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GEORGE'S POSITION ATTACKED

BUDGET BILL HELD UP IN ORDER TO DEAL A BLOW TO ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN TO GOOD ROADS COMMISSION.—STRATEGY WORKED.

The most disgraceful session of the Maryland Legislature just adjourned was held Friday night of last week, when Speaker Wooden declared the House adjourned, disregarding the cries for a roll call. There came near being a riot and the Democratic members, thoroughly incensed over the action of the Speaker, undertook a reorganization of the House.

The immediate cause of all this disturbance was the office of assistant to the Chairman of the Good Roads Commission, a position now filled by John E Gerge, Democratic leader of Queen Annes county. The Budget Bil, containing appropriations amounting to $12,000,000, was up for final passage, and the Republicans, pledged in their platform to economy in State affairs, could find but one item in this whole bill that appeared to be extravagant and unnecessary. Therefore, with a view of carrying out the pledge made in their State platform, they precipitated a fight on this office, declaring that they would compel the Governor to call an extra session of the Legislature in order to pass the Budget Bill before they would allow an appropriation of $3,000 a year for the office of assistant to the Chairman of the State Roads Commission.

The Baltimore Evening Sun published the following account in reference to Mr. George's position in the matter, and it is but fair to state that the Sun has never been prejudiced in favor of Mr. George. The account taken from the Evening Sun folows:

"In a few minutes John E. George, the cause of all the trouble, which [illegible] credit for it be said, and said emphatically, that he came through clean. He showed himself to be a man all over and all through.

He went to the leaders of the mace fetchers and begged them to stop what they were doing and let the whole miserable affair drop.

"But we are entitled to a roll call," said one man in the crowd.

"I know you were," said Mr George, "but two wrongs never will make a right. I would rather have lost out a dozen times than to have such a thing as this happen."

Then Mr George called one of his friends and said he felt as if he ought to go in the House chamber and do what he could to put a stop to what was going on. His friend agreed it would be the manly thing, and Mr George never hesitated a moment.

He went up to Mr Benson and the other leaders in the movement to reorganize the House and begged them to stop what they were doing. He told them over and over again they were doing him no favor and that he didn't want to hiold on to the job of assistant to the chairman of the Roads Commission if he could hold it only through such methods as were being adopted.

Neither Mr Benson or the others would listen to him, but those who saw "Johnnie" George tonight saw him in a new light. When he came back into the hall he was surrounded by a crowd of perhaps 50 people who shook his hand, congratulated him over and over again, and, as someone said, were almost ready to carry him off on their shoulders. And a lot of men in that crowd had never been particularly friendly to Mr George before.

There was no questioning the sincerity of Mr. George's protest, there was no doubting that he felt terribly humiliated."

After Mr George had shown the members of the House that he was big enough and broad enough to decline the honor of any State office when there was a fight being made under the pretense of economy, the Budget Bill was passed as printed, with the exception of abolishing the office of assistant to the Chairman of the Good Roads Commission. This, however, does not take effect until January 1st, 1919.

Speaker Wooden afterwards refused to report a local bill for Queen Annes county, declaring, when approached about the matter, that Queen Annes had gotten all the legislation through this session that she would get, but in this he was mistaken, for there were more brains at Annapolis in the interest of Queen Annes than Speaker Wooden can ever hope to approach.

CALLED TO SERVICE.

Mr. Carlisle C. Cecil, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Henry Cecil, of Barclay, who was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a telegraph operator and stationed at the main office, Wilmington, Del., has been called to the colors in the Signal Corps. He left for Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas, last Saturday.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

MRS. JAMES SCOTT MUIR, COUNTY CHAIRMAN OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE NAMED AIDS.

Mrs. James Scott Muir, County Chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee of Queen Annes County, has named the committees to work for the sale of Liberty Bonds of the Third Issue, which begins today. In a very impressive appeal Mrs. Muir begs every woman of Queen Annes county to consider herself a committee of one to work for the success of the Liberty Bond sales. Mrs. Muir's assistants and appeal follow:

Mrs. James Scott Muir, Chairman; Mrs. J F Rolph, Vice-chairman; Miss Matilda Keating, Secretary; Mrs. J H C Legg, Publicity; Miss Hannah Kieffer, Schools; Mrs. W. Irving Walker, Mrs. James Merrick, Jr., Mrs. Philip Davidson, Mrs. R. W. Corwin, Mrs. B J. Grimes, Mrs. Wm. J. Price, Jr. Mrs. Wm. E. Ross, Mrs. Edwin H Brown, Jr., Mrs. R. C. Lowe, Miss Alice Turpin, Mrs C. Parks.

