

Eastern Shore Takes Spotlight In Campaign

Lane and McKeldin Due to Swap Blows Over Bay Bridge

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DENTON, Md., Oct. 17.—The Democrats came to the Eastern Shore today. The Republicans are due Thursday.

During much of the rest of this week, Gov. Lane and his Republican opponent, Theodore R. McKeldin, are expected to have quite a bit to say about the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Gov. Lane will take the credit for it. Mr. McKeldin will not oppose it but his workers have strongly criticized the present administration for the manner in which the project was brought about.

Some on the Eastern Shore do not favor a direct connection with the populous "mainland," preferring, instead, to retain their quiet way of life. Those who feel this way—believed to be in the minority—think that the flat truck farming and fishing peninsula will become just another suburb of thriving, bustling Baltimore.

Wives to Attend Tea.

Republicans have charged the Lane administration with paying off "political debts" in the decision to build a bridge and the awarding of contracts. They say, without declaring it to be the best plan, that adequate consideration was not given to a proposed tunnel beneath the bay.

The wives of the Democratic candidates were to attend a tea here this afternoon before the Governor, Senator Tydings, Attorney General Hall, Hammond and Controller J. Millard Tawes arrive later for a reception.

George Clendaniel, chairman of the State Central Committee for Carolina County, was in charge of arrangements at the community house for these festivities as well as at a county-wide rally at the armory this evening.

Tomorrow the Democrats will be in Dorchester. The Republicans, too, had arranged their schedule to be in Dorchester at the same time but gave way to the Democrats. Instead, Mr. McKeldin, John Marshall Butler, for the Senate, and William Gunter, attorney general, will stay in Baltimore tomorrow. They will come to Wicomico Thursday and get to Dorchester Friday.

Fair Appearance Cancelled.

Gov. Lane's party was forced to cancel a scheduled appearance at "Governor's Day" at the Southern Maryland Agricultural Fair at Upper Marlboro tomorrow because of the demands of the campaign elsewhere. State Senate President Joseph R. Byrnes will represent Gov. Lane. The Democratic invasion of Prince Georges County is set for next Tuesday with at least two rallies, at Hyattsville and at Upper Marlboro.

The opposing candidates may pass one another in mid-channel of Chesapeake Bay Thursday because when the Republicans come here the Democrats will head back for Baltimore for a rally at the 5th Regiment Armory that night.

There, a "secret weapon" will be unveiled. It is a recording of a speech by Mr. McKeldin last year. At that time, with no apparent intentions of opposing Gov. Lane, the Republican is reported to have made some complimentary remarks about the administration of his present opponent.

Even last year, the Democrats were taking out insurance. They asked for and received a copy of the record. They expect to make the most of it at the rally and are reported to have had copies made to rebroadcast via sound truck and other means throughout the State.

To Continue Tour.

After the Baltimore rally, the Democrats will ferry back across the bay to continue their Eastern Shore tour in Worcester County on Friday and in Wicomico County on Saturday. They are due in Charles County Sunday while the Republicans, so far, have left that day open for a day of rest.

Mr. Butler, meanwhile, lit into Senator Tydings in a television address in Baltimore last night. He referred to remarks made by the Senator at last week's Montgomery County rally in Bethesda.

"He tried again to blame all the wars on the Republican Party," Mr. Butler said. "Every time a Democratic administration has talked about world peace, we have been plunged into terrible war."

Later, he added: "It seems that Senator Tydings just will not face up to the fact that he can't hang the war blame onto Republicans. . . . For 16 of the past 18 years our administration has had absolute control over our foreign affairs, both in Congress and by Presidential veto."

Kensington Youths Held In Burglary and Larceny

Two Kensington youths were held for action of the grand jury in Bethesda Police Court, after waiving preliminary hearings yesterday, on charges of burglary and larceny.

Paul Safford, 18, of 116 West Everett street, and Richard Audridge, 20, of 25 West Everett street, were charged with taking a 38-caliber revolver, a 22-caliber rifle, a watch, and \$10 in cash from the home of Horace E. Trotter, a neighbor, 23 West Everett street, October 12.



AMERICA FOR A BIRTHDAY GIFT—A new country is a birthday present for Gerhard Gentil Perkins, 11 today, pictured with Airline Sewardess Joan Fox after his arrival from Mainz, Germany. Formerly Gerhard Gentil, he is the son of a former marriage of Mrs. Edgar Y. Perkins, 727 Silver Spring avenue, Silver Spring. She and Capt. Perkins, U. S. A., retired, were married here in 1948 after a courtship in Germany and Capt. Perkins is adopting Gerhard. Already playing football, Gerhard promises to learn English in two months. He will enter Silver Spring Intermediate School in February. —AP Photo.

McKeldin and Lane Step Up Attacks as Race Enters Stretch

By the Associated Press

With general election day just three weeks away, Maryland's Republican and Democratic candidates for Governor have started to take their best roundhouse swings at one another.

