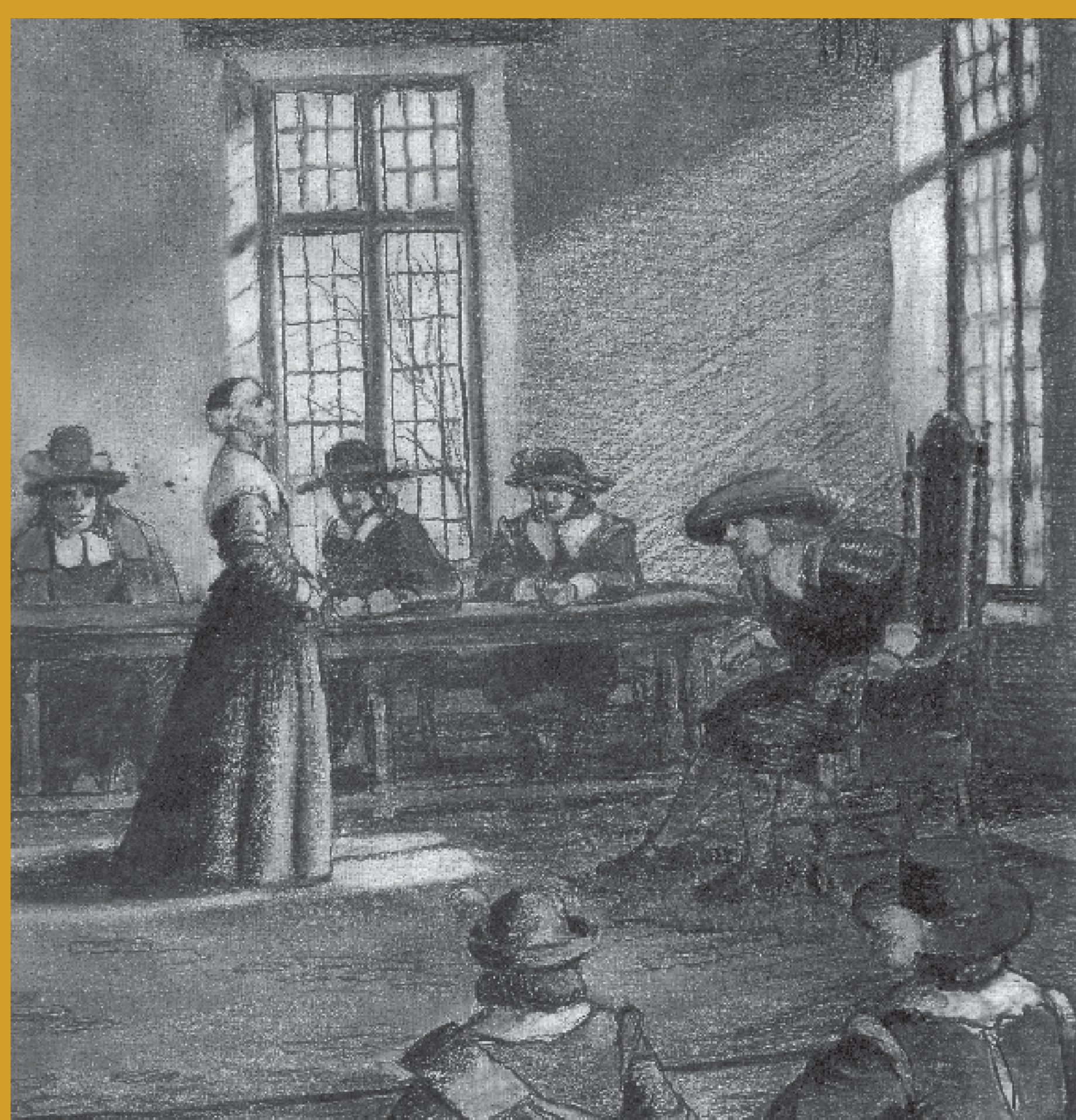


VALIANT MARYLAND WOMEN: THE FIGHT FOR SUFFRAGE



Margaret Brent, a successful St. Mary's County lawyer and landowner, stepped before Maryland's legislature in 1648 and asked for the right to vote. Shocked male lawmakers denied her request on the spot.



WHY WOMEN WANT VOTES

Mrs. Schwartz Says They Dislike Being Put In "Petals."

"ARE NOT BRAINLESS STATUES"

Member of Equal Suffrage League Declares Conditions Would Be Better If Fair Sex Wrote Ballots.

The work of parlor talks conducted by the Equal Suffrage League in the interest of the proposed amendment to the City Charter to allow women to vote in Baltimore came to a close yesterday with a meeting at the home of Mrs. Howard T. Schwartz, Robert Park.

William A. Elliott, president of the league, Mrs. Donald H. Hooker and Miss Ellen La Motte, head of the city school children, were present.

Mrs. Elliott explained in detail the proposed bill and said that with the aid in the hands of the women better and cleaner streets would result. The price of food, she said, would also be lowered.

The officials of the league said yesterday that as a result of the parlor talks about 75 new members have been enrolled. Several hundred names have been added to the petition to the legislature and many having been signed in the interest of getting the bill presented.

It is said that 100 out of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis electric line have been chartered to take the women to the capital. An entire carload will be used to bring other women to the movement.

On Friday the first of a series of public meetings to be held in various sections of the city will be held. This meeting will be at 10 o'clock, at the corner of Broadway and North streets, at 10 o'clock. Women prominent in the movement will speak. A parlor talk will be held each afternoon this week.

One of the interesting points proposed for the next parlor talk was the bill, which would give the women the right to vote in the city. This meeting will be brought by the men who have talked on women's suffrage. On these occasions it is said that if women across the franchise she is likely to be dragged down from the position of a woman to a man.

