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GOV. RITCHIE OUT FOR THIRD TERM

Announces He Will Enter Primary at 11th Ward Dem. Club Meeting Wed. Eve.

OUTLINES PLATFORM

At a meeting of the 11th Ward Democratic Club, Baltimore, Wednesday night Governor Ritchie announced his candidacy for a third term. Much speculation has ensued as the result of the governor's long silence regarding his intentions in the next election, and with the announcement that his plans would be made public at this meeting, the hall was well filled.

Eugene H. Beer, president of the club, introduced the governor, who, after the brief statement of his intentions to enter the Democratic primary for nomination for governor, gave his reasons for his previous silence on the subject. He also gave his reasons for refusing to enter the race for the U. S. Senate.

Governor Ritchie covered the following points in his address:

1. Opposition to encroachment by the Federal government on rights of the State of Maryland, along three lines especially. He said, "My position in regard to these is as follows:

"Opposition to Volstead law as a state enforcement measure.

"Opposition to ratification of the Child Labor Amendment.

"Opposition to any action by the state supporting a federal department of education.

2. Reduction of state tax rate 25 per cent. in 7 years, and plans for further reduction.

3. Preservation and replenishment of Maryland oysters, crabs and fish.

4. More, better and safer roads and elimination of grade crossings.

5. Advancement, past and future, of Maryland schools.

6. Development of University of Maryland and smaller colleges.

7. Consideration of conditions resulting from abandonment of undergraduate courses by Johns Hopkins University.

8. Advisable changes in the Public Service Commission law for the protection of the public.

9. Adequate facilities for care of prisoners, criminal insane, mentally afflicted and feeble-minded.

APPOINTED MASCOT OF FIRE CO.

The most important piece of business taken up at the last regular meeting of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company, or at least, it was the most important business to one person, was that of the appointment as mascot to the Denton Volunteer Fire Company of Master Kirkman Wilson Short, Jr. That young man appeared at the head of the parade on Tuesday night all dressed up in his uniform just like the "reg'lar" firemen. Master Short is right there with the goods, but was a little too shy on such short notice and declined to give a talk at the banquet Tuesday night. He'll come along though, boys.

The annual election of the Board of Trustees was taken up and resulted in the election of Messrs. Emory D. Kimmey, Charles Shawn, Will Irwin, Sherman Tribbitt and C. S. Kauffman.

Discussion followed concerning a banquet this year for the firemen and a committee was appointed to take the matter under consideration.

PUBLIC HEALTH COM. MET ON TUESDAY

The public health committee met on Tuesday. They were pleased to have Dr. E. A. Jones, of Cambridge, deputy state health officer, meet with them.

The nurse reports a growing demand for her services. The county commissioners were waited upon and promised a substantial contribution toward her expenses. A healthy citizen is a much greater asset to a community than a sick or ailing one. Miss Jackson reported attending the annual meeting of the Public Health Association in Baltimore last week. She also reported having made 112 visits; the inspection of 108 supils in three rural schools; the holding of baby conferences and tubercular clinics; and the taking of a census of tuberculosis cases in the county. She is also active in reporting and relieving charity cases.

COM. CLUB BEGINS IMPPROVEMENTS ON NEW QUARTERS

The Denton Community Club which recently purchased the old primary school as a club house has already started to improve the property.

A privet hedge has been put around the grounds, and a community Christmas tree has been donated by the Harrison nurseries, and has been plated on the grounds. The building has been wired for electric lights and net curtains have been put at the windows.

MEDITATIONS OF THE CRACKER

I'm viewing fashion folks with scorn along of recent years, and sundry of creations born move better men to tears. I've sought to remedy defects of my anatomy, with many cuts of modern dress, but always in dismay. I can secrete some ugly joints and lean and skinny shins, a spacious hat may shade some points above my nose and chin. But still my general defects with garb I cannot hide, clothes won't validate my check where sage and statesman bide. The guy who said clothes make the man had worsted goods for sale, and surely caused a big demand among aspirants stale; for taking people as they run, a coat that's cut askew, won't make a Colonel Watterson, or a Chauncey M. Depew. A high silk hat may add a stripe but not the Borah jaws, nor will a Hell Maria pipe produce a Charlie Dawes.

