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Defeat The Bond Issue

Chairman Mackall of State Roads Commission Hopes Voters of Carroll County Will Defeat The Bond Issue.

Tuesday afternoon, May 2, 1922, in the office of Governor Ritchie, in Annapolis, Maryland, in the presence of Governor Ritchie, Mr. John N. Mackall, chairman of the State Roads Commission said to the Editor of the American Sentinel: "I hope the people of Carrrll county will defeat the bond issue because the bonds provided by the law will be worthless for road building."

If the people of Carroll county allow some others to help themselves to bonds they will take a second helping.

Higher taxes and bonded indebtedness means less valuable real estate and higher rents for tenants in towns.

We defy any one to name a city, town, or county that got in debt by issuing bonds that ever kept out of debt.

Some people "were" in favor of spending $350,000 in building schools, but when they stopped to think who were going to spend it—well, then they changed their minds.

The present Board of County Commissioners is composed of excellen citizens, but within the next four years two of the present members will be out of office. What then? If you vote for the bond issue you will be placing in the hands of some unknown persons the right to spend your money. Considering the uncertainty of conditions will it be a wise, or conservative, act to speculate on the future?

The loudest shouters for a bond issue for school buildings are the citizens of a town who want school accommodations for their own children regardless of the inconveniences suffered by children of farmers.

It is said reciprocity between school advocates and hard road advocates is being arranged. You vote for the bond issue so we may get schools and we will vote for the bond issue so you may get hard roads. What becomes of the people who get neither? They must be expected to pay the freight.

Does a careful person mortgage his property to make a fancied improvement expecting his children to pay off the mortgage. Not on your life. A careful person waits until he can afford the improvement in order that the property may be left to his or her descendents free of debt.

Let us not forget that during this year 1922 a new assessment of property will be made, which, by the way, is going to cost Carroll county between $10,000 and $15,000, in addition to other burdens the people are now asked to assume. Where is this all going to end?

The farmers, as a rule, are against borrowing any money to build large school buildings in towns, because they claim their children are being forced to travel too far to school, are taught too many things which unfits them as helpers on the farm, and that the association with town children who are allowed to loaf around town is not conducive to industrious habits which the farmers endeavor to inculcate among their children.

It will require seventy thousand dollars to pay the interest on the seven hundred thousand dollars in bonds and to provide for their redemption which means a levy on the taxable basis of Carroll county of about 20 cents, the taxable basis being thirty-four million dollars. A member of the Board of Education, who views the bond question from a business standpoint, has stated publicly that if the Board be given annually 12 cents, or $40,000, for school buildings it would be all it would need, because that amount would represent about all it could spend judiciously in any one year.

In the Spring every man's fancy heavily turns to thoughts of taxes. The bond issue will be voted on on Monday, May 15th. Don't let anything prevent you from voting.

It is well to remember that the fellow who says he can t get out of debt is the same one who was very agile in getting in. The same thing applies to some county would-be financiers.

If on Monday, May 15th., the people of Carroll county vote in favor of issuing $700,000 worth of bonds which will put the county in debt for nearly Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars,, just as sure as guns are made out of iron the next legislature will be asked to authorize the County Commissioners to issue more bonds for something else. When the borrowing habit gets any one it is hard to stop it. It is so easy, you know, to just issue a promise to pay.

Why were the schools and roads tied together in the bond bill? A large number of the people of Carroll county who would have preferred voting on the questions separately do not hesitate to say that in order to prevent the present Board of Education handling so much money they will vote against the bond proposition, even though they would like to see certain roads built. They say they prefer to wait until the question can be submitted properly.

If the proponents of the bond issue carry the election, you stay-at-home folks must not raise your voices in protest. If you think more of your work than you do of spending about one hour of time in the exercise of your right to cast a vote for or against a proposition which may affect you and your children financially, don't kick afterwards. Do your duty Monday, May 15.

There are in Carroll county at least five hundred thousand dollars in farm mortgages, which, under the conditions existing after the Civil War would have been forclosed, and it is only the patience and indulgence of the banks that they are not foreclosed. Many of these farmers borrowed 35 cent dollars and now find themselves in financial straits. And yet some people, who don't see anything but their selfish desire to have their wishes gratified, even though it will cast more burdens upon the other fellow, are advocating a bond issue which will place nearly another million dollar mortgage upon the property in the county. Are you willing to help do it?

