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ALBERT C. RITCHIE MEMORIAL

Announcement that subscriptions to the Albert C. Ritchie Memorial Fund can now be received is made by Colonel Stuart S. Janney, Chairman of the Ritchie Memorial Commission appointed early this year by Governor Harry W. Nice. "The Commission has completed the job of forming organizations throughout the State to receive contributions, and subscriptions are already coming in," Colonel Janney states.

Lithographed certificates, each bearing a picture of Governor Ritchie, will be issued to each contributor. They will be receipts for the gifts and evidence of membership in "The Albert C. Ritchie Memorial Fund." The goal of the Memorial Commission is the sum of \$200,000.

The type of memorial has not been decided upon. The Commission feels that under all the circumstances it would be too hasty if it selected the memorial before giving the people of Maryland a chance to express their views about it while they are helping to build up the Memorial Fund.

On this subject a booklet just issued by the Memorial Commission expresses that body's views. The booklet is entitled "The Albert C. Ritchie Memorial Fund: A Statement by the Commission created by the Maryland Legislature and appointed by Governor Harry W. Nice," and says:

"Since the Memorial Commission is instructed to create this Memorial with money received from the people, the people should voice their views about the form the Memorial ought to take. It should not be understood that every individual's ideas can be carried out; that would be impossible. But there can hardly be as many individual views as there are individual subscriptions; there will be a few groups of ideas and hundreds of individual views will fall into one of those groups. This should be helpful in making the final decision."

"What we are announcing now is that we are ready to receive subscriptions to the Fund", Colonel Janney said. "We feel sure that the best response will come from this announcement that the organization for receiving the money and taking care of it has now been set up, and the opportunity to contribute is now here. I do not believe we should make an 'appeal' for funds, or start a 'drive' or a 'campaign' as those things are generally understood."

In every county of Maryland and in Baltimore City committees have been appointed to make it easy for every one to contribute to the Memorial Fund. Each County has a Chairman who is organizing a group for receiving Memorial gifts from residents in that County. Dr. Arthur H. Cantwell, of North East, is the Cecil county chairman.

It will be the job of the Committee on Memorial, headed by Chief Judge Carroll T. Bond, of the Maryland Court of Appeals to select finally the type of Memorial for Governor Ritchie, being guided by the public views expressed during the subscription period now beginning.

A NICE BOOKLET

Armed with a booklet presenting Governor Nice to the Republican National Convention as a favorite son of Maryland and candidate for his party's Presidential nomination, the vanguard of the State's delegation to Cleveland will leave Baltimore on the night of June 6.

Governor Nice will head a group representing the majority of the delegation which will leave from Camden Station at 8 P. M. June 7.

The booklet they will take with them, which is entitled "Some Facts About Harry W. Nice, Governor of Maryland," was printed by the State Central Committee. It is addressed to "the ladies and gentlemen of the Republican National Convention of 1936."

It puts Governor Nice forward as "the most available candidate" of his

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Abuse of authority is charged against the Works Progress Administration in various parts of the country. Exploitation, intimidation, and political discrimination permeates the entire work-relief system as now administered from Washington, if some reports may be credited. Despotism is exercised, it is stated, by subordinates of the federal regime, with no redress afforded local authorities or those with alleged complaints. All the while thousands among the worthy destitute suffer—some because of discrimination; others because of delayed wage-pay, several weeks past due, reports claim.

These conditions are causing much agitation for a return of the relief administration to the states. But is this a solution of these relief problems, observers are asking. They point to the period from July, 1933, to January 1, 1936, when the states were permitted to handle the dole. From many sections of the country came reports of fraud, accompanied by evidence of graft and corruption in the administration of relief funds under state control. It is generally conceded that many such irregularities were linked up with politics.

What is the solution for these raids on the relief funds and for the alleged intimidation and discrimination connected with their distribution?

Malefactors have little respect for the present laws governing the distribution of federal relief funds, whether they handle them through state agencies or directly through the agencies of the Federal Government. Some observers believe that a solution of the political phase of the problem is to put the distribution of these funds under the control of non-partisan state bodies. Others think the distribution should remain under the Federal Government, but be administered by a non-partisan commission in Washington and non-partisan committees in state centers, with the right of appeal to a separate, non-partisan board of relief workers and citizens in cases of injustice.

The creation of appeal boards, it is conceded, would be an additional expense, but they would further the ends of justice and inspire respect for law and order, so much needed today in the conservation of the principles of democratic government.

In addition to these checks and balances, it is suggested that a rider be added to the next relief appropriation, making it possible for the Federal Government to prosecute the employee who appropriates or diverts federal funds to his own use.

Malefactors have a more wholesome respect for federal authorities, because of the speedy prosecution of offenders of the national kidnapping law.

