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COUNTY BOARD WILL SIT TO CONTROL AND REVIEW TAX CARDS

E. A. PERKINS IS NAMED AS CLERK—OPEN BIDS FOR NEW QUEENSTOWN ROAD.

Acting on instructions from the State Tax Commission, the Queen Anne's county commissioners organized this week to sit as a board of control and review on the new tax assessment. The organization work was carried forward at a meeting Wednesday, when Edward A. Perkins was name as clerk to the board, and continued yesterday, when details were arranged according to legal advice from the attorney, Thomas J. Keating.

County Tax Supervisor Madison B. Bordley turned over to the board the assessment cards for the First district and about 35 of these, the reports of district assessors, were gone over. Notices were sent to the property owners to report before the board on Wednesday, March 7. It is the intention of the commissioners to sit four days each week, if necessary, to complete the work in accordance with the request of the State Tax Commission. It is likely that the board will be in session on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays.

Bids For New Road.

At the regular weekly session of the commissioners on Tuesday, bids were opened for the 5.4 miles of state-aid road between Centreville and Queenstown and for the .37 of a mile through the latter village. The bids, which were forwarded to the State Road Commission by the county road engineer, F. E. Schnepfe, were submitted as follows:

Foundation Co., of Baltimore, $60,254.74; Juanita Co., $56,261.15; Dodson & Bailey, $55,044.20. These were for the main road. The street bids were as follows: Juniata Co., $5,838.37; Dodson & Bailey, $5,806.65.

The commissioners decided to put the tabulation and other work to the State Road Commission because it has not notified them how much it is willing to pay or what the freight on materials will be.

The commissioners also decided to tear away the old county pier at Queenstown harbor, known as the "the middle wharf." J. Louis Rhodes agreed to do the work and pile the remaining structural material on the shore if he be allowed half the lumber. This was ratified by the board.

STEPHEN E. PARDEE

Stephen E. Pardee, a widely known resident of Queen Annes county, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at the home of his son, S. Colquitt Pardee, in Linthicum Heights, near Baltimore. He was 77 years old, was born in Sudlersville and lived there until six years ago, when he removed to Linthicum.

Mr. Pardee was a son of Eli S. Pardee, one of the early principals of Washington College, who, in the War of 1812, led a corps of his pupils in an attack against the British at the battle of Caulk's Field, near Chestertown.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Pardee had been active in church circles, being one of the organizers and for a score of years superintendent of the Sunday School of Sudlersville Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

He leaves four sons. Charles H., connected with the Baltimore sub-treasury; S. Colquitt, an attorney of Baltimore city; John Sudler Elliott, formerly associate editor of The Observer, but now a street paving contractor of Philadelphia; T. B. Pardee, manager of a brick manufactory in Watsontown, Pa. He also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Anna S. Wade, of Collingswood, N. J. His wife, Margaret Elliott, a daughter of the late John Elliott and Julianna Sudler, of Sudlersville, died three years ago.

His body was brought to Sudlersville yesterday and funeral services were held at the Southern Methodist Church immediately after arrival of the train. Burial was in the family lot at Sudlersville cemetery.

MISS ELLA V. JONES.

Following three months' illness, Miss Ella V. Jones died last Saturday at the residence of her brother-in-law, Enoch Moore, No. 812 Monroe street at the age of 46 years. Miss Jones was born in Marydel, Md., but had lived in Wilmington for 14 years. She was a woman of quiet home-loving disposition who had a large circle of friends.

She leaves four brothers, Willard, of Ridgely, Md.; Nathan, of Marydel; John, of Wyoming; Jesse, of this city, and three sisters, Mrs. Sallie Clark, of Wyoming; Mrs. Mary Wallace, of this city, and Mrs. Enoch Moore, of this city. The funeral services were conducted Tuesday evening from the residence of the brother-in-law, in this city, by Rev. Edward C. Collins, of Madeley M. E. Church, and interment took place the following day in Odd Fellows' cemetery, Camden, this state.—Wilmington Star.

