

Federation Vote Favors Election Of School Board

Montgomery Group
Backs Proposed Bill
For 7-Man Unit

The Montgomery County Civic Federation last night endorsed proposals to elect school board members on a nonpartisan basis. The federation met in the Bethesda Elementary School.

School board members now are appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the State Central Committee of the party in power.

The federation's action followed a two-hour report by Roy C. Potts, chairman of a school subcommittee.

Mr. Potts pointed out that a proposed bill providing for a change in the method of selecting board members has been prepared by a committee of the County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations. It is now in the hands of the county delegation to the Maryland Assembly which has approved it in principle.

Only opposition was from Lewis B. Sims and Blair Lee, 3d, who spoke in favor of the appointment of board members by the County Council instead of by the Governor.

Only State Appointing Board. Three members of the delegation, John R. Reeves, De Witt S. Hyde and R. Duncan Clarke, and Nathan Gilbert, president of the County Council, were present last night to answer questions regarding the bill.

Mr. Potts said that Maryland is the only State in the Nation in which members of county boards of education are appointed by the Governor, and that it is one of three States in which the appointment of county boards is made by a State instead of a local authority.

Mr. Clarke said five Maryland counties have approved legislation providing for the election of school board members, but in each case the Governor vetoed the bill. To avoid the possibility of a veto the proposed Montgomery Council bill provides for a county referendum in November, 1950.

New Has Six-Man Board. The present school board is composed of six members each representing the county at large. They are named for six-year terms. The proposed bill calls for seven members with eight-year terms for six and six-year terms for two.

The federation asked that not more than one be re-elected of the same Commissioner district.

If the proposed bill is enacted, a special election for three members would be held in April, 1951, two to fill expiring terms of appointed members and one to become the seventh member. In each general election thereafter board members would be elected to fill the terms of those expiring.

Nominations would be by petition. Vacancies between elections would be filled by the County Council and there would be no compensation for the board members.

Harold E. Wirth, chairman of the House Committee, reported that 3,037 dwelling units at a permit valuation of \$27,629,730 was started in the county during the first nine months of 1948. Of these, 2,264 are single family units with an average valuation of \$9,823. The 669 multi-family units have an average value of \$6,840.

Everts J. Wagg, chairman of the Charter Committee, explained the transitional provision of the charter, which was adopted at last Tuesday's election.

Alexandria Man Gets Year
In Theft of Movie Camera

Frederick Smith, 34, colored, 800 block of South Washington street, Alexandria, was sentenced to one year in the State Penitentiary by Judge Walter T. McCarthy in Arlington Circuit Court yesterday after he pleaded guilty to grand larceny.

Smith was charged with theft of a motion picture camera valued at \$230 from an Arlington store on August 4.

In other cases, Astor Green Godwin, 33, and Aubrey Costin, 48, both of the 4200 block of Gallatin street, Arlington, pleaded guilty to simple assault growing out of an altercation June 27. Both men previously had been indicted on charges of felonious assault.

Googwin was fined \$50 and given a 30-day jail sentence which was suspended. Costs of the case were referred to the probation officer.

Harvey Ed Flowers, 46, colored, Route 2, Alexandria, who had been indicted on a charge of grand larceny involving theft of building bricks, pleaded guilty to petty larceny and his case was referred to the probation officer.

Arlington Man Charged
With Theft of Bulldog

An Arlington man today was charged with grand larceny of a dog in Alexandria.

C. G. Andrews, 32, of the 1200 block of South Meade street was arrested by Arlington police on a warrant sworn out in Alexandria by the owner of the dog, Earl H. Cruise, 105 East Linden street Alexandria.

A spokesman for the Arlington Animal Rescue League said the registered French bulldog was seen getting into a man's automobile at a gas station near the Cruise home.

Andrews was held under \$1,000 bond for appearance in court today.

Martinsburg Names
Faulkner City Attorney

Special Dispatch to The Star

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 9.—Whiting C. Faulkner has been appointed city attorney by the City Council. He will begin duties January 1 when City Attorney Vance E. Scindlinger takes over as prosecuting attorney for Berkeley County. He was elected last Tuesday.