Township Chairmen.

Mrs. Aldred Walls, Miss Emily Straughn, Mrs. J. B. T. Merrick, Miss Edith Harrison, Miss Mabel Walls, Miss Helen Mason, Miss Effie Lowe, Miss Maude Hollingsworth, Mrs. Chas. E. Bishop, Mrs. George E. Cole, Mrs. C. T. Bishop, Mrs. Wm. W. Bowen, Mrs. Herbert Wareing, Mrs. Lucretia Sampson, Mrs. Frank Young, Mrs. Lee Bell, Mrs. Katie Tolson, Mrs. Harry Bryan.

The committee earnestly desires every woman of Queen Annes county to consider herself a committee of one to solicit subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan and to report all subscriptions obtained to the Township Chairman or the County Chairman. Work for the honor of your county. The bond you subscribe for or can get someone else to subscribe for may bring one boy back.

BIENNIAL ELECTION.

[illegible] LAST MONDAY.

The election of Town Commissioners to serve for the next two years in Centreville, held last Monday in the Register of Wills office in the Court House, was as quiet as any in the history of the town. No one, not personally interested, would have been aware that an election was in progress.

Not until rather late Monday morning was there a possible candidate in the field. T. R. L. Price, the former treasurer of the board, who has served as a Town Commissioner for three consecutive terms, had firmly stated that he would not again be a candidate and had so notified the taxpayers.

Monday morning, however, no candidates had been named and Mr. Price with Alfred Green, another member of the old board, consented to run, but Mr Price again refused to serve as treasurer. Charles Q. Snyder, the third member of the board, declined to make the fight and the name of L. Tilghman Hayden was placed on the ticket in his stead. Mr. Hayden will fill the position of treasurer, declined by Mr Price.

During the day 87 vites were cast, Mr Hayden leading the ticket and Messrs Price and Green each receiving 85.

The vote cast did not represent more than one-half of the taxpayers of the town and the lack of interest was due, no doubt, to the fact that the three gentlemen had no opposition in the field.

Mr Hayden has the distinction of being the first Republican ever to be elected as a member of the Board of Town Commissioners of Centreville.

GIRL SCOUT MEETING.

Important Session At High School Wednesday Evening

The most important meeting since the organization of the Girl Scouts in Centreville was held at the High School last Wednesday evening, when Miss Doris E Hough, of Johns Hopkins University, explained the purposes of the organization and admonished the Scouts to be ready to aid their country in every possible manner and to live up to their Scout pledges.

At that time a council of six ladies was appointed as an advisory board to assist the Scout Captain, Miss Mantz, in advancing Scout work. The board is as follows: Mesdames Robert Coursey, Spencer Wright, B. J. Grimes, S. Earle Feddeman, T. J. Keating and W. J. Price, Jr.

This board elected Mrs. Grimes Commissioner and Mrs. Feddeman Secretary and Treasurer. Meetings of this council will be held as often as is deemed advisable.

The evening closed with the recitation of the Scout Oath and the singing of the [illegible].

MARYLAND EDITORS HOLD CONVENTION

GUESTS OF THE SOUTHERN HOTEL

ELABORATE BANQUET AND INTERESTING SESSIONS ARRANGED FOR NEWSPAPER MEN OF THE STATE.—MESSRS. HOTALING, BAETJER, MOSES SPEAK.

With between forty and fifty Maryland county editors present, the eighth annual convention of the Maryland Press Association opened at the Southern Hotel, Baltimore, last Monday afternoon. These editors were the guests of this hostelry, the newest and most up-to-date hotel in Baltimore, and the management spared neither pains nor expense to see that each and every one of the county editors of Maryland were properly taken care of.

The first business session was to have been held at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, but the Liberty Loan Committee of Baltimore insisted that the convention postpone this session in order that the members might attend the "Over There" exhibit at the Fifth Regiment Armory and hear the address made by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Clarence Oursley, which was done.

