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TOWN MEETING DECIDES TO EXTEND CITY LIMITS AND AUTHORIZED A $75,000.00 BOND ISSUE FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

All Property To Be Re-Assessed At Higher Values.

Taxes To Be Increased At Least 16 Cents.

Laboring Under A Misapprehension Many Present Did Not Vote. Only 77 Votes Cast For Extension.

Tuesday evening the town meeting advertised to be held to consider a large number of propositions relating to Westminster was attended by an audience which did not quite fill the assembly hall of the Firemen's building.

Long before the meeting was called to order by Mayor George E. Matthews the self constituted managers had selected the presiding officer in the person of Mr. George R. Gehr, the venerable, popular, and efficient cashier of The First National Bank, and the young, and astute attorney, D. Eugene Walsh Esq., as secretary, both of whom filled their offices with credit.

Guy W. Steele Esq., who, for many years, has been attorney for the Mayor and Common Council, acted as spokesman for the defenders or the promotors, or proponents, of all propositions submitted to the audience. His attitude savored very much of a political boss who, having adopted a policy and, being sure of the votes to "put it across," forced the fighting and had all propositions adopted.

Many Did Not Vote.

A large number of suburbanites present did not vote against extending the city limits because they were laboring under a misapprehension of their rights and privileges. Mr. Steele, declared in language, which could not have been misunderstood, that under no consideration would citizens residing in the proposed annex be allowed to vote on the question of annexation; that the proposed amendment to the charter of Westminster would contain no provision providing for a vote to be taken among the residents of the proposed annexation, and that the proponents of the propositions would immediately prepare the necessary bills to be introduced in the Legislature and would endeavor to force their passage as soon as possible.

To Increase Taxes.

The Mayor and Common Council now have about thirty (30) cents for general purpose and an increase of ten (10) cents was proposed and adopted. The $75,000.00 bond issue, it was thought, can be taken care of by a six (6) cents increase, all of which the audience understood, will make the new rate of taxes seventy-one cents. And, in order to produce more revenue, Mr. Steele stated that a new assessment would be made in order to place higher values on many properties now enjoying what the authorities believe to be, very low ones.

In the future, therefore, one must figure one's taxes, as a whole, from the following rates.

State taxes	$ .27-12/35
County taxes	1.65
City taxes	.71
Total	$2.63-12/35

In addition to the above taxes the chairman of the State Roads Commission will endeavor to saddle one with a 4½ cents tax on gasoline, and perhaps, very shortly, a bond issue to build school houses will be waiting in the offing, with an increased tax rate for lateral roads in the county sitting nearby ready to be heard, or will be adopted without being heard, just as Mr. Steele announced that a bond issue of $75,000 would be made without asking the citizens of Westminster anything about it, and the same methods will be used in the matter of the annexation of suburban territory.

In conclusion the Sentinel desires to state that even though with this issue it begins its 95th year of existence it has and will admire always the man with a fixed purpose, although it may not agree with him always. The citizens behind the several propositions apparently have mapped out their plans carefully and if those citizens who do not agree with them insist upon a "do-nothing" plan they will have no one but themselves to blame if the proponents put their propositions "across."

Afraid Of The People.

The thing that surprises many citizens is the fact that the proponents of the bond issue and the annexation proposition apparently are afraid to let the taxpayers vote for or against either one, or both.

To Hold Another Meeting.

Through Mr. Steele, acting as spokesman for those behind the whole scheme of extension and increased taxation, it was announced that when the amended charter has been completed another town meeting will be called by Mayor Matthews.

Tenants To Pay Increase.

Since the above was written the Editor had a short talk with a gentleman who owns a number of houses in Westminster. During the conversation this landlord stated that he did not attend the meeting as he was not interested, but if the taxes are increased he will increase the rents of his houses.

In other words, the poor devil of a tenant will have to make the sacrifice, not the landlord. That's where the whole scheme hurts the worst.

