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J. ENOS RAY DIED SUNDAY

MARYLAND POLITICIAN HAD BEEN ILL LONG

Death came suddenly Sunday night to J. Enos Ray, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee and Collector of Internal Revenue for the Maryland district. He succumbed at his home at Chillum, Prince George's county, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at the Emory Methodist Episcopal Church at Chillum.

Mr. Ray was sixty years old, and in private life was a banker. He was president of the Maryland Bankers Association for one term, but he was more widely known to the public as a prominent figue in State politics.

Many years ago he was speaker of the House of Delegates and later was State Auditor and chairman of the State Tax Commission. For several terms he was chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, but his failing health led him to announce several weeks ago that he would not seek re-election. This announcement was also made in line with the ruling of Secretary of the Treasury Morganthau that officials of the Treasury Department must not hold political party posts.

SEA TRAGEDY OFF N. JERSEY COAST

171 DEAD AS BOAT BECOMES BLAZING INFERNO

The Ward Liner Morro Castle, ploughing back to port from a Havana cruise through thick fog and a heavy Nort'ester, was raked from bow to stern by fire off the Jersey Coast early Saturday with 130 and 224 persons dead or missing.

The liner carried 658 passengers and members of the crew.

Still aflame, her superstructure a mass of wreckage, her hull seared, the luxurious ship was towed toward the shore at night by the Coast Guard cutter Tampa and beached near Asbury Park, New Jersey.

A list of the survivers compiled at the Ward Line offices showed 333 rescued and 225 dead or missing, but it was pointed out that New Jersey private homes might hold many not reported.

Other checks made in New York and Jersey coast towns indicated the number of deaths might run as low as 130. National Guard headquarters at Sea Girt, N. J., however, said 171 bodies has been reported in various communities.

It was a double tragedy. The ship was a funeral pyre as well as a holocaust of horror.

The master of the ship, Capt. Robert R. Willmott, died Friday night, stricken on the bridge by acute indigestion. His body lay in the quarters aft the control room when fire broke out in the early morning hours.

The radio was decommissioned with the spread of the flames and nothing was learned of the disposition of the body.

Capt. W. F. Harms, chief officer, assumed command. With the few of his aides and crew that stayed aboard the ship he abandoned the boat after the cutter had her securely in town in the mountainous waves and boarded the Tampa.

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"THE MORTGAGE LIFTERS DILEMNA"

by DOCTOR JOHN M. EVVARD

Formerly Professor Animal Husbandry, Iowa State College

For years, and years, and years, yeah decades, the American hog proved to be a wonderfully effec tive dollar maker and mortgage eradicator. The hog is still with us —and we swear by him and at him as a helper—but economic conditions have changed, vastly so, as compared to the good old days. But remember this: The hog is still a valuable asset to American farmers if the owners of each and every one of our some over sixty million hogs, once predicted for this year, still do their cooperative bit in keeping down production to the point whereat the combined domestic and foreign markets will pay a profit making price.

What's the trouble anyway? In a condensed sense it's very simple. In the year 1919 we exported at good prices the products from seventeen million porcine head. In our latest year, 1933, we sent across to other lands only about four million orthodoxly dismembered swine. The average annual report for the five years 1917 to 1923 was approximately twelve million porkers or three times the 1933 export. Therefore we are forced to the conclusion that, as compared to 1919 to 1923 that we should, to enjoy porcine benefits, produce annually at least some eight million less pigs. Fortunately the government production and reduction program was sensible and practical, so practical, in fact, that our pork producers cooperated to the extent that, practically eight million prospective head of "squealers" were "nipped in the budding stage" —being removed as future market depressors through the elimination of young pigs and bred sows.

The present corn-hog program is, seemingly, working out splendidly, to the effect that the 1934-1935 hog market should be a profitable one, once again. Surely it is unwise and hazardous for the hundreds of thousands of American hog farmers to pursue a policy of "rugged individualism" — and, thanks to the sound judgment of the hog growers, considered as a whole, they have realized that uncontrolled and unbridled hog production would be ruinous. And so it is now that the hog economic future is looking better, much better than it has for some years.

I congratulate the Secretary of Agriculture, H. A. Wallace, his associates, and the hog raisers of America for their harmonious cooperative spirit—and I anticipatingly rejoice that in the years ahead the American-wide cooperative cutting of production, to what the markets of America and the world still stand, at a profit, will continue to rebound with gain to our swine raisers.

Since producers everywhere must continue to adjust their production to the number that the markets will absorb at a profit, and in addition there is the ever present problem of producing the reduced numbers of swine at the lowest possible cost per hundred weight.

