

Among our belated Christmas gifts was one especially for and addressed to "The Frying-Pan" and also a check to cover a year's subscription to THE ENTERPRISE from a reader in Minnesota. It is interesting to see how far from Kent we travel.

The following amazing sentence comes from high places—in other words from a story in HARPER'S Monthly. "Ann caught Victor's eye, and directed it urgently toward the other." We have felt for some time that Harper's have lost their sense of humor. Now we know it.

That Rock Hall is eagerly waiting for lights from Chestertown, is portrayed in this verse sent in from the town apropos of the fact that the lights are most uncertain from time to time.

The lights had been shining So brightly for us all But it is now dead and black The night seems like a pall. Eyes that were glowing Are ready to weep— What is the reason? Sandy Scoone has gone to sleep.

The poetess might have named it "Asleep at the Switch" or "Sandy, Wake Up! but it comes without name.

Artists' smocks are most useful for kitchen wear. After one tries them out, the day of the bungalow or any other type of apron is a thing of the past. They give better protection and are attractive looking as well. And cooking is an art, anyway.

The Benttown Bard knows how most Kent Countians feel. Did you see his heading, "Better Dirt Roads in Kent than Pavements in Paradise?"

One of the county doctors had a five hour walk in the mud in the "wee sma' hours" of Christmas morning. Wonder if he sang "There's a Long, Long Trail A'Winding."

This was the muddiest Dec. in the memory of some of the oldest countians. Many of the Christmas trees were well coated with mud but now most of them are where all good Christmas trees go and the work of the New Year is in full swing with its full share of optimism.

"Some people keep their religion in high gear during the prayers and sermon but swing it into low when the collection is being taken up."

"To a great many people religion is like a spare tire. They have no need for it as long as they are running along smoothly but they hook it on in case of trouble or emergency."

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Elbert Hubbard said: "When put to the test, an ounce of Loyalty is worth a pound of Cleverness."

The woman who swam the icy Delaware must enjoy her cold tub more than most of us on winter mornings.

From Boston comes a clipping headed "Cities Rebel Against Yokel Rule." It was written by the aimable Mencken who is evidently not like Shakespeare of whom it is said that he never repeats for Mencken had again used his same material in regard to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. An accompanying letter touched on the matter of the proposed bridge. The writer said he could not see how a bridge would be justifiable between the suggested points and that it might be worth while from a place with dense population to another of the same such as the bridge between Camden and Philadelphia. But he adds "according to Mencken it is a dense population" and then follows comments on the sweet pen Mencken yields. We are forwarding the splendid editorial which recently appeared in the morning SUN in regard to the growth of the State. Time will tell!

We have lived within ear shot of a bell that tolled the hour in New York City and bells in two lesser cities but the Chestertown town clock has a way all its own. Recent visitors from Washington found it maddeningly slow but we like its deliberation. If you want to know the hour you simply settle down, calm yourself and listen. It is a positive aid in relaxing any nervous tension. It should be known as the "Nerve Tonic of Chestertown."

Well, here we are, all listed as pupils for another year in the School of Experience. Good luck to your term.

## Shore College Gets \$5,000 More A Year

### Governor Ritchie Recommends Increase In Maintenance Appropriation

#### Construction Request Refused

Governor Albert C. Ritchie in his message to the General Assembly of 1927 delivered today recommends that the maintenance appropriation for Washington College be increased from \$45,000 to \$50,000 a year. The request for \$395,000 for construction and to pay existing indebtedness by Washington College was not endorsed by the Governor at this time.

Speaking of St. John's, Washington and Western Maryland, Governor Ritchie said:

"Taken together, these colleges present a serious and difficult financial problem. For many years practically the only demand they made was for annual maintenance appropriations of moderate amounts. At the Legislature of 1924, however, all of them embarked upon extensive endowment campaigns and requested the State to aid them in the building programs they had prepared.

The Legislature did aid them. To St. John's it gave \$210,000 for construction, equipment and existing indebtedness, provided an endowment of \$500,000 was raised. To Washington, it gave \$100,000 for construction and equipment, provided an endowment of \$200,000 was raised. To Western Maryland it gave \$125,000 for the same purpose, provided an endowment of \$250,000 was raised.

In addition, for maintenance, St. John's received \$50,000 a year, Washington being asked to do a substantial \$22,500 a year."

This year, St. Johns asks for construction and to pay existing indebtedness \$340,000 and Washington asks \$395,000 for the same purposes while the construction requests of Western Maryland have not yet been submitted.

