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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Legislators Study Relief Measures As Budget Passes

Approval of Maryland's biennial budget of more than \$71,000,000 has been voted by the General Assembly after two months of political jockeying between the legislators and Governor Nice. The budget provides funds for maintenance of the State's departments and institutions beginning October 1.

The appropriations allow restoration of salaries of all State employees to the 1933 level and in a few cases for increases above that level. State salaries were cut in 1933 because of the depression.

Passage of the budget bill paves the way for consideration of relief problems. The taxes which provided \$3,600,000 annually for relief, old-age pensions, aid to dependent children, and aid to needy blind expired yesterday. Senator J. Allan Coad, finance chairman, has introduced a bill which would re-enact the relief levies, increase the beer tax and add taxes on slot machines, patent medicines and soft drinks and permit 20 additional days of racing which would bring in an estimated \$225,000 annually. Coad said he introduced the bill merely to provide a basis for discussion of relief.

Bill Will Provide Conn. Ave. Funds

Means of financing the improvement of Connecticut avenue from Chevy Chase Circle to Chevy Chase Lake is provided in a bill passed by the General Assembly which has been sent to Governor Harry W. Nice for signature.

The bill authorizes the Montgomery County Commissioners to issue \$80,000 in bonds or any part necessary to provide for paving the avenue. State Senator Stedman Prescott introduced the bill in order that work of improving the avenue may be carried out if negotiations with the State Roads Commission fail.

The county commissioners have authorized condemnation proceedings for the narrow strip in the center formerly used by the tracks of the Capital Transit Company. The traction company refused to accept an offer of \$5,000 for the right of way made by the commissioners. It was pointed out by the commissioners that the right of way has no value except as part of the roadway and that the street car company uses the avenue for its buses.

The bonds must be sold by January 1 and can be sold at public or private sale and must bear a rate of interest in excess of six per cent.

First Sentences On Roads Are Meted

Judge Charles W. Woodward meted the first sentence to work on the county roads in accordance with the new policy of the Montgomery county commissioners at the opening of the March term of county circuit court on Monday.

William Warren, colored, was the first person sentenced to work out his time on the roads when he was found guilty of larceny of four pairs of overalls. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 or serve the time on the roads. Charles Pinkney, also colored, found guilty of possession of gambling paraphernalia, was ordered to pay a fine of \$150 or serve 130 days in jail working on the roads.

The sentence read that two additional days must be served for each day the prisoner refuses to do the work assigned to him. Work on the county roads by the prisoners is to be under supervision of a State Roads Commission overseer and each prisoner is to receive 75 cents a day pay for his work.

Two Boys Saved From Gas Fumes

Two Bethesda, Md., boys narrowly escaped death Saturday when gas fumes from a furnace trapped them as they were building boats in the home of H. Franklin Lehr, 409 Sonoma road.

The boys: Billie Lehr, 6, and Mark Haller, jr., 8, were found unconscious on the basement floor by Mr. and Mrs. Lehr, who thought the boys were playing in the back yard.

Mark is the son of Dr. Mark Haller, of the Department of Agriculture, and Billie's father is a teacher in the Leland Junior High School, Chevy Chase, Md. Lehr had left the basement only a short time before the near-tragedy occurred, having given the furnace a cleaning and started a fire.

Children of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Community



Top row, left to right: John Warren, Thelma, children of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Allin; Lois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cremins; Dick and Jerry, children of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Anderson; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Michigie; Harriet and Robert, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilfred Balcom. Second row: Billy, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leason H. Adams; Tracy and John, children of Mrs. Burr Tracy Ansel; Mary Ellen and Jeanette, children of Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Andrews; Frances and Ruth, children of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adams; Edward J., son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Carry. Third row: William Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olinus Smith; Patricia Ann and George Garry, children of Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Clendinning; James, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cremins; Barbara and Phyllis, children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman B. Ames; Louis and Adele, children of Mr. and Mrs. E. Anthony.

Elgin, William E. Williams, Malcolm White, George R. Remsburg, Notley Davis, John Davis, Sidney Thompson, vestrymen. St. John's (Olney, Md.)—Senior warden, E. H. Lansdale; junior warden, S. J. Finneyfrock; register, P. P. Hines, jr.; treasurer, N. R. Griffith; vestrymen, Dr. J. W. Bird, L. B. Riggs, R. H. Chichester, Josiah W. Jones, Mr. Lansdale, Mr. Finneyfrock, Mr. Hines, and Mr. Griffith; delegate to the diocesan convention, Mr. Lansdale; alternate, Mrs. Josiah W. Jones. Trinity (Takoma Park)—Senior warden, Herbert D. Mawson; junior warden, Carl A. Goglund; register, Lawrence H. Allen; treasurer, Tremaine K. Burrows; vestrymen, Mr. Mawson, Mr. Hoglund, Mr. Allen, Mr. Burrows, Charles L. Nisewander, James H. Lightfoot, James C. Hollinger and E. M. McCoy; delegate to the diocesan convention, Mr. Burrows; alternate, Mr. Hoglund. St. John's Norwood Parish—Harvey D. Amis, Edwin G. Ballinger, J. C. Benzling, Robert D. Hagner, Thomas D. Lewis, F. Elliot Middleton, E. Windsor Offutt, R. Hanson Weightman, vestrymen.

