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CENTREVILLE MARYLAND

TO USE OLD BASIS FOR NEW TAX LEVY

STATE COMMISSION SO DECIDES

INCOMPLETE REASSESSMENT IN COUNTIES CAUSES ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION — RATE IN QUEEN ANNES LIKELY TO REMAIN SAME AS LAST YEAR.

Following a ruling this week by the State Tax Commission, the county commissioners of Queen Annes county practically were forced to the necessity of striking the tax levy for 1917 on the old basis of assessment. So far as this county is concerned, the assessment is complete on all properties except those of the telephone company, railroad companies and wharf fronts.

The State Tax Commission has adopted a resolution to the above effect because the reassessment of realty is complete in only 11 counties and that the old tax basis should be used in compiling the levies in the counties. This makes it improbable that the county tax-rate will be reduced this year, as had been planned by the commissioners. When it is announced next month, there is a possibility that it will be higher.

Up To Commissioners.

The State Tax Commission has decided that it is inexpedient for the counties in general to use the reassessment valuation of real estate. The commissioners of counties may, however, use such reassessment if it is completed in their respective sections and if they so desire. The resolution was carried by the votes of Chairman Gorman and Commissioner Wickes, Judge Leser, the third member, dissenting.

Judge Leser explained that, in his opinion, use of the reassessment valuation should be made mandatory in all counties where such reassessment had been completed. This because over half the taxable basis of the state, namely, property in Baltimore city, is already on a full valuation basis.

He said that such procedure would reduce the inequality in taxation throughout the state rather than increase it by the addition of the 11 counties which are in a position to enter the new assessment for 1917.

Judge Leser also pointed out that Harford county has already entered the new assessment and also that in all previous assessments some sections have not been ready.

Causes Of Delay.

The resolution adopted by the Tax Commission declares that "it is inexpedient, in fact, practically impossible, for the counties in general to use the reassessment valuations of real estate as a basis for the current year's levy."

It is further stated that it was expected that the field work would have been begun August 1, 1916, and that the work would have been finished in time for the County Commissioners to base their levy for 1917 on the new figures and give the Tax Commission time to hear appeals and equalize the assessments between the several counties. The delay was due to litigation because of the refusal of Frederick county to make a new assessment. The complaint is also made that commissioners in several counties were slow in completing their review of the field work until it was too late to adopt the new assessment as the basis for this year's levy.

Below Calculations.

The failure to use the new assessment in all the counties will prove to be a disappointment to the state treasury officials, who had calculated on increased receipts from increased real estate values through the new valuations. The total increase has been estimated at $60,000,000. The additions to the treasury receipts from this source were expected to offset to a great degree the losses to be sustained because of the low figures at which standard railroad securities are fixed by the market sales. The lower the figures of sales the lower the assessments, with corresponding losses in tax receipts. The city as well as the state loses because of the low prices of standard railroad securities. Returns on stock assessments are now being received at the City Hall. Holders of securities are availing themselves of low prices to hand in their returns.

WILL WED JUNE 21.

Marriage invitations were sent out this week for the wedding of James Palmer Keating and Miss Clara Estelle Rose. The ceremony will be performed in St. Paul's P. E. Church at 11 a. m., Thursday, June 21. Rev. J. Dirickson Cummins, the rector, will officiate.

NEW FIRM HERE AT SUNSET PHARMACY

MOYER & DEWING TAKE CHARGE

W. W. SEWARD RETIRES TO SEEK HEALTH IN OUTDOOR LIFE. SENIOR PARTNER AN EXPERIENCED PHARMACIST — DETAILS OF BUSINESS CHANGE.

An announcement of considerable interest to Queen Annes county people was made this week, when formal notice was issued of a change in the business management of Sunset Pharmacy, Centreville, when W. W. Seward, who, with A. A. M. Dewing, opened the pharmacy in March, 1915, has sold his one half interest to K. E. Moyer, formerly connected with the local drug firm of Holland & Thompson. The change is effective June 1st, and, after that date, the business will be conducted as Sunset Pharmacy, Moyer & Dewing, proprietors.

Mr. Seward covers his connection with the drug business solely on account of ill health, believing that outdoor life will be more beneficial to his health than indoor employment. He recently purchased a farm on the State road between Centreville and Church Hill and next year will engage actively in agricultural pursuits. In retiring, Mr. Seward extends his thanks to those who have patronized Sunset Pharmacy and solicits for a continuation of their business for the new firm.

Has Had Wide Experience.

Mr. Moyer, who becomes the senior partner of Sunset Pharmacy, has had wide experience in the drug business. He was graduated from the Maryland School of Pharmacy and has been connected with some of the best drug firms in the East, serving at different times with Warner & Potter-Sold, Williamson & Watson and the Schanze Drug Company, Baltimore; W. S. Huchenson, Allegheny City, Pa.; Louis [illegible] Philadelphia, Pa., and lately with [illegible] Centreville.

