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## \$122,428.59 Spent for Macadam Roads Last Year.

### The Republicans Defeated the Budget and Treasurer's Bill — The Commissioners the Only Ones to Object to It.

The tax payers are beginning to recall the actions of the Republican organization of Carroll County in the Legislature of 1920 when the people of the County were fully displayed in the defeat of the Budget and Treasurer's bills introduced by the only Democrat member of the Legislature from Carroll County Mr. John P. Klee.

The Treasurer's bill provided for the consolidation of the office of County Treasurer and Collector of Taxes. It placed the responsibility of collecting and disbursing our money in the hands of one man and would have effected a saving to the County of several thousand dollars; yet, this bill was defeated by the Carroll County representatives in the House of Delegates, for no other reason than that it deprived the Republican County Commissioners of an appointive office and threw Mr. Keeler out of a job. They did the work thoroughly, for after being referred to the Carroll County Delegation it was locked up by the late Jesse Leatherwood.

The Budget Bill, being House Bill No. 510, was the most important bill for the tax payers of Carroll County ever presented to the Legislature and had a little more show for it was referred to the ways and means committee and it passed the House, but was killed by Senator Snader. Before being introduced by Mr. Klee it had been submitted to the bankers of Westminster, the leaders of both parties, and expert accountants, and any criticism of it found material was adopted. No one objected to it in any way, except that the County Commissioners claimed that the safeguards it threw around the people's money were too stringent. One of its most important features, suggested by Mr. George H. Gehr, of Westminster, required the County Commissioners to prepare a tentative estimate of the necessary appropriations for general county expenses and improvements for each year, and publish it in the papers before the first of June, fixing a day when they would sit at the Court House to hear all protests and suggestions relative to County expenses and improvements. This provision made the County Commissioners tell the people how they were going to spend their money before it was expended, and gave them an opportunity to protest. It changed materially conditions, for now they can spend the money of the people as they please, and then afterwards tell the people they have got to pay the bills.

The Bill also prevented them creating or floating debt or borrowing money, except in anticipation of taxes, and prevented them using money appropriated for one purpose for any other; it provided that no money could be expended in excess of any appropriation, and that any balance remaining at the end of the year to

the credit of any appropriation, was to go to the general treasury and be included in estimating the revenue of the following year. It also provided, that if its provisions were violated the County Commissioners would be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to indictment, absolutely prevented them from spending any money contrary to law, and made everything they did open and public.

It is difficult to see why they objected to these safeguards, but they did; and they did more, they went to Annapolis, with the Republican organization of Carroll County and killed it in the Senate.

Possibly, a reason for this action can be found by an examination of their last report, for we find in it, that they spent last year \$122,428.59 for macadam roads, when, since June 1, 1920, the law only authorized the building of "lateral roads." The County built these lateral roads for which they paid \$55,625.00. Where they got the power to spend this money they do not state.

It also appears that Thomas Bennett & Hunter did most of this work, except on the road to Melville's Mill upon which we understand \$45,000.00 has been spent, one-half of which was advanced by Mr. Melville, but which the County is now graciously and generously repaying it. In this connection, we have heard, that the County Commissioners have under consideration of building a bridge at the end of this road at a cost of \$10,000.00.

The report also shows that they have paid Dr. Woodward, for an inquest \$25.00, when the Code, Article 22, Section 6, provides that the physician required by the jury to attend shall be allowed such sum as the coroner, or jury shall deem proper, not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$10.00 to be paid by the County. Of course this additional fifteen dollars for each inquest is a small matter but it illustrates the indifference and carelessness with which the Board of County Commissioners have been conducting the affairs of the tax payers, and the need of a budget law.

These are just a few of the many other items in their last annual report, to which attention could be called, and possibly explains why the Republican Board of County Commissioners visited Annapolis and fought to have their Senator kill the budget bill after it had passed the House of Delegates. The \$122,000.00 for macadam roads could not possibly have been spent unless the people had approved of it, and the Melville road would never have been built, for while for a minute, would imagine the people would approve of building a road about a mile and a half long to a mill at the cost of \$45,000.00, when so many communities in the county are suffering for the lack of good roads?