The adjustment of numbers produced so as to meet profitable marketing prices goes hand in hand with economy of production through the use of superior methods of breeding, housing, feeding and general management.

County Agent McVean suggests the foregoing article sets forth the hog situation in a worthwhile manner.

ITALIAN KING HONORS JOHN CHARLES THOMAS

John Charles Thomas last week received a telegram from Hon. A. Ferme. Consul General of Italy, at Chicayo, statiny:

"I have great pleasure to inform you that you have been made "Cavaleire of the Crown of Italy," by His Majesty The King of Italy."

The order was conferred on Mr. Thomas on his birthday. So far as is known this is the first time the King of Italy has ever conferred an order on an American artist. Because Mr. Thomas has never sung before the King, the conferring of this distinction is the more greatly appreciated.

The formal presentation of the emblem of the Order will be made by the Consul General in Chicago in November when Mr. Thomas will sing in that city.

The millions of friends of Mr Thomas and particularly those in Kent county will be delighted to know of this recognition of him by the great Italian nation through its gracious Soverign.

The Triangle Club of Christ M. P. Church will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ida Elliott, Tuesday September 18th.

LABORER DIES WITH $1080 IN HIS POCKET

Apparently representing the savings of a life-time, four 1000 krone bills worth approximately $1080 in American currency, were found last week in the pockets of Peter Anderson's clothing after he had died on the farm of Zeb Goodyear, in Queen Anne's county, Md., where he had worked for nearly 15 years as a laborer. Anderson was about 63 years old and as far as could be learned he had no relatives in this country. He is believed to have been a native of Switzerland although the cash he carried is the gold monetary unit of Denmark. Discovery of the money was made by John A. Tobin, an undertaker, of Middletown, who had been called to take charge of the body. He was searching through the man's clothing and effects when he discovered the cash. Most of it old, some of the bills so worn that they were nearly falling apart. It evidently had been carried around on his person by Anderson for many years. Mr. Tobin telephoned to a banker in Wilmington and learned that a krone is worth about 27 cents in United States money. It is believed Anderson had exchanged his savings for the Danish money in the belief that it was more stable than that of any other country and that he carried it about with him because he was dubious about its security in a bank. Mr. Tobin is trying to determine whether he had any relatives in this county.

ASPIRANTS FOR SHERIFF 'Two-TIME FARMER MUCH TO LATTER'S DELIGHT

One of the thirteen aspirants for Sheriff is reported in Wicomico to have gone up to the home of a certain Wicomico farmer in his campaign through the county and to have found the farmer hard at work chopping wood.

Said the would-be Sheriff: "Here, hand me that axe, I'll cut the wood for you." Whereupon the woodchopper cheerfully obliged by handing his the axe and replied, "Sure, I'm glad to, if this campaign was going to keep up much longer I wouldn't have a darn bit of chores to do. — — (naming another candidate for Sheriff) is in the kitchen now churning butter."

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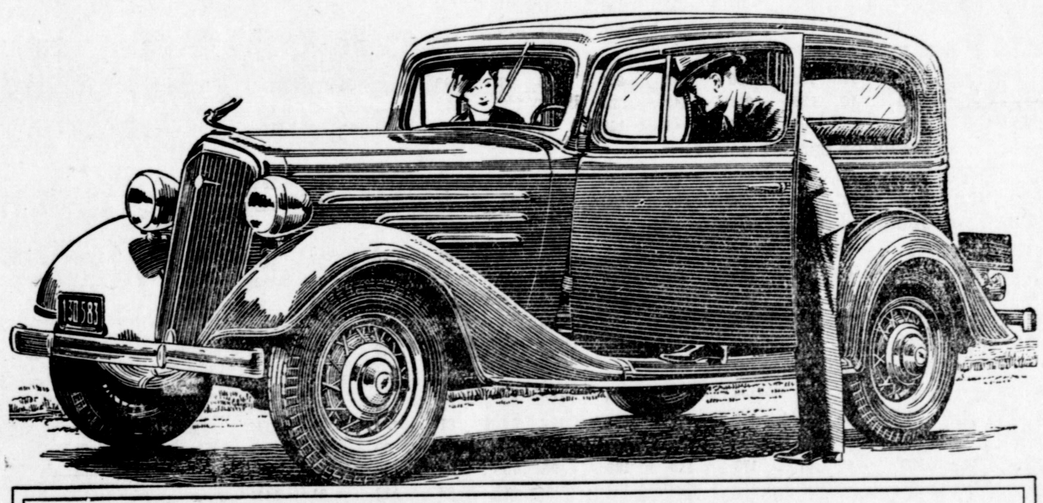
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