The present Board of County Commissioners are good men and have the best interests of the county at heart, but how about the members of future boards? When you vote to authorize an issue of $700,000 in bonds, the present board will not handle all the money; in fact it will handle a small portion of it. Are you going to vote to authorize some unknown persons, future members of the Board of County Commissioners, to spend your and your children's money? The future of all governments is uncertain. Look at Europe which a few years ago was apparently tranquil and happy. How soon may we be poor and needy? Who knows? Then why plunge ourselves into nearly a million dollars of indebtedness in order that some small town or village may have a school building to which the farmers' children will be forced to travel miles through rain, snow, and mud to attend. Think of the exposure to the weather of the small children.

Some people are for a bond issue, with a reservation, but no seats have been provided for them.

There was a time in Westminster when every family enjoyed an individual residence but now, due to higher taxes and many other causes, many are forced to live in rooms, for politeness sake called "apartments." Plunge Carroll county into debt for nearly Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars and many families will not be able to pay the rent for rooms and many who can pay the rent will not be able to get the rooms.

Mr. Farmer, if, on Monday, May 15th. 1922, you do not vote on the bond issue, because, as you will claim, you could not spare the time, and the proponents of the bond issue win out in the election, don't go around complaining about it. The time spent in voting against a scheme to centralize schools, causing farmers to either haul or send their children to town schools, will pay you better than any whole day's work on your farm.

Over in Harford county the Belair Times is putting up a strong protest against a new assessment of property ordered to be made this year by the State Tax Commissions, because of the expense and the uselessness of it. The Times names many properties which were purchased during the World War which had to be bought in by the holders of mortgages. In one case a farm which sold for $20,000 was sold under the hammer for $9,000. There are some properties in Carroll county which might meet the same fate. And yet some people would saddle more debt on it.

The last Legislature authorized the County Commissioners to borrow one hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may, from time to time, be necessary to meet the current expenses of the county. Suppose the people vote to authorize the County Commissioners to borrow seven hundred thousand dollars by a bond issue, that would make eight hundred thousand dollars, which together with the forty thousand borrowed last year on bonds sold to a Baltimore concern and about four thousand dollars the balance borrowed about 25 years ago for school purpose and still unpaid will amount to $844,000, to say nothing of the warrants still owed by the county.

In other words, if the people authorize the issuing of the $700,000 of bonds the indebtedness will stand as follows:

Bonds authorized by people	$ 700,000.00
Authority to borrow for expenses	100,000.00
Old school bonds still unpaid	4,000.00
Lateral road bonds issued 1921	40,000.00
Total	$ 844,000.00

To which add the amount due by the county on warrants, or due bills, issued by the County Commissioners to meet the expenses of schools &c., and the total amount may be some where near one million dollars.

Are you, Mr. Citizen and Taxpayer, in favor of plunging Carroll county into a financial abyss which you, your children and grandchildren will never live to see put back upon a sound financial basis, in order that a number of make-believe financiers with ten cent pocket books and million dollar ideas may have their pet theories put in force? Think it over, and think hard.

TOWN ELECTION

MAYOR KOONTZ AND COUNCILMEN MATTHEWS AND BABYLON RE-ELECTED BY LARGE MAJORITY

Monday last our election for Mayor and two members of the Common Council of Westminster was held which resulted in the reelection of Mayor Howard E. Koontz and Councilmen George W. Babylon and George E. Matthews for a term of two years.

Mayor Koontz and Councilmen Babylon and Matthews had been nominated by a very slimly attended town meeting and a number of citizens, who felt that a nomination by such a meeting was not binding on the voters, because if it were then the election provided by the town charter was simply a farce, later got behind Michael E. Walsh Esq., an attorney and police justice of the city for Mayor and James T. Trayer for Councilman.

