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THE POLITICAL PARADE

The political parade is getting underway now, with bandwagons on every corner. Principal attention is naturally centered on the Republicans, as only a miracle of the first dimension could prevent the renomination of President Roosevelt.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 21.—The House of Representatives today paid tribute to former Gov. Albert C. Ritchie, giving its unanimous approval to a memorial resolution presented by Representative Goldsborough (Dem., Md.)

AUTO TAX SET-UP ASSAILED

Planning Commission Report Calls Methods Crude And Laborious

Condemnation of present methods of administering the motor vehicle property tax in Maryland as "laborious," expensive and crude, is contained in a report made public by the State Planning Commission, which suggested a number of alternate methods.

FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT SAYS SALES TAX NOT FAIREST LEVY

Organized farmers of Maryland are disappointed that the Governor's tax committee did not recommend a state income tax and will continue to urge the adoption of the recommendations made some months ago by the joint tax committee of the State Grange and Maryland Farm Bureau Federation.

HEALTH WEEK

In connection with the twenty-second annual observance of Negro Health Week, which will be held March 29-April 5, plans are under way, in all sections of Maryland, under the direction of the county health officers, for health conferences for mothers and young children, tuberculosis clinics, dental clinics, for immunization against diphtheria and typhoid fever and for vaccination against smallpox, venereal disease clinics, special meetings in schools and churches, and for other community health promotion activities.

The suggested program for the nation-wide observance was arranged, as usual, by the U. S. Public Health Service and centers about the child and the school as factors in community health. Special emphasis will be laid in the celebration throughout Maryland upon individual and community responsibility for the improvement of all conditions relating to child life.

Provision is made in the schedule, as announced by Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, for special activities each day, as follows: Mobilization Service in the Churches, Sunday, March 29; Home Health, Monday, March 30; Community Sanitation, Tuesday, March 31; Survey of Health Needs, Wednesday, April 1; Adults' Health, Thursday, April 2; School Health, Friday, April 3; General Clean-up, Saturday, April 4; Follow-Up Plans for Year Round Activities, Sunday, April 5.

Thirty states shared in the observance of Negro Health Week last year. They included New York in the north, the southern states bordering on the Atlantic, the Gulf states, the middle western group, Washington, Oregon and California on the west coast. Nearly 3,000 communities took part in the activities. Over 51,000 homes engaged in clean-up campaigns; sanitary improvements totaled, 7,000; insect pest eradication projects, 31,200; plant and flower planting projects, 22,400. Over 650 clinics were held with a total attendance of over 70,000 persons.

Certificates of merit for participation in the celebration of 1935, were awarded in Maryland, by the National Negro Health Week Committee of the U. S. Public Health Service, as follows:

- Class "A"—State Department of Health, and the following counties: Caroline, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's and Wicomico. The Baltimore City Department of Health; Negro Health Week Committee, and the Marathon Committee. Class "A"—The Civic Center of the Cardinal Gibbons Institute at Ridge, St. Mary's County; and the Wetpquin Health Club, Wetpquin, Wicomico County. Class "B"—Negro Health Week Committee, of Cambridge, Dorchester County.

HOBBIES

By Max Chambers

RADIO

What do you do with your spare time? Do you find the peace of mind, the happiness that you are searching for? Is your school work or your job a grind? Are your days burdensome and monotonous? A good hobby is the difference between slavery and living.

Thousands of people listen to radio programs while the amateurs make their own. Edgar L. Hudson at Laurel, Delaware, has found peace of mind in his amateur radio broadcasting station. His days and nights no longer drag but go by in a rush of pleasure for the whole family. His daughter, Jean, 11, is the world's youngest amateur operator and proudly shows a big loving cup won at the Century of Progress Fair in Chicago when she was nine.

