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Seven Remain In Tilt For Town Commissioner

Candidates Clough, Carter, Tabler Withdraw. Colored Vote Being Wooed

With the biennial election for Town Commissioners of Centreville set for Monday seven candidates remain in the original field of ten named before the deadline.

During the week William H. Carter, Lee Clough and Ray Tabler announced their withdrawal from the race, even if their names remained on the ballot.

Mr. Carter gave several reasons for his withdrawal, chiefly stressing the pressure of business activities. Mr. Clough, a rural mail carrier, stepped out because of Postal regulations which prohibit an employee from running for any political office. Mr. Tabler was advised to withdraw his name by the directors of the Centreville National Bank, as stated in a notice appearing on Page 9 of this issue of the Record-Observer.

None of the three candidates entered their names in the contest, the three candidacies being filed by voters unknown to them. .

The election will be held in the office of the Register of Wills at the Courthouse on Monday with polls open from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the afternoon. W. Lloyd Ford, justice of the peace, will be judge of the election and Mrs. Mamie S. Bright clerk.

Despite the reduction in the field to seven interest in the election continued at a steady pace during the week. Discussion was quiet but persistent, with non-voting residents and non-voting taxpayers living just outside the town limits taking considerable part.

Little if any electioneering among white voters was observed. It is said that considerable attention is being paid toward corraling the colored vote, which includes about half of the total although the members of that race have only a negligible proportion of the assessable basis.

Opinions are freely expressed that the election will result in sweeping in an entirely new board, although supporters of the two present members are keeping their peace and working in their own way.

Lines are being drawn, between the ins and their five opponents, it is said, and the real pressure of electioneering will show itself about the end of this week.

But the important thing for voters to remember is that all those who paid taxes in Centreville to the amount of $1 or more in 1937 and who have been residents of the town for the past six months are in the group eligible to vote, regardless of whether they paid taxes on real estate or personal property.

And the election is Monday.

County Women Join Club Trip To Washington

Governor Nice Receives Party In Stop-Over At Annapolis

Queen Anne's county and the Eastern Shore were well represented in Washington Tuesday when some 300 members of the Federation of Women's Clubs from the Eastern Shore visited the Capitol City at the invitation of Mrs. Robert Campbell Lawson, president of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Twenty-seven members of Queen Anne's Woman's clubs attended the affair and were most enthusiastic in their praise of the program planned for them. The sight-seeing trip included the White House where they were met by Mrs. Millard E. Tydings. Then came a tour of the city and a trip around the Tidal Basin where the Cherry Blossome were in full bloom.

The afternoon was spent visiting the Senate and House galleries and a session of the Supreme Court. In the visit to the Court only two Queen Anne's visitors were fortunate in securing admission owing to the rules whereby not more than ten from any party are admitted to a session at the same time.

On the return trip the group was tendered a brief reception by Governor Harry W. Nice at the Governor's Mansion and were taken for a tour of the building which has been remodelled and redecorated.

Those from the county who enjoyed the outings were Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing, Mrs. Ray Tabler, Mrs. H. W. Ryland, Mrs. George Ryland, Mrs. Vachel A. Downes, Mrs Oliver C. Jones, Mrs. Frank Elzey.

Mrs. L. Herman Meredith, Mrs. Edwin Meredith, Mrs. Frank Willis, Mrs. A. Sydney Gadd, jr., Mrs. Guy F. Harmon, W. Marvin Barton.

Mrs. I. Hill Anthony, Mrs. J. Hall Barton, Mrs. E. Hall Covell, Mrs. Harry C. Reynolds, Mrs. Charles E. Anthony, Mrs. T. Rigby Valliant, Mrs. Milton W. Seney, Mrs. Lingle, Mrs. Devine.

Miss Helen West, Miss Anna Taylor, Miss Emma Meredith.

Town Election Important

An Editorial

The town of Centreville is in a bad fix.

