget by $19,899.

Meanwhile, the budget of the Department of Public Welfare was reduced by $216,000 by Governor O'Conor, who directed that this cut be made in administration costs.

The Senate followed up with another $200,000 slash and left it to officials of the Department of Welfare as to where the cut would be imposed.

By reducing the proposed construction loan bond issue more than $2,000,000, a saving in the amount needed to service the State debt was made to the extent of $41,950.

This reduced the net budget to $106,963,772 or to $107,163,772 including the $200,000 to be lopped off by the Board of Public Works.

The total budget, including the $4,172,000 bond issue originally suggested, was $110,836,021 when introduced by the Governor. In its revised form, as adopted, it calls for a total of $109,189,772, including the revised bond-issue bill of $2,217,000.

Liquor License Granted

The board of License Commissioners for Cecil County, meeting in the Court House on Tuesday last, passed on three applications.

Charles C. Boyd was granted a license for the sale of beer, wine and liquor for his place of business known as the Cecil Inn, in Perryville. Arnett Armour was granted permission to sell (packaged) beer, wine and liqour at the Armour's Market in North East.

John Psomas, who formerly operated the Elk Restaurant, on Main Street, Elkton, had the transfer of his beer license approved for the sale of that beverage at his new place of business, the New York Restaurant, located on the new dual highway, at Landing Lane.

Fox Hounds Maul Collie

A large pack of fox hounds, on a hunt with a group of horsemen, in the West Nottingham section, on Monday, "jumped" a collie dog on the farm of Mrs. Wiley Cecil, and gave chase. The collie, owing to its age, could not outrun the pack at his heels; they overtook the dog near the Cecil residence and jumped on the animal for a kill.

Despite the efforts of Lester Rice to beat the hounds off, the collie was faring badly until Mrs. Cecil appeared with a pistol and scared the hounds off by shooting at them.

Newark Firm To Build City Hall In Elkton

The Elkton City Council has awarded the contract for the erection for a new city hall to George A. Moore and Fred D. Brooks of Newark, Del., on their bid of $16,650.

The new building will be located on the site of the old Court House, which has been razed at the corner of Main and North Streets.

The plans call for a one-story brick building, with colonial architecture, with headquarters for the city council, city treasurer and police. Work will be started on the building within the next couple of weeks, and under the contract must be completed within 100 working days.

Six contractors submitted bids on the construction of the building. The contractors are also required under the contract to move the World War Memorial, now located on the southwest corner of the old Courthouse plaza, to another location, and to lower the sidewalk to be in conformity with the other sidewalks in that section.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

The seven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Flabbi has been brought home from the hospital where she received treatment for whooping cough and pneumonia.

Mrs. Edward C. Dixon, of Philada., visited her aunt, Miss Margaret Haines and brother, Edgar Brown, during the week-end.

Dean and Mrs. N. R. H. Moor, and daughter Virginia, of Pittsburgh, are visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. William Snyder, Sr., son William and Russell Johnson spent Sunday with Stanton, Delaware friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. Charles Ritchie were Saturday visitors in Lancaster, Pa.

E. Newell Jenkins, of Philada., spent the week-end with home folks in Rising Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds, Miss Mary Brumfield and J. E. Brumfield were dinner guests of Mrs. Effie Evans, of Oxford, Pa., on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Fassitt, who was a patient in Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, has returned to her home here, greatly improved in health.

Miss Mildred Garvin, Teachers College, Salisbury, Md., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Garvin, over the week-end.

Mrs. Joseph B. Dickerson and son, Joseph III, returned home from the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, on Saturday.

Thomas B R.oberson is a sufferer from rheumatism and has been confined to his home for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Clara R. Biles was taken to Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, last week for treatment.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED NEWS

The chicken salad-ham supper served by the ladies of the Methodist church of this town, on Thursday evening last, brought out a large crowd of patrons, and was a success in every respect. The gross receipts were about $110.00.

