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$260,000 Payroll at Stake — Mayor Mitchell Pleads With Employees To Discuss Labor Situation

Hundreds Hear Several Good Addresses By Local Speakers

The first community meeting ever called in Cecil County to discuss Labor was held in the Armory at Elkton, Tuesday evening with several hundred people from Elkton and the county attending.

The meeting was called and presided over by Mayor Henry H. Mitchell who in his talk to the employees made it very plain that the meeting was called solely for the purpose of helping them. He emphasized that he had nothing against the unions or anyone wishing to join them. We believe that the general opinion throughout the country was brought out by Mayor Mitchell when he said he thought any grievance between the employee and employer would be better to be discussed with local authorities first. We feel sure the members of the town council of Elkton or Chamber of Commerce would lend a sympathetic ear to any local grievance between employee and employer.

James H. Hughes, president of the Chamber of Commerce, then told the audience that Elkton had lost some of her few industries in recent years and that he hoped that every effort would be made by the workers to preserve industrial peace in the town so that no more would move away.

John Lawrence, superintendent of the Baldwin Manufacturing Co. plant, where the C. I. O. has gained a large following, also spoke.

He brought out the fact due to competition from other mills not organized they were practically shut down. They have to sell their product at $1.00 a yard while their competitors are able to sell their's at $.92.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting after he had learned that quite a few of the force of 250 or 300 workers of the Triumph Fireworks and Fusee Company had joined the Lewis organization. Two organizers—James O'Toole and Jack Gruin—have been in town for several days.

Organizer Booed and Hissed

At the conclusion of these talks, the two organizers asked to be heard, but for awhile were prevented from talking on the grounds that the meeting had not been called for any discussion of the union itself but for a heart to heart talk with the workers themselves for the best interest of themselves and the town.

Gruin asked the workers if they wanted hear him, and received a mixture of answers of "no" and "yes." He was finally allowed to talk, but some booed and hissed, others left the hall.

He talked several minutes and then started to read quotations of John L. Lewis when all but 25 or 30 attending the meeting left.

Mayor Mitchell said that since the workers have joined the C. I. O. he felt that they should take up with the management of the plant or the proper authorities any grievance or demands they might have before taking any radical action. The mayor was cheered for his remarks.

The annual payroll of the Triumph Fusee and Fireworks Company is around $260,000 a year.

Attempts to organize was brought about, according to the organizers, after two or three dissatisfied employees wrote to C. I. O. headquarters in Washington asking that an organizer be sent to Elkton.

PHILIP R. BOND FOUND DEAD IN HIS OFFICE AT ELKTON

Philip R. Bond, of Port Deposit, who for several years was associated with Henry L. Constable, of this city, in the practice of law, was found dead today in a chair in his office. Heart trouble was assigned as the cause of death.

He was 62 years old and a son of the late John R. Bond, of Port Deposit. For the last several years he had been council to the Board of Commissioners for Cecil County.

He was unmarried. He is survived by his mother and a sister, Mrs. J. G. Mitchell, Germantown, Pa.

Expert Says Tax Slows Recovery

Says Industry Can't Progress When Carrying Burden Of Taxation

Unemployment will end, industry will boom and agriculture prosper when Federal and State taxes on earnings are loosened, Mark Graves, head of the New York Tax Commission, believes.

Speaking before the annual meeting at White Surphur Springs of the Savings Bank Association of the State of New York, Mr. Graves declared:

"My dominant interest is for the white-collared workers, the skilled and unskilled laborer and the farmer, who, because the investor will not risk his capital in new or expanding enterprise, are without work or a market for their products.

"The best way to prime the business pump is to give the investor a 50-50 break. Let him have an opportunity to make money commensurate with the risk he takes. Give business and capital its incentive and the unemployed will be taken from the streets, industry will boom and agriculture will prosper.

"Under existing conditions, capital remains idle and the constructive, creative as well as the ingenious type of brains which made possible the rapid growth and development of this country, are to a very great extent remaining idle, thus virtually limiting the field of new investments to that of replacing the usual mortality among old business.—(I.P.S.)

