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## Oyster Season Began Tuesday, September 1

### County-Wide Organization Meeting in Centreville, Saturday Evening, September 5

The Democratic Organization faction in Queen Anne's County will hold a rousing county-wide meeting at the Little Theatre in Centreville Saturday evening, September 5th, at 8:15 o'clock. The Centreville Band and the Chestertown Fire Company Band will furnish music, and will give a concert on the Court House Square. Refreshments will be served by ladies representing the seven districts of the county.

Hon. John S. White, of Colmar Manor, Prince George's County, Majority Floor Leader in the House of Delegates; and Senator Dudley G. Roe, candidate for Congress will be the principal speakers. Other speakers will include candidates on the local ticket.

Mr. White, who is an outstanding attorney in Prince George's has made an excellent record for himself in the Halls of the Legislature. He has seen the work of Senator Roe as a law-maker, and will present a true picture of Senator Roe's work, and the accomplishment of the present State administration, under the leadership of Governor O'Connor.

**Organization Candidates Pleased**  
Organization followers, after a canvas of the county, disclose, that the sharp upward swing of sentiment toward the organization ticket noticeable several weeks ago, has continued to grow, and the candidates go into the last lap of the Primary Campaign confident of success next Tuesday.

Senator Dudley G. Roe's candidacy for Congress, like that of his colleagues on the local ticket, is gaining momentum rapidly. Predictions are that he will carry the five counties that were in the Roe Column in 1940, and will also carry at least Worcester and Talbot, and probably Cecil. Indications are that he will come out of Dorchester and Talbot counties and probably Somerset with overwhelming majorities.

In 1940, Senator Roe carried Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorchester, Kent and Somerset. Senator Thomas W. Johnson, carried his own county of Worcester and also Cecil; Henry H. Balch carried his county of Talbot, and Mr. Ward, the incumbent, carried only his own county of Wicomico. His county, however, happened to be the big county in the Congressional District, with a population of several times any one of the other counties.

#### Candidates Pledge Themselves To Support Law Prohibiting Sale of Beer in Queen Anne's County on Sunday

Dr. James W. Crowl, candidate for Senate; George H. Benton and Winfield Roe candidates for House of Delegates, on the Organization ticket, go on record as endorsing the action of the Legislature of 1941, prohibiting the sale of Beer in Queen Anne's County and pledge themselves to continue their efforts to keep this law on the statute books of Maryland, and thus keep the county in a healthy, wholesome condition.

The bill to prohibit the sale of Beer on Sunday in Queen Anne's County was introduced in the House in the session of 1941 by the Queen Anne's County Organization Delegation—Mr. Benton and Mr. M. M. Price, and passed both the House and the Senate. Mr. Benton, co-author of the bill is a candidate to succeed himself in the House, and with him in the support of this legislation are Winfield Roe, candidate for House of Delegates, and Dr. J. W. Crowl, candidate for Senate.

Among the advantages of the law prohibiting the sale of Beer on Sunday, Dr. Crowl, Mr. Benton and Mr. Roe point out, are the absence of Crime over the weekend, and also the absence of traffic accidents. "Previously," they said "the bulk of accidents and violations of law in the county occurred over the weekends." For the past month since the passage of the bill to prohibit the Sale of Beer on Sunday,

there has been a decided absence of crime, and the traffic accidents have been reduced to a minimum. Queen Anne's County now has the record of being one of the nearest crime free sections of the State, and its traffic accident record is also one of the best in the State.

#### Pledge Support to State Administration

The Organization Faction again reiterates the importance of casting a vote for Governor Herbert R. O'Connor in the Primary next Tuesday. Governor O'Connor has captained the Ship of State through the past four years with an efficiency that has probably never been equalled. His State is hailed throughout the Nation as probably the best governed in the Union. The high regard in which Governor O'Connor is held in the country is best evidenced by his recent election as Chairman of the Council of Governors of the country. His entire administration has been marked with accomplishments that any Maryland may point to with pride. Put your stamp of approval on this splendid administration by casting a ballot for Governor O'Connor next Tuesday.

From the very beginning of the Organization Ticket to the last every candidate is of the highest calibre, who will work throughout their term of office for the betterment of the County and State, and all constituents may be assured of honest government, with no thought of personal gain, when they cast a ballot for the ticket presented by the Organization Democratic Faction.