The new White Horse Hotel, built at the Perryville approach of the Susquehanna toll bridge by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Croft, was formally opened on Tuesday, March 25.

Tuesday of this week, the 25th, was Maryland Day, marking the 307th anniversary of the landing of the first colonists at St. Clements Island.

West Nottingham Academy closed on Wednesday last, for the Spring vacation and will reopen March 31st.

In the annual election of the town commissioners, of Port Deposit, the present Council, comprising Robert I. Stebbing, Frank S. Poist, Joseph Dukes, Edward Trowbridge, C. T. Kimble, and James O. Carson, was re-elected without opposition.

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion of Elkton, has decided to hold a luncheon in honor of the Gold Star mothers in Cecil County, in Elkton, on Thursday, May 8th.

The North East Fire Company has selected July 18 to August 2, inclusive, as the time for the annual carnival for the benefit of the company.

More signs of Spring—geese winging north, frogs croaking.

Tolchester Bay Shore Ferry Line Proposed

Establishment of a Tolchester-Bay Shore ferry line through legislative aid is sought by B. B. Wills, president of the Tolchester Lines, Inc.

Wills said he could establish the ferry if the Legislature would grant a State subsidy of $25,000 a year for two years.

His company, he explained, is ready to provide a boat, piers, and slips at Tolchester and Bay Shore. State aid would be needed, he added, for a highway approaching and a suitable approach at Tolchester and the Bay Shore terminal.

Bill To Reopen Double-Decker Bridge

The old double-decker bridge between Havre de Grace and Perryville would be reopened for traffic—at a toll—under a bill introduced on Thursday by Senator J. Wilmer Cronin, in cooperation with Leo M. Moore, Delegate from Harford Co.

The measure would direct the State Roads Commission to maintain and operate the bridge, collecting "reasonable tolls". The bill also provides that the commission could, at its discretion, maintain the bridge out of its mantenance fund.

WOMAN CELEBRATES HER 102nd BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Kate (Nana) Fisher, mother of the late John E. Fisher, Sr., of Port Deposit, Md., celebrated her 102nd birthday Sunday, March 16, at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Harry Meyers in Reading, Pa. Mrs. Fisher made her home for many years with her son, John, better known to his friends as "Snap", in Port Deposit, Md.

Seated at the head of the table at her birthday dinner, the white-haired old lady joked with her many relatives and cut one of the huge birthday cakes given her. Smiling, sh esaid "By Jiminey I Made It". A few weeks ago, it was doubtful whether Nana would have her party. Relatives feared that she would not be able to stand the excitement, but spiritedly she insisted, "I want a party." For weeks Nana has been summoning all her strength to live for her 102nd birthday in order to join in the party she had requested to have—turkey and all the trimmings.

Throughout the day telegrams, cards and gifts were presented to Nana, many coming from friends in Cecil County.

Quarryville Fire Chief Injured--Pumper Wrecked

Fire Chief Clyde Rineer, of Qurryvillefi Pa., was badly injured and the fire engine wrecked on Wednesday morning last, in an accident that occurred while responding to a call for aid from Rohrerstown, Pa.

In swerving sharply to avoid striking an auto at Raub's Corner, the heavy fire truck got out of control and struck two trees by the roadside, breaking them off.

Chief Rineer was badly cut about the face and head. Robert Rineer and John Shuman, two other firemen riding on the truck, were also injured. The fire truck was badly damaged.

Towson Credit Association

The first local meeting in Cecil County of the Towson Production Credit Association was held at the Rising Sun High School auditorium March 21st, at 8:00 P. M. The interesting program included educational and recreational features as well as refreshments.

A new moving picture on agriculture, which has been in the making for several years, was shown.

Farmer Gored By Bull

Gored by a bull, John Hastings, Kirkwood, Pa., was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Lancaster, in a serious condition, suffering from a fractured collar bone, fractured ribs and internal injuries.

A driver of the truck of Troop produce dealer at Strasburg, who had stopped at the home for eggs, heard a noise in the barnyard, and going to investigate saw Mr. Hastings on the ground, the bull standing over him. The truck driver secured a pitchfork and drove the animal off. Mr. Hastings was hurried to the hospital.