Our milk station is gone. Rail service is about to be stopped. A bus leaves town once daily and for Love Point only. The tax rate is as high as the combined state, county and school tax and in most cases the assessments are higher. Centreville has a bonded indebtedness higher than the whole county. Our electric and water rates and other charges for municipal services are as high as in other towns and the services themselves are not as good as the average.

One-third of the town's population and one-fourth of the assessable value of property are outside the town's limits. These people do business in town. Yet they have no vote, cannot hold office, pay no taxes and receive none of the town services. These include some of our ablest citizens.

One-half of the voting strength of the town is in the hands of our colored population but their property assessment is only five percent of the total.

Business in the town is dying. Farmers of the county and even citizens of the town are going to Easton or Chestertown to shop. It is cheaper to rent property in Centreville than own it.

The country is in a depression. The price of wheat and other farm produce will likely stay low this year. We, in Centreville are feeling this condition already and it will undoubtedly be worse before it is better.

Fortunately, the remedy of some of these conditions is in our own hands. By a sound, business-like town administration, supported by the active interest of the taxpayers, the taxes and assessments of Centreville can be reduced. It is imperative that this be done soon.

On Monday the eligible voters of Centreville will elect three men to conduct the affairs of the town. Remember in voting, that these affairs consist of a business worth almost one million dollars. This business belongs to the voters.

Lay aside personal likes and dislikes in voting. Vote for the three men best able to manage this huge local business. In doing so you will take the first step toward improving the town and your own personal welfare.

Albert W. Bryan Native Of County Dies In Paris

Former Centreville Resident Lived Abroad. In Diplomatic Service

Albert William Bryan, former Centreville resident, died at the American Hospital in Paris Saturday after an illness of three months from heart trouble. He was 54 years old.

Mr. Bryan who was in diplomatic service for many years has lived abroad since 1914. He was born in Queen Anne's county, the son of Mrs. Annie E. Bryan of Centreville and the late Thomas E. Bryan.

He was educated at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa.., and thereafter joined the staff of the Centreville Observer, then owned by his uncle, the late William J. Price, for a year. During a period of employment in the Postoffice at Washington he studied diplomatic service at George Washington University, was appointed to a position in the State Department and became assistant chief of the Bureau of Citizenship.

After four years with the Department in Washington Mr. Bryan became secretary to the American Ambassador at Lima, Peru. While there he studied international law at the University of St. Marcus. He returned to Washington in 1913 and the following year about the time of the outbreak of the World War he was sent to Paris with secret codes for American represntatives there. Subsequently he was secretary to the American Ambassador at Madrid and during the American entrance in the World War was again associated with the American Embassy at Paris.

In 1920 he resigned from the service to become a partner in a tourist agency which became the firm of Etablissements W. W. Bryan. His last visit to Centreville was early in 1937 when he visited his mother here.

Mr. Bryan was married to Miss Germaine Caliphy of Paris who was associated with the American Embassy. She survives him as do two sons, Albert William Bryan, jr., and Marcus Maxime Bryan. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Annie E. Bryan of Centreville; two brothers, Thomas E. Bryan of Centreville and Raymond C. Bryan of Baltimore; and a sister, Mrs. Nina Bryan Wuster of Los Angeles, California.

Funeral services will be held in Paris.

Electric Organ Added To Local Church

A new electric organ purchased by the Centreville M. E. Church has arrived and is now being installed by the M. P. Moller company of Hagerstown. It is planned to dedicate the instrument at the first service on Easter Sunday.

The organ is a two-manual electro-pneumatic device with chimes handsomely finished in walnut which because of its ocmpactness will increase the available space in the choir section.

Association Seeks To Widen Poultry Raising

Three Objectives Laid Down For Furthering Industry In County

A concerted endeavor to start developing the poultry industry as one of the major branches of farm economics in Queen Anne's county is to be made by the Queen Anne's Conuty Poultry Association this year, acocrding to John H. Moffett, president of the association, who asserts that the climate and soil of the county is ideal for poultry.