DOCUMENT REVEALS TEUTONIC PLOTTING

GERMANY ENTICES CARRANZA

URGES MEXICO TO OBTAIN AID OF JAPAN IN MAKING WAR ON UNITED STATES—CONGRESS BICKERS WHILE NATION'S SAFETY IS AT STAKE.

While the American Congress bickered at the whim of pacifists and partisans, fruitlessly hesitating about technically granting President Wilson the power that already was constitutionally his, Germany's plans to overcome the United States by plotting with Mexico and Japan were in the possession of this government and were known to the President, the greatest example of patience since the days of Job.

Seeking to have a united country facing Germany, Mr. Wilson appeared before Congress Monday and asked its aid in the establishment of armed neutrality. This, while not an act of war, almost invariably has been a prelude to martial conflict. Because he did not take the legislators of Congress into full executive confidence, the American people were treated this week to a brazen example of how unpatriotic even their own leaders may be. However, the Associated Press, on Thursday, solved the problem of Germany's plans and gave to the nation a fuller knowledge of what that country aims at in conquering the United States.

Germany's Proposal

The reports show that Count Von Bernstorff, now traveling on the high seas under a safe conduct obtained from his enemies by the country he was plotting against, was instructed by German Foreign Minister Zimmerman to convey to German Minister von Eckhardt, at Mexico City, Germany's proposals for an attack on the United States by Mexico and a suggestion for the alliance of Japan with Mexico and Germany. This document to the former ambassador is now in Mr. Wilson's possession. It was brief, [illegible] reads:

"On the first of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

"If this attempt is not successful we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona.

The details are left to you for settlement.

"Greatest Confidence."

"You are instructed to inform the President of Mexico of the above in the greatest confidence as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States and suggest that the President of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan; at the same time offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

"Please call to the attention of the President of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in a few months."

This document has been in the hands of the Government since President Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. It has been kept secret, while the President has been asking Congress for full authority to deal with Germany and while Congress has been hesitating.

It was in the President's hands while Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg was declaring that the United States had placed an interpretation on the submarine declaration "never intended by Germany" and that Germany had promoted and honored friendly relations with the United States as an heirloom from Frederick the Great."

Supplies Missing Link.

Of itself, if there were no other, it is considered a sufficient answer to the German Chancellor's plaint that the United States "brusquely" broke off relations without giving "authentic" reasons for its actions.

The document supplies the missing link to many separate chains of circumstances, which until now have seemed to lead to no definite point. It sheds new light upon the frequently reported but indefinable movements of the Mexican Government to couple its situation with the friction between the United States and Japan. It adds another chapter to the celebrated report of Jules Cambon, French Ambassador in Berlin, before the war, of Germany's world-wide plans for stirring strife on every continent where they might aid her in the struggle for world domination, which she dreamed was close at hand. It adds a climax to the operations of Count von Bernstorff and the German Embassy in this country, which have been colored with passport frauds, charges of dynamite plots, and intrigue, the full of which have never been published.

Explains Many Things.

It gives new credence to persistent reports of submarine bases on Mexican territory in the Gulf of Mexico; it takes cognizance of a fact long recognized by American army chiefs, that if Japan ever undertook to invade the United States it probably would be through Mexico, over the border and into the Mississippi Valley, to split the country in two. It recalls that Count von Bernstorff, when handed his passports, was very reluctant to return to Germany, but expressed a preference for asylum in Cuba. It gives a new explanation to the repeated arrests on the border of men charged by American military authorities of being German intelligence agents.

Last of all, it seems to show a connection with General Carranza's recent proposal to neutrals that exports of food and munitions to the Entente Allies be cut off, and an intimation that he might stop the supply of oil so vital to the English Navy, which is exported from the Tampico fields.

Five Americans Lost.

Without warning and at night, the Laconia, a Cunard Line passenger ship, was torpedoed off the Irish coast last Sunday night. A number of the passengers and crew, including five Americans, lost their lives as a result. The passenger victims were Mrs. Mary E. Hoy and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hoy, both of Chicago, and William Eva, a Union veteran who resided in California.

