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Sasscer's Hat Will Be In Ring As Candidate For Governorship

President Of State Senate Is Expected To Make Announcement At An Early Date. Conley Coad And O'Conor Remain Silent On There Plans

Lansdale C. Sasscer, President of the State Senate since 1935, will oppose Mayar Howard W. Jackson for the nomination for Governor in the Democratic primaries next year, and there is a "strong possibility" that two other men may also enter the primaries.

Those who said today they are likely to enter the primary are:

Dr. Charles H. Conley, of Frederick, who in the Democratic primaries of 1934 polled 96,000 votes to the 174,000 polled by the late Albert Cabell Ritchie.

State Senator J. Allan Coad, of St. Mary's county, who has been the Democratic floor leader in the Senate for several sessions.

Herbert R. O'Conor, Attorney General of the State, has not made clear what his course will be or what influence on his ambition to be Governor may be exercised by the Mayor's announcement and the comment it has aroused.

Declines Statement

Mr. O'Conor would make no statement.

Senator Sasscer would not himself say what his future course would be, but those close to him say he has made up his mind and that a statement from him announcing his candidacy and setting forth his platform may be expected soon.

A number of Democratic leaders among them Howard Bruce, Democratic National Committeeman, expressed no suprize at the Mayor's announcement, but refused to comment on it until they had had an opportunity to study it.

Senator Sasscer said he had not read the Mayor's announcement, His comment was:

" have just returned from the Bar Association meeting in Atlantic City and haven't had a chance to read the newspapers. I cannot make comment today."

Dr. Conley was asked how he would be enfluenced by the knowledge that Mr. Sasscer would be a candidate.

"Not at all," he answered.

No Reason For Change

"I made a statement several weeks ago in which I outlined my position," he continued, "and I see no reason to change that statement."

"Have you read Mayor Jackson's statement?"

"Yes, and I found it very interesting. But I have no comment to make on it The primary is fifteen months away and thereis no telling what may happen in fifteen months."

"Is there a strong possibility that you might be a candidate?"

"Yes."

Senator Coad said:

"I haven't read Mayor Jackson's announcement of his candidacy, but from what I hear of it—that is, the strengthening of the State Merit System, the improvement of the financial policies of the State and the examination of the possibilities for the reduction of taxes—it sounds like it was right down my alley. What does he say about relief?"

"What you say suggests that you might support Mayor Jackson," Mr. Coad was told.

"I don't want to say whether I shall support anyone until I decide whether I shall be a candidate myself," he answered. "You know I have taken on a rather big job as president of the County Trust Company, with twenty branches in the State, both on the Eastern and the Western Shores. I was elected in January to succeed Hooper S. Miles, but was not able to give much attention to my new duties until the adjournment of the Legislature.

"I have received intimations from a number of sources indicating that if I ran I would get a good many votes.

"I think a business man who is known to be sincerely devoted to economy in government is the order of man needed. I have been devoting myself consistently to that in the Maryland Legislature over a period of twenty years. I believe that matter of economy in government and the reduction of taxes is one of the most important questions before the country."

Strong Possibility

"Then there is a possibility that you may be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor yourself?"

"There is a very strong possibility."

State Comptroller W. S. Gordy's first comment was:

"Well, it makes for a long campaign, dosen't it."

When he was asked if the repor that he was thinking of becoming a candidate were true he answered:

"I am not saying."

"Mr. Curran, whose opposition to Mayor Jackson is not exactly a secret and who is reported to have planned to support O'Conor in a primary, said:

"Yes I read the Mayor's statement. So what? On this rainy morning, I feel like joining the angel chorus and shedding a few tearsmyself as I hear the Mayor singing his own praise. Until I read his announcement, I never had an idea that he was sa good, so true and so virtuous."

Waiting For Clear Day

" Will you support O'Conor," he was asked.

"We will wait for a clear day when the visibility is better before we take off with that subject," he answered.

