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YOUTHS IN SOCIETY TURNING TO POLITICS

J. Griswold Webb, Elected Again to Assembly, Sees Chances for Career. PUBLIC LIFE ALLURING F. T. Davison Passes Banking Up in Favor of Going Into Legislature.

R. R. LIVINGSTON ACTIVE Major Lorillard Is Among Aspirants—Women Also Taking Up Office Holding.

"Every young man who has means sufficient to permit him to select a career and makes public life a profession may succeed in eliminating another man who makes public life a business. For that reason I believe that more young men should go into public life." Such is one of several philosophical observations of J. Griswold Webb, who was elected to the New York State Assembly last Tuesday from the First district of Dutchess county and who is himself one of the interesting group of young men he referred to. It did not remain for the election to give Assemblyman Webb the inspiration for his political philosophy, but the results of last week's voting did serve to mark the debut in public life of several young men as well as of some young women whose distinctions before an election day consisted primarily of their being "of society."

Names in Election Returns. A further perusal of the completed election returns has turned up the names of several other men and women who have emerged from the conventional realm of society into local elective offices, further to emulate the philosophy of Assemblyman Webb. A reporter called up Mr. Livingston on the long distance telephone at Germantown, N. Y. Just below Hudson-on-the-Hudson River, and congratulated him upon his election. "Hold up," he replied, breaking into the congratulation. "I lost to Dr. Roosevelt, C. Waterbury of Kinderhook, the Republican candidate, but by only 66 votes. I think this doing pretty well in such a Republican stronghold as this one in Columbia county. Out of a total vote of 13,900, I polled 6,200 and Dr. Waterbury 6,698. But I cut down the normal Republican majority from 1,700. I ran for the Assembly here last year for the first time and lost by that majority in 1920 to George Finch. I am in public life to stay and as a resident of this district I shall run again."

Mr. Livingston is a son of Mrs. Robert R. Livingston of 11 Washington Square North and Northwood, Chevrolet and a couple of stations below Germantown on the Hudson. Chancellor Livingston was his great-grandfather. The late E. N. Tallier of Washington square was his grandfather and T. Sufferin Tallier is his uncle. In 1910 he was graduated from Princeton. He took a post-graduate course in Columbia, from which he was graduated in 1914.

"I am heartily glad that Bob Livingston ran so well," said Mr. Webb. "I hope he will run again." Mr. Webb is about to enter upon his third term as member of the State Assembly, and because of his public career, short as it is, he is qualified to give some advice from his own experiences for the other young fellows, who are following him into politics.

When asked "How did you happen to become interested in politics?" he replied: "Everybody I know has asked me that and I suppose it is natural they should. Personally I went into politics because I felt there was a real need for men in our public offices to-day who go into the work not for what they can get out of it for themselves, but rather what they can put into it for the good of the State or the nation as a whole."

Great Present Day Need. "One thing that has been brought in upon me in my short career is the increasing need of this type of man in public life—probably a greater need to-day than ever before—and while it is true to a certain extent that the younger generation is beginning to assume the responsibility of public life as a serious career, yet the proportion is still exceedingly small. In England it is possible to make politics a life career and a man can be trained for it from boyhood, but in this country this is practically impossible. It is exceedingly difficult to induce most young men to take it up, partly because it is a long, hard and often bitter pull from the bottom to the top, and partly because the remuneration is so ridiculously small that it entails a considerable financial sacrifice."

Society Enters Politics



Dr. William Seward Webb, who married the daughter of the late William Vanderbilt, and is married to a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Rogers of Hyde Park, N. Y. He was graduated from Yale in 1912.

Davison Discards Finance. When Frederick Trubee Davison announced himself a candidate for the Assembly in Nassau county on the Republican ticket this year he said he was going into public life to stick. He had the opportunity of going into the great banking firm of which his father is a member with the chance of eventually becoming a member of the firm, "but," he said, "I would much rather go into politics and have a career like that than become one of the firm. I want nothing better than to go to Albany for several years as a groundwork to what I hope will be a political career. The diplomatic or administrative end of public life has never appealed to me. I want to get right next to the people who are doing things."