MAY ADD YEAR TO SCHOOL SYSTEM

Plans Discussed At Meeting Of The County Superintendents

At a meeting of County Superintendents of Public Schools in Baltimore recently, plans were discussed for a reorganization of the statewide public school system. A special committee is working on a plan of Junior High School, adding another year to the school system. This plan has been reported to the General Assembly.

"During the 1939 session of Maryland General Assembly, the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers investigated a movement to have the Legislature authorize the State Board of Education to add another year's work to the present secondary school system, making the time required for graduation 12 years instead of eleven. The State Board of Education, realizing the implications involved in any such change, as well as the vast amount of money which would have to be expended, succeeded in getting the Maryland Congress to withhold their actions along this line until such a time as a survey of the State School System could be made by nationally known educational experts, so that their findings could be used as a basis for any change in the system.

"Governor O'Conor appointed this survey commission during the late spring of 1940, and they have completed a survey of the State School System and are now finishing a report which will be submitted to the General Assembly session in its present meeting.

"The Survey Commission is recommending the extra years as suggested by the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, but along with this recommendatioin it is asking authorization for the State Department of Education to approve the reorganization of the State School System on the following basis: Elementary School: Grades 1 to 6; Junior High Shcool: Grades 7 to 9; Senior High School: Grades 10 to 12.

At the present time all except three of the counties of Maryland are organized on the seven-four basis. The other three are operating on the eight-four system.

"When this recommendation becomes law the State Department of Education will provide for additional money in the budget to pay the State's share of the new program. This means that in two years' time the three counties which have been operating on a twelve-year system will begin receiving state aid. As the other counties make provisions they will be helping to pay for the maintenance of the twelve-year-system in other counties while they are enjoying only the eleven grades.

"To make provisions to meet the new program each county will have to make a study of its own situation and submit its findings and plans to a committee of the State Board of Education for approval."

Gaines--Fletcher

Miss Edith Gaines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gaines, formerly of Perryville and Mr. C. Frank Fletcher, son of Mr. Columbus Fletcher, and the late Mrs. Fletcher of Havre de Grace, were married on March 16, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Tarpon Springs, Florida, where the bride resides. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Louis Richards in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

The couple was tendered a reception at the home of Mr. Turnpaw and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher left for Havre de Grace, where they are residing at their home on Lafayette Street.

Thomas--Lieske

Miss Sarah V. Thomas, of Perryville, and Mr. Wilson F. Lieske, of Havre de Grace, were married on Friday evening, March 14, at the parsonage of Havre de Grace Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. G. Custer Cromwell.

The marriage of Miss Mary E. Streeter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Streeter, Nottingham, Pa., and Mr. Leonard Gouge of Nottingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathanial Gouge of Barnsley, took place at 2 o'clock, Wednesday, March 12th, at the bride's home, Rev. John D. Ebersole officiating.

Wilson--Preston

Miss Adaline R. Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Perryville, and Mr. Rowland E. Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Preston, were married March 11 at St. Marks Episcopal Church by Rev. Dr. J. Warren Albinson of Elkton.

Engagement Announced

Dr. and Mrs. William E. Gallion, of Darlington, Harford County have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sarah Booth, to Mr. Harry Edgar Dyer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Dyer, of Havre de Grace. Miss Gallion is a graduate of Randolph Macon Woman's College and School of Nursing, Johns Hopkins Hospital. Mr. Dyer is a graduate of the Havre de Grace High School, of the University of Maryland and University of Maryland Law School. No date has been set for the wedding.

Maryland Turkeys Brought $1,500,000

Maryland turkey growers received more than $1,500,000 for their birds in 1940, the University of Maryland Extetnsion Service announced in its current monthly report. From January 1, 1939, to 1940 the number of turkeys on Maryland farms increased from 81,000 to 135,000.

It raineth alike on the silk and cotton umbrella.