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THE PRIMARY ELECTION

Maryland is one of the few States in the country in which President Roosevelt is being challenged for nomination, and as a result the primary election of Monday is a necessity. In Cecil county this is the only contest, other offices such as Representative to the National Congress and delegates to the State Convention having been settled without contest, in both parties.

Although rumors were current several months ago that there was destined to be a split in the Democratic ranks over the nominee for Congress, happily this was settled to the satisfaction of Representative T. Alan Goldsborough's friends, who are legion throughout the district, and an unnecessary fight was averted. It is readily seen that Mr. Goldsborough has made himself, through strict application to his office and the need of the people, one of the outstanding members in the House of Representatives at Washington. He also is not only valuable to his constituents in the State, but his experience in national problems, his place and advice on important committees, give him a position of national prominence in matter of State. His nomination assured without contest speaks volumes for his popularity and we join with that large majority of voters in looking forward to his return to the House in the November election.

In the case of the Breckinridge candidacy against President Roosevelt, there are few if any people who believe some one other than the President will be the Democratic nominee for the Presidency. Colonel Breckinridge's only hope of votes in Maryland, as in other States in which he is contesting with Mr. Roosevelt, is from that block which carries the anti-Roosevelt stamp. This is true in Maryland and is readily gathered from the list of the Colonel's supporters. His campaign manager, Thomas F. Cadwalader, has for years been known as a disgruntled Democrat; his specialty has been anti-party throughout his public career and in his own county, Hanford, though a candidate on several occasions has never been able to make the primary hurdle. Such leadership represents simply a dog-in-the-manager attitude and does not signify sincerity of purpose.

Whether one does or does not ascribe to all the policies of the New Deal, one great thing apparent is the fact that the Roosevelt Administration has lifted the country from the the throes of the depression, industry is once more flourishing with increased payrolls, banks are open on a solid foundation, business in every line is getting out of the red and agriculture is once more holding its own. The Washington Government has spent billions it is true, but the money has been spent to feed and clothe people, not to fight them.

THE MONEY GOES 'ROUND

To millions of our citizens, the cost of living is a problem—and constant wrestling with a recalcitrant budget is essential to making both ends meet.

As a consequence, anything that cuts the cost of necessities ,and especially foods, to the consumer, is in the interest of everyone and all businesses. Reasonable prices for foods result in larger purchases, and in a wider variety of purchases. When the food item is cut other home budget items may be increased. This "new" money goes to buy automobiles and labor-saving appliances, for savings, for vacations, for education for children, reading matter and entertainment. That makes better business in the myriad industries affected, and causes them to employ more men, to increase advertising and to expand plants. A great economic circle is started, ever widening, ever touching more industries and individuals.

Considerable progress has already been made in holding down the cost of food, through the simple and effective means of eliminating and reducing "in-between" costs—those expenses which are created along the way as food products are brought from producer to consumer. Scientific distributing methods, coupled with aggressive advertising and selling have made it possible to cut the margin of profit. As a result, the public has been saved millions of dollars, and the great industrial machine which employs men and pays taxes has been stimulated through increased purchasing power.

The movement to still further reduce the spread between producer and consumer continues. And it is in the interest of all that its progress should be uninterrupted.

THE FARMERS' FRIEND

Figures recently issued by the National Dairy Council show the tremendous potentialities for expansion of the dairy industry.

If milk consumption increased to an average of four quarts a day for a family of five—the consumption advocated by dietetic authorities—65,000,000,000 more pounds of milk would have to be produced annually. This in turn would require an increase of 15,000,000 head of dairy cattle.

Other health authorities say there should be a 50 per cent increase in butter consumption. Should that occur, 24,000,000,000 more pounds of milk would be needed, the product of 5,000,000 cows.

The dairy cooperatives are working continually to educate the public in the wise and adequate use of milk products. That work is gradually producing results—and it is directly in the interest of both consumer and producer.

The principal interest of agriculture of all kinds, is a fair price for its products—plus a stable market in which demand is closely attuned to supply. The farmer wants to know when he raises a crop, or produces milk, that he can find a buyer for it—and that the price paid will leave him something above the bare cost of production.

The successful farm cooperatives of the country have gone a long way toward achieving that ideal. It is true that during depression markets shrank, and that prices paid were sometimes under production costs. But it is the opinion of many experts that conditions would have been much worse had the co-ops not existed.