From the best information obtainable it appears that a representative of those opposed to the present police arrangement waited on Mayor Koontz and told him that no opposition to either him or Messrs. Matthews and Babylon existed, but that a very strong one existed against Policeman Weigle because of his failure to properly police the town, his non-residence within the town limits, and also of the treatment accorded Mr. William F. Helm, a former bailiff, who, by reason of his daily presence at the railway station and his vigilant watch over law-breakers in and near the center of the town, had been considered by many citizens an ideal officer, and his friends felt that he had, through the influence of John N. Weigle, been treated rather shabbily.

On the other hand a large number of citizens who, unfortunately, got their information from a set of politicians who have few conscientious scruples on the question of carrying elections, circulated a report among the women that the ticket headed by Mr. Walsh was trying to get saloons back in Westminster and they fell for it and turned out in sufficient numbers to overwhelm the Walsh ticket.

Mayor Koontz received 634 votes against 155 for his opponent Michael E. Walsh, and Babylon and Matthews each received 654 against 153 for James T. Trayer.

The vote was one of the largest ever polled in the city and the election was the first in which the women participated. It demonstrated one very important fact, which is, that the men may and probably will in the future divide about evenly on any given issue with the women holding the balance of power. The recent election, therefore, is a lesson to all schemers in municipal affairs, and it is to be hoped that in the future, before casting their votes, the women (and we might add some ministers of the Gospel) will investigate issues and candidates thoroughly and not listen to the siren voice of scheming and unscrupulous politicians whose stock in trade consists principally of lies circulated about opposing candidates.

FLAG RAISING

On May 11, 1922, at 7:45 P. M. a flag raising will take place at Pleasant View school, near Taylorsville. There will be speaking and Taylorsville Band will furnish music.

FESTIVAL AT SPRINGDALE SCHOOL

On Thursday evening, May 18, a festival will be held at Springdale school house. If weather be unfavorable it wille be held the next evening. 5-5 1t

FARMER'S CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 10.—Poultry Meeting at Eldersburg, 8:00 P. M.

Saturday, May 13.—Advisory Council meeting at 1:30 P. M. County Agent's office.

Thursday, May 18.—Berrett Grange, 8:00 P. M.

Friday, May 19.—Keysville Community Club, 8:0 0P. M.

Wednesday night when Arthur Groft, of this city, returned to the home of his parents he heard a thief or thieves trying to break the lock on his parents garage. He ran into the house, secured his gun but when he came out the thief or thieves had disappeared. He examined the lock on the garage and found it battered up.

OBITUARY

PAUL E. FRITZ

Paul E. Fritz, aged 1 year, 1 month and 11 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Fritz, of Hawk's Hill, near New Windsor, died Wednesday, April 26, 1922. The funeral services were held Friday last at the Church of God, Hawk's Hill, Rev. John H. Gonso officiating, and the interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

The pallbearers were David, Andrew, Leroy, and Edward Hoff.

Harvey Bankard & Son funeral directors.

MRS. ELLEN BANKERT

The remains of Mrs. Ellen Bankert who died suddenly, in Taneytown, last week, at the age of 62 years, were laid to rest in the Silver Run cemetery on the 28 ult. Both she and her husband, the late Theodore Bankert, were natives of Myers district, and they resided in the vicinity of Union Mills for many years before moving to Taneytown.

Their surviving children are: Monroe Bankert, Shue's Station, Md.; Curvin, George and Miss Helen Bankert, York, Pa., and Mrs. Geo. Koontz, Taneytown, Md. The late Isaac Bankert, of Union Mills, was Theodore Bankert's grandfather.

NOAH R. WELLER

Drowned In Tub Of Water

Noah R., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Weller, of New Windsor, aged 1 year, 2 months and 4 days, Sunday afternoon, April 30, 1922, fell into a tub of water which stood under the spout of a pump at his parents residence and was drowned before any one could render assistance. Mrs. Weller was up stairs for just a moment and little Noah wandered out of the house and fell head first into the tub which was not entirely full of water.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, Rev. John H. Gonso officiating, and the interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

The pallbearers were Edwin, Paul and Leroy Hoff and John Haines.

James M. Stoner funeral director.

