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County Delegation Asks Veto On Assessors Bill

Widespread Opposition To Measure Found By Senator Roe. Asserts Measure Was Planned To Follow Dorsey Bill Abolishing State Tax Commission

Senator Dudley G. Roe formally announced Wednesday that the Queen Anne's delegation, including himself and Delegates M. M. Price and George R. Benton, had asked Governor Herbert R. O'Conor to veto the assessors' bill passed at the 1939 session of the Legislatrue. This action was taken, Senator Roe said, because of widespread opposition to the measure here in Queen Anne's county.

In discussing the history of the measure Senator Roe said that another bill had been introduced by Senator Dorsey of St. Mary's County which would do away with the State Tax Commission and local Supervisors of Assessments, including the position held at present by Harry C. Reynolds as Supervisor of Assessments for Queen Anne's county.

Senator Dorsey's bill originally had the blessing of the administration and appeared certain of passage. Senator Roe introduced his bill to take care of Queen Anne's county. The administration later abandoned Senator Dorsey's bill. On Tuesday Senator Roe said that he had called Governor O'Conor and asked that the Queen Anne's assessor's bill be not signed.

Senator Roe's statement is as follows:

"The Queen Anne's delegation to the legislature, upon returning home, find an enormous amount of opposition to Senate Bill No. 350 which would set up a uniform continuous assessment program for the county.

"This program has worked very successfully in Baltimore City and in some of the Western Shore counties, but we certainly have no desire to do anything that does not meet the approval of the good people of this county. The bill has not been signed by the Governor and we asked him to veto same.

"When the bill was introduced we were expecting Senate Bill No. 452, introduced by Senator Dorsey of St. Mary's county and one of the administrations leaders in the senate, would pass. Had Bill No. 452 passed as we expected, the State Tax Commission and the local Supervisor of Assessment of Queen Anne's county would have been legislated out of office and the program provided for in local Senate Bill No. 350 would have been the set-up for the entire state. The decision of the administration to drop Senate Bill No. 452 would make the set-up as provided in Senate Bill No. 350 just double the cost to the taxpayers that your local representatives had in mind when Senate Bill No. 350 was being passed.

"We are very sorry indeed that the taxpayers have been up-set about this bill. We are very glad indeed that the Governor had not signed same and only too happy to cooperate with public opinion in asking the Governor to veto the bill."

Named Delegate To Diocesan Session

Layton Holton To Represent St. Paul's

W. Layton Holton, jr., was chosen delegate from St. Paul's Parish to the annual convention of the Easton Diocese at Berlin, May 2, as vestrymen and officers were named for the year at the men's meeting held in the Parish House Monday evening. The Rev. John N. Atkins presided at the meeting. Dr. Hampton E .Brown was elected alternate to the convention.

Officers selected included R. E. C. Lowe, senior warden; Edwin P. Meredith, jr., junior warden; W. L. Holton, jr., and W. Purnell Brown, assistant wardens; M. Dorsey Wright, registrar; Henry T. Deaver, treasurer.

The vestry consists of R. E. C. Lowe, Edwin P. Meredith, W. L. Holton, W. Purnell Brown, Dr. Hampton Brown, M. Dorsey Wright, E. S. Valliant and Robert T. Newell.

Head Of Shore P. R. R. Division Promoted

K. R. Vought, superintendent of the Delmarva Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad for the past seven years which included both branch roads in Queen Anne's county, has been promoted to Assistant to the General Manager with headquarters in Philadelphia. Mr. Vought has been with the Pennsylvania Railroad for more than forty-one years.

He has been succeeded by J. A. Schwab, a native of North Dakota, but transferred from a post as superintendent of the Logansport Divsion at Logansport, Indiana. Mr. Schwab is thirty-four years old, is a graduate of West Point, entered the service of the Railroad in 1927 as a rodman, and was made assistant supervisor of the Williamsport Division the next year.