Another taxpayer remarked that he was surprised at the Mayor and Common Council extending the city limits such a short distance from the city. If, as Mr. Steele contended, the limits could be extended without the consent of the residents of the territory proposed to be annexed, why not do like Chicago did, take in the whole county. If the Mayor and Common Council have the absolute right to arbitrarily fix a boundary line of Westminster why not go the limit of authority and take in Warfieldsburg, Frizellburg, Taylorsville, Winfield, Finksburg, Patapsco, Carrollton, Smallwood, Reese, Union Mills, Silver Run and any other unincorporated village in order to increase the taxable basis and thereby boost the amount of taxes. Why not? If its more money that is wanted take in enough territory to produce it. The residents outside of Westminster have no right to even open their mouths in protest, so Mr. Steele stated.

MISS LOUISE STITELY TO WED

Doctor and Mrs. L. C. Stitely, of near New Windsor, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louise Stitely, a senior at Goucher College, to Mr. Rodney A. Cover, of New York. Miss Stitely is the editor of "Kalends," Goucher literary periodical.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, East Main street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Yesterday afternoon our firemen were called to Cranberry when a chmimey on the property of Mr. Null caught fire. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

Mrs. J. W. Reinecke and family are occupying the Coane property on East Green street having recently moved from the parsonage of Krider's Reformed church.

ENTERTAINS AT "500" PARTY

Miss Rheba Bowers entertained at cards New Year's evening at her home on Liberty street. There were four tables of progressive "500". At a late hour the hostess served chicken salad, potato chips, saltines, punch and cake. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kemper, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Schaub, Mrs. Claude Buckingham, Miss Rhoda Barnes, Miss Margaret Michaels, Miss Elizabeth Earhart, Miss Mary Kemper, Miss Mary Starner, Harry Miller, William Brown, Howard Lang, Edward Morelock, Edward Bell and DeWitt Earhart.

Mary Rachael Eckenrode, daughter of Mrs. Paul Lynch, East Main street spent Christmas with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Masenhimer, Cleveland, Ohio.

OBITUARY

JOHN R. BENNETT

John R. Bennett, husband of Hannah E. Bennett, died Thursday, December 30, 1926, at his home, near Freedom, this county, in his 69th year. He was a son of the late John and Eliza J. Bennett.

Sunday, January 2, the funeral was held from Wesley Chapel, Freedom, at 11:00 o'clock. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

DANIEL FORNEY

Daniel Forney died Friday, December 31, 1926, in his seventy-fifth year. Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock a brief service was held at the home of his sister, Mrs. Warehime, Fountain Valley, and further services were conducted at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren, Elder William E. Roop officiating. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery. Harvey Bankard funeral director.

MISS ANNIE MARQUETTE

Miss Annie Marquette, aged 75 years, died Saturday, January 1, 1927, in the Colonial hospital, Baltimore.

Miss Marquette is survived by a brother and sister, also relatives in this county.

Tuesday morning the funeral was held from the residence of Mrs. C. L. Price, Govans, with services in Baust church, Tyrone, this county, Rev. Kresge officiating. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

MISS FLORENTINE ECKER

Miss Florentine Ecker died at her home in Union Bridge, Friday, December 31, 1926, aged 88 years, seven months and 12 days. Death followed a stroke of paralysis suffered a short time ago. She was a daughter of the late David and Mary Ecker and is survived by one sister, Miss Emma J. Ecker, Union Bridge. The funeral was held Sunday with services at the house at 1 P. M., the Rev. C. H. Richmond officiating and interment was made in Hawk's church cemetery.

FRANK YELINEK

Frank Yelinek, husband of Barbara Yelinek, died Sunday, January 2, 1927, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Mummaugh, Baltimore. He was aged 76 years. Besides his widow he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John Arbaugh, this city; Mrs. Lawrence Mummaugh, Baltimore, and Mrs. Frank Lagota, Baltimore county.

