

Prince Georges Candidates in Sharp Debate

States Attorney Defends Record at Meeting of Democrats.

First guns in the Democratic primary election contest for State's attorney of Prince Georges County (Md.) were fired at an overflow rally held under auspices of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Prince Georges County at Odd Fellows Hall, Hyattsville.

Alan Bowie, State's attorney, who is the organization candidate for reelection, and Robert W. McCullough, of Bladensburg, who also seeks the nomination, engaged in sharp verbal debate.

Bowie defended his record in office and praised the county's organization leaders. McCullough rapped the action of the party's State central committee in "tagging" certain candidates for nomination, though he pledged loyalty to the party whether he wins or loses in the September 12 primaries.

Smith W. Purdum, of Hyattsville, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, was the guest speaker. He traced the growth of the postal service since Benjamin Franklin, the first Postmaster General. He said that Upper Marlboro and Bladensburg were the first postoffices established in Prince Georges County, but the records failed to show which was the first.

Purdum praised Postmaster General Farley for getting the department "out of the red" financially in the fiscal year, 1933-34.

Referring specifically to the host club, Purdum said that parents should be grateful for young people's political clubs in which their children have an opportunity to learn about the forms of government and the people running it.

Most of the Democratic candidates in the coming elections spoke. Besides Bowie and McCullough, the speakers included State Senator Landale G. Sasser, seeking reelection; Kent Roberts Mullikin, Charles C. Marbury, Egbert F. Tingley, Joan S. White, Lansdale G. Clagett and L. Sothoron, candidates for the House of Delegates; Brice Bowie, candidate for clerk of the circuit court; R. Ernest Smith, candidate for county treasurer; Perry Boswell Vinton D. Cockey, James B. Berry, Joseph H. Blanford and Harry W. McNamee, candidates for county commissioner; J. Guy Bell and Roger B. Oursler, candidates for sheriff; John B. Beall and Millard Thorne, candidates for judges of the Orphans' Court; Frank B. Smith and Cornelius S. Ryan, candidates for the State central committee, and Daisy F. La Coppidan, W. Elmer Hutchinson and Noah Joffe, candidates for delegates to the State convention.

Other speakers were T. Howard Duckett; J. Errington Lloyd, secretary of the Seat Pleasant Democrats Club; Judge W. McD. Lindsey, president of the Lanham Democratic Club; Dr. John W. Klemm, candidate for United States Representative from the Fifth Maryland Congressional District; George Merrill Harrison, who has withdrawn from the contest for county commissioner, and Mayor Lloyd V. Moxley, of Brentwood.