Theodore R. McKeldin, Republican candidate, said in a radio-television speech last night that Gov. Lane's promise to call a special session to cut the sales tax if he is re-elected was a brazen, coldly calculated piece of political trickery.

Gov. Lane, at a Democratic rally in Bel Air, criticized Mr. McKeldin's administration as Mayor of Baltimore from 1943 to 1947.

Tax Diversion Charged.

"We gave him (McKeldin) \$1,250,000 from State racing revenue and authority to impose special taxes in Baltimore," Gov. Lane said. "Yet the tax rate in his administration was among the highest in the history of the city."

The Baltimore schools were not improved, the roads were full of pot holes and the city's share of gasoline taxes from the State was diverted to purposes other than the repair of streets.

In 1945, the Maryland Legislature passed a resolution pleading with Mayor McKeldin to repair Hanover street so that the citizens could drive their automobiles to the State Capitol in Annapolis.

Lane Proposal Attacked.

Mr. McKeldin asserted that Gov. Lane's promise to issue a special session call November 7 was a move that "every one will recognize . . . as the last desperate effort of a candidate who . . . now senses impending defeat."

"He should have said he would do so even if defeated," the Republican declared, "if he were sincerely interested in the people of Maryland, instead of trying to get himself re-elected."

The platforms of both parties call for a raise in the exemption base of the sales tax from its present 14 cents to 50 cents. Both urge that all foods—wherever consumed—be exempt from the 2 per cent tax, as well as soaps and soap powders. Sales of food consumed outside the home are now subject to the tax.

Frederick Court Fines 'Joyriding' Students \$50

By the Associated Press

FREDERICK, Md., Oct. 17.—Magistrate Edward J. Smith yesterday fined Donald Robert Burns, Jr., and Douglas Alan Newton \$50 apiece for unauthorized use of an automobile.

Burns is 19 and from Middleton, Pa.; Newton is 17 and from Yonkers, N. Y. Both are freshmen at Gettysburg College.

They admitted taking the car from Hood College campus here late Saturday and abandoning it after it crashed into a pole near Thurmont, Md. State police picked them up uninjured. The parents of the boys offered to pay the car owner for his loss.

Judge Suspends 30-Day Term In 2-Cent Theft, Gives 25 Cents

By the Associated Press

A 23-year-old Washington man, convicted of petty larceny involving the theft of only two pennies, might have been in jail today had it not been for a sympathetic Prince Georges Police Court judge.

William Mack Porter, colored, of the 400 block of New Jersey avenue, N.W., was found guilty at Hyattsville yesterday by Trial Magistrate Robert W. McCullough. Judge McCullough gave Porter a 30-day sentence to the county jail, then suspended it. Learning that Porter had no money with

Fund Reduction Curbs Maryland Park Acquisition

Planners Criticize Budget Bureau Step As 'Short-Sighted'

An economy cut of approximately \$120,000 ordered in the 1951 appropriation for National Capital Park and Planning Commission was revealed yesterday as seriously hampering a program to include lands of five small Maryland stream valleys in the metropolitan park system.

Planning officials criticized the Budget Bureau directed cut in an already reduced land purchasing appropriation as "short-sighted economy." About \$80,000 of the reduction will be absorbed by the Maryland program, with the remaining \$40,000 lost suffered by the District.

Resultant delays in acquiring or taking up options in the Maryland valleys, officials said, would handicap them in a close race against rising land values and encroachments by private real estate operators.

Areas Affected.

The areas affected by the cut in land-purchase funds under the Capper-Cramton Act are: Sligo Creek, with one unit each in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties; Northwest Branch and Paint Branch in Prince Georges; and Little Falls and Rock Creek in Montgomery.

The reduction will have less effect in the District and can be more easily absorbed, it was explained. The projects that will suffer from the defense savings, however, have not been agreed upon. There seems to be little worry over them.

John Nolen, Jr., director of planning, said the cut in the Maryland program, on the other hand, constitutes a serious problem.

"All these projects are in critical subdivision sections of the counties," he said.

"Some of the valleys—particularly Rock Creek and Sligo Creek are being completely surrounded by subdivisions. Every delay is going to cost the Federal Government and Maryland money in the end."

Projects Restudied.

Taking the \$80,000 reduction into account, there remains a little less than \$400,000 in the amount voted for valley land purchases in the 1951 budget. NCPPC, however, has a carry-over of nearly \$500,000 from last year which can be applied. The amount is not sufficient.

Officials explained that the valley projects must be acquired as complete units and not piecemeal. Mr. Nolen said all the six projects (there being two in the Sligo Valley) must be restudied, in view of the slash in funds, in order to set new taking lines.

There is always the threat of acreage being bought up by private developers and subdivided, they believe support their cases.

\$20,000 Bond Sought.