O'Conor Course In Doubt

Mr. O'Conor's course, in the face of the certainty that Mr. Sasscer will oppose the Mayor in the primary and the strong possibility that Dr. Conley and Senator Coad may also seek the nomination, remains to be developed in the future. But his speech last January is regarded as evidence that at that time he expected a primary contest, whether he did or did not forsee the candidacy of Senator Sasscer.

He said at that time, talking before the Concord Club:

"If a primary should occur, then it is the duty of everyone engaging in the primary to work for the success of the victorious candidate after his nomination.

"Exalted Honor"

"This much can be said without equivocation and in expression of the views of all who are worthy to be called Democrats—that the only man who merits the exalted honor of representing the Democratic party as its nominee is the man who having engaged in a primary election would have been willing whole-heartedly to support the winner of the primary."

It has been an open secret for months that the Mayor has been going about in the counties and making political alliances which would be useful to him in obtaining the votes in the State convention, which would give him the nomination.

While it has not been so well known that Senator Sasscer has been doing the same thing and while the regular and the special session of the Legislature kept him busy during the greter part of the first quarter of this year, it is said that he has not neglected to build up freindships among county men.

Senator Sasscer recently made an announcement to the effect that he would not again be a candidate for the State Senate. It is said that back of that announcement was the resolution to seek the office of Governor. He has served in the State Senate continuously since 1922 and became its President in 1935. Since under the Maryland law the President of the Senate would succeed the Governor in the event of resignation or death, the office is regarded as somewhat like that of Lieutenant Governor.

Presides At Rotary Gathering

F. A. Alexander

Rotarians Hold Ladies' Night At Wellwood Club

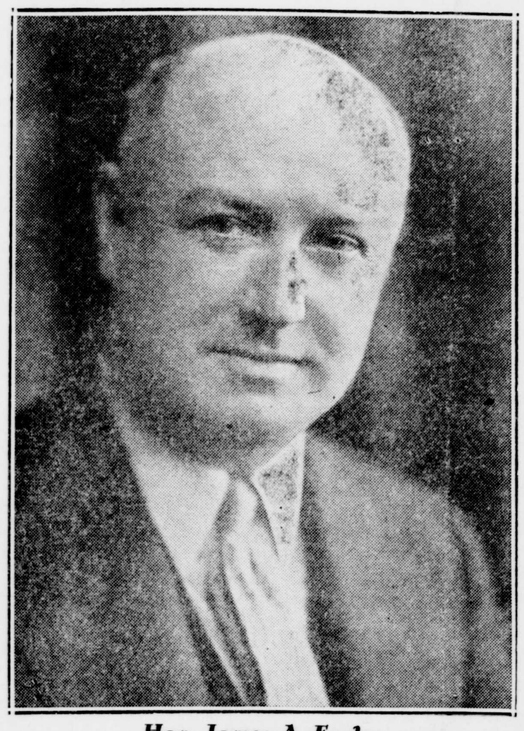
The popular Wellwood Club on the North East river at Charlestown, was the scene of a delightful event Monday evening when the Elkton and Chestertown Rotary clubs held a joint "Ladies Night" meeting.

J. Frank Gaskill, of Philadelphia, was the guest speaker, his subject being, "New Names and Old Things." Roy Schmidt, of Elkton was song leader and instrumental music was furnished by Prof. H. E. McBride, Edwin H. Barnes and Miss Ethel Strickland. F. A. Alexander, president of the Elkton Club, presided at the gathering.

Elk Neck Civic Club To Meet Next Week

The Elk Neck Civic Club, an organization formed last winter to promote improvement in that section of Cecil County and which has been very successful in its work, will hold a meeting Friday evening of next week, July 9, at the home of Mrs. Harry Futty. All members of the association and others interested in the development of the Elk Neck section are requested to attend.

Will Address Postmasters



Hon. James A. Farley

Honorable James A. Farley, Postmaster-General, will be the main speaker at the meeting of the Postmasters Association which will be held at Salisbury, Maryland on July 8.

Postmaster-General Farley has served five years as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. In that period he has twice directed the management af the campaigns which resulted in the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to the presidency. Previously, he led the campaigns in the State of New York which resulted in the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt as Governor for two terms and he also directed the campaign which three times accomplished the election as Governor of Hon. Herbert H. Lehman who has so ably carried on the splendid traditions of his predecessor. The patriotic service rendered by Mr. Farley in the election of these great leaders cannot be over-estimated.