**Organization Platform Includes:**  
Patronizing Home People on our Public Works.

Public Bids on County work.  
More hard-surfaced and gravel roads.

Better schools.  
Lowest possible taxes on real and personal property.

To give the voters and taxpayers of the county a voice in all county affairs.

#### All Day Chase

##### Lands Candidate

It almost ruined her vacation, yet Mrs. Eva Atkinson Jones of the Seventh District came through. Originally her dad, Charles H. Adkinson was slated to run for the State Central Committee. Came the last minute ruling that the Committee must include three women.

Mr. Adkinson decided to step aside, if his daughter would pinchhit. But Mr. Jones was en route to Wilmington and points north, vacation bound. Nothing to do but flag her down. Mr. Adkinson enlisted the aid of James Groff, prominent Seventh District citizen, and together they caught up with Mrs. Jones, brought her back to Centreville to file for State Central Committee, then turned her loose for a second start at vacationing. That's winning stuff.

#### Sheriffs Attend

##### New Deal Rally

Sheriffs and future sheriffs dotted the crowd at the New Deal Organization Rally in the Armory Saturday night. On the platform were Sheriff Edward E. Coursey, candidate for Register of Wills; former Sheriff T. Herbert Everett, candidate for delegate to the State Convention; and W. Frank Delahay, son of former Sheriff Delahay, himself candidate for Sheriff this year.

Among the audience were former Sheriff George W. Legg and former Sheriff J. Elmer Anthony, and future Sheriffs John S. Green and Samuel C. Walls, and maybe a dark horse or two.

That a tournament and horse show will be held at Skipton, near Wye Mills, Sunday, September 6, starting at 10 o'clock. Sandwiches, ice cream and big boys' politics will be on the grounds.

### Blue Cross Plan Now Covers Child-Birth

The Blue Cross Hospitalization Plan has just announced that Queen Anne's County-wide enrollment will be re-opened for a period lasting until September 15th. Mr. Bourne Shore Representative for the Plan stated that this enrollment was necessary because of the Plan's recently announced provision covering hospital care for child-birth. Other new service now offered to Blue Cross Plan members include hospital care for dispensary cases, resulting from accidents, where the patient is not necessarily confined to a bed. Also old subscribers are entitled to additional benefits beyond their initial 21 day period each year.

Despite these important increased benefits the present membership cost to subscribers will remain the same. It was pointed out that these additional services offered members come as a result of the Plan's non-profit system of operation and the fact that more and more people become members as news of the service spreads. The greater the number of subscribers the more benefits can be offered the individual member.

Present subscribers to the Plan as husband and wife or as individuals must, if they are to become eligible for maternity benefits, turn in to the Centreville National Bank a new application on the "family basis". Subscribers that are already in the "family" coverage receive maximum benefits automatically.

During this enrollment period, which closes September 15th, any resident of Queen Anne's County may file application at the Centreville National Bank. Coverage for both new subscribers and present subscribers that change their type of coverage will become effective for the new members November 1.

#### Crab Feast Saturday

##### Night, September 5

Here's what you've been waiting for all summer—all the crabs you can eat. If you don't get a feast this summer, don't say we didn't tell you.

Election year on the Eastern Shore always means a crab feast, so the New Deal Democratic Organization is seeing to it that Queen Anne's County lives up to its traditional hospitality, by spreading a crab feast free to one and all. Outdoors too. Picnic style.

The place—Grasonville adjoining the Knights of Pythias Hall.

The time—Saturday evening this week (Sept. 5.) Steaming crabs and the fixin's will start rolling at 7:30 p. m.

Make a date now with the missus and the family. Bring them all along. Disregard the weather. If it starts to drip, the crab feast will move indoors to the adjoining hall.

Joe Evans will supervise the feast. Earl Coursey and Percy Thomas will be right and left bowlers. The New Deal Organization ticket—the winning ticket—from Joe George down will be present.

Ain't that something?

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON

**September 6**  
from 4 to 7 p. m.

#### A Reception

will be held at the **George Washington Hotel**  
Ocean City, Md.