As a prelude to realizing their objectives the association hopes to establish "locals" in six or seven sections to quicken interest and build up membership. Mr. Moffett says that the membership drive is not a fund-raising proposition since the dues are only fifty cents but that the organized support of a large number of poultry raisers is wanted in order to lend authority to the association program.

Leaders to conduct the campaign are to be named in the Sudlersville-Crumpton area; Church Hill and Price; Ingleside and Barclay; Queenstown; Queen Anne; Centreville; and possibly on Kent Island. Feed dealers are also to be invited to join the association since they will have a stake in the development of the county poultry industry.

The three objectives to be stressed as a basis for the program include development of the broiler industry, further development of the production of high class breeding stock, for which Queen Anne's county is now known nationally, and creation of a local shipping market through which county eggs and poultry may be sent to market.

Other objectives are to secure the appointment of a poultry specialist to be connnected with the office of County Agent Kenneth W. Baker and possible establishment of a poultry dressing plant if and when the industry requires it.

Mr. Moffett asserts that the climate and soil of Queen Anne's are ideal for poultry raising with the additional advantage of permitting raising of feed in considerable proportions.

He also said that the University of

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QUELL MEADOW BLAZE

The Church Hill Fire company responded to a summons Friday afternoon for a brush and meadow fire on the John Kimbles farm which had gotten out of control and was rapidly approaching the tenant house on the farm. The spread of the flames was checked without damage.

EASTER SQUARE DANCE

Following the break in the series of square dances at the Little Theatre at Centreville because of Lent the final dance of the sason will be held there on Easter Monday night. Van Clark and Quil Usilton will handle the figure-calling and Todd's orchestra will provide music.

Commissioners Seek Assistant To County Agent

Request Poultry, Dairy Specialist. Name Five County Truck Drivers

The likelihood of the appointment of an assistant county agent to aid chiefly in poultry and dairy work in Queen Anne's moved a step nearer following a conference between the County Comissioners and Dr. T. B. Symonds, director of the Extension Service at the Commissioners' office on Tuesday.

The appointment was sought by the Commissioners at the urgent request of a large number of poultry raisers in the county who filed a petition for the service a few months ago.

The Commissioners agreed to put up their share of funds necessary to provide the service of an assistant county agent while Dr. Symonds assured the Board that he would grant their request for the appointment provided his state budget allowed him to meet the county offer.

Work on the Grand Jury room authorized by the Commissioners at a recent session started on Monday. The treatment is the same as that given to the office of the Register of Wills immediately below it. All plaster has been stripped from the walls, the ceiling removed, the fireplace bricked up and the entire interior is to be refinished in a panelled fiber material.

Five trucks recently purchased by the County Commissioners to expediate their graveling program have arrived. Drivers appointed for the trucks are Floyd Cahall, Price; Bernard Connolly, Centreville; Frank Council, Stevensville; Calvin Lucas, Church Hill, and Webster Schellhouse of Centreville.

The Commissioners said that their main objective in the road program is to get the county out of the mud, as requested by a mass meeting a few years ago. At least a hundred miles of county dirt roads are to be graveled this year and it is expected that every county dirt road will receive such treatment before the project is completed.

The Commissioners stated that the total appropriation from all state and Federal resources for 1937 was $79,271.28 which was assigned for all road maintenance in the county, debt service, the purchase of equipment, graveling of the Carmichael and Templeville roads and building of the road to Ruthsburg and the construction of the Corsica River Brdige and its approaches.

The gravelling program on the county dirt roads was said to be an auxiliary program devised by the Commissioners to enable residents at all seasons to make contact with the State system of hard roads.

