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"Hold the Line" is Tax Plan of McKeldin

DO YOU KNOW

OFF THE CUFF

That Governor Lane held his fare well reception at the Executive Man sion, Annapolis, New Year's Day.

That Elmer Neighbors claims in the beginnig a woman tempted a man to eat—and today drive him to drink.

That Frank Patchett claims some people have two views of a secret—either its not worth keeping or its too good to keep.

That the muskratters who have given their trapping marshes the once over claims the prospects for a good catch is not so inviting.

That Glenn Messick compares courtesy to the air in a tire. There may be nothing much to it, but lack of it can cause plenty of trouble.

That John Kinnamon uses the same good resolution year after year: "Mind my own business and grant other folks have the same privilege.

That the first baby born in Annapolis in 1951 will receive a prize of $25 from a local merchant if it bear the name of Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin.

That Eddie Gillespie hands out this New Year's advice: "All of us would be beker off if we tried to correct our faults rather than trying to cover them up."

That our good ministers throughout this county claim that church attendance was wonderful last year. Perhaps the prospect of another war made them think deep.

Tha "Binky" Walbert claims if the weather holds as good for a few cre days as the first three days of the New Year, he hopes to supply the home market with rock, white and yellow perch.

That a Senator from Anne Arundel county, claims that horse racing, base ball and politics are three things never safe to bet on. Senator speaking from experience, we think you have something

That we sincerely believe that the sporting folks of Queenstown really enjoyed the holidays before and afterward and kept an open house to all with a little punch, soft drink and feed including plenty of entertainment.

That after enjoying the holidays, the three Morris sisters, Nathan, Owens and Randolph went back to oystering Tuesday and caught 39 bushels at only $3 per bushel. Not so bad for three would-like-to-be oystermen.

That Leon Andrus don't read the Wall Street Journal, but he has seen a Quotation from it that he thinks is worth passing on: "The world has become so small, that almost any nation is within reach of Uncle Sam's pocketbook."

That Governor Lane has only one resolution for the year 1951. Said the Governor: "It has been suggested that I mind my own business and in 1951 I'll resolve to take that advice. Others could use the same resolution.

That W. Stedman Cross and James F. Boylles who has kept tap on the weather for the past sixty years, claim that the first three days of January rules the weather for the year. If their guess is true we ought to have some summer days in March.

That the businessmen, merchants and churches of Federalsburg donated 58 baskets of groceries to those in need. This shows the Christmas spirit, but we doubt if Queen Anne's needed help as all of them are prosperous. Our watermen, carpenters, painters, bricklayers are working every day it is fit for a human being to be out.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Novall of Waldorf, were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Boyles.

Mr. "Nookie" Morris who slipped and fell on the ice Friday a week while doing his work, and broke his ankle is able to be around with the assistance of cvrutches. His ankle was X-rayed and put into a cast. It will be several weeks before he will be able to work.

Mr. Charles "Tootle" Metzdorf who has been under the care of his doctor for the past two weeks at his home with an attack of heart trouble and other ailments was able to resume his duties with the Friel Lumber Company on Monday, but he is still weak.

Mrs. Bessie Warner who has been an inmate of the Old Ladies Home near Millington, felt able to spend the weekend and the New Year with friends at her home in town. She arrived Saturday afternoon and had to return Sunday. The home change in temperature was too much.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Slaughter of near Washington, D. C., spent the weekend and New Year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennigs Warner of near town have returned home after spending the holidays with the madam's parents near Louisville, Kentucky.

Democrats to Consider Butler Stand for Senator

The Democratic caucus of the Senate will be given the opportunity to decide if the party membership should take a stand on the seating of Senator-elect John M. Butler when he appears to be sworn in next Wednesday, it was learned today.

Senator Anderson who was chairman of the Democratic senatorial campaign committee in the recent election, said he will present to the party caucus a number of facts incident to the Maryland campaign which resulted in the defeat of Senator Tydings.