Mr. Faulkner has been active in local Democratic circles for a number of years as county chairman in the 1932 campaign. He was Martinsburg postmaster from 1933 until 1936.



AT TRIAL OF MAN WHO SHOT HER—Miss Dorothy Kilmer, 19, crippled by a shot from a former policeman's gun, smiled bravely as her fiancé, Corpl. Clinton Nicholson, 20, embraced her when she arrived at District Court to testify at the trial of Wayne W. Edmondson.

Legislators Agree
Not to Seek Election
To Charter Council

Members of Montgomery County's delegation to the State Legislature last night agreed not to seek election to the county's charter council to be elected January 6.

The decision was reached at a routine meeting of the legislative delegation. State Senator Roy Tasso Davis, who was out of town, was the only county legislator absent.

The position taken by the legislators ended rumors that one of them would resign to become a council candidate. Agreeing that "many outstanding candidates already have been suggested," the delegates said they believed they could better serve the county and State by remaining in their present posts. They added that there would be no "office juggling" within the Republican ranks.

The delegation also pledged cooperation with the new council after it is elected in January.

Charles E. Cabell Rites
To Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow for Charles Ellet Cabell, 38, first athletic director of the Alexandria Boys' Club and prominent in Virginia semi-professional athletics during the 1930s.

Mr. Cabell died of a heart attack Sunday in Norwood, Va. He was found dead on a porch at a children's summer camp, where he was general manager and athletic instructor.

The camp is owned by his sister, Mrs. Mary Cabell Calloway, who is to direct Alexandria's bicentennial pageant next year.

The funeral services will be held at the De Maine Memorial chapel, 520 South Washington street, Alexandria. Burial will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Cabell was born in Alexandria and attended Shenandoah Valley Academy.

During World War II he served in an anti-aircraft unit in England. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include two children, Charles E. Cabell III and Jeanette Martin Cabell, Norwood, and two sisters, Mrs. Calloway and Mrs. Ferguson B. Bryan of Alexandria.

Silver Hill Grocer Robbed
Of \$800 by Two Bandits

A Silver Hill (Md.) grocer last night was held up and robbed of about \$800 by two armed bandits who, police believe, may be the same pair which robbed him six months ago.

Ralph Mishkin, 30, proprietor of the Silver Hill Market at 3913 Branch avenue, and his wife, Esther, were preparing to close the store about 8:30 p. m. when the men entered. One of them pulled out a gun and ordered Mr. Mishkin to open the cash register and a safe.

After the bandits took the money from the safe and cash register, they made their getaway in an old car.

Mr. Mishkin described the men as wearing blue, knitted Navy skull caps pulled over their ears, and dirty grey satin jackets trimmed with red. One man was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds, and the other was slightly taller and plumper.

Police said Mr. Mishkin told them the taller man resembled one of two bandits who six months ago pulled a similar holdup at his store and made off with \$1,200.

Cumberland Rescinds
Picketing Ordinance

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 8.—Cumberland's anti-picketing ordinance, passed 11 years ago, was rescinded by unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council today.

Officials said the action was taken as a result of an appeal by organized labor and not because of a request made several weeks ago by the Progressive Party.

In making the appeal, P. Patrick AFL Carpenters' Union, said labor has "matured." He said it is the general belief that labor is not going to resort to mass picketing and added "if the public gets down on us, we're whipped."

Ladies' Circle Plans Dinner

The Ladies' Circle of the United Baptist Church, Arlington, will serve a turkey dinner at 5:30 p. m. tomorrow at the church, 1815 North Quincy street.

Directed Verdict To Be Sought in Kilmer Shooting

Edmondson Defense
To Invoke Technical
Point in Plea Today

A legal technicality will be invoked in District Court today in an effort to clear the second of two former rookie policemen, who were indicted for assault with a deadly weapon after Miss Dorothy Kilmer, 19, was shot and hopelessly crippled last July.

