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EX-GOV. ALBERT C. RITCHIE PASSES ON

Death came suddenly to ex-governor Albert C. Ritchie, early Monday morning, and claimed one of Maryland's most prominent men.

Four times Governor of his State, his achievements as its chief executive included fiscal and other reforms that made Maryland state government a model in some respects.

The State has sustained a heavy loss—one that will be hard to meet.

YOUR INCOME TAX—WHO MUST FILE RETURNS

Returns are required of every single person who for the year 1935 had a gross income of \$5,000 or more or a net income of \$1,000 or more and of every husband and wife living together who for the year 1935 had an aggregate gross income of \$5,000 or more or an aggregate net income of \$2,500 or more.

Husband and wife living together may make separate returns of the income of each, or their income may be included in a single joint return.

Husband and wife may elect each year whether to file a joint return or separate returns. Where, however, joint or separate returns have been filed for a particular year, neither husband nor wife may after the due date of the return file an amended return or returns on a different basis for that year.

HOUSE VOTES TOWNSEND PENSION INQUIRY

Politicians are all set to "smear" the Townsend plan. Friends and foes of the Townsend old-age revolving pension plan are pretty much agreed that this is the unmistakable purpose of the inquiry into current pension schemes voted in the House, 243 to 4 last week.

Investigators headed by a militant foe of the plan, Representative C. Jasper Bell (D) of Missouri, are believed anxious to prove the following:

That the Townsend leaders are charlatans and quacks.

That there has been financial skulduggery in the administration of the scheme.

That it is economic nonsense. Townsendsites profess joy at the distinction according to a full-dress Congressional investigation.

How Congress must fear our strength! is the reaction among them.

Governor Nice on Thursday set March 4th for the convening of the special session of the Legislature to consider Maryland's relief problem.

Governor Nice earlier in the day had announced he would issue the call for the Legislature to convene March 5, but at the behest of Democratic leader later advanced the date to March 4 to avoid conflict with plans for a convention of the Young Democratic Clubs of Maryland in Baltimore March 5.

ONE PER CENT CONSUMERS' SALES TAX URGED

A one per cent. consumers' sales tax, mandatory upon the purchaser, has been recommended to Governor Nice by his Committee on State Policy and Revenue for Aid to the Needy as the major source of revenue for relief in Maryland until May 31, 1937.

The committee, headed by William J. Casey, also recommended that the present gross receipts tax be extended for two months after its present date of expiration, March 31, to give the Comptroller time to set up sales tax machinery, and that the automobile titling tax be extended the entire fourteen-month period until May 31, 1937.

The proceeds from these levies, plus revenues from other sources and local and Federal contributions, would provide a total of \$10,181,000 for the fourteen months—to be allocated, the committee suggested, on a general basis of two-thirds to Baltimore city and one-third to the counties. Several important exceptions to this rule were provided, however.

The committee made no effort in its report to formulate a long-term relief policy for the State, emphasizing at the outset its survey had revealed so many uncertain factors that to attempt to determine any permanent plan would be "neither practicable nor desirable."

"Under these circumstances and contingencies," the report said, "we believe the sound public policy for the State to adopt would be a program limited to a test period of fourteen months, to extend from April 1, 1936, to May 31, 1937."

The committee pointed out the fourteen-month period would overlap the next regular session of the General Assembly, beginning next January, during which the temporary program could be reviewed "in the light of experience and any change in economic and other applying factors."

In this connection, the committee recommended the Board of State Aid Charities prepare in the meantime a complete review of the effect of the operations of whatever temporary program may be adopted and the board's own ideas for the future, to be submitted to the regular session of the Legislature.

The principal points of the report were: It recommended a one per cent general sales tax, in which merchants would be required to pass the tax to the consumer.

It recommended that the counties and Baltimore City be given complete autonomy for administration of relief. Two-thirds of the funds would go to Baltimore, one-third to the counties.

It would relieve the board of State aid and charities of most of its present power so far as the relief setup is concerned.

It would provide for allotment of funds for relief on the basis of amounts paid in the gross receipts tax in 1935 and relief requirements of the various counties in 1935.

It would provide for extension of the one per cent gross receipts tax, present relief revenue source, through April and May of this year. The one cent sales tax would then go into effect for 12 months.

GANGSTER GUNS

Where does the gangster get his machine guns with which to slaughter and commit his crimes?

That has been a standing question with the United States Department of Justice. A junk dealer gave an answer to the question, and it was: From the army. Jacob Paley, New York junk dealer, told the Senate Munitions Committee, that he has purchased 3834 machine guns from the army and that more were being offered every week at army depots.

And then he offered this cryptic, if inelegant observation: "Here was the Government selling guns with one hand and belly-aching about it with the other."

Conscience is something you can't bullyrag. Whence came it?