The convention reconvened at the Southern at 5.30 P. M., and enjoyed an address delivered by H. C Hotaling, President of the National Editorial Association, who made an appeal for the Maryland editors to join and affiliate with the Natinal Organization. The annual banquet followed at 6.30 P. M. in the banquet hall of the hotel, after which Edwin G Baetjer, Food Administrator for Maryland, unfolded a new food plan in which farmers will be offered prizes for increased food production and asked the co-operation of the editors in giving publicity to the same. Mr. Moses, of the Moses Advertising Service, also gave a very practical and instructive talk on advertising rates, service, etc. An adjournment was then made until 9.30 [illegible] was proposed to adopt a constitution and by-laws, elect officers and transact whatever business might be proposed.

At this session resolutions were adopted endorsing and commending the civil and military authorities in every act tending to promote a strong vigorous prosecution of the war against Prussianism and pledging the support of the members of the association in every proper effort to win the war and make democracy the dominating and supreme element in the governments of the world.

The association had so much business before it and so much of it was left unfinished of necessity that the body resolved to hold a special meeting in Ocean City in the third week in July, when the new constitution will come up for final discussion and adoption and the standardization of advertisements and the increase of advertising rates and subscription of newspaper prices will be thoroughly gone into.

John E. Raine was re-elected president by acclamation, and in recognition and appreciation of his services he was made the recipient of two beautiful silver flower vases. R. H. Colline, of the Transcript, Chestertown, was elected vice-president, and W. S. McCombs, of the Republican, Havre de Grace, secretary-treasurer. The new board of Governors is composed of H. P. Gorsuch, Westminster; E. H. Brown, Centreville; J. Briscoe Bunting, Prince Frederick; James Curley, Laurel, and C. L. Vincent, Snow Hill.

The B. F. Bond Paper Company entertained the members at an elaborate luncheon at the Southern Hotel, tendering each guest a bouquet and a box of writing paper.

At the afternoon session W. F. McCormick, president of the Baltimore Commercial Bank and a member of the Liberty Loan Commission, in a speech referred to the existence of schools in Baltimore and elsewhere in which nothing but German was taught, attributing the blame for this to the nation at large, for permitting such a state of affairs to exist. He requested the editors to do all in their power through the medium of their papers and otherwise to get the farmers and workingmen interested in the new Liberty Loan, asserting that they were being more benefitted by present circumstances than anyone else and had invested but small sums in the aggregate in former Liberty Loans.

Messrs. Edwin H. Brown, Jr., of the Centreville Record, and W J. Price, Jr., of the The Centreville Observer, were in attendance.

Mr. J. Harmon Whiteley, of Eddystone, Pa., is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Whiteley.

TAX RATE LOWER.

STATE RATE FRACTION OF A CENT LESS FOR YEARS 1919 AND 1920.

The State tax rate for the fiscal years 1919 and 1920 will be 36 31-72 cents on the $100. This is slightly less than the rate for the current year, which is 36¾ cents on the $100. The reduction, despite the increase in the State's expenses, was made possible by the big increase in the taxable basis resulting from the State Tax Commission's general reassessment.

Under the bill fixing the tax rate the levies to be made are as follows:

For schools, 17 cents on the $100; for the Public Buildings Loan, 1 cent; for the Maryland State Normal School Loan, 2-5 of 1 cent; for the Consolidated Loan of 1913, 1-3 of 1 cent; for the State Loan of 1912, 2 1-3 cents; for Second Insane Hospital Loan, 5-9 of 1 cent, for the Technical School Loan of 1912, 4-9 of 1 cent; for the State Roads Loan, 2 9-10 cents; for the State Insane Hospital Loan, 1-3 of 1 cent; for the Public Highways Loan of 1910, 7-8 of 1 cent, for the State Roads Loan of 1914, 5 1-5 cents; for the $3,000,000 of 1916, 1 2-3 cents; for the Treasury Relief Loan of 1916, 1 5-9 cents; for the State Omnibus Loan of 1914, ⅘ of 1 cent, for the State Loan of 1918, 1-3 of 1 cent, and for the Roads Loan of 1918, ⅘ of a cent.

The rate is above what Governor Harrington stated at the early part of the session it would be. He said then he was not in favor of increase in the rate, but that he saw little prospect of any substantial reduction, notwithstanding the increase in the taxable basis.

MORE MEN TO MEADE

QUEEN ANNES COUNTY SENDS FOUR MORE MEN TO MEADE AND TWO TO TEXAS.

The first men of the second draft were sent from Queen Annes county to Camp Meade last Monday morning. The number from this county was made up of the following young men: [illegible], of Centreville; William Conway Pratt, Ford's Store; Charles Andrew Tull, Farmington, Delaware, and Burris Subers Howell, of Church Hill.