He said he would state the case without making any recommendations to the caucus when it meets next Tuesday.

But the Democratic senators could decide, he said to attempt to force a vote in the Senate on a motion to have Butler "stand aside" when his name is called.

The Maryland Republican's seating then could be held in abeyance until the Senate Elections Committee makes its reopft concerning complaints of the character of the Maryland campaign.

The "composite" photograph which showed Tydings and Earl Browder, Communists leader, apparently in close conversation, and other allegedly "scurrilous" literature used against Tydings will be presented to the Democratic senators, Anderson said.

But he added that this will not comprise his entire presentation, for he said he had other information incident to the Republican campaign in Maryland, which has not been made public, but when he believes the caucus should be apprised of. He declined to discuss this further, however .

The Elections Commitee is still investigating the Maryland campaign, which was initiated even before Tydings made a formal complaint to the committee.

FROM STAFF SARGEANT CHAS. H. "PINKY" BLUNT

Anchorage, Alaska

Christmas Eve, December 24, 1950

I wish to take this opportunity to wish my many friends, my co-workers relatives and neighbors a very, very Prosperous New Year and to thank them for the many Christmas cards and letters they have received since I have been in the service. And May God Bless everyone. Thank you again.

Chesapeake Oyster Best Condition in Many Years

Represenataives of the Maryland Department of Tidewater Fisheries, the Department of Research and Education, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently completed a joint inspection of the oyster dredging bars of Maryland. The bivalves on them were found to be remarkably fat and well flavored in all of the areas, a condition in contrast to that prevailing at the close of the last oyster season. While the quality is high, the supply on the dredging bars is low.

Few oysters were found on the bars of the lower bay. The best supplies were on those bars off Poplar Island and Kent Island where state plantings have been made. In the Choptank River a fair supply of the big setting of 1943 was found on the rocks. These have been supplemented by a light set of young oysters that will help to maintain production alhough still heavier setting or seeding by the State will be needed if this area is to equal the production records of recent years. Tangler Sound bars were found to be badly depleted with only small remnants of the extensive set of 1945 remaining. Bright spots here, again, were those area where plantings have been made. In general, 1950 has produced poorer than usual sets on the bars examined. Future prospects for the dredgers do not seem bright unless nature produces more abundant sets or unless a practical system of widespread replanting of the bars can be effectuated. The prospects for natural sets become dimmer as the broad reserve on the bars continues to grow smaller through harvesting operations.

Governor's Wise Judgment In Appointment

If we could drift back to the good old political days when Sonny Mahon, I. Freeman Rasin and Fred Talbott were political big b'hoys of the State, but today they would be considered "Pikers" with a man of action as Governor Lane in his appointment of Senator Joseph M. George—one of Queen Anne's political leaders—as Chairman of the State Roads Commission.

Senator George is thoroughly familiar with the duties from Crisfield to Cumberland and we feel that he will make a valuable man for the taxpayers and autoists.

Governor Lane in appointing Senator George appreciated the good work Mr. George did for him in Queen Anne's Primaries and General Election.

The Old Liners as well as the New Dealers doff their top pieces to the good Governor for his wise judgment in selecting Mr. George for this important position.

We hope to keep our readers posted on the doings of the Legislature if our representatives will keep us supplied with the Journals of the Legislature.

Predicts Larger Hog Production

The Agricultural Department predicted today that farmers will produce more hogs next year but not enough to increase civilian meat supplies materially.

Officials said latest surveys indicate that meat supplies in 1951 may average about 147 pounds for each civilian, or about 3 pounds more than this year. This estimate takes into account the prospect that military buying will increase sharply.

There have been forecasts in trade and Government circles that the demand for meat will be much larger than this prospective civilian supply. These forecasts have been based upon the likelihood of more jobs, higher wages, overtime payments and less of other things buy under the defense program.

There is speculation that the Government will impose price controls and rationing on meats by next summer to stem rising prices and to secure equitable distribution.