In summary, Mrs. Schwartz says:



The last Government League Public School, which will meet from 10:15 North Charles street on Monday morning, May 31, at 10:30 o'clock, on the 30th anniversary through the courtesy of Southern Maryland.

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First Picture Of Hikers On Maryland Soil



"GENERAL" ROSALIE JONES AND THE "ARMY OF THE SUDAN"



The Silent Sentinels, Library of Congress

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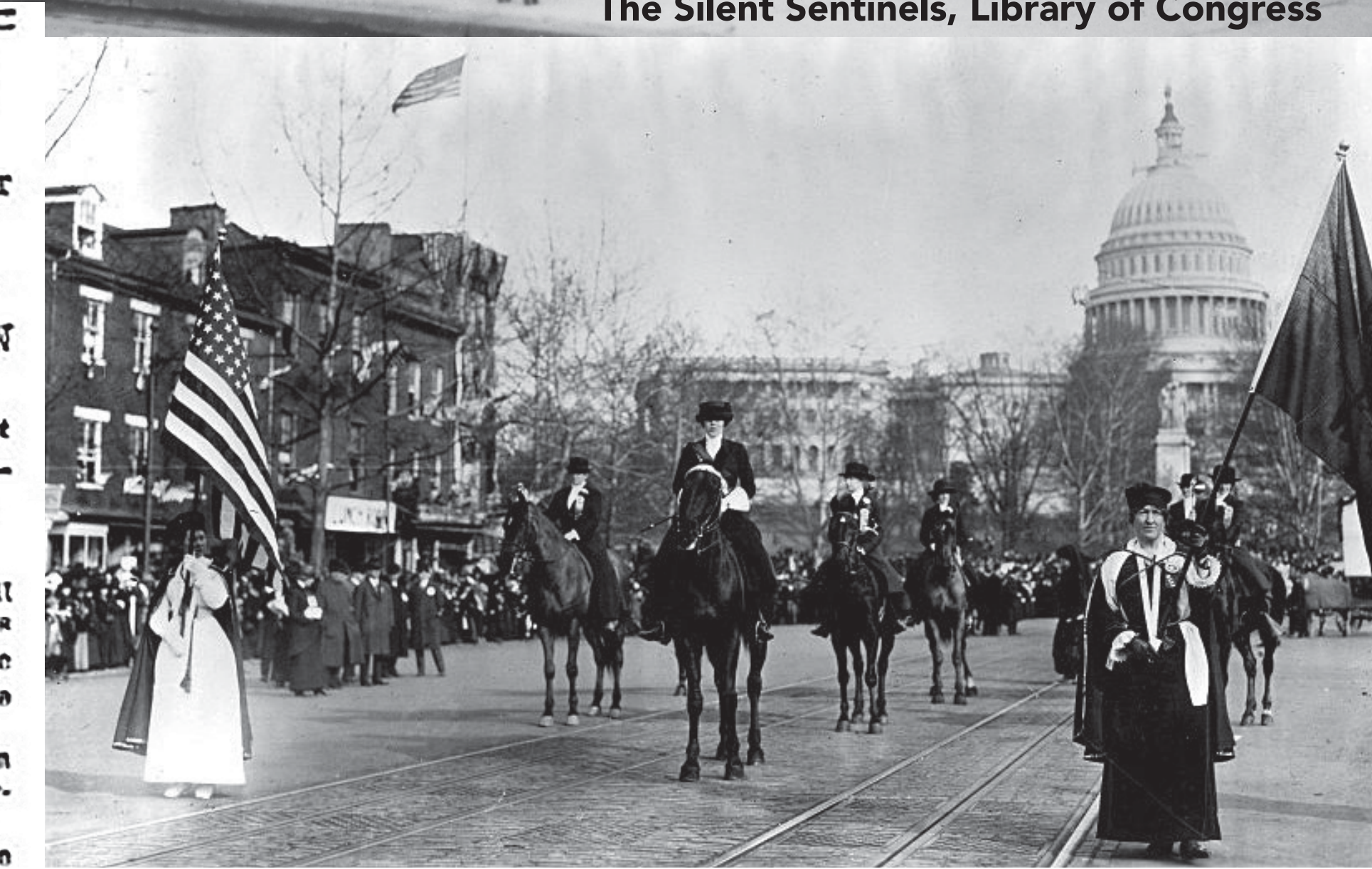
"General" Rosalie Jones And Her "Army" Cross State Line.

CAMP IS PITCHED AT ELKTON

Hikers Blasted In Auto, But "War Correspondents" Agree—Fred Chicken And A Welcome.

[From a Staff Correspondent.] Elkton, Md., Feb. 26.—Maryland soil was invaded by the suffrage pilgrims from the city by the Hudson, entering the State at 4:40 o'clock this afternoon three miles from here.

Each of the 15 through hikers knelt on the line and grasped a handful of Maryland soil, while "General" Jones said: "Maryland soil, we bless thee in the name of the Lord."



WOMAN SUFFRAGE FIGHT FINISHED!

Over the next 200 years, Maryland's women lobbied, marched and picketed in a determined battle for suffrage. They crisscrossed the state on foot and in trains, horse-drawn wagons, cars and boats to make the case that voting rights for women would bring social change and improve life for all.

Many endured hecklers, assaults, community shunning and even jail sentences in unimaginable conditions.

Congress finally passed the 19th Amendment on June 4, 1919. It was ratified on August 18, 1920, though Maryland failed to do so until March 29, 1941.

Women won the ballot – and then set to work anew, to educate the state's new voters and to pursue other equal rights issues.

We have forgotten, or never learned, many of their names.

With the help of historians and volunteers across the state, the Maryland Women's Heritage Center is telling the stories of Maryland's little-known suffragists.