The invention of wireless was the outgrowth of Marconi's hobby and nearly all radio improvements have come from hobby riding amateurs. To sit behind a small, round case called a microphone and talk with someone in Pittsburgh, Roanoke, or perhaps across the ocean is a fascinating game. There are on the peninsula a number of amateurs who have done some fine emergency work, especially during storm periods. Among them is E. L. Thompson at Sallsbury who nearly lost his life trying to reach Smith's Island with the ill-fated Garey expedition. Colonel Ingalls of Cambridge, LeRoy Ryan of Frankford and "Bob" Hollyday of Easton are all old time "hams". Woodrow Wilson is setting up a station at Federalsburg, and it is rumored that Crisfield, Smith and Tangier islands are to have amateur short wave sets for emergencies such as the February freeze-up.

While radio tinkering is the starting point for guidance in the electrical field and worlds of fun, it is the natural forerunner of television which "Jim" Carmine of the Philco Company tells me is almost ready for your home radio set.

There are hundreds of fascinating hobbies on the peninsula. What is your hobby? Do you know of someone who has an interesting hobby? Tell me about it.

Next Week: Birds. Contest: Send your suggestion for column title now. Contest closes March 10. Win a Parker Challenger Junior Pen and Pencil Set or the equivalent.

Books: Official Hand Book of the American Amateur Relay League Federal Bureau of Communication Hand Books—Washington.

TAX DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED TO MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS

Income tax deductions and exemptions allowed to motor vehicle owners and operators are outlined briefly in the following statement prepared by counsel for the Keystone Automobile Club of Maryland:

"Full deduction may be made for registration fees, operator's license fees and similar statutory charges. Gasoline and oil taxes may be deducted in the following states: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia. Pennsylvania and New Jersey motorists will be interested to know that deduction may be made for Delaware River bridge tolls.

"On the other hand, differences in local laws make a similar deduction unlawful as to gasoline and oil purchased in any one of the following jurisdictions: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee. This rule also applies to the Federal gasoline tax.

"Damage to the motor vehicle, for which no compensation has been made, and legal interest paid on loans are also included among the items which are deductible for tax purposes. No deduction may be made for traffic fines, settlement of damage or injury claims by the taxpayer, or for the cost of operating the vehicle if used entirely for pleasure.

"Vehicles used partly for pleasure and partly for business entitle the taxpayer to a deduction on all expenses incidental to the use of car in proportion; to the amount of use in business. If the vehicle is used entirely in business, full deduction may be made for such items as the following:

"Operating costs (cost of fuel, maintenance and repair, garage rent, insurance premiums, automobile club dues); depreciation at the rate of 25 per cent each year on the original list price; and finance charges on the purchase of a new car."



FRUIT WORTH the EFFORT

O HENRY'S story about the effort it cost a young man to grant his bride's request for a peach, reminds us that brides are fickle—but also, if we are peach-lovers, we have a feeling that the peach was worth the effort.

Remember the story? "The bride sat in the rocker with her feet resting upon the world," O Henry tells us. "She was wrapt in rosy dreams and a kimono of the same hue."

"Precious," she said, with an air of Cleopatra asking Antony for Rome done up in tissue paper and delivered at residence. "I think I would like a peach."

"Kid McGarry arose and put on his coat and hat. 'Alright... I'll step down and cop one for you—see?'"

The story continues with Kid McGarry's calling out the police force to raid Denver Dick's luxurious gambling house in order that he might procure one last, lone out-of-season peach which the place afforded, and incidentally emerging with a bruise that looked as if he had fallen off the Flatiron Building twice. And then:

"The bride waited in the rosy glow of the pink lamp shade. . . . And now he stood by her chair and laid the peach in her hand. 'Naughty boy!' she said fondly. 'Did I say a peach? I think I would rather have had an orange.'"

The story might have the effect of reminding other brides how good peaches are when they are out-of-season, if it were not for the fact that brides of today know how good canned peaches are. They also know a variety of ways to use them. Here are a few garnered from a bride's scrapbook.

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BANK CHARTERING POLICY REVIEWED

PHILADELPHIA. — Sound public policy in chartering banks was discussed by Carl K. Withers, Commissioner of Banking and Insurance of the State of New Jersey, before the Eastern Conference on Banking Service, held here recently under the auspices of the American Bankers Association. He declared that "few questions bearing on the future stability and security of our banking systems loom as more important than that of a sound policy to be pursued in the chartering of banks."

