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POST-WAR ROAD PROGRAM SET BY GOVERNOR

With architects already assigned to building projects in the State Post-War Program, Governor O'Conor today announced that immediate consideration will be given to the Maryland road program for the Post-War period.

The Governor's announcement was made following his discussion with Roy Barton White, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and Chairman of the State Commission, regarding the road projects. At the Governor's request, the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development will hold a special meeting on Monday next to pass on the program submitted by Chairman Ezra B. Whitman of the State Roads Commission.

Approximately $49,000,000 in road and bridge projects are included in the tentative plan, Governor O'Conor announced. Every section of the State will be represented in the construction program, he added. A new four-lane highway from Annapolis to Washington is one of the roadways which must be given every consideration in the post-war program, he made known.

Already the Board of Public Works has given final approval to building projects aggregating $9,355,954. At its last meeting the Board assigned architects to take up immediately $4,398,150 of the total amount. Previously the Post-War Commission had included these projects in its program so that for practical purposes this amount of Post-War building operation is now assured, the Governor predicted.

To make possible the architectual, engineer and planning work for the projects, Governor O'Conor provided in his last Budget the sum of $2,000,000, which is now "earmarked" in the State Treasury for such expense. This fund is immediately available the Governor advised the Post-War Commission, for expenses incident to the completion of plans, surveys and blueprints for the Post-War work. It is the Governor's intention to have all these plans ready so that construction work can proceed upon the termination of hostilities.

Recently Governor O'Conor ordered the State Roads Commission to set aside a special unit of the Commission forces for planning work on Post-War projects. Draftsmen and engineers constitute this group and it was the Governor's order that they give exclusive attention to the Post-War projects until this planning work has been completed.

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ALL DISCHARGED SOLDIERS ASKED TO JOIN LEGION

The Frank M. Jarman Post 36, American Legion extends an invitation to all Veterans of World War II to join the Legion, as you will need the protection of the American Legion to press your claims and to represent you in case you have business with the Veterans Administration, not just now, but in later years, you owe it to yourself and your family to join the Legion at an early date. As there are many soldiers already discharged from the Army and Navy and many of them need care now and hospitalization.

The American Legion stands ready at all times to lend a helping hand to our War Veterans, their families and Orphans, and it is the hope of the Legion that all Soldiers who have an honorable discharge from the service, will without fail in the near future apply for membership in the American Legion, as you will need the Legion as the years go by, the Legion ever stands as a guard for the man who wore the uniform of his country, and the American Legion will see that our former soldiers get a square deal in all their claims, and will see that their claims are properly filed and have the authority to act as attorney for any service man who holds an honorable discharge.

If you have an honorable discharge get in touch with the Officials of the American Legion Post in your Community and become a member of this great organization. The Legion needs you and you need the Legion. Become a member of the American Legion now, don't put this important matter off, tomorrow may be too late. Let the Legion carry your banner now and after the war, and join that great organization of war veterans and keep alive your association in the world war, it will mean much to you in the years ahead. We ask you to think this over.

Humane Society Purchased Cat Trap

A trap for wild or stray cats has been purchased by the Humane Society of Kent County. This trap may be borrowed free of charge by any one in the county wishing to use it provided it is returned in good shape in reasonable time. Those wishing to do so may apply to Mrs. Harry Deringer on Queen Street, Chestertown. For the benefit of those living in Chestertown a representative of the Humane Socieoy will call for all animals caught in the trap and see that they are humanely destroyed.

Those living out of Chestertown are asked to bring any unwanted animals to Dr. Jacobs' for disposal as gas rationing prevents the society from calling for cats out of town. There will be no charge at all for this service.

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EVANGELIST MEETING IS WELL ATTENDED

About 300 persons were present at the Firemen's Hall last Sunday night, December 12, to hear Evangelist Dan S. Harris present the subject on the Sensations of the Dead one minute after death. "Contrary to popular beliefs that the dead are in heaven praising God," the speaker used as one of his texts, Psalms 115:17. "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." When speaking of the death of Lazarus, Christ likened death unto a sleep in John 11: 11-14. The disciples misunderstood Christ when he referred to Lazarus' death as a sleep thereupon Jesus said plainly, "Lazarus is dead."

Mrs. Merrick Clements rendered special music for the evening and she was accompanied on the vibraharp by Evangelist Harris.

Next Sunday night, December 19, Evangelist Harris will discuss many facts taken from the Bible about Hell, as to how many people are in Hell, where is Hell located and many other points about it. This promises to bring forth strong preaching and strong points as mentioned in the Bible.