As National Chariman, Mr. Farley has shown a character marked by integrity, patience, constant effort, consideration, and wisdom, and he has been unremitting and self-effacing in his labors for the cause to which he has given his heart and mind. By reason of his great gift for organization, he has made a lasting contribution to the Nation and to his Party.

B. H. Shipley To Head Firemen At Easton Parley

Ellicott City Man Win Close Contest In State Convetion

Baltimore Selected For Gathering Next Year

In a close election the Maryland State Firemen's Association last Thursday named B. H. Shipley of Ellicott City as president for 1937-1938.

Mr. Shipley defeated Carl A. Yonug of Mount Rainer by 342 to 318. One hundred and thirty-two of the 165 member companies cast votes

Others Elected

Others elected were: First vice-president, Marc Bryant, Denton; second vice-president, Harry Wilson, Annapolis; secretary, George Lindsay, Hagerstown; treasurer, Frank W. Truitt, Ocean City; trustees, Curtis C. Larrimore, Easton; and chaplain, the Rev. J. W. Minter, Hereford.

Baltimore was selected for next year's convention.

Stating that he knew of no other group that could make greater contributions to moulding public sentiment against improper legislation, Mayor Jackson of Baltimore lauded the organization for protecting lives and property of Marylanders and stressed the fact that State appropriatons should include a "fair percentage of the funds necessary to support volunteer companies."

Mayor F. Hall Wrightson of Easton and State Senator Richard S. Dodson of St. Michaels also spoke.

A financial statement was read by William E. Wooton of Rockville, chairman of the auditing committee, His report showed a balance of $28,322.64, divided into four separate accounts:

General fund, $969.62;, relief fund $5,987.52; death benefit, $5,187.50; educations, $16,178; total, $28,322.64.

The business closed Friday morning with a meeting of the Fire Chiefs' Club.

Friday afternoon more than 2,000 firemen and members of their auxiliaries joined in the convention parade.

Farm Organization To Hold Joint Picnic

David B. McDowell, president of the Cecil County Farm Bureau, has announced that the Farm Bureau, the Ninth District Farmer's Club, and the Homemakers Clubs, will hold a joint picnic and outing at Hollywood Beach, near Town Point, Wednesday, August 11. An annual affair with each of the organizations although held seperately in the past, it is expected the picnic will draw one of the largest gatherings of farmers and their families held during recent years in this county.

In addition to a program of entertainment which will be arranged, it is expected that prominent farm speakers will also be present.

D. A. R. Entertained At Greenfield Near Cecilton

New President, Mrs Irwin T. Kepler, Presides At Session

Mrs. H. Arthur Cantwell Awards Chapter's Essay Medals

Head of Elk Chapter, D. A. R. was entertained by Miss Amy Culbertson at "Greenfield's Castle," near Cecilton, on Saturday, June 19.

The meeting was opened with the D. A. R. Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, American's Creed and singing of America. The new Regent, Mrs. Irvin T Kepler, gave a few words of greeting to the members and the usual order of business was followed.

Mrs. H. Arthur Cantwell, Chairman of Americanism and National Defense, reported that the first prize, a gold medal, offered for the best essay on "The Constitution of the United States," was awarded to Absalom D. Jackson, and the second prize, a silver medal, was awarded to Isabelle Watson. The judges of these essays were Mrs. Wallace Williams and Mr. James E. Hughes, of Elkton, and Mr. George Hamilton, of North East.

Mrs. Harry T. Alexander, the Retiring Regent, was presented with a beautiful pin, the Insignia of the D. A. R. Society, as a token of appreciation of her service to the Chapter, which she graciously accepted.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Lynn B. Gillespie, Chairman of Correct Use of the Flag, who read a very interesting history of the flag. Mrs Alexander and Mrs. J. Wirt Lynch read poems and Mrs. Alexander also read a paper on Betsy Ross that she had written. The beautiful silk American Flag, belonging to the Chapter, was used in connection with the program .