Annual Poultry Supper At North East

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the North East Fire Company, the Annual Turkey Supper will be held at the Fire House, on Saturday evening, November 13. First table at 5 p. m. The public is invited.

Twenty Actors and Actresses To Dramatize Various Red Cross Services

The annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross, designed to raise funds for carrying on the work of that organization during the coming year, will be inaugurated with a broadcast entitled "Human Interest Guaranteed" over the Columbia network Thursday, November 11, from 10.30 to 11.00 p. m., EST.

The program, which presents in dramatized form the various services which the Red Cross provides, will employ a cast of twenty talented actors and actresses and will be produced by Earl McGill, CBS casting director. Music is to be provided by a symphony orchestra under the leadership of Victor Bay, popular Columbia conductor.

"Human Interest Guaranteed" is to consist of a prologue explaining the reasons for the fund drive and various episodes picturing the many activities of the Red Cross in America. Among these will be the Red Cross work in teaching children how to save the lives of drowning persons, its visiting nurse system, its services to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and war veterans, its highway first aid stations (a new development) and its errands of mercy during such disasters as the Mississippi floods of last spring.

The final playlet will emphasize the fact that the Red Cross does not stop its work when flood waters subside but continues to assist homeless families in rehabilitating themselves.

The national office of the Red Cross in Washington has arranged hundreds of "listening parties" throughout the country so that members of various chapters may hear the program. It also plans to distribute copies of the dramatization to its chapters so that they may be used by workers in soliciting funds for the Roll Call.

Fog-Shrouded Highways Extremely Dangerous

A seasonal warning based on the tragic experience of past years is contained in a "fog bulletin" just issued by the Keystone Automobile Club of Maryland.

Club officials strongly urge both motorists and pedestrians to be on their guard against the perils of fog-shrouded highways, declaring that only the utmost care will prevent deaths and injuries.

"Pedestrians," says the bulletin sent out by Garrison P. Knox, Manager of the Club, "should use the utmost caution when walking along highways obscured by fog, because their presence can be noted by drivers only under the most exceptional circumstances.

"Those afoot can see the lights of approaching cars and should govern their actions accordingly. They should realize that the lights are of little value to motorists in discerning objects on the highway. In fact the principal value of lights on vehicles in time of fog is to warn of vehicles' approach.

"We cannot be too emphatic in urging motorists to drive slowly under adverse weather conditions. There are those who believe their familiarity with highways over which they travel frequently gives them the right to drive fast in fog. Drivers in this class fail to take into account the possibility of disabled cars being parked along the highway. Another great danger is the absence of tailights on moving vehicles, or the confusion, leading to erratic driving, of operators unaccustomed to the road.

"Drivers of horse-drawn vehicles should not, under any circumstances, venture on fog-bound roads without lights on their vehicles. A motor car traveling at the most moderate speed will quickly overtake a horse-drawn vehicle, and unless there is adequate warning by means of lights accident is almost inevitable."

REPUBLICAN CLUB TO HOLD RALLY IN RISING SUN

The Sixth District Republican Club has made plans to hold a get-together dinner in Rising Sun tomorrow night. Several members of the Republican State Central Committee for Cecil County will attend and it is expected plans will be outlined for the campaign next year, when not only all county officers but state officers, from the governor down, will be elected.

One United States senator and a congressman from this, the Eastern Shore district, also will be elected. The voters also will be called upon to vote upon several amendments to the constitution and referendums.

WHAT'S WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

As another service to its readers, the Cecil County Star each week will give authoritative answers to questions on the Social Security law. By special arrangement with Luther Becker, Manager of the Social Security Board office at 300 Court Square Building, in Baltimore, the Social Security Board has consented to pass on the accuracy of answers to questions on Social Security, which may be asked by employers, employees, and others, through the Cecil County Star. Address inquiries to The Editor, the Cecil County Star, Elkton, Md. Answers will be given here in the order in which questions are received. This is an informational service and is not legal advice or service. In keeping with Social Security Board policy names will not be published.—Editor.

