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County Wide Sentiment Swings To Old-Organization Ticket

Louis Azrael, Noted Baltimore News-Post Writer Discusses The Political Situation Here

Well-Known Throughout The State For His Frankness, Louis Azrael, Visited Queen Anne's County Last Week To Get The True Facts About Queen Anne's County Politicians . . . Here They Are

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CENTREVILLE, Aug. 30.—Queen Anne's county furnishes another of the paradoxes that are so frequent in the present campaign.

The present State Senator is for Howard W. Jackson.

Both members of the House of Delegates are for Jackson.

All three county commissioners are for Jackson.

The county treasurer is for Jackson.

O'Conor Has Edge

What more, ordinarily, could Jackson ask? But you can go through the county and find plenty of persons who will bet, at even money or better, that O'Conor will carry the county. Even Jackson's most enthusiastic backers don't hope for more than a small majority, while O'Conor men are more optomistic.

Disregarding all the biased claims an impartial analysis gives O'Conor a slight edge in Queen Anne's.

The chief reason is named Dudley Roe.

Dudley Roe has been State Senator from this county three times and is the hardest-working politician in its borders. Four years ago his faction was defeated, though he himself was not a candidate.

Running For Senate

This time he is again running for the Senate. For months, while the Gubernatorial campaign raged, he sat on the fence which separates the Jackson from the O'Conor camp. Jackson thought he had Roe; O'Conor hoped he did. A few weeks ago Roe plumped for O'Conor, largely because his opposition was lined up for Jackson. This opposition is headed, technically, by State Senator William R. Wilson. Actually, Wilson is politically feeble and the Jackson leader in the county is Joseph George.

Roe Hard-Hitter

If Roe carries the county for O'Conor, it will be a real political feat. Mayor Jackson is much better known here, personally. During the last few years, while ostensibly "vacationing," he has campaigned here frequently. But Roe has such a strong nucleus for his organization and is such a hard-driving politician that he stands a good chance of winning.

Although William S. Gordy is also an Eastern Shoreman, even his campaign leaders admit he cannot carry the county. About 4,300 votes will be cast in the Democratic primary and Gordy is not expected to get more than 400. Even this number, however, is ominous for Mayor Jackson. Most of Gordy's vote, local men say, will be taken from the Mayor and, in a close election, it may be the deciding factor.

Tydings In Lead

In the Senatorial race Millard E. Tydings is at present definitely in the lead. As in most Maryland counties, David J. Lewis seems to have little appeal for the agricultural vote despite the fact that—as one Queen Anne's farmer said—"The best crop I had this year was the crop of Government checks."

There is, however, an important factor to be considered before a definite prediction in the Senatorial fight can be made. Next week President Roosevelt will be on the Eastern Shore, speaking for David J. Lewis. Equally important from the local aspect, Representative T. Alan Goldsborough is expected to start active campaigning for Lewis soon. Goldsborough's word carries much weight around this way. Between the two, they may swing the county for Lewis.

They may—but it isn't likely.

Nearly Million Dollars Received From The State

UNDER THE ABLE REPRESENTATION OF EX-SENATOR DUDLEY G. ROE, REPRESENTATIVES HARRY FLOWERS, CARVILLE TOLSON, HARRY BREEDING AND FRED SYLVESTER, QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY NOW ENJOYS THE BENEFIT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Despite the fact that the New Deal Organization has tried to mislead the taxpayers of Queen Anne's County in saying Dudley G. Roe's lack of Political Stability prevented his having the cooperation of the Members of the Legislature, we wish to call to your attention to the following achievements accomplished during the term of Dudley G. Roe, in the Senate, and Harry Flowers, Carville Tolson, Harry Breeding, and Fred Sylvester in the House:

1. The authorization and construction of the Eastern Shore Boulevard.
2. The building of the bridge connecting Queen Anne's and Kent counties.
3. The building of bridge at Kent Island Narrows.

THESE THREE PROJECTS ALONE REPRESENT THE EXPENDITURE OF BETWEEN THREE-QUARTERS AND A MILLION DOLLARS OF THE STATE MONEY FROM WHICH QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY HAS RECEIVED FULL BENEFIT. IF WE DIDN'T HAVE A FIGHTING GROUP OF MEN IN LEGISLATURE AT THAT TIME, WOULD THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED?

THESE ARE MONUMENTS TO THE OLD DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY . . . WHAT MONUMENTS HAVE THE NEW DEAL TO OFFER?

WOULD YOU SAY THAT THIS IS LACK OF POLITICAL STABILITY AND STATE POLITICAL INFLUENCE?