Yesterday Arlington Commonwealth's Attorney Denman T. Rucker asked that \$20,000 bond be set for each of the Lewis brothers. In court this morning, Mr. Rucker said Kiley was ready to plead guilty and that "he has cooperated with our office to the fullest extent."

Washington Attorney James J. Laughlin, representing the Lewis brothers, opposed Mr. Rucker's recommendation for the amount of bond.

Circuit Court Judge William D. Medley said that excessive bail should not be required. He set bond at \$5,000 each. No date was set for trial.

Asks Higher Sum.

Another Washington attorney, William Basil Calomiris, counsel for Kiley, asked Judge Medley to increase the amount because "if these men are free on bond it will further endanger my client's life."

Also indicted by the grand jury yesterday was an Arlington builder, Lucian M. Downing, who was charged with grand larceny. Mr. Downing was charged on a warrant sworn out by Herman L. Croom of 2 Ashby street, Alexandria, who said Mr. Downing accepted \$3,000 from him to build a house but never began construction. Mr. Downing also faces 13 civil suits amounting to \$12,700.

The jury did not indict Pte. Lewis D. Wertenberger, 25, of Fort Meade, who was charged with manslaughter in the traffic death of Pfc. Albert A. Rawls last August.

Indicted in Jewel Theft.

Joseph De Marco, 30, of New York City, was indicted for grand larceny in the theft of jewelry from the home of an Arlington woman September 7.

Two men were indicted for robbery of the Burr Heishman filling station, 1503 Lee highway, July 28. They are Clyde E. Williams, 18, and Earl L. Huffman, 24, both of the 1200 block of Fourteenth street N.W.

At the same time, Mr. Spicknall announced that T. Hamm Welsh, a member of the Prince Georges County Board of Commissioners, has agreed to serve on the committee, which is seeking to have the proposed central post office for the county's suburban area established in Hyattsville.

In other business, the council was told the city is getting new handles for parking meters, to eliminate mechanical troubles.

Tons of Logs Fall on Man About to Unload Truck

Special Dispatch to The Star

HUGHESVILLE, Md., Oct. 17.—Leslie H. Carter, 27, of West Lexington, Va., was injured last night when he was caught beneath tons of logs which rolled off a truck he was about to unload at Mason's Siding near here.

State police and volunteers worked nearly a half hour with a bulldozer to extricate the injured man. He was taken to Gallinger Hospital in a State police ambulance. His condition today was described as fair.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when Mr. Carter fastened a chain around the logs.

Silver Spring Kiwanis Elects New Officers

The Rev. Philip C. Edwards has been elected president of the Kiwanis Club of Silver Spring. Others elected included Aubrey L. Thomas, vice president; Joseph Saunders, treasurer; Dr. Peter N. Lombard, J. Finley Cheston, Chris A. Ebeling, Jr., Henry C. Johnson, Wheaton; Richard T. Kreuzburg, Georgetown; Richard T. Shultz and Charles M. Marsteller, directors.



TAILS YOU WIN!—Dr. William Mann's proud tenant is this African green chameleon with a 10-inch tail, the only one of its species now available for Zoo ogling here. Along with it, as gifts from a trader, came a python and a puff adder.

—Star Staff Photo.

Indicted Pair Accused Of 'Endangering Life' Of Third Defendant

Chamber Survey Puts Virginia 39th in School Spending

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 17.—A survey made by the United States Chamber of Commerce placed Virginia 39th among the States in the amount spent per pupil for education last year.

The Virginia average for current expenditures, including debt service but not capital outlay, was \$137, against a national average of \$206.

Two men indicted by an Arlington grand jury yesterday—one for armed robbery and the other as an accessory in the March 13 holdup of Mrs. Blight Lee, 2700 South June street—were accused today of "endangering the life" of a third man indicted for armed robbery.

Lee admits that he is a former gambler. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Lee, was robbed of \$86.

Joseph G. Lewis, 29, of the 1500 block of Park road N.W., was indicted for armed robbery, and his brother, Paul C. Lewis, 36, of the 3700 block of South Third street, was indicted for being an accessory. The third man, indicted for armed robbery, is George W. Kiley, 26, of the 300 block of Ridge road S.E.

Judges to Tour Area

Alexandria Is Seeking To Annex From County

By the Associated Press

A judges' tour of the 7.5 square miles that Alexandria seeks to acquire from Fairfax County was made yesterday.

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Three judges of the circuit court gave both sides an opportunity to point out things they believe support their cases.

City Says It Needs Area.

Alexandria claims it needs the area which lies mostly to the west of the present city boundaries.

Fairfax County claims the territory is rural and should remain so.

Horace Edwards, Richmond attorney, who represented suitors in an annexation suit against Fairfax County three months ago, is the principal attorney for Alexandria.

Others on the city side are City Attorney V. Floyd Williams, William W. Koontz and Armistead Booth, who represent two large property owners in the annexation area.

McCandlish Directs County Case.

Robert J. McCandlish, who successfully helped defend Fairfax County in the Falls Church case, is directing