The details connected with the administration of relief constitute a tremendously complex problem. This is evidenced not only by the experience of state and federal control of this important function, but by the confusion of the Republicans in the House and Senate. Trial and error processes should be discontinued in the handling of this matter. The President, it is declared, should cease to ignore those who urge a non-partisan expert relief board to arrive at a long-range handling of the whole problem. If he is not amenable to the plan of having expert non-partisan minds help him, then he must assume blame for all further mistakes.—Washington News Bureau.

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HORSES

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The United States has more work horses than any other nation—15,000,000 of them plus the race and riding horses. Horses are principally kept for work and pleasure but as food the meat is known as "Swiss Steak" and "hot dogs." The hoofs make glue, the hair upholstering cloth, the hides gloves and the bones charcoal for bleaching sugar. The horse is the only animal with one toe and is highly intelligent, being ranked with the elephant, the monkey and the dog. The average horse life is twenty years. Twin colts are rare, occurring once in 10,000 foals.

The horse probably originated in Asia—at least it reached its highest development in Arabia where it remains a member of the family, receiving its share of food, even in times of famine. It is the Arabian watchdog. It is recorded that King Solomon paid \$3000 for one riding horse. Seven different colors are given to the forty-three horses mentioned in the Bible. The horse was prominent in Greek mythology and without it there would have been no Roman Ben Hur.

It is not a native of America but came with the Spanish to Florida in 1527 and to Mexico about the same time. The English brought more to Jamestown in 1607. Others swam ashore from wrecked ships. Excellent specimens of the latter may be seen at the Chincoteague Pony Penning in June. The animal was not in great demand in America until about 1700 when the land was cleared of stumps, roads built and the country began to expand and play.

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excursion into the realm of relaxation in the idyllic Peninsula atmosphere. Our horse riding and racing habit came from England after encouragement of the sport by James I.

The most famous American horses are descended from the English-Arabians, Flying Childers and Messenger. Who remembers Dan Patch? The Glen Biddle stables near Berlin is the home of Man O'War. The Keller and Tasley Farms in Virginia and the Harrington Fair in Delaware, give the devotees of pacing and trotting races some real thrills as do the tracks at Centreville and Federalsburg.

In a duel on the banks of the Red River in Kentucky, Andrew Jackson shot and killed Charles Dickinson, whose home was three miles north of Preston, Maryland. The challenge grew out of a horse race that was never run. George Washington was a breeder of fine horses and the first B. & O. trains were horse-drawn. St. Louis and Easton are big horse markets.

The Wicomico Horse Show is a colorful and important annual event and this year it attracted hobby horse riders from several states. Hugh J. Vanderbogart is the prime mover of this fine exhibit of quality equines and equestrian skill. The Talbot Hunt Farm conduct a modern riding school near Easton.

Among the riding enthusiasts over the Peninsula are Horace Davis of Berlin; J. O. Williams and J. Frank Short, Federalsburg; Charlie Schuck, Easton; Misses Ann Hersloff and Dorothy Noble of Easton; and Miss Peggy Wilson of Centreville.

If you can't ride regularly, why not keep a scrapbook of pictures, articles and facts about your equine friends whether they be about the horse with a mustache or the Shetland pony with a two foot mane?

Books: Stable and Saddle—M. C. Taggart; Horses, Now and Long Ago—Mitchell; Nat'l Geographic for 1923.

Next Week: SWIMMING.

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DEADLINE, OR LIFELINE?

"Deadline, or lifeline?" is the title of the first of a series of non-statistical safety bulletins prepared by the Keystone Automobile Club of Maryland to give motorists the "low down" on accidents—and how to avoid them.

Declaring that State and National accident reports show that the greatest number of highway crashes occur while cars are "going straight," the Bulletin, issued by Garrison P. Knox, Manager of the Club, says:

"This emphasizes the importance of observing with scrupulous care the regulation to keep to the right of the center of the highway. Every road has its deadline, or lifeline—to be defined in terms of safety or death by the users of the highways.

"Whether the zone of safety is outlined in broad painted strips, or whether it is left to the determination of the individual driver, it is always there. Every driver knows it, but unfortunately many operators ignore it. The tendency is to straddle the road when no other cars are approaching, and the habit persists even in the face of danger.

"Accidents from this cause are entirely avoidable. With cars on their own side of the road, no head-on or side-swipe collision would ever occur. The motorist who drives to the right of the center under all conditions is contributing mightily to the safety of the highways.

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STATE TO BUY ROAD MACHINES

Twenty road patrols, machines used for grading and repairing drainage facilities of roads, are to be purchased by the State Roads Commission.

One type from each of the companies which have bid on the contract for supplying the Roads Commission with these machines will be tested in actual performance on the State roads and the kind best suited for the needs will be bought.

The commission has a fund of \$100,000 for buying new equipment. Some of the present maintenance machinery has been characterized by Dr. Tabler as "little more than junk." Only maintenance equipment is to be purchased at the present time.

Every week is paint-up week among the girls.

Some men take out more insurance than they are worth.