Each institution is proceeding energetically with its endowment campaign, and it is becoming evident that in addition to operating the University of Maryland the State is being asked to do a substantial part in building up these smaller colleges,—more particularly St. John's and Washington,—so that, with a limited student body, they may attain the first rank in scholarship and merit among the institutions for higher education in the country.

Certainly nothing could be more laudable, and yet I do not see how the State can fulfil the obligations it has already assumed to the State University and at the same time continue to give these smaller colleges substantial sums for their building programs. This seems to me a large burden to ask the taxpayers to assume.

I am accordingly not recommending, at this time at least, any appropriations for construction or capital purposes to St. John's, Washington or Western Maryland.

I recommend that St. John's maintenance appropriation be increased from \$50,000 to \$55,000 a year, that Washington's appropriation be raised from \$45,000 to \$50,000 a year, and I accept the recommendation of the Board of State Aid and Charities that Western Maryland's appropriation continue as at present at \$22,700 a year."

## Kent Sixth In Number Of Trained Teachers

### Recent Survey Shows That 88 Per Cent Of Kent Teachers Are On Accredited List

A survey recently completed shows that there are 1200 more teachers holding first grade certificates now employed in Maryland than in 1921.

The check of the department showed that 78 per cent of the teachers are graduate of normal schools or have equivalent education. This is nearly double the per cent of 1921 which was 40.

Kent County is sixth among the 23 counties of the State with a per cent of 88. The table shows 58 teachers in Kent and 51 of these are on the trained list.

Queen Anne's, Kent's southern neighbor, and Baltimore counties lead the list with a perfect score of 100 per cent. St. Mary's County is last with a per cent of 42.

## Kent May Lose Health Officer

Dr. J. P. Franklin Offered Baltimore City Post

### HIGH MAN IN TESTS

Dr. Joseph P. Franklin, local Deputy State Officer, heads the list of eligibles for appointment as director of the Baltimore City Health Bureau of Communicable Diseases. Out of six physicians who took the examinations for the position two passed. Dr. Franklin was one of the two and received the highest average.

When Dr. Franklin appeared for the tests he was called "Baby" because of his youthful appearance as compared to the veterans who were taking the examinations. Youth will be served, however, and Dr. Franklin stepped out to head the old-timers on the average list.

Dr. Franklin, who has done great work as the local representative of the State Health Department, has not decided to accept the new position as yet.

## Kent County Boy As Ben Franklin 2nd Starts Career

### Francis Dean, of Near Worton, With 16 Years And 60 Cents Begins Big City Life

#### HELPED BY POLICE

He was an admirer of Ben Franklin and so like Benjamin he decided to leave the home soil for the big city where he could become a printer. With sixty cents and a stout heart he landed in Baltimore only to be picked up by the police.

The modern Franklin is none other than a Kent County boy, Francis Dean is his name, and he has seen 16 winters. The Deans moved to the Eastern Shore some little time ago and settled near Church Hill. About a month ago they moved over into Kent and settled near Worton.

Francis came to Chestertown for work. Willing, he found several odd jobs but wanted a permanent position and thus started his pilgrimage to Baltimore.

Thinking maybe Francis was a runaway, the Baltimore police wrote his mother, Mrs. Dean replied that she was unable to support Francis and that anyway he was a bright lad and would make his way in the big world.

The Prisoner's Aid Society of Baltimore presented Francis with a suit of clothes and Henry C. Raynor of the society, will see that "Ben, Jr." obtains work.

## Dr. Viola A. Graham Comes To Washington College

Because of the difficulty of securing at this time of the year a professor of science to take up the work so ably carried on by Professor A. Roy Woodland, who has resigned to go into business with his brother-in-law, Washington College feels itself fortunate to have secured the service of Dr. Viola A. Graham of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Dr. Graham was born in Mississippi and spent some of the years of her girlhood in Virginia, the native state of her mother. She attended Cornell University at Ithaca, however, from which institution she has received successively by degrees of A. B., A. M., M. S., and Ph. D. In working for her doctorate she majored in biochemistry. This fact qualifies her in an unusual way for the work which she is to do at Washington College.

Dr. Graham taught several years in a private school in New York City and for the last five has been an instructor in chemistry in Cornell University from which institution she comes with the very best of recommendations relative to her character, personality, knowledge of matter, and instructional ability.