(82) Question: If I work 20 years before reaching 65 and earn $2,600 a year, what will be the amount of the old-age insurance payments I will get each month under the Social Security law?

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Today's Taxogram

Nearly one-third of the rent the average citizen pays represents taxation. Last year the average rent paid in the United States was $30 per month of which approximately $9 was for direct and indirect taxes, such as taxes on the property, gas, lights and fuel, etc. Thus, in one year, the average family has $108 extra tacked onto the rent bill.

Labor Board's Order Illegal

Court Rules Reinstatement Order Not Constitutional; Five Strikers Affected

"When properly construed in the light of the Constitution," the authority of the National Labor Relations Board does not empower the board to force an employer to reinstate an employee at his former salary when the latter has "voluntary terminated his right to salary or wages" by joining a strike, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.

The ruling was made in the case of Mackay Radio and Telegraph Company which had appealed an order of the labor board to reinstate five men who lost their jobs as a result of a strike in 1935. The court ruled:

"Under the statute, properly construed in the light of the Constitution, the power of the board to order reinstatement of an employee does not authorize an order requiring the employer to re-employ at his former salary or wage, or otherwise, a striking employee who was on a strike and who had thus voluntarily terminated his right to salary or wages at the time the alleged unfair labor practice was committed by the respondent."—(I.P.S.)

"Hen-Pecked Husbands And Foolish Wives"

Special Seats Reserved For Hen-Pecked Husbands

The Ten Week Loyalty Campaign now being conducted in the North East M. E. Church is meeting with unusual success. Congregations even beyond exepectation are crowding the church. Last Sunday night the problem was to find seating room. Therefore, if you want a good seat this Sunday night, come early to hear the sermon at 7.30 p. m. on "Hen-Pecked Husbands and Foolish Wives." Special seats will be reserved for "hen-pecked husbands," but if your wife has no sense of humor we suggest that you shun these seats.

Sunday Services At Elk Neck Charge

Services Sunday, November 7, at Elk Neck charge will be as follows, Hart's Church School at 9.45 a. m. Mr. R. O. Bailey of North East will be the instructor of the lesson. Epworth League at 7.30 p. m., leader, Mary Jane Wood. Preaching at 8 p. m., Mr. Walter Wilson will be the soloist of the evening.

Wesley Church School, 11 a. m. Preaching at 11.45 a. m. A cordial invitation to each service is extended to you.

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

I had the dictionary on my knee the other day, and was lookin' up Santa Fe, New Mexico, and it is 332 years old and nearly as old as St. Augustine, which is 372. And I got to thinkin' about California, which is kinda Spanish too, and if Santa Fe was out there, they would claim the dictionary is wrong and that the Florida town is an up-start.

But while I was on the S page, I glimpsed around and saw the words, "sapling" and also "sap," and it set me to ponderin', and she finally soaked in, that maybe I was partly readin' about my ownself, judgin' by the way I been listenin' to speeches, and believin' stuff, etc.

And others who could maybe read the S page, they are all around, like the ones tryin' to beat a train to the crossing—and the night club sisters—and fellers puttin' tonic on bald heads, etc.

And in the same boat also, are folks who think the sun will come up in the west and set in the north, or some new place, just by votin' for it—if somebody says to do so.

Yours, with the low down,
JO SERRA

Elected Director Of Tome School

Edward S. Dorcus and J. T. C. Hopkins Honored

Edward S. Dorcus of Elkton, Cecil County treasurer, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Jacob Tome Institute of Port Deposit.

John H. Kimble, Tome Institute treasurer for over thirty years, requested that he be retired from his duties and J. T. C. Hopkins, of Port Deposit, was appointed his successor. Mr. Kimble is retiring from all business affairs. J. R. Wood Downes, of Philadelphia, was appointed secretary and assistant to the treasurer.

Rally Day Service At Leed's Church

Rally Day Service will be held at Leed's Methodist Protestant Church Sunday, November 7. Morning and evening, special service in the Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

Special sermon will be preached by the pastor at 11 o'clock.