Wednesday morning funeral services were held in St. John's church, this city, and interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

MRS. LUCINDA BLIZZARD

Mrs. Lucinda Blizzard died at her home at Bethel Heights, this county, Monday, January 3, 1927. She was aged 81 years and 23 days. She was a daughter of the late William and Susan Caples and is survived by six children as follows: Theodore and Walter Blizzard, Sykesville; Harry and Guy Blizzard, Baltimore; Raymond Blizzard, Reese; and Mrs. Oscar Taylor, this city. The funeral was held Wednesday meeting at the house at 1 P. M., with further services in Pleasant Grove church, the Rev. Charles Subock assisted by the Rev. J. L. Masemore officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church. The pallbearers were Edgar Lockard, Ulysses Shipley, Butler Gorsuch, Norris Taylor, E. M. Russell and Raymond Shilling.

Harvey Bankard funeral director.

MRS. GEORGE H. HUNT

Mrs. Mary M. Hunt, wife of George H. Hunt, Manchester, this county, died Friday, December 31, 1926, from pneumonia. She was aged 66 years, one month and 21 days. She was a daughter of the late Jeremiah and Annemary Krebs and is survived by her husband, two daughters and three sons as follows: Mrs. Sadie Graf, Manchester; Mrs. Eva Leister, at home; Horatio Hunt, near Manchester; Curtis Hunt, Lineboro; and William Hunt, at home; also by five grand children and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. John Riley, Manchester; Mrs. Jane Kerchner, Millers; William Krebs, Baltimore, and Daniel Krebs, Glen Rock, Pa. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran church. The funeral was held Monday morning with services at the house at 10 o'clock and burial in the Lutheran cemetery, Manchester. The Rev. L. H. Rehmeyer officiated.

JOHN WESLEY EVANS

John Wesley Evans, of Baltimore, died suddenly while on his way to work on Thursday, December 30, 1926, aged 74 years.

Saturday last the funeral was held from the residence of his brother, Lewis Evans, Baltimore, and interment was made in Finksburg cemetery, this county.

BENJAMIN W. BAXTER

Benjamin W. Baxter, husband of Martha M. Baxter and son of the late Lewis and Margaret Baxter, died Sunday, January 2, 1927. Funeral services were held from his late residence, 5513 Garrison avenue, Baltimore, on Wednesday at 2:00 P. M. Interment was made in the Finksburg cemetery, this county.

MAHLON L. HUNTER

Mahlon LeRoy Hunter, infant son of Barbara and Frank Hunter, died at the home of his parents, in Mt. Olive, this county, Thursday, December 30, 1926. He was aged one year and 21 days. The funeral took place Saturday, January 1, with services at the house at 10 A. M., the Rev. J. J. Resh officiating and interment was made in Mt. Olive cemetery.

MRS. WILLIAM H. EVERHART

Mrs. Eliza Anne Everhart, wife of William H. Everhart, died at her home in Bachman's Valley Monday, January 3, 1927, at the age of 69 years, 10 months and 23 days. She was a daughter of the late David and Sarah Bankard and is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Clinton Thomas, Bachman's Valley. The funeral was held yesterday with services at the house at 10 A. M. and further services in Bachman's church the Rev. C. E. Stahlman officiating. Interment was made in the new cemetery at the church.

Harvey Bankard funeral director.

HOWARD H. EBAUGH

Howard H. Ebaugh, near Bixler's church, this county, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Ebaugh, Monday, January 3, 1927 after a lingering illness. He was aged 29 years, one month and nine days. He was unmarried. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon with services at the house at 1:00 o'clock, the Rev. Paul E. Rinehart, pastor of the Manchester U. B. church officiating. Burial was made in Bixler's cemetery. The pallbearers were Claude Forney, George B. Lippy, Mark Feeser, Paul Wine, Milton Hesson, and Curvin Barnhart.