Montgomery county voters will decide issuance of bonds for public school purposes in the future. A bill requiring a referendum on all school bond sales after the present \$732,000 construction program is disposed of was introduced in the House Monday night by the delegation from Montgomery. It is also stipulated in the measure that on the first day of January preceding each session of the Legislature the Board of Education shall submit to county commissioners and Legislators a comprehensive survey and report of school needs for a four-year period. From the report the Legislators will prepare a bill setting forth the amount of bonds to be sold to cover such requirements and providing for a referendum of the voters to determine whether or not the bonds shall be sold. Senator Stedman Prescott and members of the House from Montgomery announced some time ago such a bill would be offered. Its preparation was completed yesterday. The proposal to submit school bond issues to a referendum was widely advocated in the county. The delegation has introduced a bill this session permitting the county commissioners to issue \$732,000 in bonds for school construction if they desire. The program was evolved by the Board of Education.

ELECTION OF VESTRY BY EPISCOPALIANS HELD MONDAY

Episcopal churches of Montgomery county held their annual vestry elections Easter Monday.

Results of the elections follow: All Saints, Chevy Chase—Arthur Hsley and Addison H. Bowie, wardens; J. E. Moran, treasurer; Z. D. Blackstone, Julian Richards, Ward T. Bower, Robert J. Potbury, Lester G. Wilson, F. Irwin Ray, William M. Stewart and Harold Götterer, vestrymen; Thomas E. Robertson, delegate; Clyde D. Garrett, alternate. Christ Church of Rockville—Senior warden, Washington Hicks; junior warden, Judge Thomas M. Anderson; registrar, Walter A. Williams; treasurer, William H. Baden; delegate, Edward L. Stock; alternate, Arthur Thompson; vestrymen, Albert M. Bouie, F. L. Leizear, Julian Whiting, F. M. McGraw, Dr. James Alexander Lyon and F. Bache Abert. Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring—Senior warden, William B. Perry; junior warden, Charles Leizear; registrar, George Werner; treasurer, Lloyd Clark; delegate, William Nixon; alternate, William B. Perry; vestrymen, William Nixon, George Warner, Roland Davies, Junian Cate, Clemment Evans, John Compton, Louis Kummel and Dan Bowie. Christ Church, Kensington—Senior warden, Walter S. Pratt, jr.; junior warden, James E. Malcomb; registrar, Lewis T. Boynton; vestrymen, Alfred B. Hastings, Henry M. Milburn, George W. Ashworth, Welles Meriam, Dr. J. Wilkins Cooch, Edward Northrup, Dr. George F. Ashworth, jr., and Charles Henderson. Grace Church, Woodside—Senior warden, Frank Fidler; junior warden, George G. Getty; treasurer, Charles T. Barber; registrar, Henry H. Waples; delegate, Henry H. Waples; alternate, Frank S. Pohanka; vestrymen, Blair Lee, Enos C. Keys, Francis A. Blundon, Leo L. Graeves, Frank S. Pohanka, Charles T. Barber, Henry H. Waples and U. L. Buckingham. St. Peter's, Poolesville—W. W. Poole, senior warden; Lawrence Price, junior warden; Sidney Thompson, treasurer; George B. Remsburg, registrar; Joseph B. Tyles, Arthur G.

Fire School Will Graduate Tuesday

Award of a medal to the fireman receiving the highest marks in the fire training school of the Montgomery County Volunteer Firemen's Association by the Montgomery County Council of American Legion Posts has been announced by Eugene J. C. Raney, of Kensington, president of the council and also chairman of the fire training school committee.

Graduation exercises will be held Tuesday at 8 p. m. in Leland Junior High School, Chevy Chase, at which time certificates of completion of the course will be presented. The course was conducted in the Kensington National Guard Armory in January and February under direction of Lieut. A. J. Bargagni of the D. C. Fire Department. The medal will be presented to the honor student at the exercises. The Howitzer Company, First Infantry, Maryland National Guard, of Kensington, was highly commended by Col. D. John Markey, commanding the First Infantry, at the annual Federal inspection in the armory at Kensington.

COUNTY WILL VOTE ON THE MATTER OF SCHOOL BOND ISSUANCE HERE

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Beer Garden Ruling

Beer gardens operated in conjunction with regular establishments must in the future obtain the permission of the Montgomery County Liquor Control Board, the board voted Monday.

Persons wishing to operate a beer garden must file a petition with the board at least ten days before the opening even though the licensee previously has operated such a beer garden without a permit.

NEWS EVENTS OF SILVER SPRING

Tennis courts in the Rock Creek Recreation Center on Beech Drive near East-West Highway were opened last week end and will be open Saturdays and Sundays until April 15 when they will be open every day, Park Commissioner Wilton T. Allen announced. Other playground and recreation equipment is being installed for use when the weather permits.