Mr. Moyer is not only a proficient pharmacist, but is also courteous and always ready and anxious to be of service to his patrons.

Mr. Dewing, the junior partner, who has been active in building up the lucrative business Sunset Pharmacy now enjoys, will continue to manage the business end of the pharmacy and assures the public that it will be the intention of the new firm to extend every courtesy that was extended under the former administration.

This week, Messrs. Moyer and Dewing went to Baltimore and purchased a variety of new fixtures for the store. The fixtures include an entirely new and up-to-date prescription counter, of the latest and most approved type. The front will be of plate glass, with glass shelves for toilet articles. In the rear, there will be numerous compartments for the various medicines, so that all drugs used in compounding prescriptions can be kept fresh, clean and absolutely free from dust or other foreign substances. They will also make other changes in the arrangements of the interior of the store.

Young Druggist Employed.

In order to accommodate their rapidly growing prescription business, Messrs. Moyer and Dewing have employed Fred W. Voshell, son of W. S. Voshell, of Centreville, who several weeks ago received a diploma as assistant pharmacist from the Maryland School of Pharmacy and who was one of eleven, out of a class of 98, to pass successfully the examination of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy.

Patrons are assured that prescription business will at all times, be in the hands of skilled and competent pharmacists. The new firm issued announcements of the change this week.

BROWN STARS AT TOME

Wins Two Second Places in Meet Attended by C. H. S. Boys.

Robert Brown starred for Centreville High School at the track and field meet held last Saturday at Tome School, Port Deposit, in which ten other boys of the C. H. S. participated.

The local lads were taken over in automobiles under the guardianship of Profs. E. S. Bowlus, L. C. Kline and L. E. Nelson. They were, besides Brown, William K. Aldridge, Benton Connolly, John Smith, Paul Embert, Weaver Eaton, Ralph Graham, Charles Bright, Ralph Jarrell, Wesley Everett and Alfred Boyce.

While the other competitors were unable to get in the winning lists, all made a fair showing. Brown took second place in both the broad jump and the 220-yard dash.

COURT COMPLETES CASES ON CALENDAR

$3,000 DAMAGES FOR RATHELL

JURY GIVES QUICK VERDICT AGAINST WILLIAMSON AFTER LONG TRIAL—TWO NEGROES ARE PAROLED — THE JACKSON CHARGE IS CONTINUED.

After two weeks of continuous grinding, the legal mill of the Queen Annes circuit court ended its work for the May term last Saturday night, both Friday and Saturday nights being used to complete the sessions of the court.

Beginning Tuesday afternoon and ending at 11.30 o'clock Friday night, the $10,000 damage suit of John W. Rathell against Greenbury Williamson, removed from Caroline county, took up more time of the court than any other matter before it.

Forty witnesses appeared in the case which was marked by spicy testimony concerning the alleged amours of Mr. Williamson, a wealthy resident of the Federalsburg district. The name of Mrs. Rathell, wife of the plaintiff and niece of the defendant, figured prominently in the suit, which was brought for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

Former State Senator J. Frank Harper, for the defendant, and State Senator J. H. C. Legg, for the plaintiff, were the local lawyers in the case, which was argued Friday night. After deliberating one hour, the jury returned a verdict of $3,000 damages for Mr. Rathell. The defense moved for a new trial.

Seafur is Paroled.

Criminal cases were taken up Saturday morning, the first being that of Thomas Seafur, a negro, who confessed to stealing chickens from the barn of Charles L. Rochester, of near Ingleside. State's Attorney E. H. Brown appeared for the State and Sen. Legg for Seafurs, who was released under suspended sentence on condition that he [illegible] in penalty for the abandonment of $5 each.

Edward Wilson, a negro, charged with stealing corn from William E. Roe, Jr., was acquitted. Webster Lane, a negro, was convicted of stealing two blankets from Charles Robinson. He was represented by Senator Legg and was found guilty. Sentence was suspended on condition that he pay $15 costs in three monthly instalments of $5 and Lane was paroled in custody of Norman Saulsbury.

The last case before the court was that of Ellsworth Wilson, a negro, charged with stealing a quantity of canned goods from J. Langrall & Bro. He was arrested by Constable John P. Williamson, who testified to finding labeled canned goods in his house. Wilson, however, contended that he had taken these from the dump, where they had been thrown as spoiled. Ably defended by Sen. Harper and Thomas J. Keating, Wilson was acquitted by the jury.

On motion of State's Attorney Brown, the attempted burglary case against Rev. J. D. Jackson, former pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, was continued to the November term.

REGISTRATION PLAN GIVEN TO SHERIFFS

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL WRITES

COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS TELL EXACTLY HOW DRAFT SHALL PROCEED IN EACH COUNTY ON JUNE 5, DAY SET BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

By direction of Governor Harrington, Adjutant General Henry M. Warfield, has sent to the sheriffs in the several counties a letter containing detailed instructions for registration under the selective service law, recently passed by Congress and approved by the President. The Governor and the Adjutant General are anxious that the instructions be read carefully and, if not understood, that application be made at once to the Adjutant General for information that may be desired.