## Enthusiasm Growing Among Women

### In Carrol, As Evidenced By Reports At The Meeting Of The Democratic Club

That the Woman's Democratic Club of Carroll County is a growing organization was shown by the increased attendance at its third meeting at the Opera House on Monday night, when representatives from many districts assembled. Mrs. Frank B. Fenby, president, called the meeting to order, and after the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, Mrs. C. E. Forlines offered a prayer for guidance. After the reports of the committees, Miss Helen Dittman delighted the audience with several solos. Reports from the Vice-Presidents present showed that a great deal has been done and many new members added to the club.

The main address of the evening was made by Mrs. Alexander Harvey, of Baltimore, who instructed her audience in many points of interest as to the workings of our government. She made a plea for the support of all Democrats for our ticket this fall, and highly commended Governor Ritchie's reorganization plan.

After a social hour, when refreshments were served, the meeting adjourned until next Monday night at the Opera House, when a prominent speaker will address the club, and refreshments served.

## BIG DANCE

Company H will hold its first dance of the season at the Armory next Thursday night, October 20, at 9 p. m. Those who patronized the Company dances last year will remember with pleasure the evening they enjoyed. This year the dances promise to surpass those of last year. The music will be better, the attendance larger, and a more enjoyable time is guaranteed to those who are fortunate enough to attend. Not only those who dance are invited but also their friends and any others who care to

come for a social evening. The proceeds of the Company dances are placed in the Company fund and applied toward the purchase of various conveniences for the Company. All the men who were in camp last summer will testify to the desirability and necessity of a Company fund. About two hundred dollars went toward the purchase of fruits, vegetables, ice cream, cake, etc., for the mess table, and various other items that are not included in the regular army rations.

So when you attend the Company dances you are not only assisting yourself of a good time but you will be supporting the local Company and making possible many little comforts for the men in camp next summer which they would not otherwise have.

**When Carroll County had NO Republican County Commissioner, its people could boast of being the lowest taxed County in the State. Since it has ALL Republican Commissioners they find themselves among the highest taxed.**

## SERVICES AT LINERO

Preparatory Service and Reception of members at the Linero Lutheran Church Saturday, October 15, at 2 p. m. Sacrament of Lord's Supper, Sunday 10 a. m. Divine worship at 7:30 p. m. Addresses respectively at each of the above services as follows: "What Saith the Prophet"; "What Saith the Priest"; "What Saith the King."

## BIG AUTO SHOW

ALL NEW MODELS TO BE EXHIBITED—PLENTY OF MUSIC — TO SURPASS LAST YEAR.

Don't forget that the members of the local Post, American Legion, have this big show of Carroll county under their direction. Therefore, we know you are overly anxious to co-operate with them. But the question presents itself. How shall I help? Ask any member of the local post. He will tell you that we are going to give a Ford touring car away during the show, and you can be a great help to them by taking some shares in this car, or even better if you can sell some of these shares to your friends. Remember the time is very short now, so we will not detain you any longer in this space, but will get busy getting these Ford touring car shares ready for you when you call.

Even though there remains but a week, the Maryland annual auto show of Carroll County, under the direction of Carroll Post No. 31, American Legion is fast nearing completion. After particularly thinking over some exceptionally good music for your entertainment, the committee has been very fortunate in securing the services of the Westminster Band, which will give a continued concert on the opening night from 8 to 11. They have also engaged that very popular orchestra, namely, the Westminster orchestra, for the remainder of the show.

## A RECEPTION TO THE TEACHERS OF OUR SCHOOLS.

The Parent-Teacher's Association of Westminster will give a reception to the teachers of our Westminster schools, which the patrons are earnestly requested to attend, in order to become acquainted with and to show some appreciation of the teachers of their children. This is free—an interesting program and refreshments have been arranged.

We want YOU there in the Assembly hall on Thursday, October 20, at 8 p. m.