Two young men from Queen Annes county were assigned to Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas, last week, in the Aviation Corps. They were M Wilson Harris, of Centreville, and Carlisle Cecil, of Barclay. These men were assigned to the Radio Department by special induction and left for their camp last Saturday.

NEW SIGNS ON CHESTER BRIDGE.

A new sign has been placed on each end of Chester Bridge, spanning Chester River at Chestertown, giving notice to the public that travel is restricted to ten miles an hour over the bridge and not more than 8,000 lbs. can be carried.

AUTOMOBILE WRECK NEAR WYE MILLS

FORD MACHINE TURNS TURTLE

ONE MAN DIES IN EASTON HOSPITAL AND TWO BADLY HURT, DRIVER ESCAPES INJURY.—ALL OCCUPANTS ARE DELMAR, DEL., AND SALISBURY, RESIDENTS.

A party of automobilists touring from Havre de Grace, Maryland, to Delmar, Delaware, met with serious injury last Saturday evening when the Ford Touring car, in which they were making the journey, turned turtle near the Protestant Episcopal Church, Wye Mills. The party consisted of William Harrison Hastings, of Delmar, Del, who was killed; Charles Hastings, his brother, of Salisbury; Isaac Sullivan, of Delmar, seriously injured, and Clarence Workman, driver of the car, who escaped injury.

The party left Havre de Grace Saturday morning for Delmar, planning to stop over Sunday at the home of Charles Hastings, near Salisbury. They reached Wye Mills at dusk, and as they desired to get tos Salisbury early in the evening, Mr. Workman, who was driving, speeded up to between 30 and 40 miles. In making one of the dangerous turns in the road the car skidded and turned turtle.

All the ocupants were hurled to the hard road. William Hastings struck on his head, fracturing the base of his skull. Charles Hastings was cut about the face and bruised about the body. Mr Sulliven suffered from a broken cheek-bone and his left eye was closed. Mr Workman was shaken up but otherwise unhurt.

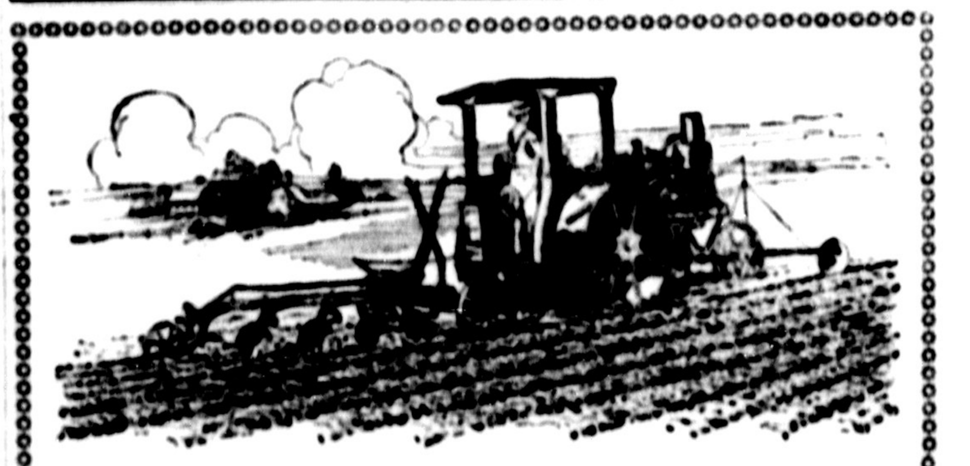
A passing automobile took the Hastings brothers to the Emergency Hospital, Easton, where Dr. Charles F. Davidson operated upon William Hastings, but he died without regaining consciousness. He leaves a widow and nine children.

Messrs. Sullivan and Workman righted the overturned car and proceeded to the Emergency Hospital, where Mr. Sullivan's wounds were dressed. Then they went to their homes in Delmar.

Mr Hastings' body was taken to Delmar Monday.

LAD LOSES THREE FINGERS.

Three fingers of his right hand nearly severed from a blow with a sharp-edged axe in the hands of an older brother. Ernest Porter, 6 year old son of Mr and Mrs W W Porter who reside at Mellfield, near Centreville, was brought to Dr W. H. Fisher for treatment last Sunday morning. The fingers were so badly injured that the physician amputated three of them. The lad, together with several brothers and sisters, was playing about the woodpile and accidently placed his hand on a chopping block just as an older brother swung the axe downward.



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