## To Honor Birthday Of Washington

President J. A. C. Chandler of the College of William and Mary will deliver the annual Washington's Birthday address at Washington College at the weekly assembly of the student body Thursday morning, February 24. The Williamsburg educator has achieved considerable renown as the reviver of the ancient college named after William of Orange and his queen, and his first appearance on the Eastern Shore is being looked forward to with much interest.

—The Enterprise \$1.00 A Year.

## Permit Asked To Build Second Bridge Over Chesapeake Bay

Application was made to the Public Service Commission on Monday for permission to construct a bridge across the Chesapeake Bay from Sandy Point, on the West shore to Kent Island, on the east shore. This is the narrowest point of the bay.

This move was taken to mean that there will be competition over the erection of a bay span. Not long ago announcement was made by Baltimore financial leaders that a bridge would be built from near Bay Shore to near Rock Hall.

It was estimated that this bridge would cost \$10,000,000. The War Department objected to the site, claiming that it would interfere with the firing of long range guns at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. The decision of the War Department is now being fought by the company and the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce.

## New Year Hailed With Noisy And Joyous Welcome

### Many Parties Mark Arrival Of 1927

#### Bells, Shots And Horns, Greet Ruler Of Next 365 Days

Prosperous and with all confidence in the newcomer, Kent County gave a rousing reception to the New Year 1927, last Friday night. So hearty was the greeting of the Kent folk the ignored fact that he arrived under an umbrella which sheltered him from the snow, rain, or rainy snow.

The inevitable clanging of bells, firing of pistols and sounding of horns announce the departure of the aged and decrepit 1926 and the arrival of his successor, 1927, who assumed the throne for a reign of 365 days.

If there were those in Kent who suffered any pang of regret at the dying gasps of the old year they did not show themselves.

Many were the parties throughout the county to celebrate the arrival of the new King 1927. The Chester Cottillion Club had enjoyed their celebration on the night before and most of the merrymaking was confined to private homes.

Just before the hour of midnight, someone, a little impatient, fired a revolver. In just a few seconds the town clock boomed the twelve strokes that announced the passing of the old and the arrival of the new.

This was the signal for all the merry-makers to get busy. Bells were tolling. Shots fired. Auto horns were held down. Shouts of glee were heard.

And, a close listener might have heard the clinking of many glasses as 1927 was toasted.

A belated celebrator turned on the siren at the fire house about 1:15 A. M., on Saturday. The false alarm was responsible for the turnout of most of the firemen, resolved to start the New Year right.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie said "Happy New Year" as follows: "Maryland, in its friendly mode of life, in its traditions, in its natural beauties, in its resources and in its toleration of spirit, enjoys an enviable place among the States.

We have a great metropolis which in the past year has made strides in reawakening civic spirit without sacrifice of cultural values.

Surrounding it we have a countryside stretching from mountain to seashore that affords vocations and happy homes to a contented people.

We have broad expanse of water that makes us important commercially and affords an unexcelled playground for our leisure. Our varied advantages make us a little world within our own territorial limits.

Traditions of an honorable past urge us on to a future full of every happy promise. Therefore, I wish to my fellow-citizens of Maryland in full measure the richness, the plenty and the happiness our State offers."