Delicious refreshments were served, after which the beautiful old home was shown by Miss Culbertson and Mr. Alexander P. Wilson, the owner. The great old house, with its wide hall, walnut paneled staircase winding to the third floor, brick collonades and boxwood paths, was greatly admired, and the Chapter unamiously gave a vote of thanks to Miss Culbertson and Mr. Wilson for a most delighaful afternoon.

Services At Hart's On Elk Neck M. E. Charge

The Sunday School will meet at Hart's Church on Sunday, July 4. at 9.45 in the morning. Miss Betty Wood will have charge of the Epworth League and song service in the evening.

On Sunday July 11, Miss Mary Jane Wood will lead the Epworth League and charge of the song service. There will be no service at Wesley on either of the two Sundays.

One World's Record Broken At North East Yacht Races

Mark Of 30.5 Miles An Hour Made By Eddie Hedges

Fonda Takes Four Races Eckloff Gains Laurels In Free-For-All

While a stiff breeze stirred the waters of the North East river to swells of some proportion, it did not interfere with the speed of the roaring motorboats at the North East River Yacht Club regatta last Sunday when the largest crowd that ever attended this affair saw Eddie Hedges, of Atlantic City, tuck away a world's record with his Mysterious Eagle, in the Class A inboard race.

Hedges' official speed, sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association was 30.5 miles an hour. The mark of 28.84 miles was set by George Ward, of Wilmington, Del., with his G. B. Wees at Havre de Grace in 1933.

Schuler Has Mishap

One accident marred the regatta that opened the Chesapeake Bay racing seasoon. Gene Schuler, of Lancaster, Pa., lost control of his outboard while tuning up and crashed into two tenders His companion, Miss Jean Allen, of Lancaster, was injured, but not seriously.

Douglas Fonda, of Orange, N. J., scored heavily in the outboard races, winning the Class A, B, C and F events. He attained speeds of better than 58 miles an hour in Classes C and F.

Eckloff Wins Free-For-All

Harry Eckloff, of Baltimore, won the free-for-all inboard race. Joe Monigle and George Ward, of Wilmiington, and Frank Maxa, of Havre de Grace, won, respectively, in the inboard class events. The cruiser race went to Ray Greenwood, of North East.

Summaries

Class D and E Inboards—Winner, George Ward, Wilmington (Hi-Ho); second, Frank Muzzey, Philadelphia (Nittany Lion). No third. Time—7.45.5 Speed—39.508.

Class H, I and J Inboards—Winner, Frank Maxa, Havre de Grace; second, R. K. Wells, North East; third Henry Pippin, Elkton, Time—7.47.4 Speed—38.478.

Two And A Half Miles

Cruiser Race,Two-and-a-half Miles—WinnerRay Greenwood, North East (Sea Wasp); second Henry Pippin, Elkton (Helen II); third M. L. Kratz, Philadelphia (Karvel) Time—9.48.8.

One Mile

Special Trial, One-Mile Class A Inboards—Winner, Eddie Hedges, Atlantic City (Mysterious Eagle). Speed—30.5 (world's record mark of 28.84 held by George Ward, Wilmington).

Saliboats Under 18 Feet—Won by Neal Mershon, North East; second, Robert Pattison, Harrisburg, Pa., third, L. R. Harris, North East, Time—50 min.

Snipes—Won by Joseph McClatchy, Philadelphia; second W. F. Kiler, Wilmington, Del., third Ernest duPont, Wilmington. Time—1 hr. 4 min.

North Easters—Won by S. N. Sonborn Jr.,Wilmington; second Ray Greenwood, North East; third Bob Garrett, North East. Time 1 hr. 11 min.

Numerous speedboat drivers preparing for the first speed events of the Chesapeake Bay season, tuned up their motors on an ajacent course while the sailboats competed.

Commodore Harold Holt and Vice-Commodore Louis Burk were in charge of the day's events.