FIRE CHIEF ANDERSON RESIGNED TUES. EVE.

Has Accepted New Position in New York—Chief for Three Years

Tuesday night's announcement of the resignation of Fire Chief Anderson brought a note of sadness to all who are connected with the Denton Volunteer Fire Company, for he has proven himself to have been the leader that the men of that organization thought he was when they selected him, not from their membership which was only about a dozen at that time, but as the best man in the town of Denton to hold the position of fire chief.

Shortly after the organization of the present fire company nearly four years ago, the question of who would be fire chief arose at once and the members unanimously decided to ask Mr. Eugene Anderson to join the company and become its chief. Since that time the history of that new organization has become noted history for the town of Denton and surrounding community with reference to fire fighting.

Several fires have occurred, which under his direction and with the aid of his organization have caused much less damage than had we not had a good chief to direct the work.

Mr. Anderson for the past six years has been connected with the State Road Department as assistant district engineer for this section, having accepted this position upon his return from France as a member of the A. E. F. where he saw military duty in the front line trenches. Previous to joining the army he studied at the Brooklyn Polytechnic school.

Mr. Anderson has resigned from the State Road Department to accept a position with the General Engineering and Management Corporation of New York. This concern recently purchased all the holdings of the Eastern Shore Gas & Electric Company. He expects to be located in New York for the present.

It is with deep regret that all the members of the fire company say good bye to their comrade and chief and wish him God speed and best wishes for success in his new work.

NOTES FROM M. P. CHURCH

During the month of February at 7:30 p. m. the pastor of Denton M. P. church will give a series of dramatic book sermons as follows:

Feb. 7—"The Great Stone Face" by Hawthorne. This story is old but its lessons are always new and invigorating.

Feb. 14—Wilson Barrett's great drama, "The Sign of the Cross." This will be an illustrated sermon and you will want to see it.

Feb. 21—"The Outcast" by Selma Laegerlof. A marvelous story of redemption. Hear it.

Feb. 28—"Ramona," that beautiful story so wonderfully told by the author, Helen Hunt Jackson.

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the theme will be "The Lord's Supper—What Message Has it for These Days?" We prayerfully invite you to come to all of these services. Good music and singing, splendid fellowship await you.

Highway Program for 1926

The county commissioners on last Tuesday chose the Ridgely-Bridgetown road as the highway to be improved this year. With the Federalsburg-Bridgeville section, already selected, this will constitute the 1926 road building program. A delegation of citizens was before the board on Tuesday advocating a hard-surface highway from Hickman toward Denton. This project, however, will have to wait, with the others, until further appropriations are made.

SENATE VOTES 76-17 TO JOIN WORLD COURT UNDER SWANSON PLAN

Adherence Approved With 14 More Than Necessary Two-Thirds

40 REPUBLICANS, 36 DEMOCRATS, AYES

(Washington Bureau of The Sun)

Washington, Jan. 27—The Senate signified its willingness for the United States to become a member of the World Court. By a vote of 76 to 17—or 14 more than the required two-thirds—the Senate adopted the Swanson resolution consenting to adherence of the Permanent Court of International Justice, subject to certain reservations.

Entry of the United States into the World Court was made possible after one of the bitterest fights in the Senate since the debates on the League of Nations. Rancor against the Court held until the last minute before the final vote.

Party lines were broken in the vote, 40 Republicans and 36 Democrats declaring for adherence, while 14 Republicans, 2 Democrats and 1 Farmer-Labor member lined up in opposition to the resolution.

Although potentially a participant in the Court of International Justice, the United States cannot actually become a member until President Coolidge has obtained acceptance by the 48 nations already subscribing to that tribunal of the reservations thrown by the Senate around the entrance of America. President Coolidge is authorized by the Senate to affix the signature of the United States to the protocol of the Court, subject to specific reservations.