**ALL DEMOCRATS** are invited to meet

**Mr. L. A. Andrus**  
CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

from the First Congressional District of Maryland

**A. PERCY WHITE**  
Chairman of reception committee

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

### NEW DEAL Democratic Organization

The people know and value the New Deal record for honesty and fair dealing. No tricky platforms that do not match with deeds. No browbeating of workers to make them toe the line in autocratic fashion. No reams of promises to delude trusting voters. No peddling of false and scurrilous and malicious rumors. Just platform promises honestly made and honestly kept. A ticket composed of native Queen Anne's citizens that always were and always will be a part of the County. A record of sincerity and openness and fair dealing in the approved American way.

Small wonder the forecast is spreading like wildfire. The New Deal will win. Joe George will win. Syd Gadd will win. Tom Pippin will win. And so on down the line. Looks like a landslide. Already the Old Dealers have given up on two of their main cogs, and they're crossing their fingers about seven others—as good as gone.

The Old Dealers are wobbling, they see the handwriting. Queen Anne's County is resolved to have this splendid New Deal ticket. The County wants an organization that will manage its affairs for the benefit of the County, not for a favored few.

Take the New Deal record of past performance. Four years ago—and the printed facts, nowhere disputed nor challenged, are in the Record-Observer for 1938 to prove it—the gave you taxpayers the lowest tax New Deal County Commissioners rate in Maryland and the lowest tax rate in the history of Queen Anne's County, before or since. The present tax rate is an increase of more than 25%.

You didn't get the high-low from the New Deal county board, as you have been getting it for the past four years. The high-low? Well, that's football term. When two players are out to get a man, one hits him high, the other hits him low. Both smack him at the same time and down he goes. Your assessment were boosted and your tax rates were booster. You got the high-law in your tax bill, and don't let any smokescreen about tax rates fool you.

You've seen what happened this year. Governor O'Connor tried to help you out by cutting a thick slice off the State tax rate. But you didn't get all that thick slice off. You did not get all the benefit the Governor intended. The County tax rate went up. It was figured that you'd be so pleased with the reduction the Governor gave you that you'd never notice the little bite taken out of those who boosted the County tax rate—and pretended they were lowering it. You were kept in the dark about it, as you were about almost everything else. Can you recall any doings of the County Commissioners reported in the press any time lately? All the public was told was that they handled "routine business".

But that is not the New Deal way. Like Governor O'Connor, they believe—and practice—the doctrine of low taxes. The promise of low taxes has always been in the New Deal platform, years back as today, unlike the campaign promises of the ordinary run of politicians, the leadership of the New Deal keeps its promise and gives you low taxes—no money to waste, no secrecy. Always efficient, economic administration where the dollar you pay in is paid out in the useful way you intend.

Do you recall the recognition Queen Anne's received in the press of the County and State four years ago? A County with the remarkable record of being debt-free, of having every dollar owed off-set by a dollar in hand, with every current bill down to the last penny paid; of operating on a cash basis with more than \$70,000.00 in bank to the county's credit;—the finest kind of record for any one, and an outstanding record for a county board.

That was the situation four years

ago. What is it now? Each year for the past four the County debt has swelled. Early this year it had reached \$180,000.00—remember, the county taxpayers will have to pay every dollar of that, plus the interest. Today the County debt has ballooned above \$200,000.00. When the County debt goes up, the burden of County government increases.

You haven't heard much about the way the County debt was being pushed up. No: you might not have liked it, so you were not told. You were not taken into confidence as the people should always be taken.

Seven years ago Joe George and his colleagues on the County board installed as fine a system of keeping track of Queen Anne's financial affairs as exists in any county in Maryland—so perfect that some other Counties asked for the pattern.

That system did more than keep the County's financial affairs in order. It gave the County Commissioners every chance to tell you what the debt was. But with all their alleged publicity you haven't read anything about the mounting debt. Why has the publishing of the County financial statement been delayed this year? Who knows what it is.

But that is not and never was the New Deal way. The New Deal erased the debt by efficient and economic administration, the same kind of administration it promises to give you again. A New Deal promise is good even after election. Its promises are endorsed by its past record of promise keeping.

The New Deal has never forgotten any roads. It promises you that it will improve all "forgotten" by-roads, and again that promise is endorsed by the finest kind of recommendation—past performance of past promises.

