Sweet Pepper And Asparagus Salad

Though salads are served throughout the entire year—one can almost say that this is salad season, inasmuch that in most families they are now eaten twice a day—occasionlly being the main dish in the meal. This being the case, the more salads the merrier.

SWEET PEPPER AND ASPARAGUS SALAD

Cut sweet red peppers in strips and mix with fresh asparagus tips. Lay on a bed of lettuce hearts of water cress. Use half as much peppers as asparagus. Dress with the following: Mix together one small red sweet pepper finely chopped, one very small Bermuda onion, finely chopped, one small cucumber pickle, finely chopped dash of cayenne, paprika and salt. Stir this mixture into one cup of mayonnaise.

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information of imporatnce to them and of great potential value to business concerns in this State.

2—Civil Protection

This committe has been of considerable help in the working of the Selective Service Act, in preparing for the formation of the State Guard and in formulating plans for coordination of all emergency activities that may become necessary: e. g., auxiliary police, auxiliary fire fighters, transport, etc.

3—Health, Welfare and Consumer Interest.

This committee has a triple function:

A—Medical Plans—Auxiliary medical personnel, hospitalization, emergency evacuation of sick and wounded, etc.

B—Welfare Work—Handling the additional load resulting from the increased industrial and military personnel, including entertainment, recreation and comfort of soldiers away from camp, family welfare work, travellers' aid, information services, etc.

C—Consumer Interest. Retail price control, quality and nutritional value of food.

4—Housing Works and Transportation.

This committee has assembled information on measures taken by corporations and municipalities for the protection and restoration of essential services. It is, also, gathering information on the housing situation throughout the State.

5—Agricultural Resources and Production.

This committee is making available complete information of agricultural production and consumption within the State, including livestock and seafood.

6—Human Resources and Skills.

This committee has been active in in promotion of technical schools throughout the State, set-up to assist industry in obtaining the skilled technicians needed.

7—Legislation.

This committee has made a review of existing laws, with a view to preparing enactments that will be needed.

Future plans of the Council involve continuation of the activities outlined above, but present some problems that are immediate. The first of these is to handle the impact of the increased military and industrial personnel on the civilian life of certain communities. While this will not reach its peak for sometime to come, plans are well in hand to meet such problems as they arise.

Later the Council will be faced with the setting up of auxiliary police and fire-fighting services and the coordination of these services throughout the State. Final action on these is awaiting completion of technical studies now being made by the National Defense Advisory Commission.

It is to be noted that all that has been accomplished by the Maryland Councli of Defense and Resources has been done at no expense to the State, the members of the Council serving on a voluntary basis.

Although National Defense is the most important and urgent matter before the country today, the routine activities of our State Government have been carried forward in a progressive and efficient manner.

I shall now proceed to discuss some of the important activities of our State Government, indicating the progress which has been made in the last two years and the plans for continued progress during the current biennium. In a sense, this is a report on the conduct of the high office to which the people of our State elected me, and upon the duties of which office I entered two years ago. This report will be one of accomplishments and plans but will not be concerned principally with the finances of the State. Although the Constitution allows a sitting Governor to delay presentation of his budget until twenty days after the convening of the Legislature, I am happy to report that the fiscal program for the next biennium is now in such shape that it can be presented to you within a few days.

It is gratifying to report in passing, that the State is in a stronger financial position than at any time in its history. In delivering the Budget Message to you on January 24th, 1939, I stated that one of the most important things for the General Assembly and for the Governor to do was to balance our State Budget. It is, therefore, a pleasure to report that, under the legislation passed by your body, our Budget has been continuously in balance. In addition, through the practice of economies, the State's surplus has been increased until not only is the budget balanced, but at the close of the last fiscal year, on September 30, 1940, there was an unencumbered balance in the Tresaury of $6,151,955.00. The financial condition of the State is such that I shall recommend a program of tax reduction which not only will leave the Treasury in a safe condition, but will benefit tens of thousands of our taxpayers.

It is noteworthy that, with your help at the last session, an end was put to the unsound financial practice of diverting highway funds for general governmental purposes, and of borrowing to balance the budget.

I am also glad to report that the Annuity Bond Account is in excellent condition; outstanding bonds amounting to $44,166,000, are amply supported and the pledged faith and credit of the State are safe. The public debt at this time is only 1.4% of the taxable basis of $2,530,000,000. No more need be said than that in this financial condition, Maryland bonds recently attained a record-breaking mark, selling at the best price in the history of the State.

The Government of our State possesses all the essentials for adequate public administration. At the present time, the problems with which we are confronted relate in large measure to administration of the various State Agencies in as economical and efficient manner as possible. We are, of course, mindful of the fact that changes are bound to occur in the world at large, with resulting repercussions in our own State. I shall see to it, therefore, that all of the administrative agencies of the State Government are keenly alive and sensitive to the problems which may arise in the next two years, so that we will be able to meet the problems as presented in the manner which will insure to the utmost the freedom, protection and the opportunity for pursuit of happiness of our people.

The budget now has been almost completed, because I want to give you all the time possible for consideration of the financial program suggested, in the hope that prompt consideration and disposal of the budget and related fiscal bills will help to avoid some of the rush which has developed near the end of previous sessions, and permit you more fully to consider and discuss all matters that may come before you.

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