The resolution adopted today by the Senate is in modied form the resolution submitted by Senator Swanson, Democrat, Virginia. It reads:

Whereas the President, under date of February 24, 1923, transmitted a message to the Senate, accompanied by a letter from the Secretary of State, dated February 17, 1923 asking the favorable advice and consent of the Senate to the adherence on the part of the United States to the protocol of December 16, 1920, of signnature of the statute for the Permanent Court of International Justice, set out in the said message of the President (without accepting or agreeing to the optional clause for compulsory jurisdiction contained therein) upon the conditions and understandings hereafter stated, to be made a part of the instrument of adherence: Therefore be it

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring), That the Senate advise and consent to the adherence on the part of the United States to the said protocol of December 16, 1920, and the adjoined statute for the Permanent Court of International Justice (without accepting or agreeing to the optional clause for compulsory jurisdiction contained in said statute), and that the signature of the United States be affixed to the said protocol, subject to the following reservations and understandings, which are hereby made a part and condition of this resolution.

The reservations, which were approved by the Senate yesterday, provide, in effect:

That adherence to the World Court shall not involve any legal relation between the United States and the League of Nations.

That this country be permitted to participate on an equality with other nations in the election of judges.

That this country may at any time withdraw.

That there are to be no secret advisory options.

That recourse to the Court in cases affecting this country can be had only by treaty.

That adherence to the Court shall not imply an intention on the part of this country to intrude upon foreign countries' domestic affaris or to relinquish its attitude toward purely American questions.

Police sergeant—Is the man dangerously wounded?

Cop—I believe he is. Two of the wounds were fatal, but the other one isn't so bad.

Ground Hog Scores One

There is no doubt this year but what the ground hog knew his business. Just how this venerable weather forecaster could tell in Tuesday's sunny skies and springlike breeze that old man Winter had another wallop in store for us we can't see, but he sure knew what he was doing when he turned around and buried down deep for six more weeks. In less than 24 hours the thermometer had gone down, clouds replaced the blue in Tuesday's sky, and snowflakes flurried and skurried hither and yon.

Once more we hurried down cellar to calculate on the coal pile, as to its lasting qualities, and once more we breathed a silent prayer for those who must "go down to the sea in ships" while these terrible storms hold the land and sea in their tragic grip.

BUGLE-DRUM CORPS MAKES APPEARANCE

Paraded with Firemen Tuesday Night—Smoker Was Enjoyed Later

Tuesday evening the newly organized Firemen's bugle and drum corps made its first appearance on the streets of Denton in a short parade, followed by the members of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company which has sponsored the new organization.

The parade formed at the corner of 5th avenue and Randolph street and marched to the intersection of 6th street, thence to Market street to Front street to 3d street to the Carter block. At this point the parade broke up and "all hands" then met in the lodge room in the Carter block.

Mr. Alda P. Whitby acted as chairman of the meeting and after rehearsing the organization of the bugle and drum corps, called on the President of the fire company, Mr. Clarence H. Roe and Mr. Eugene Anderson, chief of the fire company who were instrumental in the organization of the drum corps. Several other short talks were given by various members of the two organizations and Mr. John T. Carter.

Mr. Eugene Anderson then asked that Mr. Clarence Roe read a communication, which in part, follows:

Mr. President and Members of the Denton Volunteer Fire Co.:

Having accepted a position in New York City effective February 15, I herewith tender my resignation as chief of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company, to become effective Wednesday, February 10th, 1926.

It is not without deep regret that I thus sever the conections which for the past three years have been so pleasant and am only doing so after very thoughtful consideration. I feel that it has been a high honor to have been chief of such a splendid body of men as that composing the Denton Volunteer Fire Company, whose energy and accomplishments, during a short period of three years, has brot them to their present state of efficiency, and second to none in the State of Maryland. I need not compliment the men on their conduct and appearance when on parade, as that is vouched for by the three trophies on display at a local store.

I wish to thank individually the men for their splendid support, without which the chief would have been a total failure; to have worked and associated with you since the formation of the company has been a very great priviledge. I know that you will give your new chief that same loyal support and by so doing the Denton Volunteer Fire Company will continue to maintain its place among the first fire companies of the state.