NAMED TO BOARD

J. Wilbur Stafford of Sudlersville has been named to the Board of Governors of the Maryland Real Estate Associates.

Legion Speaker

Bruce T. Bair

'America' To Be Topic Of County Rally At Armory

Bruce Bair Speaker For Legion-Sponsored Meeting. Frolic To Follow

Jeff Davis Post of the American Legion and the Woman's Auxiliary of the Post will combine in a double-barreled program at the Centreville Armory tomorrow, Friday night when the Auxiliary will take the lead in sponsoring a county-wide Americanization meeting at 7:30 o'clock while the Legionnaires introduce a Spring Frolic and Dance beginning about 9 o'clock. The public will be welcome at both affairs, the Americanization meeting being without charge.

Bruce T. Bair, former State Commander of the Maryland Department of the Legion and a speaker of note, will make the principal address at the Americanization gathering. An attorney at Westminster, Mr. Bair has been the spokesman for the State Legion in recent years in their campaigns against various isms and in support of the American way and ideal.

Ray Tabler, commander of Jeff Davis Post, will introduce Mr. Bair. Mrs. George W. Aldridge, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, will open the meeting and present Mr. Tabler.

All organizations of Queen Anne's county have been sent invitations to attend, as has the National Guard companies of Kent and Queen Anne's and Frank W. Jarman Post of the Legion at Chestertown.

A color guard from Company K will advance the colors at the opening of the meeting. Group singing of patriotic songs and selections by a quartet will compete the program.

The Frolic will feature dancing from 9:30 to 1:30 to the strains of Ad Leider's orchestra. W. Edward Barton is general chairman of the Frolic. Committee chairmen include the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, programs; Milton W. Seney, publicity; Sheriff Edward Earl Coursey, decorations.

Vestry Named At St. Luke's Parish

Senator Roe Chosen Delegate To Convention

Senator Dudley G. Roe was chosen delegate from St. Luke's Parish to the Diocesan convention at the annual meeting of the parish held in the rectory of Church Hill, Monday afternoon. The convention is to meet at Berlin Tuesday, May 2. James P. Brown of Church Hill was named alternate.

The annual elections resulted in the following choices: Vestry, Senator Dudley G. Roe, James P. Brown, E. S. Valliant, John H. Coppage, Bernard L. Appleford, G. Edward Gillespie, Medford Roe, J. Wilmer Hall.

Treasurer for St. Luke's Church, Henry C. Bowen. Treasurer for St. Andrew's Chapel, Medford Roe. Assistant treasurer at St. Andrew's, Miss Emma Gillespie. Registrar, Ernest B. Brown.

Wardens, St. Luke's, Arthur Coppage, senior warden; George V. Hollingsworth, junior warden. St. Andrew's, Ralph Graham, senior warden; Victor P. Gillespie, junior warden.

Petition Seeks Referendum On Assessors Bill

Taxpayers' Group Would Give People Vote If Measure Becomes Law

Steps for the circulating of a petition for a referendum against the new assessors' bill for Queen Anne's county in the event that it shall become a law were taken at a meeting of taxpayers from every election district in the Grand Jury room of the Courthouse Saturday afternoon. Approximately fifty residents were present. County Treasurer J. William Keith was selected to preside.

At the meeting all bills passed at the 1939 session of the legislature were read and discussed. Opposition was voiced to the Assessors' Bill. A decision was reached to oppose the bill by means of a referendum, if necessary.

Petitions were ordered printed and a committee of forty named to seek to obtain some 700 signatures as a means of forcing the bill to be voted on at the next general election. Under the law a petition signed by voters to the number of 10 percent of the total votes cast in the last general election may require a measure to be balloted upon by the voters before it can become a law.

The petitions were printed Tuesday. According to Mr. Keith the signed petitions will be held until the bill is approved by Governor O'Conor or the legal time for approval is past.

The committee appointed for the several districts as follows: First District—Gurney Knotts, Rembert Phillips, John E. George, Clifford Harbidge. Second District—Noble S. Coppage, James E. Thompson, Bernard L. Appleford, William C. Smith, Alan G. McFarland.

Third District—Jack Cannon, John D. Connolly, Phares Morris, John Ashley, Roy Payne, A. Sydney Gadd, jr., Charles I. Boyle.