Defense Attorney Charles E. Ford, who won a directed verdict of acquittal for Roland H. Holifield, 26, yesterday, said he will ask Judge Alexander Holtzoff to dismiss the charge against the second defendant, Wayne W. Edmondson, 22, after the Government rests its case today.

Mr. Ford asked for the directed verdict for Holifield after Assistant United States Attorney William Hitz, in his opening statement, told a jury of three women and nine men that the Government would not press the assault charge against the former policeman, but would ask his conviction on a charge of failing to arrest Edmondson. Judge Holtzoff directed that Holifield be tried separately on the latter charge.

Intent at Issue. Mr. Ford said he will ask for a directed verdict acquitting Edmondson on the ground that it is necessary to show intent to commit a crime to sustain a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Mr. Hitz, in his opening statement, said the Government would not contend that Edmondson intended to shoot Miss Kilmer, whose spinal cord was severed by the bullet he fired, but would base its case on the gross negligence and carelessness he displayed in handling the pistol.

Detective Sgt. John L. Sullivan of the homicide squad, who obtained a statement from Edmondson the night after the shooting, will be a witness when the trial reconvenes this morning at the station.

Edmondson said he did not know Miss Kilmer and did not intend to harm her when the revolver went off accidentally.

Miss Kilmer flashed a courageous smile when she was brought into the courtroom in a wheelchair yesterday. She said she had danced the tango at the club, the Palm Grove, and went to the checkroom for her purse, when she saw Edmondson and Holifield entering the club with pistols in their hands.

Both men were off duty, and they were returning to their table in the club, after assisting in the arrest of a bootlegger on the street outside. Miss Kilmer said she asked Edmondson not to point the pistol at her when he opened the barrel to show her the weapon.

George Stott, manager of the club, aroused the ire of Prosecutor Hitz when he testified Edmondson did not have his finger on the trigger when the weapon went off. He said the former policeman's thumb seemed to slip off the hammer.

Mr. Hitz announced he had been "surprised" by the testimony of the club manager.

Under cross-examination, he brought out Stott's admission that he knew the revolver could not be fired without pulling the trigger.

Harry L. Patterson, assistant manager of the club, said Edmondson, beside Miss Kilmer to examine her wound, the Chief of Police, then told him to get out.

Miss Kilmer is a patient in the Washington Sanatorium. Symptomatic Washingtonians have contributed to a fund for treatments which may enable her to move about with crutches.

Grand Jury to Investigate
Gambling in Hagerstown

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Nov. 9.—A grand jury investigation of gambling in Hagerstown yesterday and notified law enforcement officers if they "neglect" to seek evidence he will ask Federal or State assistance.

The judge instructed the jury to investigate, particularly bookmaking and the "numbers racket." He also told it to look into the employment of prisoners on outside private work.

The instructions to the jury came in the wake of an appointment by the Hagerstown Junior Chamber of Commerce of a committee to investigate crime.

Judge Mish's reference to outside work by prisoners recalled charges of a similar nature in September against Sheriff Joseph D. Baker.

Cathy Commissioner Winslow P. Burhams moved that the board ask for Sheriff Baker's resignation. The motion was withdrawn when no second was received.

Mr. Burhams had offered affidavits of six former prisoners who said they work on contracting jobs for the sheriff's son, Saint Baker, and on other outside jobs.

Washington County State's Attorney Martin Ingram also reported that Judge Mish had advised the sheriff earlier that use of prisoners outside the jail was illegal. Sheriff Baker said there had been no recurrence after the judge contacted him.