Food Stock Set Record Last Year

One thing Americans apparently don't have to worry about in the uncertain months ahead is a food shortage.

Here is how the situation sizes up as the new year begins:

Crops in 1950 were the third largest on record, bigger than the average for the past eight years—"The most productive period in American agriculture.

And farmers, with their new machinery, improved fertilizers and insecticides and greater skill in agriculture methods and animal breeding, seem well able to meet the Governmnt's call for the largest production in history for 1951.

Food manufacturers have modernized their plants and equipment since the last war, developed many new packaging methods to reduce spoilage and waste, stepped up their food research and found short cuts in distribution.

The nation's cold storage stocks of perishable foods like meat,cheese eggs, poultry, fishery products, fruit and vegetables are at a record high —5,200,000,000 pounds as of December 1, compared with 4,600,000,000 the year before. Surplus stocks of wheat, corn, dry beans and other commodities also are large, although increased military needs have been trimming them down somewhat.

Those are some of the reasons why Paul Willis, president of the authoritative trade association, Grocery Manufacturer of America, can say in a year-end review: "The food and grocery industry is in good shape. We have enough supplies for military and civilian needs, and the farmers and manufacturers are equipped to step up production schedules if necessary.

Nobody, of course can foresee to what extent this whole promising picture might be changed by a spreading war which could drain away our farm manpower, disrupt food distribution channels, sharply increase the food needs of our allies.

March of Dimes Chairmen Appointed

Outstanding community leaders will serve as chairmen of the March of Dimes in Maryland's 23 counties, it was announced today by former U. S. Senator George L. Radcliffe, state chairman of the annual campaign to aid polio victims.

Approximately 700 men, women and children were struck down by polio in 1950 in Maryland alone, Mr. Radcliffe pointed out. This is more than twice the number of polio victims of 1949, when there were 297 Maryland cases of polio, according to U. S. Government figures, Mr. Radcliffe said. "Now more than ever," he declared, "we must all make a success of the March of Dimes many of our county chapters are in the red. National epidemic funds have been wiped out. We don't have the money to meet another large outbreak, or in fact to maintain the patient care program of the National Foundation unless we top all contributions of every other year. It is well to remember too, that almost 80 per cent of March of Dimes funds go to patient care."

Banks to Up Loans Interest Rates in 1951

It is going to cost borrowers more to borrow money this year.

For rates, which have been stiffening over the past year, are going up again as the result of the increase in the amount of deposits Federal ReserveBoard's ordering an which banks must hold in reserve.

In this area, for example, member banks are hereafter required to put up as reserves twenty per cent of their time deposits (subject to checks) against eigtheep per cent previously, and six per cent of savings deposit (subject to withdrawal upon presentation of pass books.

Farm Prices 15.6% Above Pre-Korean War Level

Farm prices rose about four per cent between mid-November and mid-December, theAgriculture Department reported yesterday.

The advance put prices about 15.6 per cent above the level prevailing just before the Korean war. But they were still about seven per cent below the record level set in January, 1948.

Commodities which increased during the month included eggs, wheat corn, sardines, flaxseed, cottonseed, and wool.

Lower prices received for cotton, grapefruit, hogs and chickens.

Eight major commodities were at or above permissive minimum price ceiling levels authorzed by economic stabilization legislation. They included coton, rice, flue cured tobacco, wool, cottonseed, sardnes, beef cattle, lambs and veal calves All other important commodities were selling for less than minimum ceiling levels. No price ceilings have been set on any farm commodities.

The department said prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in family living and farm production went up nearly one per cent during the month to set a new record.

The index of prices received by farmers in mid-December was 286 earlier and 232 per cent a year ago. pared with 276 per cent a month earlier and 23b per cent a year ago. The record index was 306 set in January, 1948.

The index of prices paid by farmers was 265 per cent of the 1910-14 average compared with 263 per cent a month ago and 246 per cent a year ago.