The U-boat warfare has continued unrestricted and a large number of belligerent and neutral cargo ships have been destroyed by the submarines. With the exception of the Laconia's sinking, which President Wilson characterized as "an overt act," no other American lives or interests have been greatly jeopardized, it being apparent that the United States would demand an indemnity from Germany for the sinking of the Housatonic and the George M. Law.

The thought nevertheless, overcasts the U-boat blockade as a failure.

EWELL WINFIELD ROE.

Another sad and untimely death of a promising young Centrevillian was that of Ewell Winfield Roe, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Roe, of Water Street, which took place Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in Emergency Hospital, Easton. Death was due to a complication of diseases and came nine days after the young man was removed to the hospital. He had been in poor health, however, for some weeks previous, suffering from anemia.

Mr. Roe was 19 years old last July. He was graduated last June from the Centreville High School as vice-president of the class of 1915. A short time later he joined the clerical force of Wright and Lowe, where he was employed until his last illness.

When he was four years old, young Mr. Roe suffered from a severe attack of acute Bright's disease. After being several times given up by the attending physician, he rallied and, for years, enjoyed good health. Last May, however, he overstrained himself in a mile race during the High School Athletic Association's games on the campus and fainted. A specialist and other physicians who were in consultation during his last illness agreed that this was directly responsible for the kidney disease and its complications that finally brought death.

Besides his parents, Mr. Roe is survived by two sisters, Misses Adrienne and Catharine, and one brother, Carlton. He was a grandson of Samuel Roe, of near Centreville, a widely known Confederate veteran.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock in Centreville M. E. Church, the pastor, Rev. J. R. Bickling, officiating. Interment was in Chesterfield Cemetery, the pall-bearers being six members of Mr. Roe's Sunday School class. They were: William and Virgil Troy, Asbury and Wirt Bartlett, Robert Brown and John Brushi. Among the numerous floral tributes sent were handsome designs from the firm and employes of Wright & Lowe, his fellow players in a recent minstrel show and his class-mates of the High School.

Town Is Painted Up.

For more than a week, sign painters have been at work in Centreville and have painted a number of artistic signs for various business firms. The work has been done in red, white, blue and black and the advertisements have attracted much notice. Forman & Mason, Wright & Lowe, Sunset Pharmacy and other business houses have been decorated.

BRIDGE REMOVAL IS VIGOROUSLY SCORED

CITIZENS AGAINST ANY CHANGE

SENATOR LEGG PRESIDES AT PROTEST MEETING OF TRANSPONTINE PROPERTY OWNERS—CHESTERTOWN RESIDENTS OPPOSE MOVE.

With representative citizens and tax-payers from both Queen Annes and Kent counties in attendance, a meeting to protest against the proposed relocation of the Chester River bridge was held Thursday at the home, near Chestertown, of Mr. and Mrs. Claude F. Parks. State Senator J. H. C. Legg, of Queen Annes county, presided, and William J. Price, Jr., of The Observer, was secretary. One of the features of the meeting was an excellent dinner of Eastern Shore delicacies, served at noon.

The meeting was called to order by W. Irving Walker, who read a letter addressed to Frank H. Zouck, chairman, and other members of the State Roads Commission. In it he detailed the objections of the Rich Neck residents and property-owners to the proposed changing of the Kent landing of the new concrete bridge to the foot of High Street, Chestertown. It particularly featured the objection of crowded traffic on a street that frequently is well-nigh blocked, even now, with vehicles.

C. T. Crane, of Chestertown, also outlined the disadvantages of the High street route, which, it is said, would put the Queen Annes landing of the bridge in a marshy bog and result in the building of much extra State road, thereby cutting off from the main thoroughfare a number of homes recently built on the Queen Annes side of the river.

Makes Longer Crossing.