In the evening at 7.30 Professor Lord, former principal of Leed's public school will speak to the young people and their parents, special music at these services. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

Civil Service Examinations Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Associate meteorologist, $3,200 a year; assistant meteorologist, $2,600 a year, Weather Bureau, Department of Agriculture.

Junior medical officer (rotating interneship), $2,000 a year; junior medical officer (psychiatric resident), $2,000 a year, St. Elizabeths Hospital, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from H. E. W. Bouchelle, Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office or customhouse in this city.

Prof. G. L. Schuster Named Collaborator

Professor G. L. Schuster, Agronomist at the University of Delaware has been named Collaborator in pasture research by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Professor Schuster is one of twelve Collaborators named by the U.S.D.A. to serve on pasture research in the Northeastern States. The Central Laboratory for pasture research is located at State College, Pennsylvania. All the Collaborators will meet there November 2 and 3 with the U.S.D.A. representatives to discuss a pasture research program for the Northeastern section. "One of the objects of the pasture research laboratory" says Professor Schuster, "is to coordinate research pasture improvement in the Northeastern section and to distribute the results of pasture research among the States of the section."

Clubwomen Meet At Port Deposit

About 40 members of the Elkton Woman's Club, also a number of members of the Chesapeake City Civic Club, attended a club institute, under the direction of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Washington Hall, Port Deposit, Tuesday afternoon. The institute was under the supervision of Gideon N. Stieff. A fine arts program was carried out.

Get Jail Sentences

On Saturday night Deputy Sheriff Seth, picked up Noah Connor and Sabole Wardell for disorderly conduct at Granite Lodge, near Port Deposit, and took them before Magistrate Pugh, who gave Connor one year and Wardell six months.

Two Positions To Be Filled

Announcement of examinations for positions in the Maryland State Employment Service and in the National Reemployment Service in Maryland to be held with the cooperation of the Personnel Division, Maryland State Unemployment Compensation Commission, was announced this week: manager, Baltimore office, $3000.000-$4000.00; training supervisor, $3000.-00-$3600.00.

For complete information and application forms write to Mr. John J. Seidel, Special Representative, United State Employment Service, 910 Lexington Building, Baltimore, Maryland. Application forms must be postmarked and returned to the above address before midnight, November 10, 1937.

UNEMPLOYMENT CENSUS TO BE TOPIC OF PRESIDENTIAL "FIRESIDE CHAT"

To Be Given Over Columbia Network November 14

President Franklin D. Roosevelt will devote his tenth "Fireside Chat" over the Columbia network to a discussion of the government's voluntary unemployment census Sunday, November 14, from 10.30 to 11.00 p. m., EST.

The government's campaign to enlist all the nation's unemployed will begin two days after the President's talk and will conclude November 20. During that time some 32,000,000 cards will be distributed throughout the country for unemployed or partially unemployed to fill out and mail, without postage, to Washington. Before the actual distribution, however, an intensive educational drive will be undertaken.

The major brunt of the distribution and collection of these cards will be handled by the Post Office Department and committees organized under the direction of John D. Biggers, Administrator of the project. However, the government has pressed every available educational aid into service, including press, churches, schools, labor unions, banks, stores, radio and other organizations in contact with large public groups.

The President's talk on the voluntary unemployment census will be particularly timely as it is scheduled on the eve of the convening of the Special Session of Congress. It is quite likely that the President will present his legislative program for solving the problem, in addition to stressing the importance of full cooperation by the unemployed during the census.

NO MONEY AVAILABLE FOR CECIL COUNTY WELFARE BOARD

Take Plea to County Commissioners

Practically no aid will be administered to needy persons during the coming winter by the Cecil County Welfare Board, according to an announcement made following a joint meeting of the body and the Board of County Commissioners.

The welfare board is out of funds, as far as the unit for general public assistance is concerned, it was said. The appropriation for this phase of the work has been distributed already a report of disbursements during the year showed.