Farm prices as a whole were 8 per cent above parity in mid-December compared with 5 per cent above a month ago and 5 per cent below a year ago. In October, 1946, farm prices climbed to a record of 22 per cent above parity.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices. It is declared by law to be equally fair to farmers and those who buy their products.

Old Wye Church To Inaugurate 11 o'clock Ser.

Ever since the beautiful restoration of Old Wye Church was completed in the summer of 1949, the Vestry of Wye Parish has been planning to arrange to hold services there at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, a consumation hereofore impossible because its devoted Acting Rector, Mr. Donaldson was not free at that hour. The Vestry now announces that the Reverend Harvie A. Zuckerman, for the last two years Assistant Minister of Calvary Church in New York, has accepted a call from the Parish, effective with the beginning of 1951.

On account of the inability of Mr. Zuckerman to leave his present duties in time for the 11 o'clock service on January 7th, this service will be conducted by the Lay Leader, Mr. Kellogg; but, beginning on Sunday, January 14th, and regularly thereafter, Sunday services at Old Wye will be held by Mr. Zuckerman at 11 o'clock. His first service, on January 14th, will consist of Holy Communion and sermon.

Mr. Zuckerman is one of those who experienced the call to the ministry after several years in business. He studied at the Virginia Theological Semicary and followed this with two years at New College Edinburgh, Scotland, where Bishop Miller was studying at the same time. While born and reared in New York City, Mr. Zuckerman also knows the open country country well, having been for eleven years Rector of All Saints parish at Littleton, New Hampshire, in the White Mountains.

Wye Parish is now erecting a Rectory adjacent to Old Wye Church, but as this will not be completed until Spring, Mr. Zuckelman's address in the meanwhile will be Queen Anne, his Telephone Number Easton 966-W.

"Hold the Line" Tax Plan of McKeldin

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"There [illegible] creases fro[illegible] budget up to this point," he t[illegible] press conference.

He added that, with the exception of a few items controlled by law, general fund budget request for fiscal 1952 (which starts July 1, 1951) will be held as nearly as possible to current levels.

Agencies supported out of gene[illegible] funds have requested nearly $92,500,000 for the coming fiscal year, as compared with current appropriations of $80,000,000.

The Governor-elect's tax announcement took cognizance of the fact that there is a $15,000,000 gap between revenues estimated for fiscal year starting next July and the departmental budget requests which these revenues must support.

Emphasizing that taxes need not go up, Mr. McKeldin said, "We can hold the line on practically everything with the present tax setup. We can draw in here and there without calling for any additional taxes."

He added that "holding the line" would mean that many of the increases requested by State agencies would be denied and he also indicated that some shifting between general and dedicate funds might be necessary.

Mr. McKeldin, however, declined to say how much of the increases sought would be denied. He pointed out that the public school budget is worked out according to a formula established by law and he added that the same law also provides for some automatic salary increases.

During the conference, the Governor-elect also declared:

1. The State Roads Commission's long-range plan for new highways "gives me more concern than anything."

2. That he is planning to spend about $40,000 already appropriated by the General Asembly for a top-level administrative survey of the State government.

3. That proposed capital improvement supported out of bond issues would be held to a minimum and that he is wary of expanding construction plans for State institutions.

4. That Nathan L. Smith, former chief engineer for Baltimore City during Mr. McKeldin administration and the present director of public works for Baltimore County, is his choice to succeed John B. Funk as State engineer.

The Governor-elect also sharply rapped the denied-access highway building program on the grounds that the super roads are too expensive.

"We just haven't the money in Maryland for such elaborate roads," he said.

"With the non-access highways, the people in the counties will be able to smell the exhaust, but won't be able to get on the roads."

He specifically excepted theWashington expressway now being built as a joint enterprise between the State and the Federal Government.

"I can see a denied-access road between Baltimore and Washington" he declared, "but for the others, I'm going to take a lot of convincing."

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