Mr. Wilbur Buckingham, of Baltimore, visited his father, Mr. A. W. Buckingham, East Green street, who is sick, on Tuesday.

## Your Tax Rate.

Democratic Control	82-88c
And no debt.	
Republican Control	\$1.40
And in debt.	

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

### TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE, ORPHANS COURT, MARRIAGE LICENSES, ETC.

#### ORPHANS COURT

Monday, October 10.—George L. Stocksdale, executor of Agnes E. Matthews, deceased, reported sale of personal property and sale of real estate on which the court granted an order nisi.

The last will and testament of Ira Lawyer, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto Sterling C. Lawyer, who received warrant to appraise and an order to notify creditors.

Mary A. Wantz, administratrix of George Z. Wantz, deceased, returned an inventory of personal property and received an order to sell same.

Nelson C. Zepp, executor of Julia A. Zepp, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Mary A. Brown, administratrix of Francis W. Brown, deceased, received an order to transfer bond.

Tuesday, October 11th.—Sterling C. Lawyer, executor of Ira G. Lawyer, deceased, returned an inventory of personal property.

#### TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

John Royer to E. Ed. Martin and wife, 7 acres, for \$250.

Anna H. Miller and husband to Charles F. Pohler et al, tract, for \$10.

Albert M. Hall et al. to Martha E. Holman, 7200 square feet, for \$275.

Sarah E. Shower et al. to William H. Shower, 7-8 acre, for \$150.

William H. Shower and wife to William R. Shower, 7200 square feet, for \$10.

Sarah C. Feaser et al. to John C. Feaser and wife, 15 acres, for \$900.

Robert I. Flohr and wife to Robert E. Shipley and wife, 88 acres, for \$10.

A. Norris Becraft and wife to Howard G. Callaghan and wife, 11,500 square feet, for \$1970.

Edward W. Case et al. to Vernon A. Chest et al., 3 lots, for \$10.

Alfred J. Green and wife to J. E. Henry and wife, 1 acre, for \$5.

Milton Mann and wife to Conrad I. Mann and wife, 2 tracts, for \$10.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Allen E. Myers, of Spring Grove, Pa., and Lora S. Cramer, of Glenville, Pa.

Lloyd Andrew Blizard and Florence Mary Winters, both of Westminster.

Robert Lee Stone, of Union Bridge, and Mildred Louise Rover, of New Windsor.

Charles Shue and Helen Romaine Kopp, both of Spring Grove, Pa.

William Brown and Edith S. Duerr, both of Baltimore.

#### SPECTACULAR HINDU PAGEANT.

Dr. Osborne, native of India, will direct a great pageant at the Century Methodist Episcopal Church, of Westminster, on Thursday evening, October 20, at 8 o'clock. About thirty characters in native Hindu and Mohammedan costumes will participate.

Weird minor music of the Orient, sung by a large chorus and solos by Dr. Osborne with banjo accompaniment. A most highly entertaining and gripping portrayal of the real condition of the lower classes of India.

A free will offering. No charge for admission. Open to the public.

J. Harry Erb, aged 33 years, son of Seobin and the late Joseph Erb, of Baltimore, died Tuesday. His body was brought to this city yesterday and was consigned, however, for not having a watchman at the crossing.

## TWO BROTHERS KILLED

### B. & O. TRAIN STRIKES AUTOMOBILE OF JAMES H. HILL, GAMBER, NEAR MOUNT AIRY AND WRECKED IT—WERE ON THEIR WAY TO CHARLESTOWN W. VA. ON A VISIT.