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STATE HONORED BY NATIONAL GAME MAGAZINE

The Field and Stream, recognized throughout the Country as one of the leading sportsmen's magazines, has published in the December issue on page 20 a very fine write-up of Maryland relative to advantages outdoor lovers may find for enjoyment in the little State of Maryland known as "The Free State." The article was written by that famous writer of Outdoor Sports, namely, Harold Titus a member of the Commission of Conservation of Michigan, and we herein quote some extracts from the Article in the Field and Stream on page 20:

"Nation's Sportsmen Get Graphic Picture Of Maryland's Hunting And Fishing"

It isn't how big the hunting and fishing grounds are, but how Good!

Take Maryland, for instance, whose area of 10,577 square miles is less than one-fourth that of Pennsylvania; yet Maryland boasts the world's largest fishing hole — Chesapeake Bay!

And, according to a feature article in the December issue of Field and Stream, hunters and fishermen can find in Maryland today every species of wild life found 300 years ago by the first settlers, with the single exception of the passenger pigeon! Not only can they find them—they can take them legally!

While Maryland stresses bob-white quail—an average year will see 13,000 of these birds planted in suitable cover—gunners may take ruffed grouse, wild turkey, ringnecked pheasant, and all manner of waterfowl, with deer, rabbits, and squirrels tossed in for good measure, according to the Field and Stream report.

Fish varieties, the outdoorsman's magazine reveals, include white marlin, tuna, dolphin, bonito, an occasional bluefish, channel bass, weakfish, croakers, pike, perch, trout and bass.

Buy a copy of Field and Stream, December issue, at your news stand, and read what Mr. Titus says regarding "Maryland Outdoors".

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The December meeting of the Old Kent Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. G. Smyth on High St., Saturday, the 11th, the regent, Dr. Esther M. Dole presiding.

JAS. W. CHAPMAN SUCCUMBS AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

James W. Chapman

James W. Chapman 74 year old Baltiomre Attorney, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward T. Gieske in that city Monday evening following an illness of only a few days.

Besides Mrs. Gieske, he is survived by a son, Lieut S. Vannort Chapman, Coast Guard, stationed in Miami, Fla.

Funeral services were held at the North Baltimore Methodist Church, Baltimore, with interment in Chester Cemetery, here, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. W. H. Litsinger and Rev. Vernon Ridgely officiating.

He was born in Chestertown, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vannort Chapman in 1871. Following his graduation at Washington College he moved to Baltimore where he took, a degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University. He entered into the practice of law and for many years has been prominent in legal circles of the State.

In 1908 he was elected secretary of the Maryland Bar Association and served continuously in that capacity with the exception of the year 1930 when he was president of that association.

He continued his interest in Washington College following his graduation and has served as a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors for a long period of years up until his death. During this period his advice and council has contributed largely to the success of that institution and in 1935 he was honored with a trophy from the Silver Pentagon, an honor society of that college. A land-owner in County and Chestertown, he was a frequent visitor here where he had a host of friends.

Among the responsible positions which he occupied in Baltimore City was a member of the Board of School Commissioners and in 1935 he was appointed United States Commissioner of Baltimore City which position he held at the time of his death.

He was a member of the University Club, the Hopkins Club and Concordia Lodge, Masons.

Alfred Clifton Loud

Funeral services for former County Commissioner Alfred Clifton Loud, 78 years old, prominent churchman and farmer, who died Monday afternoon at Godlington Manor, of which he was the monager for the owner, Col. Hiram S. Brown, on Monday afternoon was held from the home at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Lester Loder of Bond Methodist Chapel, assisted by the Rev. Robert Green, a former pastor. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery. The deceased was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cordray Loud. He served as a member of the board of county commissioners of Kent County two terms. He was one of the leading members and an official of Bond Methodist Chapel, near here, and served as superintendent of its Sunday School for many years. He is survived by a brother J. Cordray Loud of this city, bailiff in the Circuit Court here, and a sister, Miss Marietta M. Loud, at home John Loud of Wilmington, J. Cordray Loud, Jr., Chestertown, and Robert Loud of Worton, are nephews.

Amanda C. Newsome

Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda C. Newsome, aged 70 years, who died suddenly on Sunday morning at her home on High Street, were held from the home Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Paul E. Reynolds, of the First Methodist Church. Interment was in Chester Cemetery.

The deceased was a daughter of the late William Kennard and Sarah Anderson Copper of Worton section. She was the widow of Martin E. Newsome, former business man of this city. She leaves five nieces living in Baltimore, and two nephews, one of whom, William Kennard Copper, Jr., is with the armed forces of the country.