MRS. ESTELLA MAY KOONTZ

Mrs. Estella May Koontz, a brief notice of whose death on the 27th., appeared in the Sentinel, last week, was the wife of Charles W. Koontz, who resides 1½ miles north of Union Mills. She was a daughter of Emanuel Koontz, a resident of Myers district, and besides her husband is survived by six children. The eldest, a daughter, is married to Roy Wintrode and lives on a farm in Silver Run valley. The others are all young. Mrs. Koontz was in the 40th year of her age. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Silver Run, last Saturday morning. She was a member of the Reformed church at that place, and her pastor, Rev. John S. Adams, conducted the funeral services. The pallbearers were Arthur Devilbiss, Abraham Groft, Frank Leppo, and Charles, Franklin H. and David Myers.

H. Bankard and Son were the funeral directors.

FUNERAL OF EX-SHERIFF CRAWFORD

No more loving tribute could have been paid to the late Francis Albert Crawford, former sheriff of Carroll county, whose funeral was held Sunday afternoon, April 30, 1922, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Taylorsville, this county, than when more than a thousand friends and neighbors attended the funeral services conducted by Elder A. P. Snader, of the Church of the Brethren and Rev. W. T. Randall, the pastor of the church.

The services and the viewing of the remains by nearly everyone present consumed two hours and many tears of real sorrow were shed for the untimely death of Mr. Crawford who during his whole life was held in the highest esteem as a friend and neighbor.

Chief Judge William H. Thomas and a number of others of Westminster attended the funeral while a large number of other friends of this city were, from one cause or another, prevented from doing so. Their sympathies for the bereaved widow and children are, however, genuine.

The pallbearers were Messrs. T. Jefferson Gunn, Lewis Franklin, Louis Freyman, William Conaway, Mack Horton and Augustus Barnes.

C. M. Waltz, of Winfield, was funeral director.

Postmaster Thomas J. Coonan Dies After A Long Illness.

Dr. Thomas J. Coonan, a practicing physician and for the past seven years postmaster of Westminster died Sunday morning, April 30, 1922, following a long illness, aged 52 years, 2 months and 6 days. Besides his widow, who was Miss Blanche Bennett, youngest daughter of the late State Senator Pinkney L. Bennett, of this city, he is survived by one son (Thomas Coonan) and five daughters (Irene, Margaret, Catherine, Jane and Josephine Coonan) all at home.

The funeral services were held Wednesday in St. John's Catholic church, this city. Revs. Thomas E. McGuigan, the pastor, and Rev. J. C. Mallon, a former pastor, officiating, and the interment was in the Westminster Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Drs. H. M. Fitzhugh and L. K. Woodward and Messrs. C. Gloyd Lynch, Guy W. Steele, Carroll Albaugh, R. Abner Parke, Gloyd Wells and J. Henning.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

The services in the church were a high requiem mass celebrated by Father McGuigan and a sermon by Father Mallon, now rector of St. Ann's Church, Baltimore, who paid a well-merited tribute to the memory of Dr. Coonan, whose untimely death is regretted by a host of sincere friends by whom he was held in the highest esteem.

Dr. Coonan, at the outbreak of the World War, and while acting as postmaster of this city, received permission from the Government to enter the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army and he was commissioned a captian and served in that capacity for a period of seven months at Camp Meade. After the war he resumed his duties as postmaster of this city, and later was elected commander of the American Legion Post of this city. In addition to his duties as postmaster he practiced his profession in which he was very successful.

F. A. Sharrer and Son were funeral directors.

CHARLES DUTROW

Charles Dutrow, aged 19 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Dutrow, of this city, died Friday, April 28, 1922, at the University of Maryland Hospital.

The funeral services were held at Meadow Branch Church, of the Brethren, near this city, Tuesday last, Elders Roop and Bixler officiating, and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

James M. Stoner funeral director.

MRS. WILLIAM MASENHEIMER

Mrs. Emma M., wife of William Masenheimer, died Thursday night, May 4, 1922, at her late residence, near this city, aged 63 years, 6 months and 13 days. Besides her husband she is survived by five daughters and two sons.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1 P. M. at the house and interment will be made in Silver Run Cemetery. Rev. J. D. Bowersox will conduct the services.