JEST A-WHITTLIN' AN' A-THINKIN'

By PETE GETTYS

Was a readin' in a paper some queer things about plants—said some of 'em when checked by drought, frost or withering, develop prussic acid—commonly known to most folks as a deadly poison. The wil Chokeberry, Black Cherry, Sorghum, Flax, Johnson Grass, and Sudan Grass, all belong to this group. Cattle often die in some states from eating plants in this condition. Guess it's cause the plants are mad, or something that makes 'em pizen.

Doctors say a bad temper and fits of rage often stir up things in people that poisons 'em and causes indigestion and everything else—and talking about poisonous things, there's a feller in the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station that is breeding and raising "poison daisies." Don't know what's the Latin name for this particular daisy, but it grows around in people's flower gardens, and some of the women folks know about 'em and place them around in the house to kill flies and insects.

The original plants came from Palestine, and what they are trying to do is to breed 'em up stronger in their poison qualities so it won't take so many of 'em to produce a larger quantity of the "insect exterminator". So look out for a big field of daisies where there used to be ragweeds, and you'll know what's goin' on.

Ain't you glad you ain't a corn borer—for they are developing a new Golden Bantam Corn a borer would rather starve than eat. Even if you put the borer's eggs on the stalks soon as they hatch they crawl off and jest strave to death looking for some corn they like. Funny part is, nobody knows why they don't like this new corn. It's a cross between our regular American Golden Bantam—that borers would walk a mile to find, and a South American field corn called Maize Amorga. The idea of the cross was suggested 'cause grassoppers won't eat the South American corn. And the nice part about the new "ros-neer" is it's larger than our Golden Bantam that a feller can eat a whole acre of at a meal.

Maybe, in this hectic busy life it's a relief to think back to the simpler days—recall how it would sizzle when the blacksmith'd fit the red hot horseshoe? Didn't it smell good?

And when you were a little bitty fellow and they'd let you ride old Nellie down to the creek for water—how you'd make her lope back up the hill? And how quick you'd have to duck your head when she ran in the stall, and you'd have to stand up in the feed trough to be tall enough to get the bridle off, and the seat of your britches would get right sweaty and hairy and the sweat would burn the calves of your legs?

And didn't we used to think fly nets go over the buggy mare's ears, but were they?

And recollect how the tassels would bob up and down when she'd trot? And when you'd take the gears off the mules at knocking-off time, and they'd run and kick up and wallow in the dust, and you'd say they were worth \$100 for every time they'd turn plum over. Recollect that?

WPA EMERGENCY ADULT EDUCATION

During the past year, upwards of 50,000 needy teachers were employed under the WPA program of emergency adult education, according to a statement by Assistant Works Progress Administrator Aubrey W. Williams. About 2,000,000 persons attended last year's emergency classes—most of them adults, he asserted.

The socially constructive effects of this program would appear to be several fold. Kept off the dole lists and employed at their own profession, the teachers not only sustained their morale, at least in part, but they enabled hundreds of thousands of unemployed to add to their education and thus to feel in less degree the poignant effects of the depression.

Adults, it has been conclusively proven with much satisfaction to themselves and to educators, can learn faster and with more intelligent appreciation of subject matter than children. With this discovery of the zeal of millions to learn, it is believed that adult education will soon find a permanent place in the field of education. But this achievement gives rise to this question: Who will assume this increased cost of education—the Federal Government or the States? The Federal policy in vocational education has been on a 50-50 basis. Will this plan be applied to adult education? it is asked.

"Growing old gracefully" principally means being amiable to everybody. It shouldn't be hard if you keep your mind on it.

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BEHIND THE SCENES IN AFRICA

Prepared by Lucy Meacham Thruston

The following information just received comes from someone who has had unusual opportunities of studying the Italian-African policy and campaign, in Rome, and on the Erythrian and Smalle fronts. This informant believes that Mussolini counted upon Laval not only to keep French hands off, but also to prevent the British mobilizing Geneva against Italy's campaign. He believes that Mussolini is more angered with Laval than the British Government, since it was Laval's yielding ground inch by inch at Geneva in favour of collective security that put Italy in the unenviable position of declared aggressor subject to the pressure of sanctions.

The Italian army, states this correspondent, is tough as leather and the junior officers greatly superior to those of the Great War period, but they are up against enormous natural odds and obstacles.

He maintains that the British are immensely active all along the Mediterranean and on the Abyssinian frontiers; that they are sending machine guns and other munitions of war in large quantities over from Kenya; and reckons that the British are helping the Negus to outbid Italy

HOBBIES

By Max Chambers

HUNTING

Of all the hobbies people have enjoyed down through the ages, no doubt, Hunting has been the most durable. First, it was the hunt for food with clubs, then the kings made it bow and arrow sport, and now with dogs, firearms and cameras, hunting has become a leading hobby. Nowhere in the East is there finer hunting than on the Delmarvan Peninsula. While all of the game in this section is small except the deer in Worcester County, it is plentiful small game that makes a sportsman's paradise, whether he uses duck shot, the fascinating camera shot or follows the musical bay of a pack of hound dogs after a fox which is much in favor down Federalburg way.