Mrs. Alice Plummer Usilton

Mrs. Alice Plummer Usilton widow of the late Robert B. Usilton, passed away at her late home in Smithville, Saturday morning in her 84th year.

She was the daughter of the late Edward and Sallie Plummer. Mrs. Usilton was a member of the Old Union Church of Worton, in her young days. She was very active in helping her neighbors and the activity of her community, was known for having a very remarkable memory and could easily recall things that happened during slavery when she was a child.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Charles Coleman, of Chestertown and 2 sons, Robert L., of Lynch,

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Injunction Filed By County Liquor Dealers

Richard Carvell, attorney for the liquor dealers of Kent County, has filed a bill with the Circuit Court for Kent County, asking that the act establishing the County Dispensary system be held inapplicable to the present licensing system. The County Commissioners as such and as the Liquor Control Board of License Commissioners for Kent County, shall be perpetually enjoined from enforcing as against the license and business of the complainnts any of the provisions of the acts of 1943 Chapter 16 (acts establishing the County Dispensary System).

Mr. Carvell will ask the Court for an injunction restraining the Board of License Commissioners from revoking the licenses.

It is expected that a hearing on both a preiminary anld permanent injuction will be held sometime next week.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—Our understanding from the above is that the liquor dealers will not try to stop the dispensaries from starting on January first but they will try to stay in business themselves until May 1st when their licenses expire. Also they will try to obtain the licenses again on May 1st and continue in business, claiming the bill contains no provision for putting them out of business.

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Local Armory Is Scene Of 3 Dances

Apparently local terpsichoreans should be very much pleased, wha with three big holiday dances scheduled for the local armory.

The first of these was held last night by the Maryland State Guard, music by the Washington Collegians.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 the Blue Hen Ramblers will appear here for a dance sponsored by the Middle Kent Minute Men.

And then on New Year's Eve the local American Legion Post will give a dance for which extensive work has been done to make an entertaining evening. Several prizes and novelities will begiven away. The College Orchestra will also furnish the music for this occasion.

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COUNTY QUOTA OF MACHINERY IS ANNOUNCED

County quotas for 1944 on twelve types of rationed farm machinery were announced today by Joseph H. Blandford, chairman of the Maryland Agricultural Adjustment Agency. County Farm Rationing Committees may begin rationing against these quotas at once.

County quotas for row sprayers, orchard sprayers and potato diggers will be announced later.

The State AAA Committe has asked the county committees to maintain small reserves for eleventh hour applicants with high priority ratings.

Quotas for Kent County are as follows:

Corn planters, 17; potato planters, 0; grain drills, 11; manure spreaders, 16; combines, 12; corn binders, 3; corn pickers, 3; mowers, 21; side delivery rakes, 11; hay loaders, 13; pick-up balers, 6; tractors, 35.

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Man Killed In An Unusual Accident

Denton—An accident which occured while he was assisting a neighbor to slaughter hogs cost Ernest Brindley, 39, who lived at Garland Lake, near Denton, his life last Saturday. As the hogs were hanging on a pole ready to be butchered, one of them slipped, causing Mr. Brindley to stab himself. Alone when the accident happened, he was unable to speak when a member of the family of Benjamin Somers discovered him lying on the ground. He died in the office of Dr. Dawson O. George, Denton.

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Descendants of W. Va. Feudists Work Here In Harmony

Elkton—Miss Susie McCoy and Miss June Hatfield, great-grand-daughters of the famous McCoy-Hatfield feudists of West Virginia and now war workers at the Triumph Explosives will take part on the "We The People" radio program Sunday evening at 7:30. Miss McCoy and Miss Hatfield are both close friends and they will tell how this war has been the means of bringing people together. The program will be in honor of Refugees from Japanese prisons who are returning on the ship Gripsholm.

LOCAL BUSINESS GROUP TO AID IN BOND DRIVE

The Chestertown Business Men's Association had as its guests at the regular meeting on Wednesday, the county committee for the war bond drive.

Charles F. Wheatley, Chairman of the bond drive for Kent County gave a talk and asked for the cooperation of the Business Men's Association. Earl S. Hollinger, president of the association named a committee from the members composed of Mayor P. G. Wilmer, Carl N. Bordley and Milton Todd. They are considering holding a parade or display of captured war material if it can be obtained and a big rally in the Armory.

Although Mr. Hooper Miles appointed the committee for the County and Mayor Jackson has taken his place as state head for the drive, the present committee for the county will operate until they are notified of a change which is unexpected.