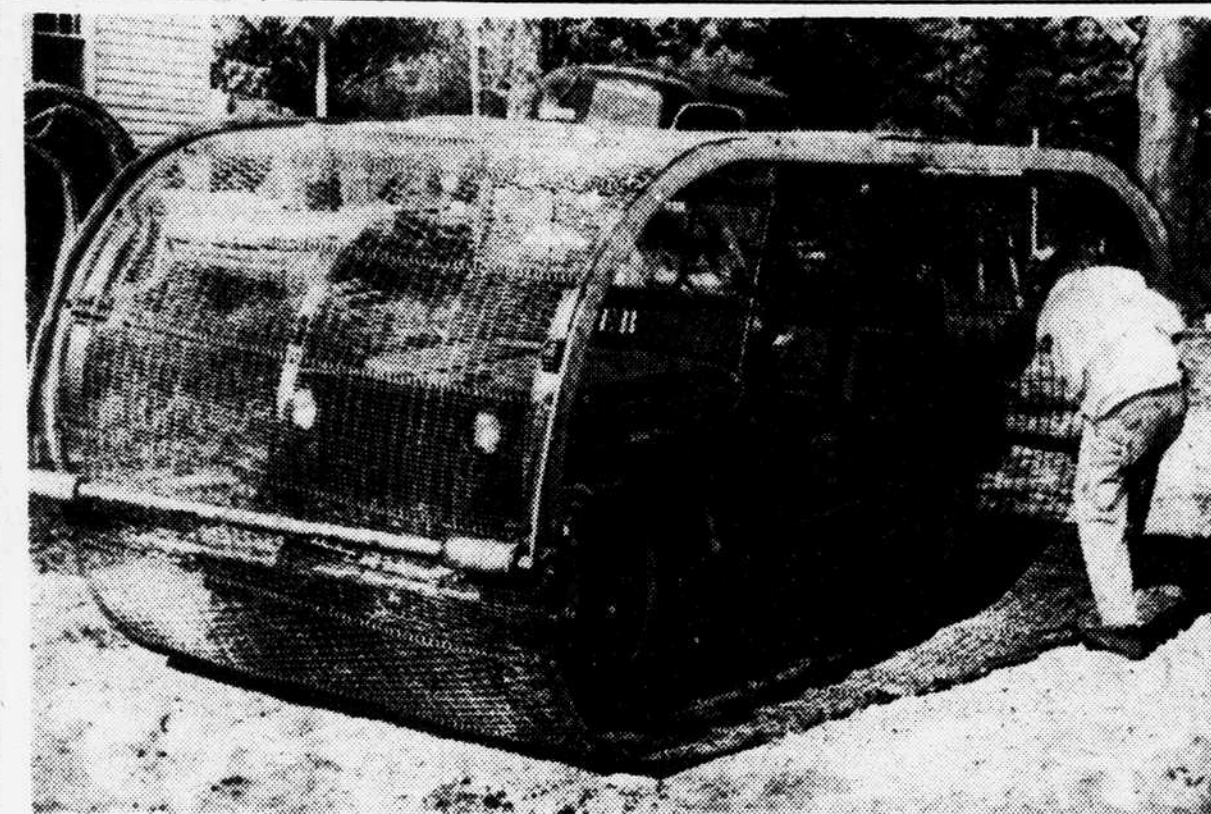
Ballet Stars to Appear
With Symphony Tonight

Alicia Markova and Anton Dolin, ballet stars, will appear with the National Symphony Orchestra in a program of dance classics at 8:30 o'clock tonight in Constitution Hall.

Music by Chopin, Saint-Saens, Rossini and Liszt will offer a background for the dancers, and additional ballet music by Villa-Lobos, Stravinsky and Khachaturian—including the latter's "Sabre Dance"—will provide occasional breathing space.

A second dance program at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow will feature a novel group of Galician bagpipe players, part of a troupe of Spanish dancers, headed by Federico Rey and accompanied by the guitarist, Carlos Montoya.

Tickets are available at the symphony box office, Kilt's, 1330 G street N.W., and at the Constitution Hall box office before the performances.



NEW DEVICE BROADENS USE OF JEEP—A new device for use with the military jeep for travel over swamps, soft beaches and heavy underbrush is being tested by the Marine Corps at Quantico. The device is composed of continuous road matting on rollers which runs under the wheels of the vehicle.

