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### Big Tics

By AL QUIMBY

Starting out with the party in power, everything hinges on what the President will do. If he wants the nomination, it is hard to see how he can be kept from getting it, despite the growing disaffection of many prominent Democrats in public office. Working on the assumption, which many do, that the President does not plan to run again, and is keeping silent only because he wants to keep his party under control, the outlook for the Democrats producing a solidly backed candidate is not bright. The McNutt candidacy seems to have blown up. Garner could carry the Solid South and would get considerable conservative support, but he is not warmly regarded by the strong New Dealers. There was considerable talk about the possibility of running Robert Jackson some time back, but he does not seem to have attracted any considerable public following. Frank Murphy, who used to be talked about also, is on the Supreme Court and out of active politics. Secretary Hull would probably have the best chance of cementing together the warring wings of the party, but, due to his job, he has nothing to do with domestic questions for eight years, and his stand on many big issues of the day is not known. At the moment, however, Hull and Garner seem to have the inside track.

On the Republican side, Tom Dewey has started his campaign in earnest. It has long been said of him that no one knew much about his views save in the matter of criminal law enforcement, and he is offsetting this by making a series of major speeches covering our principal problems. Strongly in his favor is his voice and radio personality. Against him is the fact that men high in Republican councils would prefer some one older, and with a longer and more varied record in public office. So far, the political experts say he has been no whirlwind in whipping up general enthusiasm for the cause of the GOP but he has done better than anyone else.

Vandenberg is out for the nomination—and he has the advantage of a long and capable record in the Senate, plus an established machine. But he, like Senator Taft, lacks color, which in this day of the radio has become one of the most important political assets. At the moment, these three men are in the lead, with the other prospects far behind in the race. But, as in the case of the Democrats, anything can happen. There is an off chance that a deadlock might result in the Republican convention and lead to the nomination of some extremely dark horse.

The recent polls indicate that the Democrats still have the edge in popular fancy. They also indicate that the President is still the most popular candidate. But they do not give him any overwhelming majority—if he did win, the polls say, it would be by a comparatively tight squeeze. Rarely has it been so difficult to forecast whether the next administration will be Republican or Democratic.

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Queenstown, April 3, 1940.

Mr. Mike Aker:

If we were ever Mayor's of Queenstown we would do as follows:

First—Build a new pier which would make our town more prosperous and we would have a beautiful yacht basin.

Second—Have the Episcopal or Methodist church (which ever feels most able) to build a Parish House which would be very useful for recreations such as parties, dances, suppers, meetings, etc.

Third—Organize a group of girl Scouts which would be very useful in the development of our girls.

Signed  
If We Were Ever Mayors.

### HERE AND NOW

The worst electrical disturbance in modern times is the description of the sunspot blast which blotted out all-man made types of communication between the United States and Europe for five hours Sunday and affected communication between the larger cities of this country. Were it not for the importance of radio devices in particular and to a lesser degree, wired communications, the storm might have passed unnoticed. For electric storms of this type are unseen and unfelt by an individual. Man understands rain, snow, hail, wind, lightning and thunder. They are phenomena which were familiar through their appearance or effect to the earliest human being. As far as we know they are disturbances originating and ending on this earth.

The magnetic blast which struck over the week-end and reached its peak Sunday originated in the sun and apparently emanated from what astronomers term a sunspot, an area on the solar surface undergoing tremendous activity. A stream of electrical particles of incomprehensible magnitude shot out into space. The earth moving around the sun entered the stream late last week and by Sunday noon struck the main force. The Atlantic area facing the sun felt the effects to the greatest degree. The dark side of the world was less affected. Were it not that man knows the sun to be an incandescent body where no life exists the storm might awaken the idea of directed signals.

England starts its wartime Daylight Saving today, earlier than Spring by the calendar, in an effort to conserve fuel and use the sun's light to the fullest degree. Benjamin Franklin was perhaps the earliest modern advocate of Daylight Saving. Farmers who practice Daylight Saving naturally in their vocation can not adjust their schedules to a temporary six-months' legal Daylight Saving and are opposed to the latter. Edison made use of the after-dark hours popular through his invention of the electric light, as we call it, and thereby is the one most responsible for the situation which leads to legal Daylight Saving.

Gallant little Finland seems doomed to be crushed by the aroused Russian Bear. When the worst winter of a century moved in to help them and Soviet inefficiency scuttled early advances by the Red juggernaut, Finland loomed up as a Jack the Giant Killer, shattering once for all the myth of Russian might and halting the Communist menace before it overran all of Scandinavia. Those early disasters have fired the Soviets to hurl every ounce of their strength recklessly and persistently upon their courageous little foe. What part Germany is playing in the Red success may be learned only after the war. The Mannerheim line was constructed upon a German model. It may be that Germany knows the key for unlocking such a line and has passed the clue to the Red general staff. Remove the hinge at Vipuri and the gate will fall open. If the key works on the Mannerheim line Germany may, if necessary, try the same tactics on the Maginot line. The sudden drying up of Swedish aid to her neighbor also indicates the iron hand of German diplomacy as does the stilling of Italy's call for help to Finland. Out of it all looms the crushing of Finland, the freeing of Soviet forces to be of possible aid to Germany elsewhere and ominous storm warnings that the present conflict may yet spread all over Europe and perhaps the world.