Present committee for the County is Charles F. Wheatley, chairman and W. R. Huey, publicity chairman.

1st district, Clarence Melvin, Chairman; Dr. Merritt Brice, J. Herman McCauley, Julian W. Hurtt, James D. Davis, Jr.

2nd district, Wm. B. Dukes, chairman; Edgar D. Lusby, Wroth Stavely.

3rd district, Clarence Newsome, chairman; Charles H. Brice.

4th district, Wilbur J. Stenger, chairman; Judge S. R. Collins, Mayor P. G. Wilmer, Wm. B. Usilton, Harry C. Coleman, Ernest H. Strong.

5th district, Herbert Urie, chairman; G. Ellsworth Leary, H. S. Leaverton, Rev. F. C. Louhoff, Jr.

6th district, Lewin B. Deputy, chairman.

7th district, Chas. P. Kingsley, chairman.

Miss Helen Schellinger is woman chairman for the county.

The fourth wa rloan drive starts January 18th and ends Feb. 1st. In the third drive Kent's quota was $200,000 and they raised $425,000.

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Feed And Crop Loans Available

Pointing out the desirability of purchasing fertilizer and other supplies for 1944 crops well in advance of the planting season, Field Supervisor C. R. Hare of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Salisbury has announced that he is now accepting applications for crop and feed loans for spring planting.

"The War Food Administration is urging the early purchase and storage on farms of fertilizer required for 1944 crop production", Field Supervisor Hare said. "Due to the tight labor situation, transportation difficulties, and limited storage facilities off the farm, considerable quantities of fertilizer must be purchased and delivered to farmers over a six months' period rather than the usual sixty day period.

"In order that farmers in this section may cooperate and purchase their fertilizer, seed, and other supplies at this time, the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office is prepared to make loans up to $400 to those farmers who are eligible," he continued. "Advances on these loans will be made as the money is needed."

Crop loans are secured by a first lien on the crops to be produced and feed loans by a chattel mortgage on the livestock to be fed. The interest rate is 4 percent per year. Farmers who wish to apply may communicate with Field Supervisor Hare at Box 1087, Salisbury Maryland who will arrange to accept their applications.

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Winners, Losers, Lose All To Bandits

Elkton—A bunch of stickup men pounched down on a favorite gambling rendezvous here at 5 A. M. last Sunday morning where an all night crap game was just coming to its final stages. Up went the hands and out went the money in the hands of the visitors. According to a good authority, the returns were large and the invaders went their way in their high power car after a successful haul which is said to be the second in the history of Elkton celebrated gaming rooms.

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Robert Edward Townsend, Jr. of Rock Hall, has recently acquired a registered Holstein-Friesian heifer from the herd of Howard S. Leaverton, Jr., of Rock Hall.

Change of ownership for this animal, Beets Ormsby Jewell Johanna 2416997, has been officially recorded by The Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt.

The Association issued 2,476 registry and transfer certificates to Maryland breeders during 1942.

Donation Day For Local Hospital

According to Mrs. Lawrence Brown, of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, Donation Day for the hospital will be held next Tuesday, December 21st. It is hoped all residents of the County will make some sort of donation money, food, vegetables, eggs and canned goods. Every gift no matter how small will be appreciated.

Donations may be made at either the hospital or the American Legion Building which will be open from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Due to war conditions it has been impossible to hold the annual country fair to raise funds.

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TOWN VOTING EXPECTED TO BE VERY LIGHT

Although next Monday is set as the election date for town officials, a very light balloting is expected as all candidates on the ballot are unopposed and are running for re-election.

Mayor Philip G. Wilmer, although reluctant to file due to pressure of other duties, did so at the request of the Business Men's Asso., and his name appears on all of the ballots for the four wards. The second and fourth wards will vote for councilmen, the candidates and present incumbents being Charles F. Wheatley, second war and Wm. H. Moyer, fourth ward.

The ballot contains a blank box under the name of the candidates which enables the voters to write in a name of some one if they do not wish to vote for the person whose name appears on the ballot.

The voting place for all four Wards is the New Fire House and the polls will be open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. The Supervisors are Mrs. M. Elizabeth Falls and Wm. G. Smyth.

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Free Vaccines For Calf Owners

Free Vaccination of Calves for Bangs Disease.