IN FACT CAN YOU RECALL ANY LEGISLATION THAT WAS PASSED BY THE NEW DEAL ORGANIZATION THAT BENFITTED THE TAXPAYERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY?

ON THE OTHER HAND DO YOU RECALL WHEN THE NEW DEAL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE TERMINATING IN KENT COUNTY . . . WAS THAT THE NEW DEAL'S EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL STABILITY IN THE INTEREST OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY?

IF YOU WANT ACTION AT ANNAPOLIS . . . THEN VOTE FOR MEN THAT HAVE FOUGHT AND ACHIEVED NEARLY A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STATE APPROPRIATIONS.

LET'S REVIEW OUR TAX SITUATION

The New Deal's Pet Slogan In This Campaign So Far Is Centered On The Reduction Of Taxes . . . Let's Review The Tax Situation Step By Step.

1. By Chapter 118 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, of 1927, passed when Queen Anne's County was represented in the Senate by Dudley G. Roe, in the House by Harry Flowers and Carville Tolson, known as the lateral road-gasoline bill which eliminated the issuance of any further road bonds of Queen Anne's County. This was the initial step in wiping out Queen Anne's County Bonded Debtedness.

2. By chapter 261 of the Acts of the General Assembly of The State of Maryland of 1933, passed when Queen Anne's County was represented in the Senate by Dudley G. Roe, in the House by Harry Breeding and Fred Sylvester, the minimum levy required by law for school purposes was reduced from sixty-seven cents to forty-seven cents. This did not in any way impair the efficiency of our County School System, the difference being made up by the State. THIS REDUCTION AND BENEFITS MADE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY WAS EFFECTED BEFORE THE NEW DEAL WAS EVER HEARD OF.

3. By Chapter 425 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, of 1933, when Queen Anne's County was represented in the Senate by Dudley G. Roe, in the House by Harry Breeding and Fred Sylvester, the expenses of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the County roads and bridges was taken over by the State. Under this law the State has expended on County roads and bridges the following amounts:

For 1934	$48,634.26
For 1935	38,327.11
For 1936	40,220.23
For 1937	55,783.57

Making a total of over $182,000.00 spent by the State on our County Roads in the last four years.

In additon to this amount under this same act the State has paid during the last four years $63,750.00 in retirement of county road bonds sold prior to Act of 1927 and interest on same.

This makes a grand total Queen Anne's County has received from The State under the Act of 1933 of over $245,000.00. An average of about $61,000.00 a year.

MR. TAXPAYER THE ABOVE ACTS TOGETHER WITH THE ENORMOUS INCREASE OF OUR COUNTY TAX BASIS FROM $16,000,000.00 to over $35,000,000.00 IS THE TRUE EXPLANATION OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY'S PRESENT SURPLUS . . . AS A RESULT OF THIS LEGISLATION THE OLD ORGANIZATION GAVE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY AN AVERAGE TAX RATE FOR 1933 AND 1934 of 83 cents on a hundred dollars, while the average tax rate of the New Deal for the past four years has been 85 cents on a hundred dollars. WHERE MR. TAXPAYER HAS THERE BEEN ANY REDUCTION IN YOUR TAXES?

WHY MR. TAXPAYER WITH WHEAT AND CORN SELLING AT PRICES BELOW COST OF PRODUCTION SHOULD THE NEW DEAL TAX YOU TO OBTAIN A SURPLUS WHICH THEY HAVE INVESTED IN BONDS AMOUNTING TO $102,000.00 BEARING A VERY LOW RATE OF INTEREST AND WHY SHOULD THE NEW DEAL FURTHER TAX YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO MAINTAIN A CASH SURPLUS OF OVER $70,000.00 IN OUR LOCAL BANKS. IS IT LEGAL, MR. TAXPAYER, FOR THE NEW DEAL TO TAX YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO INVEST YOUR MONEY TO BUY BONDS? IS IT LEGAL, MR. TAXPAYER, TO LEVY ANY SUM IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL BUDGETED OPERATING EXPENSES OFTHECOUNTY?

ONE OTHER QUESTION, MR. TAXPAYER, WHY HASN'T THE EFFICIENCY DEPARTMENT OF THE NEW DEAL MADE KNOWN BY PUBLISHING IN OUR COUNTY PAPER THE TAXABLE BASIS ON WHICH THE COUNTY LEVY WAS STRUCK AND THE ITEMIZED PROPOSED BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES?