The annual spring revue and dance for the benefit of the Parent-Teacher Association of Glenmont School will be held April 3 at 8 p. m. with a cast of approximately 40 persons.

A concert for the benefit of the National Symphony Concert will be held April 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Francis McDevitt, 780 Dale Drive. Justin Lawrie, choir director of the Foundry M. E. Church and radio singer, is arranging the program.

Mary E. Beam, employe of the Silver Spring office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, has been awarded a 15 years service emblem, H. J. Waters, company manager, announced.

The Silver Spring Citizens Association will meet at 8 p. m. tonight in the Liquor Control Board Building.

The Woman's Guild of Grace Episcopal Church, Woodside, will sponsor a dance in the parish hall tomorrow night.

The Silver Spring Public Health Lay Committee will hold a dance on April 23 at the National Women's Country Club.

Mrs. G. Franklin Wisner of Indian Spring Park will talk on "Civil Service" at a meeting of the government study department of the Takoma Park Women's Club today at 1 p. m. in the Takoma branch of the District of Columbia Public Library, Fifth and Cedar streets, northwest.

Town Will Probe Delay On School

Investigation of the conditions affecting the delay in starting the proposed new junior high school was voted Monday night by the Kensington town council.

Action was taken by the council following the reading of a letter from Dr. E. W. Broome, superintendent of schools, answering a request for information regarding the status of the school, which, it was said, was promised for occupancy in the Fall of 1937.

The council voted to seek further information "regarding the present disposition of money realized from an authorized bond sale for the project, why the plans for the school are not available for inspection and why the property selected has not been finally purchased."

A dog ordinance was adopted by the council after a comprehensive study. It was announced that dog owners in the town may obtain tags from Town Clerk Welles Meriam between 6 and 7:30 p. m. daily except Saturday and Sunday, until May 1, when the licenses are due. A copy of the complete ordinance will be available shortly for distribution with each license.

Mayor Edward R. Saunders announced that Councilman Edwin A. Noyes will replace Councilman Robert L. Lewis as chairman of the Audit Committee. B. W. Kumlir will replace E. A. Farrell as a member of that committee.

The Mayor issued a request that all property owners cooperate in a beautification campaign for the town.

The executive board of the Woman's Democratic club of Montgomery county will meet at 8 p. m. tonight in the Bethesda county building.

Abolition of Park Planning Body Is Urged by New Bill

Shortly after Delegates Joseph A. Cantrel and Walter M. Magruder (Fusionists) had introduced a bill to abolish the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, it was learned that three Republicans appointed to posts on the commission would be replaced by their Democratic predecessors.

Lacy Shaw of Colesville, former park commissioner will take his old post, ousting Wilton T. Allen; J. Bond Smith of Takoma Park will resume his post of general counsel, ousting Walter W. Dawson, and Thomas Hampton of Bethesda will take over his old duties as secretary-treasurer replacing his Republican successor Charles M. Jones, of Rockville. Allen will continue as a member of the park and planning commission but will lose the park commissioner-ship.

Magruder's and Cantrel's bill was introduced Friday in the House. It provides for abolishing the planning commission and placing its duties on the shoulders of the county commissioners. It is not expected that the bill will be reported out of conference, however, as there are nine Democrats in the Montgomery and Prince Georges delegations and but two Fusionists. Should the two manage to secure the 15 names to petition its submission to the House, the bill still would face the overwhelming Democratic majority there.

Cantrel declared that the commission is an "unnecessary commission" with an "extravagant set-up." He pointed out that the appraiser receives \$7,000 a year salary and "hasn't appraised one acre in the past four years. That's \$28,000 thrown away right there," he said.

Montgomery At The Legislature

Incorporation of Washington Grove, settled 63 years ago as a Methodist camp meeting site, is provided in a bill introduced by State Senator Prescott. A town council would be elected July 10 consisting of a mayor and six councilmen which would function in the same manner as such bodies in other incorporated towns and may determine assessments and fix a tax rate not to exceed 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The House has passed the bill authorizing the installation of voting machines in all polling places in Montgomery county should the county commissioners appropriate the necessary funds. The bill, which also sets up regulations for use of the machines, now is pending before the Senate.

Reduction to five cents of the present ten cent handling charge imposed by the county retail dealers is provided in a bill now pending in the General Assembly. Beer dealers, pointing out that the board does not handle the beer but merely forces the handling charge stamp to be bought, had asked that the charge be eliminated entirely.

Dulins Have Egg Rolling Contest

Easter Monday Mr. and Mrs. James C. Dulin, jr., opened their home on High street, Friendship Heights and gave their annual egg-rolling party, a custom they started 13 years ago when their daughter Miss Jean Dulin, was a small girl. Now Miss Dulin is a young lady, and a student at the University of Maryland. She is greatly interested in the children of the community and enjoys having them throughout the day rolling their eggs on the long hill in front of the Dulin home. In the evening Miss Dulin entertained at the residence in Friendship Heights.

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