Summaries of the speedboat events;

Inboard Free-for-All, Lady Drivers Five Miles—Winner, Miss Ruth Kieler, of Baltimore (Restless II); second, Miss Ruth Wright, Philadelphia (Nittany Lion); third Miss Elaine Jones, Wilmington (Wil Del.). Time 9 min. 35 sec.

Special Ladies' Inboard Race, Five Miles—Winner, Miss Gladys Pippin, Havre de Grace (Frandel II); second, Miss Ruth Wright (Nittany Lion); third, Miss Jane Stader, Philadelphia (Senorita). Time 7 min. 55 Sec.

Outboard Runabouts—Winner B. S. Shannon, Audobon, N. J; second, Tom Murray, Dover, Del.;third Bill Howe, Camden, N. J. Time—7m. 18.8s Average speed—41.021 m. p. h.

Class B. Outboards, Open—Winner, Douglas Fonda, Orange, N. J.; second Lew Franco, New York; third, Las Buckman, Baldwin, N. J. Time—6.27.8 Speed—46.416.

Class A. Outboards, Open—Winner, Douglals Fonda: second, Las Buckman; thrid Douglas Muncie, Brooklyn. Time 6.56.4. Speed—43.186.

Class C. Outboards, Open—Winner, DouglasFonda; second Harper Chance, Salem, N. J.; third, Fred Jacoby, North Bergen, N. J. Time—5.58.2. Speed—50.0223.

Class F. Outboards, open—Winner, Douglas Fonda; second Fred Jacoby; third Harper Chance. Time 5.41.02. Speed—52.755.

135-Cubic Inch Hydroplanes, Inboard—Winner, Fred Hahn 3d, Philadelphia; secondJack Schneider, Washington. third, Earl Laughlin, Wilmington, Del., Time—5.41.8 Speed—44.776.

Free-For-All Speedboats—W i n n e r Harry Eckloff,Baltimore, (Restless II); second, Dave Gerlie, New York, Lady Gen); third, Fred Hahn 3d, Atlantic City (Baby Pet). Time—5.59 Speed—50.319.

Jackson Announces Candidacy-Enters Gubernatorial Race

Baltimore Mayor Issues Statement In Which He Seeks Democratic Nomination And Assails Republican Administration Of State Affairs

Announces Candidacy For Governorship

Mayor Jackson

William Preston Lane, Jr., Attorney General in the latter part of the Ritchie administration and an important Western Maryland lieutenant in the political organization of the late Governor, announced his support yesterday of the candidacy of Mayor Jackson for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1938.

The announcement was accepted in many quarters as a strong indication that a bloc of Western Maryland political leaders is ready to back the Mayor. The leaders involved all were followers of Mr. Ritchie and major cogs in his Democratic machine.

In taking action, Mr. Lane, who for months has been considered a potential candidate for Gubernatorial honors, made it clear that "for many personal reasons I cannot now be a candidate for any office."

This morning, Thursday, a delegation from Cecil County is scheduled to confer with the Mayor at the City Hall and another indorsement announcement is expected from this group.

Mayor Howard W. Jackson formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor last Sunday. In jumping the gun on the other prospective candidates, the Mayor stated that the State Govenrment needs a return to a Democratic administration, and a sincere effort to introduce the principles of economy and efficiency in the operation of the State Departments.

Candidate Jackson pointed to his long and, "I believe," fairly successful experience in public administration as Mayor of Baltimore, and added, "I want that experience at the service of all the people of Maryland."

The complete text of the Mayor's statement in announcing his candidacy reads:

Text Of Mayor's Statement

"I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the officie of Governor of Maryland at the primaries to be held next year, and I shall file my certificate with the Secretary of State in a few days.

"Votrs in Baltimore City and in the counties in every part of the State, have been asking me to make a formal announcement so that they would be enabled to work in my behalf. Three years ago I entered the contest, after Dr. O. W. Conley, of Frederick, became a candidate, but I withdrew after the late Governor Ritchie sought reelection, because I felt that a three-cornered fight would injure the party. I made the sacrifice in an effort to promote party harmony and in the hope of assuring party success. This time however, there can be no valid reason why I should decline to give the members of the Democratic party an opportunity to decide whether they desire me to be the party's candidate for Governor in the general election.