Fourth District — Roland Carville, Claude Lowery, Percy E. Thomas, Belbin Thomas, Felix Gardner.

Fifth District — John A. Gardner, Merton R. Shawn, Frank Delahay, Joseph Bishop, Thomas Collier, Joseph W. A. Evans.

Sixth District — Thomas S. Pippin, John T. Meredith, jr., Earle R. Bishop, Norman S. Mason, William Lynch, Palmer Pippin, George Marvel.

Seventh District—Jesse G. Ryland, JamesGroff, Benjamin Spry, Herbert H. Bowers, Dr. James Stack, Thomas McGinnes.

Soil Sign-Ups Due This Week

Farmers To Apply For First 1939 Payment

Meetings to sign applications for the first 1939 payments in the Agricultural Conservation program in Queen Anne's county will be held in the various election this week-end, announced County Agent Kenneth W. Baker.

The First, Seventh and Fifth Districts will meet tomorrow, Friday, while the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh will meet Saturday.

The schedule is as follows: First and Seventh, Friday at Cox Hall, Sudlersville. Fifth, Friday at Queenstown Bank. Sixth, Friday at Community Hall, Ruthsburg, all sessions to be from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Saturday—Second and Seventh Districts, basement of Community Hall in Church Hill. Third, County Agent's Office, Centreville, both meetings from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Fourth District, Stevensville Bank from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

The applications to be signed are for the first payment on wheat reduction made last fall and must be signed if payment is to be made. Two payments will be made under the 1939 program, the first to be due some time during the early summer.

Kent County Farmer Takes Life By Drowning

A verdict of suicide was returned by Coroner Frank Smith of Chestertown in the death of Ben Williams, 55-year-old Kent county farmer, whose body was found in the Chester river on Saturday.

Williams, who was a well known farmer in the Quaker Neck section, was said to have held on to a stake in order to keep his head under water. He was declared to have left a note indicating his intention of doing away with himself.

LUNCH, CARDS

The Ladies' Church Aid Society of St. Paul's Church will hold a benefit luncheon and card party in the parish House tomorrow, Friday. The luncheon will be held from 12 o'clock, noon, until 1:15 o'clock with cards to follow shortly afterwards.

IMPROVE ROAD

The County Commissioners at their session Tuesday approved a WPA project for Railroad Avenue in Grasonville. The road is to be drained, graded and graveled or shelled, as seems advisable. Work started this week.

The Winnah

Mayor Howard W. Jackson

Coasting along to a surprisingly easy victory Mayor Jackson swept Baltimore by almost two-to-one to win the Democratic nomination for mayor at the forthcoming city election. At 10 o'clock Wednesday night his total was 74,742 to Charles H. Buck's 43,459, according to figures supplied by the Baltimore Sun.

Mayor Jackson, interviewed by telephone, announced jubilantly that he had carried every district. He refrained from making a statement, however, until the tabulations were complete enough for absolute certainty.

The result of the Baltimore Primary was a reversal from the results of the Gubernatorial Primary in Baltimore last September. Then the present Governor Herbert R. O'Conor swept every district in Baltimore, gaining an advantage whcih ultimately outweighed Jackson votes in the counties. In the present mayoralty prmiary Charles H. Buck was supported by practically the same group of leaders that backed Mr. O'Conor, but Buck lost. United States Senator George L .Radcliffe came out for Mayor Jackson.

Close Season's Fox Hunts With Vigorous Chase

Junior Riders Roam Wye Neck In Long Hunt. Three Foxes Drawn

Marking the close of the fox-hunting season which traditionally ends on Easter Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Lee, of "Stagwell", gave an enjoyable hunt in Wye Neck for junior sportsmen with a number of adults in the event. The chase was followed by a Hunt breakfast at which Mr. and Mrs. Leon Andrus were hosts at Cheston-On-Wye.

Monday's sport was the completion of the second season of weekly Saturday hunts arranged by Mr. Lee for the younger riders of the county, acquainting them with the rules and traditions of foxhunting as well as with the sport itself. The Wye Neck section has been the scene of these hunts.