F. E. Schnepfe, roads engineer of Queen Annes county, stated that more work and greater expense would be necessary to build the new bridge at the High street location, which would make the crossing about 700 feet longer that the present structure. Mr. Schnepfe gave it as his opinion that the old bridge could be moved to one side and used at less expense than a ferry could be operated for 18 months. He said this temporary removal would be a comparatively simple and cheap engineering feat.

S. Scott Beck, of Chestertown, suggested that, as the Kent County commissioners have adopted a resolution favoring the High street location, the county commissioners of Queen Annes, who were represented at the meeting by their president, R. Bruce Massey and R. Clay Coppage, should adopt a resolution adverse to this project and protesting to the State Roads Commission against the change.

Mrs. Claude F. Parks and Senator Legg spoke against the relocation of the bridge, which, it is held, will result in a considerable depreciation of recently improved property in the Queen Annes section at the bridge end. Before the adjournment of the enthusiastic meeting, the following resolution, offered by Mr. Walker, was adopted. It reads:

Text of Resolution.

WHEREAS, We are advised, through the public press, of an effort on the part of certain citizens of Chestertown, Kent county, to secure the building by the State Roads Commission of the new concrete bridge over Chester River at a point from the foot of High Street, Chestertown, and

WHEREAS, if such a location is selected, all traffic to and from Kent and Queen Annes county, via the State Road, will be congested on High street between Spring street and the river, a distance of three short squares, and

WHEREAS, at the foot of High street there is located the wharf and steam boat landing of the Chester River steamers, whose proximity to so prominent a thoroughfare as a bridge over the river would prove a dangerous and intolerable nuisance, and

WHEREAS, relocation to High street will greatly depreciate property values both in Kent as well as Queen Annes counties, upon which a great deal of money and time has been expended in making comfortable and attractive homes, and

WHEREAS, there is no reason or justification whatever in shifting the bridge from its present location, thereby changing a straight and safe route through Chestertown to a crooked and extremely dangerous one, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by this public meeting of citizens and tax-payers of Queen Annes county, the members of the board of County Commissioners of Queen Annes county, Hon. J. H. C. Legg, state senator for Queen Annes county; Hon. Edwin H. Brown, state's attorney for Queen Annes county; Hon. J. Edward Stevens, member of the General Assembly of Maryland

THAT we hereby enter our emphatic protest against any removal of the Queen Annes end of Chester River bridge or its terminus in Kent county, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a committee, consisting of Senator J. H. C. Legg, R. B. Massey, William J. Price, Jr., Mrs. Claude F. Parks, W. Irving Walker and F. E. Schnepfe, is hereby appointed to appear before the State Roads Commission and present to the Chairman or members of the State Roads Commission a copy of these resolutions, the petition of citizens of Queen Annes county, together with such other matter as in their wisdom may be deemed advisable in convincing the commission of the folly in making any relocation of the bridge.

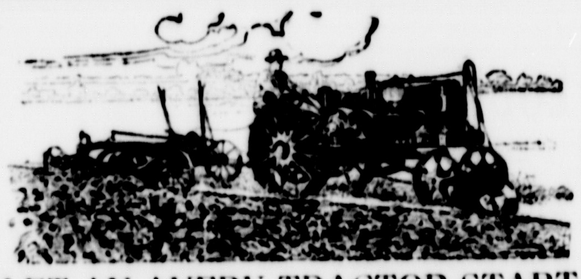
A petition, signed by 121 taxpayers, was offered and made a part of the proceedings of the meeting.

SWAPS AUTO FOR POTATOES

Price at Caribou, Me., Reaches $8.40 A Barrel.

Says a despatch from Caribou, Me.: Potatoes reached the top notch price of the season Saturday, when a deal was closed for 3,000 barrels at $8.40 a barrel for March and April delivery. Last year at this date the price was $2.75, and in 1915 they were moving slowly at 55 cents a barrel.

Springfield, Mass.—A restaurant man has placed in his window six large potatoes with a placard which reads: "Will trade for house and lot or a 1917 automobile."



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