County Agent McVean announces that here after farmers with calves of four to eight months of age may have them vaccinated against Bangs Disease free of charge. The work will be done by Doctor C. N. Turner in connection with his regular visits and travel in the county. Farmers who desire his services should notify him ahead of time and promptly so that he may plan this work. Neither time nor mileage permits of his making special trips for this service. He will blend in the calf vaccinations with his already full schedule.

The idea back of the free vaccination of heifers is that owners of herds infected with Bangs disease may build up disease resistant herd-replacements, while producing all the milk possible during the war emergency. This should be a popular and an appreciated service.

The new plan is announced by Doctor A. L. Brueckner of the Maryland Livestock Sanitary Service and Dr. O. L. Lockwood of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry.

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Lt. Norton Bonnett of Camp Shreveport, Miss., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bonnett before leaving for Clifornia for a month's specialized training.

Carl Mench, A. M. M., stationed at the Patuxent River, Md., Naval Air Base, is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mench on a ten-day leave.

A. M. M.-3-C George Pennington, stationed in Brunswick, Maine, was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs George Pennington last week-end.

Pvt William Legg, U. S. Army Military Police, is here from West Virginia, as a guest of Mrs. Alice Legg.

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DO YOU KNOW?

No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highway. Sec. 197A

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This country will import close to as much nitrate of soda this year as in pre-war years, according to the War Food Administration, but somewhat less than last year. Most of the nitrate of soda will go to farmers in the Eastern States for top and side dressing, it is stated.

30 KENT MEN REPORT FOR SERVICE EXAMS

Wednesday morning, 30 Kent County Selectees reported to the local Selective Service Board on High Street at 7.30 a. m. and left here by bus for the induction center in Baltimore, where they underwent the necessary eamination before being sworn into some branch of our armed forces.

Of the group reporting 12 were white and 18 colored, they are as follows:

Melvin Sutphin, George W. Reed, Bernard Short, Stanley W. Pletzer, Jr., Walter P. Bloecher, Jr., Jesse W. Capel, Donald C. Murray, Jesse G. Hadaway, James H. Solloway, Lawrence H. Sapp, Harry T. Brice were the 12 white draftees.

Roosevelt Jones, John E. S. Martin, James A. Thompson, George Brooks, Milbourne J. Rochester, Walter O. Thomas, Elzie Christy, John D. Johnson, George Murray, Jr., John T. Brown, Clifton E. Turner, Samuel M. Murray, George Newnam, Edward W. Parker, Simon Floyd, Bernard Hill, Roger E. Wilson and William F. Graves comprised the negro contingent of selectees.

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W. F. DAVIS FILES FOR CONGRESS ON WEDNESDAY

December 15, 1943

Mr. Collins, Editor,
Transcript,
Chestertown, Md.
Dear Mr. Collins,

I am filing for Congress today. The enclosed statement contains a few of my views on National problems, which, if you use in your valuable paper this week, will be greatly appreciated.

Very Sincerely,
Wilmer Fell Davis

"Being desirous of representing the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Congress, my name was formally filed today with the Secretary of State in Annapolis as a candidate in the May primary.

Born forty-one years ago on the Eastern Shore where I have continuously resided, I have learned the ways and wishes of its people and have tried faithfully to represent them in the Senate of Maryland during the last eight sessions of the General Assembly. My record there will testify accordingly.

In addition to serving as Minority Floor Leader for the last five years which automatically places one on the most important committees, it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve on the important Legislative Council which meets between sessions and studies and recommends legislation for future action.

With over twenty years of active business experience as a concentrator or wholesale buyer and distributor of poultry, feed and egg products throughout five counties of the Shore, I have been in close contact with the farmers, poultrymen and business men. I know their problems and their needs. My local school and college training, followed by practical business experience, and supplemented by the legislative work at Annapolis, are valuable assets for one wishing to enter the National Congress.

I favor:

1. Allegiance to the American Constitution, respect for the Judiciary and the insistence on checks and balances in the three departments of the Federal Government.
2. States Rights—Decentralization of Federal authority and control of matters concerning the States.
3. Restroation of Fundamental Economic laws which will allow and encourage free enterprise and uphold the American standard of living and way of life.
4. Restraining of appointed officials, who promulgate rules and orders having the weight and authority of law.
5. Curbing of National extravagance and waste in Government.
6. Cutting to the bone of civilian costs of Government.
7. Budgeting of appropriations in peacetime limited to the proceeds of taxes laid.
8. Unlimited and unrestrained assistance to all our people in the Armed Service.
9. Vigorous prosecution of the War until victory over our foes is assured.

I oppose:

1. The New Deal Philosophy of Government.
2. Socialism in all its forms, in-

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