He got his start with a splendid majority on Nov. 8, but in spite of the very evident satisfaction, yesterday he could not be persuaded to add to his pre-election statement. "I had better not talk about what I hope to accomplish until I have had some experience," he said. "I am going to go slowly. So, if you will excuse me, I will postpone this interview until I return from a session at Albany."

Nevertheless, Mr. Davison has some clearly formed ideas on constructive legislation. His ambitions are shared by his wife, who was Miss Dorothy Peabody, daughter of the Rev. Endicott Peabody, headmaster of Groton School. He was graduated from Yale in 1918 and had his first taste of public service as secretary to Herbert Parsons during the last national Republican convention in Chicago and later as secretary to Charles D. Hilles. His father, at the last election was Fontaine Tallaferra, a war veteran with a fine record.

Women on Success List. To this list of aspirants to public office may be added the names of Major Pierre Lorillard, Jr., of Tuxedo Park; Mrs. Thomas L. Clarke of Oyster Bay; Mrs. Robert Low Bacon and Mr. Lawrence S. Butler. Major Lorillard, whose father was one of the founders of Tuxedo Park, was re-elected superintendent of highways of Tuxedo Park. He was unopposed. Next spring several important offices will have to be filled in Tuxedo Park and the neighboring town and some twenty young men, owners of country estates there, will run for local elective offices. Herbert Clayborne Pell, Jr., a member of the Tuxedo Park colony, is Democratic State Chairman. In 1918 he was elected to Congress from the Seventeenth New York District, but was defeated for reelection last autumn by Ogden L. Mills.

Mrs. Clarke, who is a factor in the social life of the Oyster Bay colony, was elected Overseer of the poor of the town of Oyster Bay on the Republican ticket. She was Miss Winifred Ives and has been active in civic and philanthropic work in Nassau county for several years.

Mrs. Bacon was elected a trustee of the Jones Institute Fund for North Hempstead on the Republican ticket. Mrs. Bacon's husband, who is a son of the late Robert Bacon, Ambassador to France, is a member of the State Republican Committee from the Second Assembly district of Nassau county. The Jones Institute Fund was created for the purpose of caring for the poor of North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, and considerable time and care is required to discharge the duties of the office. She held the same office two years ago and filled it so well that she got a rousing vote for her second term, which she has now entered.

Mr. Butler, who is a member of the Union Club and belongs to a noted New York family, was elected on the Republican ticket as Superintendent of Schools for Smithtown, L. I.

POTATO FORECAST BETTER. New England Tobacco Crop Best in Recent Years. WAREFIELD, Mass., Nov. 15.—Further increase in the potato crop in northern New England and the Eastern States was forecast to-day by V. A. Sanders, crop statistician of the United States Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates. The estimated yield in Maine was increased from 22,766,000 bushels on October 1 to 27,132,000 on November 1. The tobacco crop of New England was said to be the best of recent years. Preliminary average yields for this State were estimated at 1,500 pounds and for Connecticut 1,462 pounds. The Maine apple crop was reported to exceed slightly the October estimate of 645,000 barrels, with the crop elsewhere in New England very light. The quality was reported good to excellent.

75 WESTERN ROADS MOVE FOR PAY CUTS

Calls Sent Out for Conferences With Employees on the Larger Lines. Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Approximately seventy-five railroads, comprising practically all the larger lines of the West, are sending out calls this week for wage conferences with their employees, looking to reductions of pay. A few conferences have already been held on some roads.

Although the roads are acting individually in the matter of wage reductions, all are following the agreement reached here on October 14, when the Association of Railway Executives passed a resolution favoring a further reduction of rates of pay to those in effect prior to the wage award of the United States Railroad Labor Board in July, 1920. Such reduction will approximate 10 per cent. for the train service men and a return to the rates of pay in outside industries for other classes of labor.

Demands to be presented by the railroad brotherhoods when they meet with general managers of the roads to consider changes in working rules and conditions were taken up to-day at the conference of 450 officers and general chairmen of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. When the conference adjourned, Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers, said they were not prepared to make any public statement as yet. "We are trying to decide on a future policy regarding wage reductions and changes in working conditions," said Mr. Stone. Mr. Stone declined to say what had transpired at the conference. The meeting will continue through Wednesday. Ninety-eight roads have opened negotiations with the unions for changes in the working rules.