Sportsmen Urge Game Refuge, Fish Stocking

Izaak Walton Chapter Talks Conservation For Upper Eastern Shore

Favorable action on a number of steps for conserving Wildlife on the Eastern Shore and in Maryland in general was taken by the Upper Eastern Shore chapter of the Izaak Walton League at an enthusiastic meeting held in the Little Theatre last Thursday evening when the chapter held the first session since its organization.

The chapter joined the Maryland Outdoor Life Federation and named John P. Corcoran as its delegate for the convention held yesterday in Baltimore.

Speakers at the meeting included Dr. E. Russell Cook, secretary of the Regional Council including Maryland, Malcolm King of the Montgomery County Farmers Game Protective Association and State Game Warden E. Lee LeCompte.

Dr. Cook discussed the activites and possibilities of the Izaak Walton League while Mr. King explained the work of his organization, pointing out how game increased under the plan of protection and hunting.

Mr. LeCompte spoke on Conservation from a general standpoint, discussed the growing interest in conserving forest, streams and wild life and urged greater public cooperation in conservation and restoration. He also pointed out that declining revenues from fishing and hunting licenses are coming at a time when there is an increased demand for stocking of fish and game.

The chapter protested the pollution

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Centreville Woman's Club To Elect

A meeting of the Centreville Woman's Club will be held at the Little Theatre on Monday afternoon at which time election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Three-minute talks by members who went on the trip to Washington will be given as a part of the program. All members are asked to be present at this meeting.

Businessmen Form Chamber Of Commerce

Oliver C. Jones Chosen President At Organization Meeting Monday

Upwards of forty Centreville Businessmen gathered at Hotel Centreville on Monday evening for a dinner meeting at which the proposed Chamber of Commerce was launched, officers elected and a framework laid for active service to Centreville and its vicinity during the coming years.

Oliver C. Jones was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for its first year. Other officers chosen were John Goldsborough, vice-president; Robert T. Newell, secretary; Dr. Norman P. Chanaud, assistant secretary; B. Hackett Turner, jr., treasurer.

Ballotting was held upon a slate presented by the organizing committee which named at least two candidates for each post. The committee included C. S. Thomas, chairman, William H. Carter, John Goldsborough, P. H. Thompson and Milton Seney. Tellers at the election were Mr. Carter and Mr. Seney .

The organizing session was conducted by C. S. Thomas, chairman of the committee of five, who presented a set of by-laws for alteration and possible adoption.

Among the provisions agreed upon was that the group should represent Centreville and its vicinity, that meetings would be held only upon the call ol the president, except for the annual meeting to be held on the last Monday in March, dues were set at $2.50 for each six months; politics would be outlawed and the general advancement of business and industrial progress of the community would be sought.

A request by J. William Keith was made for the support by the business group of the milk producers of the Centreville area in their endeavor to provide a market for their product, whether by a cooling plant or other means.

In addition to those named above those present included Virgil Freeney, Harper Fesmyer, Dr. James A. Crowl, F. Asbury Bartlett, Lawrence Callahan, Robert R. Price, Marvin Morris.

Ray Tabler, Kenneth W. Baker, John Cannon, J. Hall Barton, Dr. James A. McCallum, A. Sydney Gadd, jr., Dr. D. C. Blevins, M. Dorsey Wright.

Frank Willis, Clifton Burke, M. A. Perkins, Alfred M .Green, Harry B. Towers, Henry C. Lewis, Bertram Moore, Francis E. Thomas, T. E. Shea, Vachel A. Downes.

Tony Kontos, Sterling G. Harris, Roy H. Wilson, B. Hackett Turner, Percy Arrington, Royden N. Powell, Howard W. Ryland, H. B. W. Mitchell, J. H. E. Legg, Milton B. Wolcott.

Announce Dates For 3rd Annual Flower Show

Specimen Classes Open To All In Kent, Talbot, Queen Anne's Counties

The Third annual Spring Flower Show of the Queen Anne's County Garden Club will be held at the Little Theatre in Centreville on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17 and 18, according to plans formulated by the committee in charge at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Charles Chew Mickle, general chairman of the event, last week.