School Board Called To Meet; King George Attorney Not Invited

Special Dispatch to The Star

KING GEORGE COUNTY HOUSE, Va., Nov. 9.—The County School Board has been "called" into a special meeting this afternoon at Bowling Green in neighboring Caroline County, Commonwealth's Attorney Horace T. Morrison disclosed today.

The board, which last week was advised by Circuit Court Judge Leon M. Bazile to drop courses at the white high school here to equalize facilities with those at the Negro school, did not invite Mr. Morrison or School Supt. T. Benton Gayle, the Commonwealth's Attorney said.

Mr. Morrison said, "I am legal adviser to the board and the law requires me to be present. Unless I receive a formal notice, however, I shall not be present. I leave it to you to guess why the meeting was called."

Land Negotiations Under Way. Mr. Morrison last week suggested that Judge Bazile had "exceeded his authority" in advising the board to drop chemistry, physics, geometry, biology and second-year algebra at the King George High School.

Mr. Gayle serves as clerk to the School Board.

Mr. Morrison has under way negotiations to acquire land to double the size of the present 4½-acre tract at the King George County Training School for Negroes at Edge Hill, about three miles from here.

This is the initial step to be taken to equalize facilities there since a special referendum Saturday authorized issuance of \$150,000 in bonds.

Mr. Morrison and Mr. Gayle said negotiations were started although there has been no formal action by the school board.

Mr. Morrison said the board approved, 322 to 245, was to acquire more land, build additions to the present frame structures and provide additional equipment.

Morrison Orders Restoration. Mr. Morrison said Mrs. Thelma Johnson, colored, is the owner of land adjacent to the school. If the price is right, the court will proceed with the purchase without condemnation proceedings in the court, he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Morrison has given the school board until Thursday to restore the five classes dropped by the King George High School curriculum. The board's action in dropping the courses was an attempt to comply immediately with a Federal court order to equalize facilities. The action also was in defense of a petition by Negroes to cite school officials for contempt in failing to bring training school facilities to a higher level before now.

School Board Chairman R. E. Owens has said, however, the board would not restore any of the courses until it had the permission of Judge Bazile. Mr. Morrison and Mr. Gayle opposed dropping the courses.

Mr. Morrison indicated that sentiment was growing among the white patrons of King George High School in favor of restoring the courses and that they would not wait "longer than tomorrow."

Mr. Morrison said King George citizens demonstrated their good faith in their efforts to equalize school facilities for white and Negro pupils when they voted Saturday for the bond issue.

Mr. Morrison said some parents had sought unsuccessfully to have their children enrolled in schools at La Plata, Md., and nearby Frederick.

Norfolk VD Rate Leads
Nation, Survey Shows

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 9.—Norfolk's venereal disease rate has soared to the highest in the United States, the Board of Directors of the Norfolk Council of Social Agencies was told yesterday.

Based on a Navy survey, the record was disclosed by Thomas Edwards, field representative for the American Social Hygiene Association, who recently made an 11-day private investigation of the Norfolk situation.

The report on September, 1948, income showed \$10,214,062, compared with \$8,488,222 a year ago. Taxes on incomes of corporations jumped to \$381,629 for the month from \$200,990 in 1947.

Motor vehicle tax collections were up sharply, from \$2,883,854 to \$3,419,341 in the month and from \$8,816,139 to \$10,089,090 in the quarter.

Gasoline tax collections may reach \$40,000,000 during the 1948 calendar year if present trends continue, division of motor vehicles officials said.

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Town Studies Expansion

STEVENS CITY, Va., Nov. 9.—The Town Council has under advisement a proposal to extend the community's corporate limits from one-fourth of a mile to a mile. The extension would increase the town's population to about 1,000.

Maryland State Police Report Incognito Patrols a Success

By the Associated Press

BALTIMORE, Nov. 9.—The car besides yours may be a "speed trap." The Maryland State Police are waiting for motorists who put the throttle over 50, and any automobile on the highways may carry plainclothesmen, watching unobserved for traffic violators.

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The incognito policemen usually are sent to areas where there have been complaints.