No More Funds Until April 1

No more money, it was reported, will be forthcoming until the returns for the State income taxes are received about April 1.

The welfare board appealed to the county commissioners to borrow sufficient funds to tide over the emergency, but the plea was refused. The commissioners said they could not borrow money only on anticipation of a definite income and that the loan would have to be paid back by May 1.

The income to be received from the State income tax, they added, was indefinite, especially in view of the fact that this is the first year such a levy has been imposed.

$113,100 Distributed

The total amount distributed, which was received from federal, state and county sources, was $113,100, the report showed. Of this sum, $62,000 went for old-age pensions, $12,000 for general public assistance, $2,000 for the blind, $26,000 for aid to dependent children and $11,000 for administration of the office.

The administration costs for September were placed at $866.02, of which $621.67 went for salaries and $164.95 for mileage.

Elkton Skeet Club Shoot

The third skeet shoot of the Elkton Skeet Club will be held at their grounds on Singerly Road, Saturday, November 6. The Club officials are planning to have a handicap shoot with chickens as prizes.

Some fine scores have been turned in the last two weeks. Saturday, October 23, showed John Schaffer high with a 24; Jamison followed with a 22. McCauley and Crouch and Howell turned in a 21, with Pierce 20 and Dutcher, Jr., 19.

The scores of October 30 were not quite so good. Howell leading with 22; Schaffer following with 21; Jefferson totalling 20; Pierce and Rothwell turning in a 19.

Ladies Aid to Hold Luncheon

The Ladies Aid of Bay View will hold an all-day quilting and covered dish luncheon in basement of the church on November 18, 1937.

Covered Dish Luncheon

Leslie Homemakers Club will hold a covered dish luncheon and quilting at club room Wednesday, November 11. (Price: 20 and 35 cents). Every one is welcome.

Public Hearing Arranged

Chesapeake City Group To Discuss Turning Basin On November 12

Representative Goldsborough of Maryland announced October 28, at Washington, that Col. John C. H. Lee, district engineer at Philadelphia, will hold a public hearing at the Parish House of the Episcopal Church, in Chesapeake City, Md., on Friday, November 12, 1937, at 10:00 a. m. on the proposal for the construction of a turning basin near the Chesapeake Cruising Club at that place.

The hearing will be held in accordance with a resolution enacted at the last session of Congress, authorizing a preliminary examination and survey of the proposed improvement.

Round and Square Dance

The Kenmore Mills Mutual Benefit Association will hold a dance (round and square) in the Elkton Armory, on Saturday evening, November 13, 1937.

Music will be furnished by "The Marylanders," with a special entertainment during intermission. Everybody is cordially invited.

C. I. O. CANDIDATE TRAILS 2-1 IN RETURNS

United Automobile Workers of America Active in Detroit Campaign

The Committee for Industrial Organization at Detroit was trailing in its attempt to place its candidate in the Detroit Mayor's chair.

Richard W. Reading, conservative candidate who received the indorsement of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, had a 2-to-1 lead over Patrick H. O'Brien, representing the C. I. O., in Tuesday's non-partisan election.

The official tabulation of returns from 125 out of 918 precincts gave Reading, 34,498; O'Brien, 17,024.

487,000 Cast Ballots

As the counting of ballots began, the City Election Commission estimated that approximately 487,000 persons had voted, a record for strictly municipal elections. There were 625,-187 voters registered.

The highest vote at any previous exclusively municipal election was 263,713, while the largest number in any Detroit election was 514,003. That mark was set, however, in the 1936 election, when county, State and national officers were chosen.

Although Detroit's city government is non-partisan, O'Brien, a former State Attorney General, called for support of New Deal Democrats. His opponents asked voters to resist a C. I. O. attempt to "seize the reins of government."

Names 70 Officials

The Mayor receives $15,000 a year and appoints heads of nearly seventy city departments.

Active in the campaign was the United Automobile Workers of America, a C. I. O. affiliate, whose assistant president, Richard T. Frankensteen, was a council candidate.