Efforts are to be made this year to encourage a wider participation in the show by the general public of Kent, Talbot and Queen Anne's counties, to whom all specimen classes and five decorative classes will be open. The program will be divided into three sections, open classes for the public and club members generally, a section restructed to competition among club members, and children's classes. There is no charge for entering exhibits.

Programs are to be issued in ample time to permit exhibitors to make their own plans. In addition a series of suggested arrangements for open classes will be displayed in the windows of the G. Myron Latshaw jewelry store for five weeks beginning April 14.

One of the features planned will be an inter-club competition in a special class in which three selected entrants from each of the Garden Clubs of Talbot, Kent and Queen Anne's will exhibit. Names of the exhibitors are to be withheld until judging is complete.

The judges will be Ernest Hemming of Easton for the specimen classes while for all other classes the board of judges will consist of Mrs. Rowland Clapp,

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SEES CCC FUNDS

The prospect of keeping open CCC camps is better now than it has been for some months, according to Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough. A number of Maryland and Delaware camps have been closed this year but the Congressman believes that an additional appropriation will be made sufficient to maintain camp activities and that proper provision will be made for the camps.

Milk Producers To Build Co-op Cooling Station

Committee Starts Looking For Site. Cost To Be About $25,000. Milk To Be Sent To Greensboro Pending Completion Of Plant. Farmers United

Definite steps toward building a cooperative cooling station in Centrevile were taken Wednesday morning when a committee appointed for the purpose at a mass meeting of milk producers from the Centreville area looked over blueprints, studied estimates and appointed a further subcommittee of five to seek available sites.

The main committee included Oliver C. Jones, chairman, Earle R. Bishop, Jack Cannon, I. Hill Anthony, J. Edgar Bryan, Royden N. Powell, Richard Davidson, J. William Keith, Frank Wiggins, John Whaley, Charles S. Quimby, Cannon and Powell.

The committee found that a cooling station could be erected for about $25,000 , not including the price of the site. Such a station would be large enough to handle a total of 50,000 pounds of milk daily.

Further meetings are to be held by the committee to weigh sites and complete plans for the proposed building all of which are to be submitted to milk producers at a general meeting to be called.

One other matter arranged by the committee in conference with Executive Chairman Wickersham of the Interstate Milk Cooperatives was to set the differential to be asked of the cooperative for producers shipping to Greensboro.

The adjustment recommended was the average price paid by Harbison at Sudlersville, Supplee at Chestertown and Abbotts at Easton be taken as the proper price for milk, from which 10 cents a hundred will be deducted from the producer's share as long as the Greensboro firm does not require icing. The committee asks the farmers to accept this portion of the agreement also. The plan means that the difference between the Greensboro price of milk and ten cents less than the average price of fluid milk will be paid by the Interstate.

Previous to the committee session a mass meeting of milk producers from the Centreville area filled the Centreville area fild the main courtroom at the Courthouse completely Thursday evening in answer to a call to thrash out the milk situation created by the sale of the Cooling Station.

J. William Keith, director for Queen Anne's in the Interstate, pointed out that the farmers had three markets available. The Harbison firm stated that they would accept milk from Centreville shippers at Sudlersville only between the hours of 9 and 10:30 a. m.; that it must be cooled and that not one pound would be received before 9 o'clock nor would anything be spent to provide another window or otherwise expedite matters.

The Embassy firm, purchasers of the Cooling station, were said to be offering $2.50 per hundred fo. 4 percent milk which met the Washington regulations while the Pet Milk Company at Greensboro offered to take milk on thirty, sixty or ninety day agreements. Their payments for the period last year averaged about $1.95 for 4 percent milk.

Following a thorough discussion of the situation as outlined by A. H. Lauterbach, general manager of the Interstate and a representative of the Bank f Loan Cooperatives the producers went on record by a nearly unanimous vote to ship milk to the Pet company during the interim necessary to build a cooperative cooling station. Thereafter a committee of ten was named to meet and consider mor definitely plans for building the station.