The plainclothesmen do not make arrests themselves, because motorists might take them for holdup men and resist. They work with another car of uniformed police, who stay out of sight. The two cars remain in contact by radio.

When the men in mufti spot a violation, they call the men in khaki, who make the arrest.

Land Speculation Curb
Voted in Falls Church

The Falls Church City Council last night moved to discourage speculation made possible by rezoning land from residential to commercial.

The Council qualified rezoning of a tract at 226 West Broad street with a provision that the property must be rezoned back to its present status at the end of 18 months.

No commercial development, has started. The property, known as part of the G. I. Mankin estate, is east of Odd Fellows Hall.

Councilman John R. Eakin and Boyd A. Case dissented from the majority vote.

City Attorney La Rue Van Meter was asked by the Council to study a proposed ordinance which would ban sale or use of explosive firecrackers in the city. Police Chief E. H. Howe said he was virtually powerless under present law to take action against noisemakers. Mayor Albert M. Orme and the police chief reported numerous complaints regarding use of loud firecrackers on Halloween.

City Treasurer James E. Ferguson told the council that the City Garden Corp. owes the city \$2,565 for water installation and meter service. The treasurer was requested to notify the corporation that if the bill is not paid within 10 days the council will take appropriate action.

Mr. Ferguson said residents' water and sewer bills must be paid promptly, or the services will be discontinued.

City Manager Roy Dunn reported a shortage of material prevented city employees from beginning repair of East Broad street, torn up for installation of a gas line.

The Council agreed on division of responsibility with the State for maintenance of a part of Lee highway owned jointly by the city and State. The city will maintain the road west of the city to George Mason road and the State the rest.

Councilman J. H. McCarthy and Mr. Dunn are studying bids submitted yesterday on materials for expansion of the water system. Mr. Dunn reported 12 firms submitted bids for materials on the \$1,000,000 project.

First-Quarter Tax Revenue
Up 2 Million in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 9.—Revenues of the Commonwealth from all sources for the first quarter of the new fiscal year jumped \$2,435,438 over the first quarter last year.

The controller's office said this reflected a part of the State's tax program adopted in 1948, although it did not include any revenue from the increase in individual income taxes, which has not become effective.

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Arlington Plans Scientific Study Of Realty Values

Survey by State Expert
Would Provide Basis
For Reassessments

A scientific study of Arlington real estate assessments may be made by the State Department of Taxation.

Tentative plans for the study were laid last night at a conference of Arlington and State officials. The study, however, must be given final approval by the County Board.

The study, similar to one now under way in Norfolk County, would be made by Fred C. Forberg, supervisor of appraisals of the State Department of Taxation.

It would lay the foundation for the next general reassessment in 1950.

Would Weigh Various Factors. Mr. Forberg's department, according to Arlington Revenue Commissioner Harry K. Green, has made a study of real estate assessments for a number of Virginia counties.

"Such factors as cost of construction, sale values and depreciation would be applied in the study in order that real estate assessments may be equalized as far as possible before the general reassessment," Mr. Green said.

"Once this survey is completed, the making of a new assessment will be relatively simple and provide a basis for equitable assessments for each property owner," the revenue commissioner asserted.

Asked to Submit Estimate. Others at last night's meeting included County Manager A. T. Lundberg and members of the county board.

At the conclusion, Mr. Forberg was asked to submit an estimate of the cost of the study prior to the next county board meeting on November 20.

The last general reassessment was made in 1946 and was effective, for tax purposes, on January 1, 1947.

Mr. Green said he would submit an estimate of the cost of the study prior to the next county board meeting on November 20.

He said he could start early in January.

Further Tests Planned
In Death of Two in Car

GORDONSVILLE, Va., Nov. 9.—Chemical tests planned in Richmond today in an effort to determine the cause of death of a young couple found in a car on a Gordonville truck parking lot early yesterday.

The victims are Mrs. Dorothy Bowler, 20, war widow and telephone operator at Gordonsville, and Albert T. Bowler, 23, telephone repairman at Gordonsville.

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