The hounds followed three foxes in a chase that lasted for about four hours Monday. They drew a fox on the marsh of the Houghton farm and chased him for nearly an hour. As they were crossing a field with a small section of wood a second fox appeared and took up the going, leading the hunt a merry ride. Most of the time fox and hounds were in full sight of the riders.

This fox took to cover, another was drawn and off went the hunt in full cry.

The hunting party included Misses Gertrude Davidson, Pat Mickle, Ann Mickle, Betty Fox and Jinksy Ingels, Wrightson Tolson, Robert Tolson, Jimmy Tolson, Gordon Mandrell, Henry Dodd, Damon Gadd, Charles Price, Marion Golt, Joseph Golt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mickle and Mr. Walter C. Lee.

At the hunt breakfast the guests consisted of the juniors and Mr. and Mrs. Mickle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Keating, jr., Miss Mary Ker Keating, Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Gadd and Mr. and Mrs. Walter C .Lee.

Hanson Horsey Named Millington Magistrate

Hanson Horsey, of Millington, umpire in the Eastern Shore League in 1938, will be arbiter of another sort as well this year. The ex-big leaguer has been named magistrate at Millington, where he also conducts a confectionery business.

Starting his baseball career at Galena, Hans pitched for Reading, Pa., in the Tri-State League in 1910. The following year he was added to the mound staff in Cincinnati. In 1918 he managed Jersey City in the International League. When organized baseball was talked on the Eastern Shore and in Queen Anne's county in the early months of 1937 Hans took an active part in supporting the movement all along the Shore. He has also been active in the civic and business affairs of Millington.

Mrs. Thompson, NativeOfCounty Dies Saturday

Granddaughter Of Judge Hopper. Was Mother Of J. West, P. H. Thompson

Mrs. Mary Nicholson Thompson, widow of the late William E. Thompson and grand-daughter of the late Judge Philemon Blake Hopper, died at her home in Baltimore Saturday evening about 8:30 from pneumonia. She was 83 years old.

Mr.s Thompson descendant of well-known Queen Anne's county families, was the mother of Police Magistrate J. West Thompson and Philemon H. Thompson of Centreville, each prominent in business and political circles of the county.

Born in Centreville December 12, 1855, Mrs. Thompson was the daughter of the late Philemon Blake Hopper and Henrietta Goldsborough Hopper. Her grandfather, the first Philemon Blake Hopper, and her brother by the same name were each Judges of the Second Judicial Circuit.

Mrs. Thompson was a resident of Queen Anne's county for sixty years, before she removed to Baltimore. On November 23, 1881 she was married to William E. Thompson, a county school teacher and son of the late Prof. J. West Thompson. Her husband died on June 23, 1928.

Active in the work of Grace M. P. Church with which she became affiliated in June, 1871, Mrs. Thompson retained her membership in the church throughout her life, including the years of her residence in Baltimore.

She is survived by three sons, Magistrate J. West Thompson and Philemon H. Thompson of Centreville, and William E. Thompson, of Baltimore; four daughters, Mrs| B. Herbert Brown, Mrs. John Robertson and Miss Mary N. Thompson, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Charles Dunham, of Easton; and a sister, Mrs. Fannie McFeely, of Baltimore. Eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren also remain.

Funeral services were held from Grace M. P. Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. L. Colvin Randall, pastor of Grace Church and the Rev. William Hoffman, pastor of Wilton Heights M. P. Church of Baltimore, officiating.

The bearers were her grandsons, B. Herbert Brown, jr., W .Edward Brown, West Brown, J. West Thompson, jr., Robert H. Thompson, William E. Thompson and Mason S. Dunham and a grand-son-in-law, Gerard Murray.

Interment was in Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville.

Weight Gained By Aided Pupils

P-T A Ascribes Gain To Free Lunches

All children who have been in the group provided free lunches by the Parent-Teachers' Association of the Centreville elementary school have gained weight since the school year started, reports Mrs. W. Edward Barton, chairman of the lunchroom committee, the highest individual gain being 9¾ pounds and the least ¾ pound.