The New Deal gave every District and every precinct and every farmer and waterman the benefit of all-weather roads, access to main traveled roads, farm-to-market roads a lot of people talked about such roads, but no one ever did anything about them until the New Deal tackled the job and did it.

Remember ten years back, eight years back, how many of the County dirt roads were so blind and narrow where they met main highways that every such intersection was a danger spot? The New Deal widened every such approach, for the safety of the people. Travel around Queen Anne's County today and you'll see those broad, safe outlets in every district. That's the New Deal way: better roads; so much better the other fellow tries to take the credit.

Seems as if no one in Maryland ever thought of the wisdom of a county owning its own gravel beds until the New Deal not only thought of it, but secured such beds. The gravel pits bought by the New Deal have kept and will keep the dirt roads in shape for years to come.

Ridethroughthe County today and you'll find hundreds of farms whose value has been enhanced by the ditching program which started when drainage of the so-called big ditch was started in 1935. Then consult the printed records. You'll find it there. The New Deal County Commissioners petitioned that ditching program be brought to Queen Anne's. They knew that the farmers couldn't do the work alone. They knew that the farmers had not been able to do it for over a hundred years. So when the CCC was organized and was looking for places where it might do work of value, the New Deal Commissioners wrote in substance, "Come in here. We can use you. And we'll cooperate." That is the New Deal, a new deal and a square deal for every one.

When the New Deal County Commissioners bought the Ford Building and the garage, they said it would be of inestimable value to the county. And it has. The Farm Extension Service, Welfare Board,

### Oyster Season Opened Tuesday

Because the American people have made it so, oysters come into season Tuesday.

That's because there's an "r" in September.

They'll remain in season for eight months, until the last day of April. That's because there's no "r" in May.

It's a fallacy oystermen have pointed out until they're tired—this belief that oysters only are good during the months containing the letter "r".

But the people continue to believe it, and so the oysterman's season began Tuesday.

What kind of a season will it be? For the oystermen, probably a good one.

For the consumer, probably a somewhat more expensive one.

For the oysters, probably a somewhat safer one.

The oystermen expect a good year because the exodus from their ranks into the army and war work will result in less competition and higher pay.

Throughout the coastal oyster areas it is reported that the total number of oyster workers has been reduced by fifteen per cent. Yet total wages paid in the industry are expected to equal those of last year.

Last season—From "R" month to "R" month—most Maryland oystermen reported their best season in twenty years with prices as high as \$1 a bushel. This season they hope for even a better business.

The consumer will probably have a more expensive season because although a ceiling has been placed on quick-frozen oysters, prices to the trade for oysters in the shell and fresh-opened oysters are unrestricted.

If restaurants and bars don't absorb the increased costs, the consumer will.

Then too, the consumer will in all likelihood find himself eating younger, less mature oysters than usual. Oysters, to be at their best, are usually marketed when they are 4 years old.

And other County Departments were given offices which do credit to Queen Anne's County. The County has never yet gone wrong on what the New Deal did.

One thing every waterman knows is that it takes men who understand the watermen's problems and needs to meet the watermen's problems and needs. As a rule the watermen of Queen Anne's County have had to reckon with leadership from other counties, but when Joe Evans and Percy Thomas were in the Legislature, their rights and the rights of all the watermen in the Chesapeake Bay area were defended by the Queen Anne's County delegation. Our men stopped a lot of fancy legislation that would have taken the oyster business out of our hands and turned it over to corporations.

The New Deal has always had leaders who understand the watermen's side of life. Take this year's ticket: Joe Evans and Percy Thomas, who have proved that they will battle for the watermen, in the Legislature. Claude Lowery, Jr. knows what it was to farm in farming season and tong between seasons. So does T. Roland Garville. And who has been more a friend and ally for every waterman than Edward Earle Coursey?

The New Deal intends to look after the watermen. They know that the watermen's industry is second only to farming in Queen Anne's County. They know that the watermen pays for every thing he gets. He pays a tax on every bushel of oysters he gathers. He has to buy a license. He needs friends to look after his interests so that he will be able to pay all his taxes and still have something for his livelihood. Joe Evans, Percy Thomas, Claude Lowery and every man on the New Deal ticket will be in there plugging for him. The waterman are safe with the New Deal organization. You can depend upon the platform promise of the New Deal organization: A Square Deal For Our Watermen.