The letter addressed to each sheriff reads as follows:

This office understands that all blanks from the federal government for the execution of the registration of the citizens of this state, subject to conscription under the selective service law, have been received by you. In order that the registration may proceed promptly you are requested to take up with this office any matters in the regulations that you may not understand.

The Governor is particularly desirous to complete the registration of this state in th prescribed time and as directed in the regulations of the Provost Marshal General and, with that end in view, asks the earnest cooperation of all officers having the matter in charge.

Under the Regulations of the Bureau of the Provost Marshal General, copies of which you have received, the registration in each county will be made in the voting precincts and there will be one registration place in each voting precinct. The registrar or registrars of each precinct will be selected by the County Board of Registration [illegible] while the regular registrar [illegible] for a precinct should be designated for this census.

Volunteers Are Wanted.

The registrars will be appointed in accordance with instructions contained in regulations, and as you have probably noted, the federal government desires to accept volunteers when such offer their services free. The volunteer registrars must be sworn in the same manner as paid registrars. Volunteer registrars and paid registrars should be selected from those who are competent clerks and whose handwriting is neat and legible, and they should be residents of the precinct for which they are appointed.

The state's attorney for your county will be the legal adviser of registration boards and registrars.

The places for registration in each precinct should be the places used in that precinct for registration of voters of the precinct, and all places of registration must be selected before the sixth day after the President's proclamation, and this office advised as

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ALL POLLING PLACES FOR NATIONAL ARMY

LIST OF REGISTRARS COMPLETE

QUEEN ANNES COUNTY LEADS IN PREPARING FOR REGISTRATION OF MEN TO BE SELECTED FOR NEW MILITARY FORCE OF THE NATION.

Without one cent of expense being entailed, Queen Annes county is one of the first registration units in the State to complete its arrangements for the listing of men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, who are available for service in the new National Army.

In accordance with the request of Governor Emerson C. Harrington, a report was forwarded Thursday, following a canvass of the county Wednesday by Sheriff J. W. Yeates, Dr. C. H. Metcalfe and State's Attorney Edwin H. Brown. The registration officials traveled from Kent Island to the Kent county border in automobiles that had been offered for their service. The list of polling places and the nams of registrars is as follows:

First District.

Place of registration, office of Dudley G. Roe, Sudlersville. Registrars—T. H. Edwards and G. Walter Stevens.

Second District.

Place of registration, bowling alley of J. Ellis Porter under Guest's Opera House, Church Hill. Registrars—Harry V. Gould and C. Edgar Smith.

Third District.

First Precinct: Place of registration, office of Emory Clough next to Robert Seney's shoe shop, Centreville. Registrars—Edward A. Perkins and A. Howard Johnson.

Third District.

Second Precinct: Place of registration, J. D. Dawson's furniture store, Centreville. Registrars—Z. R. Collins and T. Edmund Dewing.

Fourth District.

Place of registration, H. A. Legg's shop in Stevensville. Registrars—John C. Morris and John A. [illegible]

Fifth District.

Place of registration, [illegible] W. C. [illegible]'s store room, [illegible] town. Registrars—John C. Wallis and Samuel E. Kirby.

Fifth District.

Second Precinct: Place of registration, Collier's Hall, Winchester. Registrars, W. Clyde Collier and James B. Hess.

Sixth District

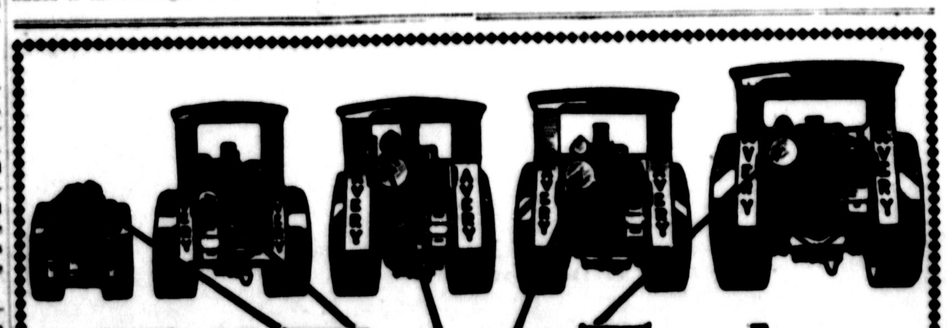
Place of registration, P. T. Potts' old creamery building, Ruthsburg. Registrars—J. Milton Arringdale and J. Norman Mason.

Seventh District.

Place of registration, Charles A. Bradley's store, Crumpton. Registrars—A. C. Sheppard and H. H. Hartley.

STRAWBERRIES ARE HERE.

Strawberries of fine flavor and large size made their appearance this week in the local market. In some instances, the early yield sold at two boxes for a quarter. A heavy crop is expected in this section, as the berry weevil is reported to have passed by Queen Annes county in its ravages.



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