WILLIAM C. YINGLING

William C. Yingling died suddenly Monday, January 3, 1927, at the home of his mother, Mrs. James Yingling, near Tyrone, with whom he resided. He was aged 49 years, eight months and 19 days. Mr. Yingling had been suffering from heart trouble for a number of years and was stricken by a sudden attack in the yard. He died before those who went to his assistance could bear him to the house. His father, James Yingling, died only a short time ago from injuries received when run down by an automobile. Besides his mother he is survived by three sisters: Miss Bertha Yingling, at home; Mrs. Jesse F. Stonesifer, near Uniontown; and Mrs. Claude B. Reifsnider, Frizellburg. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the house at 1:00 o'clock with further services at Baust church, the Rev. S. R. Kresge officiating.

CAR STOLEN IN BALTIMORE

John H. Cunningham, this city, had his Hudson coach stolen Tuesday night and had not yet recovered the machine on last reports although every effort was being made to trace the thieves. Mr. Cunningham had been attending a Republican meeting at Annapolis and left his car parked in front of the custom house in Baltimore. When he returned the auto was gone.

Tuesday night Charity Lodge No. 58, Knights of Pythias installed officers for the year. Next Tuesday night, January 11, the rank of Esquire will be conferred upon a class of Pages. Rev. C. A. Byler, this city, will be the speaker.

The Westminster firemen were called to Manchester yesterday morning about 11:00 o'clock, when a portable school house caught fire from an overheated furnace. The fire was soon under control and very little damage resulted.

WEDDINGS

ENGLAR—BLIZZARD

Miss Elizabeth Blizzard and George W. Englar, both of this city, were married Saturday, January 1 at 4:00 P. M. in the Salem Lutheran parsonage, Pennsylvania avenue. Rev. R. S. Patterson performed the ceremony. They were attended by friends.

ANGELL—NULL

Miss Anna Emma Null, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. Null, Hanover, Pa., formerly of Taneytown, and Paul C. Angell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Angell, near Taneytown, motored to Brunswick, Saturday evening, January 1, where they were united in marriage by the Rev. C. W. Hess, an uncle of the bride.

STEAR—ZEPP

Miss Emma C. Zepp, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore S. Zepp, Westminster Route 1, and Newton O. Stear, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stear, near Littlestown, were married at midnight Friday as the old year departed and the new came in at the parsonage of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Littlestown. The Rev. David S. Kammerer performed the ceremony. The bride wore a pencil blue dress with slippers and gloves to match. The couple was unattended.

DURBORAW—WILLHIDE

Miss Louise Willhide, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Willhide, near Detour, this county, and Russell W. Durboraw, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Durboraw, Gettysburg, Pa., were married New Year's afternoon at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Walter Waybright, a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hanover. More than 100 guests were present. Mr. Durboraw is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College. After a wedding trip to Washington the couple will make their home with the bride's parents until April 1, when they will be at home at the Durboraw farm in Cumberland township, Adams county, Pa.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

The following is a financial statement of the receipts and disbursements of Westminster's Community Christmas Tree Fund 1926:

Receipts:

Mayor and City Council	$50.00
Knights of Columbus	50.00
Knights of Pythias	50.00
Red Key Club	5.00
Rotary Club	50.00
Fire Department	50.00
Company "H"	25.00
Klu Klux Klan	50.00
Wednesday Club	5.00
Masonic Lodge, Westminster	50.00
Thursday Club	13.00
Camp 24 P. O. A.	5.00
I. O. A. M. lodge	5.00
Woman's Literary Club	5.00
Miss Betty Smith	.85
Westminster Savings Bank	10.00
First National Bank	10.00
Farmers & Mechanics Bank	10.00
Union National Bank	10.00
Westminster D. & Trust Co.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart	1.00
L. Needles Co., by L. E. Wimert	5.00
Woman's Civic League	25.00
Chamber of Commerce, city	50.00
Total	$544.85

Disbursements:

Ammidon & Co., stockings	$56.94
D. J. Baile, electrician	40.00
Alba'h & Babylon, oranges &c.	111.48
Times Printing Co., programs	17.00
Geo. N. Hunter, oranges	5.50
T. W. Mather & Sons, toys, etc.	116.97
Nusbaum & Jordan, bunting	1.92
Harry D. Ditman contractor	11.55
Balance in bank	183.49
Total	$544.85

Ober S. Herr, Treasurer.