Candidate

JUDGE THOMAS J. KEATING

Associate Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit and ranking judge on the Eastern Shore in length of service, Judge Thomas J. Keating announced his candidacy for re-election Wednesday afternoon.

His announcement brought an immediate and unanimous indorsement from the Queen Anne's County Bar Association.

Brown Derbies, Loud Vests To Mark '90 Show

Little Theatre Group Plans To Revive Classic Of Gay Ninties

A Nineteenth Century melodrama, "Gold in the Hills, or, The Dead Sister's Secret", will be the "engagement extraordinary' to be presented by the Players of the Little Theatre on Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29. The production will be the tenth since the founding of the Little Theatre Group.

While a burlesque in the sense that the melodrama contains all the absurdities of plot, situation and language of the Nineteenth Century, the Queen Anne's Players will endeavor to reproduce it with heroic seriousness as it might have been played by a road company in 1890. The presentation will be under the direction of Edna M. Harris and will have a cast of thirty.

Since the costumes of all thirty players will be those of the Gay Nineties, Mrs. Harris, the director, and Mrs. David Pitkin, chairman of the costume committee, ask that old-timers throughout Queen Anne's county look in their trunks in the attics and help costume the show. Brown derbies, men's checked suits, loud vests, high laced shoes, dresses and hats of the 1890 period are much needed. If loaned to the Little Theatre for the show the Theatre heads promise good care and satisfactory return of them.

Sudlersville Firemen Fight Galena Blaze

The Sudlersville and Millington fire companies were among a group of five companies which subdued a blaze that destroyed five frame structures in the center of Galena Monday evening about 6 o'clock. Loss to the buildings, all owned by James Togravski, was estimated at $8,000.

Golden Porter of Millington and the assistant chief of the Middletown, Del., company were burned slightly about the face while combatting the blaze. All fire companies were pressed into action to provide long enough hose lines to bring water to the scene.

BENEFIT MOVIE

A benefit movie, "The Life of Emile Zola" will be sponsored by members of the Queenstown M. E. Church at the Quen Theatre tonight, Thursday. Through the courtesy of Henry Greene, manager of the Theatre, sixty percent of all proceeds will be given to the church.

HIKE AND ROAST

A hike and hot dog roast are scheduled for the Centreville Boy Scouts on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, April 9, with the hike to their Corsica Cabin starting the affair. Leaders expected to accompany the boys are Dr. James A. Crowl, Charles E. Anthony, Thomas Marsalis, Letha Taylor and T. Rigby Valliant.

Local Odd Fellows Hosts To Brethren

Federal Lodge of Odd Fellows of Federalsburg were visitors at the regular meeting of St. Tammany's Lodge at the latter's quarters last night, Monday. Following the meeting refreshments were served and a social and fraternal hour enjoyed. Noble Grand John Goldsborough was in charge of arrangements.

On Sunday morning St. Tammany's Lodge joined Queen Anne's Lodge of Rebekahs at a service in Grace M. P. Church marking the annual services of Rebekahs throughout the state. Visiting lodgemen from Easton were also present. The Rev. L. Colvin Randall conducted the service at which special music was presented by the Grace Choir.

HALT CHIMNEY FIRE

A stubborn chimney fire on the farm home of Wright Robinson near Templeville was extinguished by the Hartly Fire Company about 6 o'clock Sunday evening after it had resisted efforts of the family and neighbors to quell it. The fire burned all Sunday and had spread to the frame of the house, burning part of the boards on the second floor. Wall paper and plastering were also badly damaged.

STEAL HENS

Thieves raided the poultry house of Mrs. Ollie Draper on the Ellis Porter farm near Price Saturday nights and carried off all but two of the hens. Sheriff T. Herbert Everett investigated the theft the next morning.