The cooperatives, through organized business methods, are now obtaining fairer prices for the farmer. They are bringing stability out of the marketing chaos. They are showing their members how to produce better and larger crops on small acreages and more and better milk at a lower cost. They are the strongest possible influence for betterment of the farmer's economic and social condition.

WHAT, AGAIN?

(From the Baltimore Evening Sun)

Our Governor, the Hon. Harry W. Nice, has to make a political speech now and then. It's inevitable. But is it inevitable, we wonder, that in every speech he should make the same political blunders?

Yesterday, for instance, he was talking to the Republicans of Silver Spring, in Montgomery county. He proceeded to lambaste the Roosevelt Administration, which is his right. But he lambasted it on what, for him, seemed to be highly tactless grounds.

He said, for instance, that the Administration is full of squanderers, forgetting that he himself, given $50,000 with which to refurnish the Executive Mansion, is spending more than twice that amount. He set up an expensive commission to investigate the Ritchie Administration, demanded $125,000 to finance it and produced almost exactly nothing. He diverted the funds of the Roads Commission and then patted himself on the back for balancing his budget. All these things are so patent that good judgment would seem to demand that Mr. Nice avoid altogether the question of Government financing.

But he went even further: He accused the Democrats of breaking their campaign promises. Maybe they did and maybe they didn't. There are arguments on both sides. But Governor Nice promised, without equivocation, he'd give the motorists of the State $2 tags.

Where are they? Echo answers, where?

THE NEWS AND THE BIBLE

By REV. COLIN C. WEIR

Speaking With The Dead . . .

A "last supreme effort" to establish contact with Harry Houdini, famous magician who died ten years ago, is announced in Hollywood by his widow.

"It will be a seance to end all seance as far as I am concerned," said Mrs. Houdini, who reported she had been unsuccessful "in almost every way to contact Houdini in the Great Beyond."

She disclosed a compact she said she had entered into with Houdini, Charles Carter and Howard Thurston, whereby the first three to die would make "one final attempt" to reach the survivor.

This sort of thing is strongly condemned of God as in the following passages: Leviticus 19:31 "Regard not them that have familiar spirits . . . to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God." A severe sentence was pronounced upon wizardry according to Leviticus 20.27. In Deuteronomy 17:10-12 we have this prohibition: "There shall not be found among you any with familiar spirits, for all that do do these things are an abomination unto the Lord." See First Samuel 28:1-25. In Isaiah 8:19, 20 there is this strong admonition: "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits; should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them.

United States Of The World . . .

Proposals from three Latin-American governments that a league of American nations be formed to preserve peace in the western hemisphere were made public today by th State Department.

Presidents Alfonso Lopez, of Colombia; Rafael L. Trujillo, of the Dominican Republic, and Jorge Ubico, of Guatemala, joined in urging the creation of a league of American nations, not only as a means of preserving peace in the new world but as an effective adjunct to organizations fostering the same aim for the world as a whole.

President Ubico proposed that such an agency be known as the Association of American Nations.

The French memorandum for a European security system was described by one Frenchman in Geneva as creating a United States of Europe with an armed force to maintain peace.

Winston Churchill warmed the House of Commons today that "Either there will be a melting of hearts and a joining of hands between the great nations, which will release for us a glorious era and the age of prosperity which is now within the grasp of millions of toiling people, or there will be an explosion—a catastrophe, the cost of which no imagination can measure, and beyond which no human eye can see."

Does the Bible have anything to say regarding world unity? Consider the following passages that deal with the political state of the world at the end of the age. Dan. 2:40,41,42. "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron; for as much as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes part of potters clay and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided, but there shall be in it of the strength of iron." In Revelation the 13th chapter the final world ruler is referred to as one to whom power is given over all kindred, tongues and nations . . . And he causeth all, both free and slave, small and great, rich and poor to receive a mark on their forehead or on their right hand.

Johnny Appleseed's Grave

The inscription on Johnny Appleseed's grave reads: "Johnny Appleseed—John Chapman—He Lived for Others." Above this is carved an apple. Beneath is a Holy Bible and the dates, 1774-1845.

Phillips Will Feature New Paper Ads

Supplementing extensive advertising programs in metropolitan newspapers and magazines, as well as a wide variety of radio broadcasts, announcement was made this week that the Phillips Packing Company, Cambridge, Maryland, had closed contracts for one and three quarter million lines of advertising in 531 newspapers in smaller cities and towns of eighteen Eastern States extending from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico.

