

Prince Georges Votes Control To Democrats

**Opponents Are Eliminated
Even From Board of
Commissioners.**

In an almost unprecedented sweep, Prince Georges County Democrats yesterday took control of local politics with the loss of only one contested office. One other office, that of county surveyor, went to the Republicans by virtue of an unopposed candidate.

The Board of County Commissioners, which formerly included at least two Republicans, went to the Democrats with all five seats. Likewise, they gained the six House of Delegates seats, deposing Oliver Metzertott, Republican floor leader and mainstay of the party within the county.

The entire State Democratic ticket took a lead of about 2,000 over Republican opponents. Gov. Ritchie had 10,660 votes over 8,599 for Harry Nice.

Herbert O'Connor won the county support for attorney general with 10,537 votes over George Henderson's 6,918. Stephen W. Gambrill, who lives just over the Howard County line in Laurel, was accorded 11,641 votes over 6,075 for Joseph Addison Wilmer, of La Plata.

Support for Radcliffe.

George L. Radcliffe, whom the Democrats stressed was a personal friend of President Roosevelt and would therefore prove the liaison between Maryland and the National Administration, received 10,598 votes. His opponent, the former Senator, Joseph I. France, received 7,124. About the same percentage was accorded the comptroller candidates.

Frederick Paul Adkins, Republican, received 6,612 votes to William S. Gordy's 10,119. Both men are residents of Salisbury and are little known in the county. James Young, of the Democratic Party, had 10,522 votes for clerk of the Court of Appeals, while Mayor Walter E. Quenstedt, of Annapolis, received only 6,612.

Walter W. Mitchell, Democrat, running unopposed for chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, had 8,902 votes. He will fill the vacancy caused by the death of his cousin, Judge W. Mitchell Digges.

In the county contests, the race for State's attorney, expected to be the hardest-fought battle, turned to a victory for Alan Bowie, Democratic incumbent. Mr. Bowie polled 10,520 votes to United States Commissioner J. Frank Parran's 7,943. Mr. Parran, a neighbor of Mr. Bowie at Brandywine, gained widespread publicity when, as State's attorney for the county, he prosecuted the Brady bombing case.

Republican Reelected.

The most closely contested office proved to be that of register of wills. William A. Davis, Republican incumbent for 16 years past, was returned to office.

Throughout yesterday he trailed his Democratic opponent, W. R. C. Connick, retired Baden (Md.) Agricultural High School principal. And not until almost night did he gain a lead from lower county precincts.

State Senator Lansdale G. Sasscer, in his race for reelection, early gained and held a substantial lead over George F. Forbes, of Brandywine. Senator Sasscer, it is expected, will be elected president of the Senate at the next session.

House of Delegate members elected include Lansdale G. Clagett, Kent R. Mullikin, L. Harold Sothoron, Egbert F. Tingley, John S. White and Charles Marbury.

The county commissioners elected are James B. Berry, Joseph H. Blanford, Perry Bosewell, Vinton D. Cockey and Harry McNamee. John H. Beall, Philip G. Miller and Millard Thorne were elected judges of the orphans court.

Brice Bowie, clerk of the circuit court, was reelected with a vote of 11,491 to 6,931. His opponent was Sheriff W. Curtis Hopkins, Republican.