Candidates Assured of Overwhelming Victory from Tax-Payers All Over the County

OLD DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION PLATFORM ACCEPTED AS BEST YET PRESENTED

The candidates on the Old Democratic Organization Ticket have every reason to feel that VICTORY will be theirs when the voters of Queen Anne's County mark their ballot next Monday, September 12.

If you could take time to go into every nook and corner of the County you would find an exceptionally strong sentiment towards the Old Organization, and that sentiment is growing rapidly every day.

The encouraging thing that makes these candidates feel proud is the statement they hear from all sections of the county that the Old Organization is being admired for the out and out clean and upright fight they are making in this campaign. After all the voters of Queen Anne's County are clear-thinking people. They don't have to be urged and inspired by mudslinging or by directing unkind remarks about the opposition.

Queen Anne's County voters are no different from any other voters, they are known throughout the State for accepting true facts and thinking them through for themselves and then voting according to their very own convictions. Knowing these facts exist in Queen Anne's County is the sole reason why the Old Organization Ticket has not attempted to throw mud nor use any slanderous or unkind remarks about their opposing candidates, but rather have presented to you, as voters, FACTS THAT MEAN SOMETHING TO YOU PERSONALLY, AS WELL AS TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY AS A WHOLE . . . NOT JUST PLAIN STATEMENTS BUT PROVEN FACTS BY PERFORMANCE and they challenge the opposing ticket to do the same.

The taxpayers are aware of the things that have been accomplished but they haven't been told why or how they were accomplished. Elsewhere on this page are explanations of the things that have happened in the past four years and just how they were brought about. These are not any one individuals statements or creative arguments, but rather information quoted from the Law Manuals of the State of Maryland.

Don't allow yourself to be misled by mere statements. GET ALL OF THE FACTS AND STUDY THEM FAIRLY and SQUARELY . . . BY SO DOING YOU ARE THEN TREATING ALL CANDIDATES HONESTLY.

The Old Organization has and will continue to discuss the various existing conditions fairly and squarely without prejudice and positively without any mudslinging.

The case of the Old Organization Ticket rests in your good hands, Mr. Taxpayer, and their one and only request is "STUDY THE FACTS SERIOUSLY AND THEN VOTE ACCORDING TO YOUR CONVICTIONS.

At the hour this was written there was a definite swing throughout the county towards the Old Organization Ticket . . . THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR THIS TURN IN AFFAIRS.

GO TO THE POLLS ON MONDAY AND ELECT TO THE VARIOUS OFFICES MEN AND WOMEN THAT REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION THAT FOUGHT AND SECURED FOR QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY NEARLY A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STATE MONEY FOR OUR ROADS AND BRIDGES. WE NEED THAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE TODAY . . . NOW . . . IT'S UP TO YOU MR. VOTER.

CANDIDATES PLEDGE THEIR LOYALTY

The following candidates on the Old Democratic Organization Ticket have pledged themselves to give the taxpayers of Queen Anne's County, a sound and businss-like form of government.

They promise to keep the people of the county advised at all times as to what is going on.

They promise to keep as much of the county business within the borders of Queen Anne's County.

They promise that none of the county business will be placed in the hands of any office-holder.

They promise to put above everything else THE INTEREST OF THE TAXPAYERS, and to have at all times an understanding outlook towards the problems of our farmers and watermen.

IF THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU DEMAND OF THE PEOPLE WHO YOU ARE WILLING TO VOTE FOR . . . THEN HERE ARE THE CANDIDATES WHO DESERVE YOUR SUPPORT . . .

	District
SENATE	
DUDLEY G. ROE	First
REPRESENTATIVES	
GEORGE R. BENTON	Fourth
MORDECAI M. PRICE	Third
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
DR. JAMES W. CROWL	Third
WALTER DENNY	Fourth
J. CLAY STEVENS	First
ORPHANS' COURT	
C. TILGHMAN BISHOP	Fifth
HENRY C. BOWEN	Second
HARRY B. MOORE	Sixth
TREASURER	
J. EDGAR BRYAN	Fifth
CLERK OF COURT	
WILLIAM H. CARTER	Third
REGISTER OF WILLS	
DR. NORMAN S. DUDLEY	Second
STATE'S ATTORNEY	
B. HACKETT TURNER, JR.	Third
DELEGATES STATE CONVENTION	
L. HODGE COLEMAN	Seventh
JAMES F. EVERETT	First
W. STANLEY LANE	Fourth
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE	
C. PERCY ARRINGTON	Third
EMMA H. GILLESPIE	First
HARRY F. JEWELL	Second
MRS. IONA JONES	Fourth
WILLIAM E. KING	Fifth
MRS. MARGUERITE A. PORTER	Seventh