Under the practice established by the P-T A several years ago free lunches at school have been provided for undernourished pupils. At present 46 children are being assisted in this manner, 35 of whom have been given lunches since the work started in September.

The group of thirty-five are weighed each month to determine gains. The average gain amounts to 4½ pounds and twenty-one of the group have gained the average amount or more than it.

As an extra help Mrs. Harry Boyles, in charge of the lunch room, has made a practice of giving all surplus milk and cocoa to those receiving the free lunches in addition to their usual quota.

Seaford Nurse, Local Merchant To Wed

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Alice Mary C. Pusey, of Seaford, Del., and Mr. Spencer C. Hammond, of Centreville. The wedding will take place at St. John's M. E. Church at Seaford, Del., Friday afternoon, May 5, at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. L. E. Windsor, of Mt. Salem Church, Wilmington, and the Rev. J. L. Johnson, of Seaford M. E. Church, officiating.

Miss Pusey is engaged as an anesthetist at the Delaware County Hospital, Drexel Hill, Pa. Mr. Hammond is associated with the Centreville Food Market.

HUNTING EXHIBIT

An exhibition of Hunting and Racing pictures is to be held at the Baltimore Museum of Art beginning Friday afternoon, April 21. Open to the public, it is expected to be of interest in Queen Anne's and other counties where the chase is still a popular sport.

Senator Roe Has Edge In Race For Congress

Believed Certain To Land Democratic Nomination For Post Vacated By Former Congressman Goldsborough. G. D. Neavitt To Run By Petition

Seen Winner

Senator Dudley G. Roe

Senator Dudley G. Roe is regarded as certain to obtain the Democratic nomination for the seat in Congress vacated last week by Representative T. Alan Goldsborough. No date for the special election necessary has been set although Governor Herbert R. O'Conor is reported ready to announce it in the next few days.

At least twenty days must elapse between the announcement of the special election and the holding of it. Candidates for the Democratic and Republican parties will be named by their respective State Central Committees of Maryland. Candidates running by petition must file such petitions signed by 1500 registered voters.

As matters stand Senator Roe will undoubtedly be the Democratic nominee. Senator Wilmer Fell Davis of Caroline county is heralded as the likely Republican standard bearer. G. Davis Neavitt of Centreville has secured approximately 1,575 signatures and will file his candidacy as an independent candidate as soon as the special election is announced. No other candidate by petition is expected to come forth despite rumors of possible entries.

The road was cleared for Senator Roe when Senator Arthur H. Briee of Kent county, president of the State Senate, declined to be a candidate. These two Senators were closest to the State Administration.

While State Central committees from the entire State ballot on the nomination the tradition is that whatever candidate gets the support of committees in the particular district involved is accepted by the entire body. The Eastern Shore Central Committees, the ones closest involved, number thirty-nine votes.

The Salisbury Times announced Tuesday that Senator Roe had obtained the backing of 90 percent of the Democratic leaders in Somerset county. Two of the four State Central committeemen have indorsed him; the remainder are non-committal.

The Kent News, regarded as best in touch with the situation in Kent county last Saturday quoted sources close to the administration to the effect that Senator Roe would get the nomination without the shadow of a doubt.

Three possible rivals for the nomination are Senator David J. Ward, of Wicomico, former Senator Olin Higgins of Dorchester and Senator Thomas L. Johnson of Worcester. The later, a young man, has not made a particularly aggressive attempt to win the nomination.

Senator Higgins was unable to get backing from his own State Central Committee which cut most of the ground from under him. Senator Ward has not obtained solid backing in his own county and is further handicapped by being not in the best of health.

Senator Roe is reported to have the definite support of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Somerset to date, will probably get Caroline and with the opposition divided is expected to pick up the balance necessary without trouble.

The special election will be held in May, it is believed, and the winner will be able to qualify at the present session of Congress.

CHS Seniors To Stage Comedy, "2d Childhood"

Class Play Scheduled For School Auditorium Thursday, Friday Evenings

The senior class of Centreville high school will present "Second Childhood" as their class play in the school auditorium tonight, Thursday, and tomorrow, Friday evenings under the direction of Miss Sara Spencer Roe.