The new campaign will include every weekly newspaper on the Delmarva Peninsula, embracing the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia and the entire State of Delaware.

Announcement of the new campaign featuring Phillips Delicious Soups and Vegetables was made to publishers attending the annual convention of the Delmarva Press Association at Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, last Saturday.

The campaign during the next year is scheduled to reach a total of 1,750,000 lines and is one of the largest food advertising appropriations ever announced in the smaller city-and-town press of the nation.

The campaign will appear in 71 newspapers in Maryland, 37 in Virginia, 34 in Pennsylvania, 22 in Delaware, 53 in New Jersey, 31 in North Carolina, 41 in Massachusetts, 14 in New Hampshire, 6 in Vermont, 5 in Rhode Island, 45 in New York, 7 in Connecticut, 7 in Maine, 5 in West Virginia, 23 in South Carolina, 82 in Georgia, 4 in Tennessee, and 39 in Florida.

The packers of Phillips Delicious Southern products, embracing over forty varieties of soups, vegetables, juice and meats, are now one of the largest newspaper advertisers in their line in the United States, according to the March reports of Media Records, Inc.

These Delmarva products are marketed in every State of this country and in five major foreign markets.

"We are placing approximately one and three quarter million lines of advertising in the smaller city-and-town newspapers of 18 states, because we know that these publications fill a niche in their community life that cannot be paralleled by any other media," was the statement made by Colonel Albanus Phillips, President of the company, in announcing the new contract awards. "We are convinced that country newspapers are doing a fine and constructive service in maintaining a wholesome American atmosphere in their respective communities and we know that their readers are largely of the type who recognize and appreciate dependable, country-made foods. Our company is happy to announce this new relationship with hundreds of weekly newspaper publishers and their millions of readers."

"For Want of Defense"

By a judgment for want of defense or, more accurately, a judgment for want of an affidavit of defense, is meant a judgment entered by the court for the plaintiff because the defendant has failed to deny the facts and charges set forth by the plaintiff in the suit.

"ENTERTAINMENT" ★ "ON THE AIR" ★

By "DIAL"

Betty Wragge, the talented young actress who plays the role of "Peggy" in "Forever Young," the serial of American home life, has qualified in practically every field of entertainment, notwithstanding the fact that she is still in her teens. She made her screen debut at the age of three in the silent picture, "Yolanda," and has since played in scores of other films. In addition to her radio role in "Forever Young," Betty is at present appearing in the Broadway hit show "Dead End."

Betty Wragge

*** The largest stage in the Hollywood NBC studios is too small for the symphony orchestra Sigmund Romberg uses on the Monday evening programs in which he is co-starred with Lionel Barrymore. Consequently a special platform had to be built in front for the conductor who is Romberg himself.

*** George Olsen and Frank Fay are the most recent additions to the Hollywood radio colony. The popular band leader and singing star, Ethel Shutta, moved their broadcasts from Chicago to the movie citadel; while Frank Fay, after his tremendous success on the Vallee hour, opens his new series with all the fanfare of a premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

*** Harry Horlick, the popular musical director who has conducted the NBC "Gypsies" for many years, takes issue with those who contend that radio listeners are fickle. Horlick attributes his continued popularity to an effort to please the majority, rather than select groups. As a result, he avoids the red-hot numbers and those classified as extremely classical. In addition to his pleasing musical offerings, Horlick features vocalists who find favor with listeners from coast to coast.

Harry Horlick

*** Peter Van Steeden, who has just celebrated a full year as orchestra leader of the Fred Allen "Town Hall Tonight" program, has furnished the musical background for five of radio's ace comics.

*** Bob Burns, the bazooka blowing gent, who has stolen the attention of comedy fans, is really a talented musician. He learned to play a mandolin when he was six years old. Then he mastered the violin, guitar, trombone, piano and cornet. At the age of fifteen, he was first cornetist in the Van Buren, Arkansas, Queen City Silver Cornet band.

*** Columbia's ace air stanza, the Monday evening Radio Theatre session, is experimenting with great success in a new and advanced technique of microphone dramatic production. Although the great plays of the theatre provide vehicles for this series, its producers make their audible adaptations with the loudspeaker fans in mind. The latest great star to appear on this series is Lawrence Tibbett, world famous baritone, who is also one of Hollywood's most sought after leading men.

Lawrence Tibbett

*** While many of radio's stars are planning hunting and fishing trips, ocean voyages motor tours or complete relaxation for their vacations, Phil Baker is organizing an All-Radio Revue to play one night stands during the 13 weeks vacation he will take from the air.