Alluding to competitive policies of both state and national banking authorities to charter the most banks in the past, he said that "this country was over-banked, and that aside from any other consideration, economic or otherwise, this condition was brought about largely through an unwise, unsafe and unthinking charter policy, alternating between the state and national systems, which has marked and hampered banking progress in this country since its very inception."

Political Influence In connection with the chartering of banks, says "Political influence has no more place in banking than it has in the deliberations of our highest tribunal. The Supreme Court of the United States. Until this is recognized and brought into being within both our state and national systems, we may never feel safe against the shifting sands of political expedience."

As to the "element of sometimes ridiculous competition heretofore existing between the state and national systems," he said that much may be said in favor of the progress made in recent years. In many states there exists a practical working agreement between local supervising authorities and the federal authorities, whereby all charter applications are mutually considered on a basis of community need rather than competitive advantage as between systems. In some states this arrangement goes even further in the refusal of the one authority to even consider a charter while pending with the other, he declared.

Aside from the competitive and political aspects of our future charter policy, he continued, there are several others more individual and local which merit consideration. Among these he mentioned honesty of purpose, community need, the character of management and adequacy of capital. Most state laws make reference to the "character, responsibility and fitness" of the incorporators of a new bank, he said, continuing:

sugar and one-half tablespoon flour mixed. Then add one teaspoon lemon juice, and simmer for five minutes. Line a pie tin, one-half the usual size, with plain pastry. Pour in the peach mixture, dot with butter and cross the top with narrow, twisted strips of pastry. Bake in a hot oven, 450 degrees, for twenty-five to thirty minutes. This serves four persons.

Peach and Cottage Cheese Salad: Arrange the required number of individual lettuce nests on a large salad plate. In each nest place a well-chilled canned peach half with the cut side up. Pile cottage cheese lightly in the center of each peach and garnish with Maraschino cherries and mayonnaise.

Peach and Apricot Filling (for cream puffs or cakes): Whip one cup cream and add six tablespoons confectioner's sugar. Add one-half cup canned peaches, one-half cup canned apricots which have been cut in fine pieces and well-drained, and one-half cup halved candied cherries. Use as a filling.

Peach Roll: Make a baking-powder biscuit dough out of one and one-half cups flour sifted with three teaspoons baking-powder and one-half teaspoon salt, three tablespoons shortening and three-fourths cup milk. Roll into an oblong shape. Drain peaches from a No. 2½ can well, and place in the center, reserving two peach halves for the sauce. Roll up the dough, pinching the ends and sides carefully. Steam one hour and serve with the following:

Sauce: To the peach syrup from the No. 2½ can of peaches, add the two peach halves pressed through a sieve. Then add one tablespoon sugar which has been mixed with one teaspoon flour. Cook until somewhat thickened. Flavor and use over the roll. This serves six persons.*

"So important do I conceive this factor to be, that I place it first among those for consideration, for unless the motive is sound, honest and sincere, there is little likelihood that the resultant institution in its service to the community will reflect other than the spirit of its founders.

The Lessons of the Past "Too often in the past have charters been granted to promoters pure and simple—not always pure, and by no means simple. The country was dotted with such. The experience has been costly and, it is to be hoped, the lesson well learned, not only by charter-granting authorities, but the public."

Other factors to be considered as among the most important in granting new bank charters, he said, are the number of institutions already serving the area, the record of earnings of existing institutions, the number of failures since 1920, and the reasons therefor, public convenience and advantage, the reasonable prospects for growth of the community, expectation of profitable operation and whether a branch bank could serve as well.

"Sound public policy demands that no new banks be chartered unless there is a definite, necessitous and permanent need," he declared. "Sound mergers, consolidations and the sensible extension of branch banking are much to be preferred to any general movement toward a flood of new charters. But here, again, we must guard carefully against monopoly or unbridled branch competition, either of which might become as dangerous as the organization of new banks."

We are all excited by the love of praise, and the noblest are most influenced by glory.—Cicero.

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