## Governor Ritchie Will Begin Third Term Next Wednesday

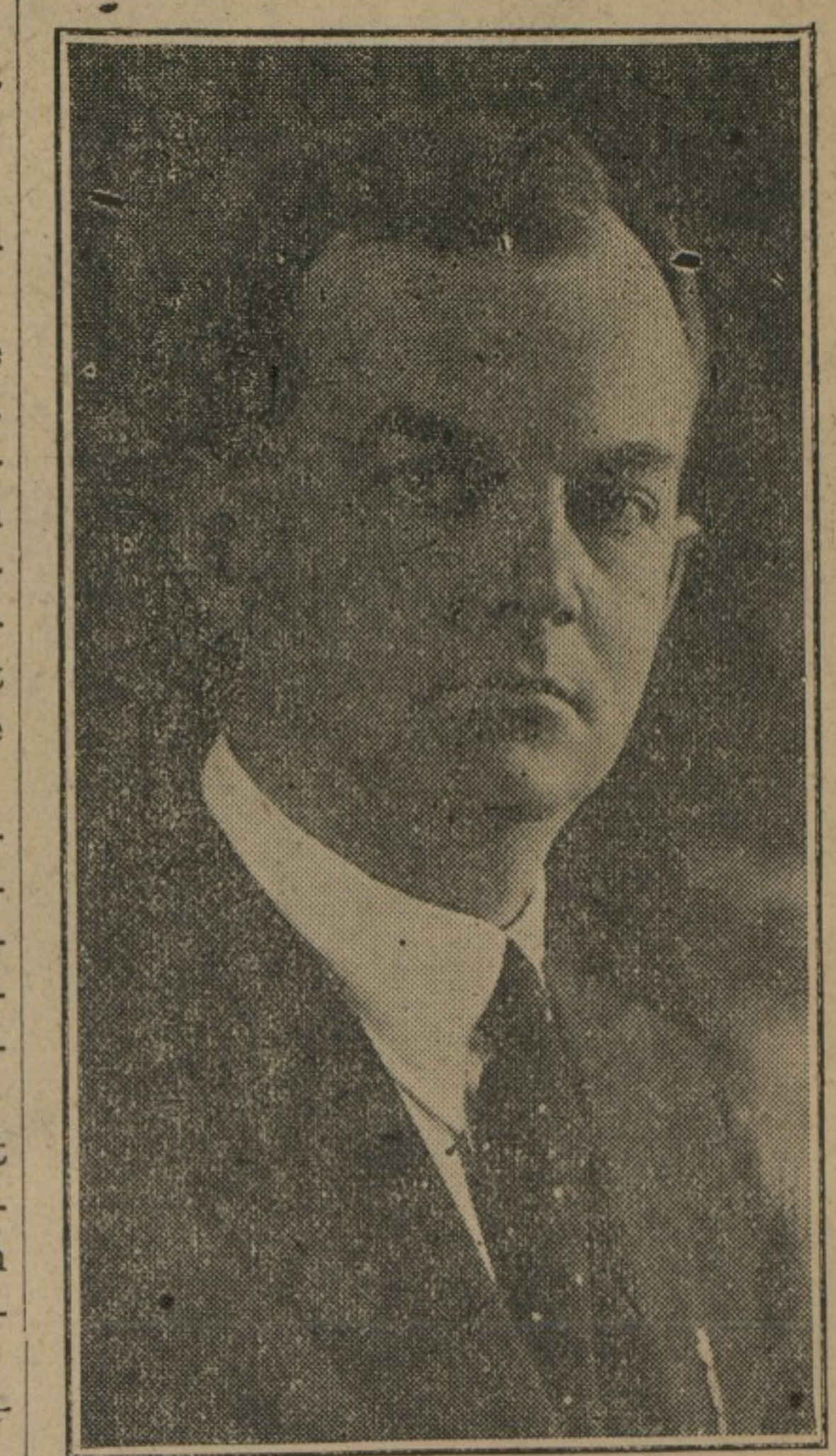
Governor Albert C. Ritchie will be inaugurated for his third term on Wednesday, January 12. Arrangements have not been settled, but the Governor said this week that they would be simple and much as they were three years ago.

He has asked George L. Radcliffe who performed a similar service at the last inauguration, to make out a program and attend to carrying it out.

A number of prominent Kent County Democrats are making plans to be present at the inauguration.

—Advertise in the Enterprise.

S. SCOTT BECK



Senator S. Scott Beck, of Kent County, who makes his debut today when the State Assembly convenes at Annapolis. Mr. Beck was victorious in the last election, defeating ex-Senator Henry Brown, Republican. Mr. Beck won over ex-Senator W. B. Copper in the Democratic primaries.

## Jake Flowers Takes Bride At Cambridge, Md.

### Former Washington College Athlete And Miss Laura Leone Brannock Wed

#### Flowers A Member Of World's Champion St. Louis Cardinals

D'Arcy (Jake) Flowers, utility infielder of the St. Louis Cardinals and Miss Laura Leone Brannock were married at Cambridge yesterday morning.

Flowers is well known in Kent County. As a member of the Washington College baseball team Flowers started the career that brought him to his present position with the World's Champions. Flowers also played two seasons on the baseball team which represented Chestertown during the summer months. After leaving Washington College he became a member of the Cambridge team in the Eastern Shore League and worked his way through several minor loops to the big show.

Jake's bride is the daughter of Police Chief and Mrs. Daniel E. Brannock, of Cambridge. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Y. Nicholson.

The couple were married under a bower of pines, with the room lighted by candles. The bride entered on the arm of the groom, with no attendants. She wore a French Blue dress with hat to match and carried a large bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. After a wedding trip to northern points the couple will return to Cambridge where they will make their home.