Mrs. Harry Myers and son Arthur, Mt. Airy, spent the past two weeks with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur, Frizellburg.

Miss Elma Elizabeth Lawrence, Cumberland, and Arthur E. Benson, Philadelphia, were married Saturday in Baker Chapel, this city, by Rev. A. N. Ward. Both are graduates of Western Maryland College.

After keeping their marriage a secret for two and a half years Miss Mildred Smith, Houcksville, and Clark Shaffer, near Carrollton have announced that they were married in Ellicott City June 26, 1924.

MEETING OF LEGISLATURE

Governor's Message.

Wednesday the Maryland Legislature began its 1927 session. David G. McIntosh, of Baltimore county, was elected president of the Senate, and E. Brooke Lee, of Montgomery county, speaker of the House of Delegates. Both houses are strongly Democratic.

Governor Ritchie read his usual message which, though rather long, was interesting and evidently prepared very carefully and after much serious thought. While suggesting some slight increases in several state officers' salaries the major portion of the message was devoted to an effort to lower the taxes on property generally except gasoline on which a tax of four and one-half cents was suggested. The extraordinary requests of the Maryland University and other institutions were frowned upon by the Governor.

The message should be read by every citizen regardless of political affiliations.

Very shortly after the reading of the Governor's message both houses adjourned until Tuesday next. In the meantime the presiding officers will make up the various committees.

The prevailing sentiment among the members seems to be: "Less Laws."

ENTERTAINS AT CARD PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. R. Blaine Murray, Hampstead, entertained at a card party at their home on last Wednesday evening. A delicious and most tasty menu was served preceding the playing of progressive "500." The decorations and place-cards were suggestive of the Christmas season. The house was beautifully decorated with evergreen and red carnations and attractively lighted by red candles. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fowble, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Latimer Elderdice, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shipley and Mrs. Irving Foote, Baltimore; Mrs. Harold Henderson, Pikesville; Mr. and Mrs. Burrier Cookson, of Uniontown; Dr. and Mrs. Elmo Fowble, Upperco; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blocher, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allender, Mrs. Henry Hoffman, Mrs. Fred Sapp and Mrs. Susan A. Murray, of Hampstead.

PARENT TEACHER MEETING

A meeting of the Westminster Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the high school building Monday, January 10th, at 7:30 P. M. Dr. A. N. Ward, president of Western Maryland College, will address the association. A social hour will feature a substantial part of the program. It is hoped that every parent as well as every teacher will feel their responsibility to the organization and make every effort possible to be present.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CASE APPEALED

Messrs. George E. Benson and Edward Harner, Democrats, elected county commissioners at the last election have appealed from the decision of the Circuit Court in refusing to issue a writ of mandamus to compel E. M. Mellor Jr., Clerk of the Court to swear them in as commissioners.

FIRM DISSOLVES PARTNERSHIP

The firm of Wehler & King who have owned and conducted the drug store at 55 East Main street, this city, has been dissolved by mutual consent of the partners. Randolph Wehler will retire and Melvin L. King will continue the business at the present location. The partnership was formed in July 1920 and has enjoyed a successful business since that time. Mr. Wehler was a progressive druggist for a number of years before coming to this city and during his business career in this city has made a host of friends, and the many patrons of the store will miss his pleasing and courteous service. Mr. King is a popular young man of this city. He has acquired full knowledge and is qualified to carry on the retail drug business, being a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and registered as a pharmacist in the state of Maryland.

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