I cannot conclude without thanking the men of the bugle and drum corps for the splendid way they have gone ahead with their work. The intense interest they are now displaying should lead to their full membership as "active firemen," which will greatly add to the prestige and efficiency of the entire company.

EUGENE G. ANDERSON.

Mr. Anderson's resignation caused consternation in the ranks and many were the words of praise given by the men who have worked with him in making the Denton Volunteer Fire Company what it is.

Prof. Smith, through whose training the bugle and drum corps has been realized, spoke a few words regarding the aims of that organization. He also said that the men would sing several selections which they did very creditably. Then followed several jigs by several of the boys.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake, coffee, ice cream and cigars were then served.

The bugle and drum corps took this way of showing their sponsors what they had been doing in the past several months and returned the compliment of an evening's entertainment for the one tendered them by the Fire company some time ago.

Doctor—Well, and how did you find yourself this morning?

Patient—Oh, I just opened my eyes and there I was.

DEL-MAR-VA EDITORS MET AT WILMINGTON

The annual meeting of the Del-Mar-Va. Press Association met at the Hotel du Pont, Wilmington, on Saturday, January 30th.

The business meeting was called to order by the president of the association, Editor Edwin H. Browns, Jr., of the Centreville Record, at which time the various problems assailing newspaperdom were discussed at length. A spirit of loyal co-operation permeated the meeting, and there was a feeling among the assembled pen pushers that they were well repaid for the time spent in threshing out, sifting, and otherwise processing the intricate problems which the greatest proponent of public opinion is heir to.

A motion to support, loyally and fully the Eastern Shore Association in their project to put the peninsula on the map, industrially as well as geographically, was enthusiastically endorsed.

Among those assembled were many of the veteran newspaper men whose sterling qualities have been for years recognized and whose opinions upon important questions have been respected, alike by supporter and opponent, thus setting an example of fearless straightforwardness, that could but bring results, through the length and breadth of the circulation of their perspective.

After the business meeting, the editors were entertained at dinner by the management of the hotel, where a sumptuous repast was served. Bishop Cook of the Delaware diocese, was the principal speaker following the dinner.

The closing scenes were filled with the exchange of repartee and addresses by various speakers all of which bubbled with original humor and were heartily enjoyed by all present.

The association was invited to hold their mid-season meeting at Easton, Md., which invitation was duly accepted.

GOOD CROWD ENJOYED "BREEZY POINT" WED. EVE

"Breezy Point", a comedy in three acts was presented by the Toilers' Club, which is composed of the stenographers of Denton, in the Masonic Hall, Denton, on February 3d. Although the ight was stormy the play was enjoyed by a splendid audience.

A lot of credit is due to Miss Mildred Collison who took the part as Elinor Pearl. Miss Esther Dunham was excellent in filling the place of Asheral Grant the workhouse wait. The Harascrath twins took and carried out a very humorous part. Mrs. T. Dukes Roe filled the part of Aunt Debby. It seemed that no one could have carried out this part as Mrs. Roe did. She also deserves a lot of credit for she was unable to take part in most of the rehearsals due to illness. The girls from Madame Finikin's fashionable boarding school, the Misses Nellie Griffith, Pauline Roe and Mrs. Herbert McAllister and Mrs. Geo. A. Butler, were well portrayed. Much could be said of the remaining part of the cast. Every one worked hard to put the play across. Much credit is due to Miss Stephanie M. Ford for coaching the play and to Mr. M. K. Newnam for loaning furniture and to Mr. W. A. Breeding, for presenting the tickets and programs.

The club will give a donation to the school with part of the money earned.

FEDERALSBURG WILL ENTERTAIN CO. FED. OF CLUBS

The Caroline County Federation of Women's Clubs will meet at Federalsburg on Wednesday, February 10. The morning session will open at 10:30, and the regular business will be transacted. The principal feature of this session will be an address by Mrs. J. F. Sippel. At 12:30 the members will adjourn for a luncheon.