The Queenstown Lions Club were host Wednesday evening to Senator Thomas Johnson of Ocean City, and candidate for Congress. Senator Johnson delivered one of his best speeches to his fellow Lion members.

### Danger Zone

The present exchange of accusations by Germany and denials by Washington regarding conversations between American Ambassador Bullitt and representatives of the government of Poland prior to the war which obliterated that nation indicate the danger always hovering that America may be drawn into the European maelstrom.

Germany inaugurated the dispute in the publication of its so-called White Book. Issuance of such inflammable material at this time suggests that the Nazis have a chip on their shoulder for all the world and are willing to tackle all comers. It is well to remember that under the stress of such a desperate struggle as that in which Hitler is engaged ordinary rules of conduct are altered. A nation worried by its own troubles may lash out in all directions.

Nevertheless the suddenness with which the situation has arisen warns America that it must walk ever so carefully lest it be dragged into a conflict of which no Americans want in any part.

Congress has taken a definite position for neutrality and peace. It will take much to shift that position. Yet when points touching the honor and good faith of a people become grave, a previously asserted stand may change overnight. That is the contingency which may be avoided as far as can be done.

One of the undoubtedly sore points with Germany today is the increased readiness on the part of the United States to part with its most cherished air secrets to the British-French Allies. Theoretical America will sell its products to any nation. Because of the domination of the high seas by England and France those nations alone may profit by the American supply of materials available for war. The huge shipments of American planes to the Allies is no pleasing prospect for Germany especially since the Curtis fighters demonstrated their superiority over the best of the German air fleets. The potentially vast reservoirs of such planes available to all comers but by force of circumstances to the Allies alone can affect materially Hitler's plan for whipping the Allies.

America must be mindful of these things in its discussions with Germany. It can afford to lean backwards to some degree in the interests of peace.

How well American courts maintain their position in the system of checks and balances intended by the United States Constitution and those of practically every State was well exemplified in the recent decision by Supreme Court Justice McGeehan of New York in voiding for all practical purposes the appointment of Bertrand

Russell to the faculty of the City of New York.

Mr. Russell a free-thinker of the most advanced or perhaps radical types in the field of morals aspired to the chair of philosophy. A man's philosophy is his life and his life shows his philosophy. This is true even with the establishment of a course of study designed to bound the subject matter of an instructor. That Bertrand Russell could lecture on philosophy and not color it with his frequently expressed views in unthinkable

Justice McGeehan asserted this in broad fashion when he stated that the personality of a teacher has more to do with forming a student's opinion than many syllogisms, the last being mere structures of logic.

Justice McGeehan's views may serve as a wedge for loosening the hold of many other rabid thinkers and expounders of Isms in American universities. Investigations in Washington have frequently uncovered nests of an American thought on the best campuses. Freedom of thought should not be hamstrung yet there are times and places in which the spread of ideas

subversive to the traditions of America should be discouraged. The courts have not been asked to consider remedies in these cases often. But Justice McGeehan has shown how well they can apply a remedy.

### Soft Ball Team Getting Under Way

by Ed Nichols

The Soft Ball team representing the Grasonville Athletic Club will hold its initial practice session this Sunday afternoon at Summers Field, starting at 1 o'clock.

By popular vote of club, Howard Ireland was elected Manager and intends to cover his usual position at second base as he has done during the past in most capable style.

The club experienced a most successful year last season, winning twenty one games out of the twenty three played. Ridgely and Cambridge were the only clubs to turn back the local aggregation, however, both were defeated in a return game.

Uniforms of Scarlett and Gray colors have been purchased for fifteen players along with all equipment necessary.

Howard Smith and Grant Chance are the candidates for catchers while Tommy Ewing, a left hander, Beau Jewell, Al Holden and Gordon Tolson compose the mound staff.

The ever reliable, Raymond Risley seems to have the first base position well in hand with no competition in sight. Clifton Pierson Walton Thompson and Howard Ireland are to divide duties around the keystone sack with the heavy hitting Walter Clough stationed at the hot corner.

Donald Thompson, Jimmy Ewing and Winifred Clevenger, hold overs from last year form the outer garden with several other youngsters fighting for the same position.

Games have been booked with the leading Soft Ball teams of the Shore and with weather permitting, the first game will no doubt take place Sunday, May 6.

MASS at St Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, at 10 o'clock. Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville, at 8 o'clock.

### PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Robert Nash of Baltimore, has returned home after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Anthony.

Mr. Milton Faulkner who broke his finger battling with a large muskrat several weeks ago, hopes to be able to resume work next week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Doehring, Mr. and Mrs. "Mack" Rose and Pauline Doehring of Baltimore, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jester.

Mr. August Schelberg who has been in bad health for several months is gradually gaining his strength much to the gratification of his many friends.