While attempting to cross the tracks of the B. & O. Railroad, near Mount Airy Junction, Saturday, an automobile party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hill, of Gamber, and Mr. Hill's brother, George J. Hill, and wife and son George, of Annapolis, James H. Hill was instantly killed and his brother mortally wounded, when the car was struck by a B. & O. train. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Hill and son were taken at once to the Frederick Hospital where Mr. Hill soon died. Mrs. George Hill is still at the hospital in a very critical condition. The son and Mrs. James H. Hill seem to have escaped without serious injury. The body of George Hill was taken to the funeral parlors of Horace Burgee & Son in Baltimore where funeral services were held Wednesday morning. The body of James H. Hill was taken to his home the same day. He leaves a widow and five children. He also leaves two brothers, William S. and John T. Hill, and two sisters, Miss Annie V. Hill and Mrs. Frank Davis. Funeral services in charge of Revs. Link Fields and McCaslin were held at Deer Park church, Monday, Oct. 10, at 1.30 p. m., and interment made in Mt. Pleasant cemetery. The pallbearers were Geo. Klee, Clinton Shipley, Carroll Slagman, Norris Stockdale, Walter Stocksdale and Eugene Green. F. A. Sharrer & Son funeral directors.

The dead and injured were part of a party going to Charles Town W. Va., on a visit to relatives, traveling in two machines. In the front car, which crossed the track safely, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lockard and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill and daughter, May Hill, 12 years old, all of Gamber. This car was owned and driven by Mr. Lockard.

Traveling in a touring car owned by George Hill, and driven by his wife, Mrs. Mollie Hill, the second party was about 40 feet behind the first machine.

Rain necessitated curtains on the machine and the view was partly obscured in front with Mrs. Mollie Hill was Mrs. Harry Hill. Her husband, the owner of the machine, and young George Hill, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hill, were on the rear seat.

The machine reached the center of the track before it was struck by the train. The car was reduced to a mass of wreckage and the occupants were thrown to the ground clear of the wreck, with the exception of Harry Hill, who was dragged and had his right arm torn off at the shoulder, skull fractured and his body badly mutilated. The train was immediately stopped and crew hurried to the assistance of the injured.

Drs. Carl M. Van Poole, E. H. Willard and Abram T. Cronk, Mount Airy went to the scene. The injured were given first aid and hurried to the Frederick Hospital. The body of Harry Hill was placed in charge of a local undertaker and prepared to be sent home.

Lockard, owner and driver of the first machine, said no signal was given at the crossing and that they had no warning of the approach of the train.

A coroner's jury, summoned, held an inquest and generated the railroad crew from blame. The company was censured, however, for not having a watchman at the crossing.

## FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER VERY PLEASING.

The Lyceum Course for the year opened Tuesday evening of this week in the Armory.

The Kaufmann Male Quartette were the entertainers and the only part that merits criticism was the presence of so few representative citizens of Westminster.

The Kaufmann's pleased the audience very well. The comments of many were that the program was one

of the best ever given in Westminster. The purpose of these entertainments is to give clean, wholesome, attractive, high grade entertainments to the citizens of Westminster and deserves the support of all who are interested in giving Westminster people the opportunity to attend good winter entertainments at a very small cost.

The next number will be given November 3rd. The Detrichs Entertainers will be the attraction.



Now that the horse is gone, of course the Republican party is going to lock the barn.

## BIG DEMOCRATIC MEETING

The Woman's Democratic Club will hold a meeting at the **OPERA HOUSE** WESTMINSTER, MD.,

Monday Evening, October 17, AT 8 O'CLOCK. Men Are Invited

The Doors are Open to the Public. REFRESHMENTS

The Speakers will be Mrs. Frank P. Scrivener, Baltimore. Mrs. Frank P. Fenby, Finksburg.

## Democratic Mass-Meeting

AND Automobile Tour BY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES Monday, October 24th.

All Democratic Candidates, both State and local will tour the County on the above date.

For the names of places to be visited and the time, see next week's issue of the Advocate and hand bills.

At each place visited the candidates will stop and meet the people and discuss the issues of the campaign.

All Persons Having Automobiles Are Invited To Take Part In The Tour.

After the tour a mass-meeting will be held at the Opera House, Westminster, at 8 o'clock P. M. Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of Md. and Hon. Wm. S. Gordy Jr., nominee for State Comptroller, and others will address the meeting.

Democratic State Central Committee, H. G. BERWAGER, Secretary.