The afternoon session, which opens at 2:00 o'clock, will present Miss Miriam Everts. Miss Everts is a well-known dramatic reader with a wide experience. Her press notices everywhere are loud in their praise of her powers. The Paris edition of the New York Tribune says: "Miss Miriam Everts, dramatic reader from the States, gave a recital of one-act plays at the American Club yesterday afternoon. Her program consisted of modern one-act plays of a humorous nature and each one was presented with the characters most vividly drawn."

Which Is the Better?

The men's program last Sunday evening was quite a success, so the women say, but the women's program next Sunday evening is to be better. Come and see if you don't think so. The special program includes music by a woman's chorus, and the climax is a pageant "At Ease in Zion," with tableaux effect. Sunday evening, February 7, at the Church of the Brethren. Sunday morning, Rev. Arnold expects to speak on "Church Ordinances."

Teacher—What happens to little girls that tell fibs?

Ruby—They ride on half fares.

MASONS ENJOY ANNUAL BANQUET

Hon. T. A. Goldsborough, The Toastmaster of 8th Annual Affair Thursday

FINE PROGRAM PRESENTED

The eighth annual banquet of Temple Lodge No. 128, A. F. & A. M., was held last Thursday evening. Although the night was the coldest of the winter, the usual good crowd assembled in the lodge room at 8 o'clock and proceeded to the tables which were laid in the Town Hall.

This year the Community Club had charge of the banquet. The tables were attractively laid, with beautiful lamps and flowers for decoration. The menu followed the usual line, consisting of grape fruit, olives, pickles, celery hearts, cold roast turkey, cranberry sauce, chicken salad, Maryland biscuits, finger rolls, Harlequin blocks, cake, salted nuts, mints, and coffee. Members of the club served deftly and quietly.

Throughout the serving music was furnished by the orchestra. When every one had finished, the toastmaster, Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough gave a short speech, and then introduced Mrs. Paul C. Phillips, of Greensboro, who, with Mrs. Maxwell Chambers, and Mr. Edwin Wright, of Preston, gave the several solos which delighted the audience.

The Rev. Francis W. Kirwan, rector of Christ church, gave the principal address of the evening. He began by answering the humorous remarks of the toastmaster and neatly turning the joke on him. Then he launched into a masterly address on Ibsen's theory of self-expression, whether best obtained through self-indulgence or self-edification. Masonry, he said, teaches the latter as the only true way.

The entertainer of the evening was Mr. John J. Sweeney ,of Baltimore, who threw his audience into gales of laughter by his clever mimicry of the Jews and Irish told in his stories.

This annual banquet of Temple Lodge is one of the big social events of the year in Denton, and it seems as though each year it is more enjoyed. Those who were responsible for the banquet were Messrs. E. W. Breeding, chairman; B. F. Johnson, J. F. Wright, S. G. Nuttle, R. M. Rairigh, G. H. Wilson, M. K. Newnam, Ferdinand Baynard, L. S. Kauffman, Walter Howard, H. Earle Smith. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Newaam acted as the reception committee.

FEDERALSBURG STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Federalsburg Fire Company held Monday evening of last week, plans for the launching of an intensive 6 weeks' campaign to raise $6,000 or more for the new fire-fighting equipment were discussed. A decision was reached by the members present to inaugurate a thorough canvass of Federalsburg and community, the drive to begin Monday, February 1, and the Fire Department is confident that the citizens of "The Best Town in the Best State" will go far beyond the objective, and contribute more than the $6000, thus giving to the town an up-to-date fire engine and adequate fire protection. The Fire Company has voted to incorporate and this step will be taken just as soon as the necessary papers can be prepared, so that the organization will own the fire-fighting equipment.—Courier.

Good Crowd At Com. Club Supper

At the supper given by the Denton Community Club on Tuesday night more than two hundred persons were served. The club desires to thank the public for their patronage.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Dave Gooslum was figgerin' the other day whether it would be cheaper to put a new roof on his house than it would be to parafine the bed clothes.

Pete Doolittle says that publicity is somethin' a feller don't want much of when he just made a barrel of cider for vinegar.

Hank Alderbush says that if some people was as stingy with their opinions as they are with their money, they might have as good a balance in their head as they do in the bank.

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