That if what Senator Tom Johnson candidate for Congress said is true, the other candidates had as well fold up their tents. He only claim to have five counties in the bag.

Mr. Harry Roberts while cracking up some oyster shells for his chicken Tuesday afternoon, a piece of shell got in his eye and he has been suffering much pain, but hopes to see the high spots by Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O. Meredith near Wye Mills entertained at a turkey dinner Easter Sunday. All the twenty five guests report a delightful time. For the pleasure of the youngsters an egg hunt was pulled off in the afternoon.

C. S. Thomas of Centreville, has purchased a lot from S. E. W. Friel on the corner of Old Wharf Lane and Maryland avenue, opposite Queenstown Elementary School. Mr. Thomas has a force of men erecting a bungalow for Mrs. Fannie Thomas.

Mrs. Edward Seward resumes her new duty as local representative for the C. & P. Telephone Company tomorrow. Business will be carried on as usual at Mrs. Seward's home on 2nd Ave. Miss Morris who formerly held this position resigned for another position in the near future. We wish both of them the best of luck.

Our columnists are running in tough luck. A sensitive person met John Embert in a beer parlor the other evening and told him if he ever wrote any more dirt about him he would sue the Queen Anne's News, and John said, "if you do sue and get anything, give me half." A lady paid her respect to Steiney for writing a little dirt about her steamline husband. Steiney proved an alibi.

### Baseball

(By Ed Nichols)

With increased sales in the Queenstown Grasonville Area, of the \$1 Booster tickets, the County baseball situation seems to take a new life.

The Ladies club of Centreville along with the Boy Scouts of County Seat district and Queenstown have pledged support to the drive which will hold forth during the next two weeks.

After many weeks of discouragement and disappointment, Business Manager, Asbury Bartlett must possess that intangible something which apparently makes him immune to taking unfavorable circumstances seriously. Carrying the burden of the load along with Prexy, Jack Perry and the directors, the Sport fans of the county should do portion of the work by either buying or trying to sell at least five tickets before opening day game.

As mentioned before, the Red Sox are expecting to send about thirty boys in town by the 20th of this month for a Spring Training period of at least two weeks.

Yes Sir, buy your "opening day" ducent to day!"

### Sea Scouts

#### Attend Meeting

The district Sea Scout meeting at Denton last Tuesday evening was attended very creditably by the Queenstown Scout Patrol under the leadership of Scoutmaster, Ed. Nichols and First Mate, Irving Drummer.

Patrols representing troops of Salisbury, Dover, Federalsburg and Denton were also represented.

Scouts of the Queenstown troop namely, George Aldridge, Jr., E. Earl Coursey, Jr., Eugene Roberts Raymond Coursey, Jr., and Irving Tuttle were presented with the coxswain badge which represents the first phase of Sea Scouting. James J. Shorts, Scout Director of the Del-Mar Va peninsula also complimented the local troop on the very progressive work which was accomplished during the past winter months.

A very intensive Scout Program is on schedule for the summer months at the Blackbeard Camp. Preparations are already in progress for repairs of the Cabin, bath houses, benches, and a general improvement of the grounds.

The regular meeting will take place this Monday evening at the Elementary School instead of Tuesday due to the Card Party.

### Girl Scout Camp

Announcement has been made by Eastern Shore Girl Scout executives that the annual Girl Scout camp will be held this year at Bookers wharf on Chester river 15 miles from Queenstown. The camp will be held from June 15 to June 29, and will have accommodations for 104 girls who will be chosen from the various Scout troops on the Shore.

The camp site is adapted to aquatic sports and inland activities. Last week Charles B. Andrews and Frederick Wellington, Scout executives of the Wilmington area, held a meeting with commissioners and Scout leaders from the Upper Peninsula area for the purpose of discussing the approaching spring and summer scouting activities, which will shortly get under way.

### W. K. WILSON

William K. Wilson, father of Roy H. Wilson, Business Manager of the Queen Anne's Record-Observer, Centreville, died last Saturday night after a brief illness. Mr. Wilson had been a resident of Wilmington for the past seventeen years where he had been employed by the Du Pont organization.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Wilson, two sons, Roy H. Wilson and Andrew G. Wilson and a daughter Mrs. Margaret Wilson of Springfield, Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held in Wilmington on Tuesday afternoon the Reverend Melvin E. Wheatley officiating.

### MRS. WALTER ANDREWS

Mrs. Walter Andrews, aged 49 years, died at her home in Perry's Corner, Thursday April 4 at 3.30 a. m., after a very painful, and suffering illness. She was a devoted wife and faithful mother, and was well liked by all who knew her. She was a patient in Easton hospital, for a short time, and when she returned home she was confined to her bed 5 months previous to her death. Besides her husband Walter Andrews, she leaves three children by her former marriage, also one sister and three brothers. The funeral services were held in Perry's Corner church and burial was in adjoining cemetery.

Watches Once Small Clocks  
Watches originally were small clocks and were worn hung from the girdle because they were too large for the pocket.