Harvey Bankard & Son funeral directors.

JACOB H. BANKERT

Jacob H. Bankert, a highly respected citizen of this county, who resided on Red Hill, Manchester road, near this city, died this Friday morning, May 5, 1922, at his late residence aged 73 years, 6 months and 3 days. Besides his widow he is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary E. Bankert, and by 3 grandchildren.

The funeral services will be held at the house, Monday next, at 1 P. M. Rev. J. D. Bowersox will conduct the services and interment will be in Krider's Cemetery.

H. Bankard and Son funeral directors.

MRS. ALBERT E. SPENCER

Mrs. Anna E. Spencer, wife of Albert E. Spencer, died at her home Gamber, Wednesday, May 3rd, 1922, age 32 years, 9 month, and 11 days. Her death occurred very suddenly and was a shock to the whole community. Besides her husband, she leaves three young children, Doris, Winifred, and Evelyn. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Lena Keller and two brothers, William and George. Funeral services, in which John Fields officiated, were held Friday, May 5, at 2 P. M., at Mt. Pleasant church and interment was made in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were Morgan Jordan, Carroll Slasman, Herbert Yingling; Edward Knox, Irvin Buckingham and Leslie Barnes.

F. A. Sharrer and Son funeral directors.

Father Allen of the Order of the Holy Cross, formerly of this city, but now of West Park, New York, this morning held early services in Ascension Episcopal church, the rector Rev. George W. Dame being ill.

Next month ground will be broken for the administration, or main building, of the State Odd Fellows' home home to be erected on a site of 96 acres on the North Market street pike just beyond the limits of Frederick City. The first shovel of earth will be removed by the oldest Odd Fellow in the State, and one of the orphans, who will occupy the home, will be at his side.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES

ST. MATHEW'S (Pleasant Valley)

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley, will hold its monthly meeting Saturday evening at 7:30 at the home of Miss Grace Helwig.

ASCENSION P. E. CHURCH

The rector, Rev. Dr. George W. Dame having recovered from his recent illness, on Sunday usual services will be held, as follows: 7:30 Communion. 10:30 morning prayer and Communion.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MANCHESTER

Rec. C. G. Leatherman, pastor

May 6, Class in Catechise 1:30 P. M. May 7, Bible school 9 A. M. Regular services 10 A. M. & 7:30 P. M.

Congregational meeting at the morning service.

MANCHESTER REFORMED CHARGE

Rev. Roy Freeman, pastor.

Manchester: Sunday school 9:30 Morning worship 10:30. The I. O. O. F. lodge of Manchester will worship with the congregation at the morning service. On account of the illness of the Rev. Ludwig will preach the sermon.

Linehoro: Sunday school 1:00. Afternoon worship 2:00. Sermon by Rev. R. Richards.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

Rev. J. L. Nichols, minister.

9:30 A. M. Sunday school and Adult Bible Classes. 10:45 A. M. Baccalaureate Sermon of the Theological Seminary by Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D. President. 7:00 P. M. Christian Endeavor prayermeeting, led by Mr. George Mather. Subject—Better Sabbath Keeping. 8:00 P. M. Alumni sermon by Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, of Baltimore, Md., of the Seminary. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Steriopticon pictures will be used and an illustrated hymn in connection with the service.

UNIONTOWN LUTHERAN

St Paul's:

9:30 S. S. "Thread Day" 7:30 C. E. H. B. Fogle, leader.

St. Luke (Winters)

9:30 S. S., 10:30, Sacrament of Lord's supper.

Mt. Union:

1:30 S. S. 2:30 Divine worship, 7:30 C. Endeavor.

Emmanuel (Baust)

W. H. and F. Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. Edna Warehime Thursday, May 11, 7:30 P. M.

At the conclusion of sacred concert Sunday the following were installed in church council: Ezra Spangler, elder; Andrew Myers, deacon, and Harry K. Myers, trustee.

The three knitting mills of the Union Manufacturing Company, one at Frederick, one at Thurmont and one at Emmitsburg, employing nearly 400 persons, the majority of them women, have closed down as the result of cancellation of orders.

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