*** Connie Gates, the petite NBC songstress, is scheduled to receive her pilot's license for flying next month, much to the displeasure of her manager who would prefer that she keep her feet on the ground and her voice on the air.

*** Smith Ballew, the likeable young Texan who has his big chance as master of ceremonies on the Saturday Chateau programs, is extremely bashful. Imagine his embarrassment when columnists dubbed him "the handsomest man in radio." Just to rub it in, Victor Young, the Chateau ork pilot, persuaded Dorothy Lamour to check the nickname with Smith directly. Incidentally, the lovely lady confirmed her NBC buildup with a fine guest star performance.

Dorothy Lamour

*** Igor Gorin, baritone star of the CBS "Hollywood Hotel" programs, has played in over thirty operas, but enjoys doing novelty numbers—many in dialect—on his air series.

*** Bud Guest, the son of Edgar Guest, star of "Welcome Valley," is following in his dad's footsteps. Bud, who has been a newspaper reporter for some time, is now being heard as a radio news commentator.

Dispelling The Fog

Publication of the roster of contributors to the Liberty League and a multitude of other organizations which are issuing, or pretending to issue, Republican literature brings back to mind a famous colloquy which occurred during the lobby investigation some years ago. John Henry Kirby, President of the Southern Committee to Uphold the Constitution, American Taxpayers League, Southern Tariff Association, and various other aliases for money-raising schemes, was on the witness stand. Senator Blaine was cross-examining him and asked Mr. Kirby about his contributors.

Mr. Kirby: "Only—well, I wouldn't say that."

In his report Senator Caraway, Chairman of the investigating committee, recited that:

"There is in truth no such thing as a Southern Tariff Association nor, for that matter an American Taxpayers League." And he added that the institution, "has no constitution or by-laws; it has no members."

Yet these same organizations are still getting contributions from the duPonts and their statelites in sums ranging from ten dollars to three thousand dollars, according to the records of the Senate lobby committee made public on April 9th.

Every day a new organization is born to fish for contributions.

The latest one is the "League for Constitutional Government." It is selling a book devoted apparently to the theft of the national party organizations by the Socialists. Here is a sample paragraph from the circular offering the book for sale:

"The statement is made and proved: The Democratic party was stolen in 1932 by a group following the socialist theory who moved their forces en masse into the Democratic primary."

This brings up an alluring picture of James A. Farley with Karl Marx's "Das Kapital" under his arm, slyly and subtly touring the country in the spring of 1932, garnering delegates to the then prospective convention in Chicago for Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York.

Glass's Work On A Marxist Platform

Then, when we came to the Convention, those two arch-socialists, Cordell Hull, now Secretary of State, and Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, collaborated in the preparation of the platform. Moreover, the darkly plotting group must have succeeded in planting Senator Alben Barkley in the Temporary Chairman's place and that terrific radical Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana in the seat of Permanent Chairman. Naturally, if we accept this latest Republican propaganda, these men took care that none but socialist delegations were seated and so compassed the nomination and election of President Roosevelt.

This is only a sample of the absurdities of the political campaign of 1936 so far. Any outfit that is willing to put its name to an attack on President Roosevelt, on political, social, religious, or any other ground, can apparently get the money from some of these on John Henry Kirby's sucker list to finance whatever weird hypothetis it may invent.

This is the harvest season for racketeers.

There is even one outfit that is making money by furnishing credulous executives of large corporations with fly sheets to be enclosed in the pay envelopes of employes, indicating to them the terrible consequences of a Democratic victory next November.

Nobody has yet been able to approximate the aggregate of the money being spent in this fashion. And perhaps the most amusing part of it is that the only beneficiaries of this snow storm of contributions are the gentlemen who get the money. The developments from day to day as chronicled in the newspapers show a constant rise in the President's popularity. His election is practically conceded even by those publicists who regret it most.

For example, the California primaries just closed show an increase of nearly fifty per cent in the Democratic registration and a corresponding decrease in Republican registration, and Roosevelt carried California by half a million majority in 1932.

Muskrats are decidedly detrimental in areas where irrigation and flood control structures are necessary, and thus a direct menace to agriculture, say Department of Agriculture officials.

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Bees should be left in their packing cases until all danger from frost is over, and, to be on the safe side, one should not unpack average colonies until just before fruit bloom. Very strong colonies must be watched to prevent their swarming before they have been unpacked.

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