"Teddy" Fletcher, 15, lives at Preston but he hunts all over Caroline County. His Xmas card for 1935 was a remarkable picture of himself with his bag for the day hanging over his shoulder. And his neighbor, Burton Proctor, Sr., has an unusually fine rack of guns and rifles—perhaps twenty in all. They are custom made, hand engraved, and several have gold triggers and sights. Fletcher Sisk, also of Preston, is a crack shot as are Dr. Wm. D. Noble of Easton, and Walter P. Chrysler who has a lodge near Cambridge.

But there is one man on the "Shore" for whom small game holds little interest. He is Sandy Tomar.

Next week: Radio.

Contest: Send your suggestion for column title now. Contest closes March 10. Win a Parker Challenger Junior Pen and Pencil Set.

So, world traveller and owner of Circus Park near Elkton. Wild game is his cartharsis. He has hunted big game all over the world and has found adventure on Canadian Mountain sides, in African jungles, and has brought his trophies home to rest in his Cecil County Lodge. A few minutes at Circus Park will prove to the most casual observer that Sandy is a real hunter. He says that he got the "Hobby Riding" habit from his father who was a hunter of no mean ability. Sandy's collection of curios and mounted animal heads is the largest private exhibit in the country.

When questioned about his most exciting experience, Sandy pointed proudly and said, "There over the door is the head of a big rhinoceros that charged me in East Africa after I had surprised him at his drinking place. With the crash of an earthquake and the speed of an express train, he rushed at me. My gun bearers ran but I grabbed a rifle just in time to make two quick shots. One struck the big black rhino in the eye. Momentum brought him on to within twenty-five feet of where I was standing. That bullet saved me from what might have been a horrible death but I'd hunt him again tomorrow if I could."

Hunting as a hobby is a great adventure in the big out-doors even though the camera is fast replacing the gun.

Trying to be always righteous keeps one wrought up.

Don't make fun of a fool unless you are in the same boat.

TRAINED POSTMASTERS DEMANDED

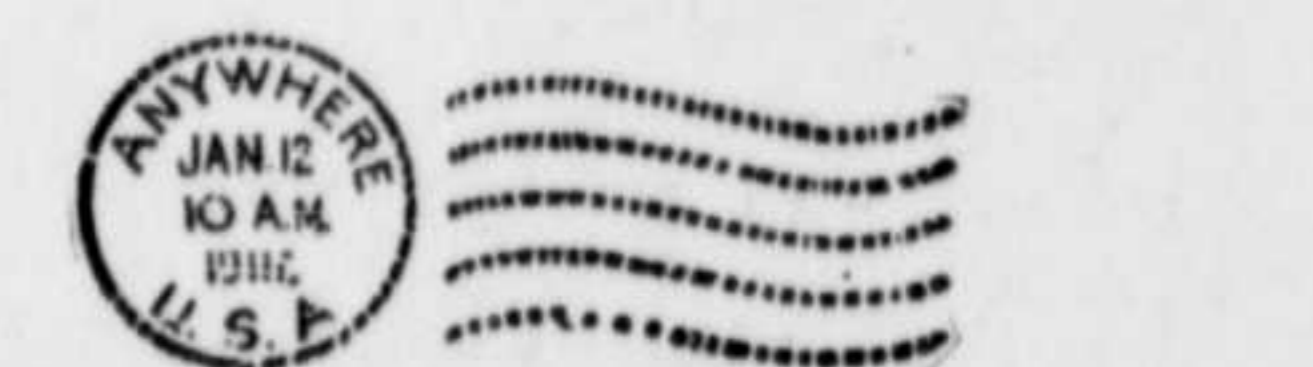
A business with a \$600,000,000 annual revenue take, that handles money orders valued at \$8,000,000,000 and savings of \$1,000,000,000 represents the biggest business in the world and as such should be run by the best possible business methods.

This is the contention of Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming who points out that this business, which is the United States Post Office Department, has 53 main offices in which there are 45 untrained men and eight trained men. The Senator argued that passage of Civil Service reforms to put first, second and third class postmasters under Civil Service would convert a current operating deficit into a profit. Indications increase that the President is awakening to the need of ending Civil Service abuses, called by many the Achilles heel of the New Deal.

Middle age is the period when one has all the old sentiment for moonlight and none of the opportunities to be sentimental.

Some who don't look pleasant expect when they're talking are merely preoccupied. Make allowance.

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R. M. Dempsey, Limestone, N. Y. says "Rat-Snap certainly does the work. It was well worth \$10.00 to get rid of the Rats and Mice in my own house."

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