PRO-LEAGUE WOMEN TO MEET. While the Washington conference is in session, the Women's Pro-League Council, 302 Fifth avenue, will hold a series of meetings, luncheons and dinners. The first, a meeting at the Women's University Club, 108 East Fifty-second street, on Friday, will be addressed by Prof. Manly O. Hudson of Harvard. Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, president of Vassar; Hamilton Holt, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Raymond Fosdick and others.

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RIIS SETTLEMENT EXTENDS ITS WORK. Opens Community Room for Older Men and Women. The Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement, at 48 and 50 Henry street, is opening a community room for the older men and women of the community. Games of checkers, chess and dominoes will be among the entertainment features and the settlement workers are hopeful that they will receive donations of checkers, chess and dominoes to provide an adequate equipment. Miss Helen Jessup is the head worker of the settlement.

BOAT DAMAGES LIGHTHOUSE. Cracks at Breakwater Explained by Submarine Crash. NEWPORT, R. I., Nov. 15.—Damage to the foundation of Breakwater Light and a crack in the structure itself, noticed by mariners for several days, were explained to-day when it was learned that submarine N-1, because of the jamming of its steering gear, had rammed the granite blocks. Some of the blocks were torn out of the wall entirely. The damage to the submarine was said to be slight compared with that to the wall, which had stood the buffeting of storms for half a century.

MARINE ACCUSED OF MURDER. Officer Says He Heard Threats Against Dead Man. BOSTON, Nov. 15.—Richard Wisenfeld of this city, a marine, was held for the Federal Grand Jury to-day on charge of murder for the shooting of Quince C. Rouden of Panama City, Fla., at the navy yard on October 23. Lieut. Edward E. Shaw testified at a hearing before a United States Commissioner that Wisenfeld said he intended to kill Rouden, but gave no reason. No witnesses were called by the defence.

M. E. CHURCH CALLS FOR REAL SERVICE

Pleas for Efforts on Behalf of Sick and Needy Made at Conference.

DETROIT, Nov. 15 (Associated Press).—A call to clergy and laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church in all parts of the world for greater service in all departments of the church's activities was sounded by speakers at the opening session of the denomination's national conference here to-day.

Pleas for more concerted efforts in behalf of sick and needy, aliens in congested districts, those in remote mountain and desert places, and for diminution of racial prejudices were made by bishops, ministers, missionaries and laymen. Bishop Robert E. Jones of New Orleans, the first negro to be appointed a bishop by the church, and Emmett J. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Howard University at Washington, made the pleas for greater consideration for the negro at to-night's session. "Four hundred thousand American negroes did their part in the world war, expecting as a reward that they would receive the new freedom," Dr. Scott told the delegates. "These men returned disappointed. They have begun to think as a group that democracy is but a fable, so far as the negro in America is concerned. The negro fought and died like other men in war and he demands protection of life and property in time of peace. "The negro does not ask social equality and never has asked it. All he asks is social justice."

Bishop Jones outlined the growth of Methodism among negroes. "The church has the right of way in negro life and if any group needs a socialized church it is the negro group," he said. "Adequate plants that would add to the recreational, educational, civic and religious life of the race should be established in all centres of the North and South." "The supreme challenge to the existence of Christianity is not India, Africa or China, but the American city," the Rev. William M. Gilbert, superintendent of the bureau of foreign speaking work of the church, said, explaining the need for efforts among immigrants. He described the Americanization work being carried on in the larger cities. Churchmen and laymen were speakers at the afternoon session to-day, at which the delegates of the church must look to the physical as well as the spiritual side of the world's needs and urged greater efforts to alleviate suffering.

MARRIED BY CITY CLERK. City Clerk Michael Cruise performed a marriage ceremony yesterday in the License Bureau for Edward Joseph Naughton, 33, a cattle breeder of Australia, and Cynthia Marie Paddieford, 19, a daughter of John Paddieford of Los Angeles.

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