To Back Reorganization Plan

"I propose if I am nominated and elected, to bring about a reorganization of the offices, boards and commissions of the State government, This means changes in the personnel, as well as duties and powers of State offices, in order to make them more effective instruments for the welfare of the people of the State, Economy and efficiency are badly needed in the State Government.

"Due to the election of a Republican administration the task is much more difficult than it would have been three years ago. Going into office with the pledge to reduce expenses, the present Republican administration has made large and unnecessary increases in the number of State officials, has added to the State debt by many millions, and has been guilty, in numerous instances, of extravagance and waste. Inexperienced and unqualified persons have, in many cases, been entrusted with important administrative powers, with the result that in-efficient operation is the rule rather than the exception.

City Diversion Of Road Funds

"Funds dedicated to a particular use, notably in the case of the State roads system, have been diverted into the general treasury and used for almost everything except the purpose originally intended. Fifteen-year bonds, with interest charges to be paid by the taxpayers, have been authorized for the purpose of paying current expenses, and the proceeds of bond issues have been used to increase salaries and expenses appropriated in the budget bill, so that the budget bill was actually used to disguise rather than reveal the appropriations made to the various offices and departments of the State.

In addition, to the budget sent to the Legislature set out the itemized appropriations, as increased by the adminstration, to be compared with the appropriations requested, so that it required an investigation by the Finance Committee of the Senate and the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Delegates to determine exactly what had been appropriated by the Legislature of 1935 in each instance that an appropriation for a similar purpose was requested for the budget period beginning in 1937.

Must Adhere To Budget Bill Plan

"The failure of the Governor to take the responsibility imposed by law and to send to the Legislature a proper budget bill containing only the amounts necessary and advisable to operate the State government—instead of a budget with tentative appropriation of many thousands of dollars to be determined by the Legislature, as submitted by the present administration—is a perversion of the intention and spirit of the budget amendment, if not a flat violation, and must be stopped if any semblance of order in the State Government program is to be preserved.

"It is imperative that prompt steps be taken to restore the budget, created during the administration of former Governor Harrington, to the place intended for it in the State's financial system; to establish adequate supervision and control over all State activities, and particularly the expenditure of State money. I renew the criticism made three years ago of the absence of provisions, except in the case of the State Roads Commision, requiring contracts for the public improvements to be advertised and to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Under present conditions the State agency to which an appropriation has been made for public improvement receives bids only from those "invited" to bid, and there is too much room for favoritism and for heavy losses to the taxpayers. I am also opposed to the procedure under which the State Roads Commission awards its own contracts, and other agencies award contracts with the approval of the Board of Public Works.

Cites Lack Of State Engineer

"The best procedure is to have the bids opened and the contracts awarded to the lowest responsible bidder by some agency independent of the board or commission which prepared the plans and specifications.

"The lack of supervision and control is best demonstrated in the highly important engineering field. The State still lacks an engineering department headed by a State engineer. There is no State policy with reference to the adivisability or method of constructing State improvements, because no definite program or policy exists. Each department makes its own plans and employs its own engineers, and there are no uniform rules to be followed. Records of what the State is doing, and how, are scattered all over the State, instead of being available in one place, and there is much duplication of effort and waste of time and money.

For Stronger Merit System

"In order to obtain more efficient service I advocate measures to strengthen the State's Merit System, and to put into effect a general pension system aplicable to State employes where no such system is now established, designed along the lines of the pension system for municipal employes recommended by me and adopted by the city of Baltimore more than ten years ago.

"I advocate a pay as you go policy relating to capital expenditures. The plan is meeting with success in the city of Baltimre. We are reaching the peak of our debt burden for interest and amoritization, and the cost of the debt is now to be reduced year by year. The State can do this much more readily than the city of Baltimore because theState is not required to construct such expensive improvements as water and sewer systems to serve hundreds of thousands of population."

Discusses Tax Problem

"If this policy is put into effect and maintained, the State tax rate on real estate will decline as rapidly as the

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