## Chamber of Commerce Opens New Offices

The offices of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce were formally opened on January 3rd, with Mrs. F. B. Westcott as secretary. Although the Chamber of Commerce has been so recently organized, numerous inquiries in regard to business and farm lands in Kent County have been pouring in from various parts of the country.

The executive offices will be opened daily and visitors will be most cordially welcomed.

## Miss Adelaide Lambert, Kent County Girl, Holds Four World's Records In 1926

Holding three individual records and a member of a record breaking relay team was the 1926 swimming accomplishment of Miss Adelaide Lambert, a Kent County girl. Miss Lambert, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Lambert, who are at present living in Panama. She is a member of the New York Women's Swimming Association.

In the Women's National Senior Indoor Championship Miss Lambert won the title in the Pentathlon swim. In the Outdoor Championships the Kent County girl was a winner in the 220 yard backstroke and the 300 meter medley race. In the same affair Miss Lambert was a member of the Women's Swimming Association relay team which captured the 880 yard relay.

The New York Times in reviewing the 1926 swimming marks refers to that established by Miss Lambert in winning the 330 yard medley swim.

## Legislature Convenes Today At Annapolis

### Kent's Members Left On Monday For Capitol

#### LIVELY SESSION PROMISED Parties Will Caucus On Tuesday Night

The Maryland Legislature begins today its first session since 1924, the biennial meeting having been omitted last year because of fewer election laws. Hereafter the General Assembly will convene on the odd years. The members now are elected for four years, so that Delegates as well as Senators will serve for two sessions.

Senator S. Scott Beck, and Delegates Ellsworth C. Bowers and Arthur H. Brice, from Kent County, left on Monday afternoon for the State Capitol at Annapolis in order to be present at the caucus of the Democratic party on Tuesday.

Those who like to see plenty of action in the Legislature are beginning to think the sessions this winter may not prove as lifeless as had been expected. The plan of John N. Mackall, chairman of the State Roads Commission, for an addition of 2 1/2 cents to the tax on gasoline has agitated motorists all over the State. The proposal is expected to cause some warm fights in the Assembly, as well as spirited hearings before the committees which will have the bill in charge.

Contents of Governor Ritchie's message, which will not be made public until it is read to the two branches of the Assembly after their organization, may furnish subjects for spirited debate. Proposed changes in the Annex tax rates are considered certain to be strongly opposed by representatives of those affected under the plan.

It is said a strong effort will be made to have the Legislature establish a central almshouse for the State, and other bills which arouse controversy have been prepared and are in the custody of their sponsors.

It is customary for the Legislature as soon as the two houses have perfected their skeleton organization to adjourn until the following Tuesday night. The ostensible reason for this is to give the newly elected presiding officers time to select their committees, in which task they always receive assistance from the leaders of the party in power.

Those who have tried it say it is no easy task to arrange the committees with a view to the greatest usefulness to the State and at the same time satisfy all the members. The member who does not get on any important committees has the best time at Annapolis, but few seem to take that view of the matter.

Because the Democrats are heavily in the majority in both House and Senate, the choice of their party caucuses for the chief positions will be named when the Assembly convenes on Wednesday. Both parties will caucus at Annapolis Tuesday night, although a preliminary and informal caucus of the Democrats usually is held at the Hotel Rennett on Monday night.

J. Enos Ray, chairman of the Democrat State Central Committee, will call the Democratic caucus of the House of Delegates to order and then will perform the same office in the Senate chamber. Each body will select its own chairman and nominate its candidates for presiding officer and the principal clerks.

David G. McIntosh, Jr., of Baltimore county, President of the Senate at the last session, is slated to succeed himself, Emerson Crothers, of Cecil county, Secretary of the Senate at the last session, is said to be likely to gather the plum again, and Andrew Shaub, of Howard county, is said to be strongly in the running to succeed himself as reading clerk of the Senate.

E. Brooke Lee, of Montgomery county, is considered certain to receive the caucus nomination, which means election, as Speaker of the House of Delegates. Albert J. Almon, veteran chief clerk of the House, will succeed himself in that capacity, and Clarence Wolf, of East Baltimore, will be reading clerk again.

Sergeant-at-arms and journal clerks for each house will be chosen at the caucuses, but it is said these have not been definitely selected. The remaining employees of the General Assembly, who usually number approximately the same as the members, will be appointed by the presiding officers during the second week of the session.

The regular sessions of the Legislature are limited by the State Constitution to ninety days. There is no obligation to remain at work that long, but there is no record of shorter session.