The play is a three-act comedy based upon the experiments of an eccentric professor who is seeking an elixir to make people and animals young again. The story is complicated by a mortgage upon the doctor's home, a love affair of the doctor's daughter, a domestic rift in the doctor's son's family, assorted babies and various misunderstandings created by the general mix-up. The humor is plain and hearty.

The cast includes Miss Virginia Handley, as Sylvia Relyea; Miss Margaret Rhodes as Mrs. Willsmiller; Miss Frances Brown, Mrs. Vivvert; John Palmer Smith, jr., Philip Stanton; Thomas Hardy, Prof. Frederick Relyea; Orville Usilton, General Henry Burbeck; Miss Grace Larrimore, Marcella Burbeck; Marion Golt, Judge Sanderson; David Gibson, Sheriff Johnson; Miss Jane Chambers, Mrs. Henderson; Miss Katherine Whitby, Lucille Norton.

Piano solos and vocal numbers will be introduced between the acts.

The committees assisting are these: publicity, Ridgeway Perkins, John Hollingsworth, John Moore, Lee Stant, Betty Storey. Tickets—Betty Barton, Elizabeth Kaufman, Rose Lane.

Entertainment—Miss Violet Gibson, Elsie Covey. Stage—Olin Hunter, Evelyn Butler, Edward Covell, Marion Golt, Madeline Ireland, Ruth Mandrell.

Ushers—Donald McClyment, Madison Brown. Prompters—Jane Chambers, Katharine Whitby. Sound Effects—Edward Covell.

Wye, Christ Parishes Choose Vestrymen

Annual Meetings Held In Lower County

Vestries and officers for Wye and Christ Church parishes were chosen at annual meetings this week, the Wye parish meeting being held at Old Wye Church Monday and Christ parish at the rectory in Stevensville Tuesday. The Rev. Matthew S. Higgins, rector, presided at both sessions.

The vestry named at Wye parish consists of J. Edgar Bryan, Benjamin Potter, Mrs. Richard Davidson, Mrs. J. G. Embert, W. I. Tuttle, Walter E. Lee, Hiram Dudley and Telford Lewis.

At Christ Church the vestry is composed of Barnes Legg, Y .T. Gardner, Felix Gardner, T. Walter White, Alfred White, Daniel Hopkins, Ernest Clark and Philip Davidson.

Officers chosen were Alfred White, senior warden; Daniel Hopkins, junior warden; Alfred White treasarer; Barnes Legg, Farm Treasurer; Ernest Clark, registrar; Felix Gardner, farm manager. T. Walter White and Daniel Hopkins were elected delegates to the diocesan convention.

New Bishop Will Be Consecrated May 6

Presiding Bishop Tucker Will Conduct Rites

Rev. William McClelland, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Easton, will be consecrated in Christ Church, Easton, on June 6, 11 o'clock, by presiding Bishop Henry St. George Tucker. The co-consecrators will be Bishop Helfenstine, of Maryland, and Bishop Sterrett, of Bethlehem.

The Presentors will be Bishop Tait, of Pennsylvania, and Bishop Godwin, of Virginia. Bishop Freeman, of Washington, will read the Gospel and Bishop Ward, of Erie, will read the Litany. Other appointments have not yet been made, but will be by the Presiding Bishop in a very short time.

The services of consecration will probably take two hours. The decision to have the service at Christ Church was made by the Standing Committee, as it is one of the larger churches of the Diocese.

GUERNSEY SALES

Among sales of registered Guernsey cows noted this week were those of Broadland Content sold by Thomas Marsalis of My Lord's Gift Farm to Blakeford Farms, both of Queenstown, and of Linwood's Linda and Hayden Monarch's Tiny by T. Norman Cahall of Ruthsburg to Warren J. Dill of Goldsboro.

TO SPEAK AT ELKTON

State's Attorney B. Hackett Turner, jr., will address the Cecil County Chapter of the Children's Aid Society at Elkton, tomorrow, Friday.