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## GOVERNOR LANDON ACCEPTS

Governor Landon's speech accepting the presidential nomination of the Republican party, delivered at Topeka, Kansas, on Thursday night, has been termed a "good speech, but by no means great."

Consciously offering himself as an "average American," he spoke simply. His short speech was salted with criticisms of the New Deal that avoided personalities and rancor.

Return to the "American system" of a minimum of governmental regulation of business is the key of his program in opposition to new deal policies. His creed was practical progressivism. He objected to change in the American form of government by usurpation, rather than by direct vote of the people.

The speech gave to the Republican Party what the Cleveland platform failed to furnish: a coherent program. It placed the party not in the posture of vituperative denunciation shown by some of its leaders, but in a middle-of-the-road philosophy of its own.

The party, under Governor Landon's leadership, definitely makes its appeal not only to those who hate the New Deal and the Roosevelt Administration with a ferocious antipathy, but to those who agree with many of the Administration's objectives, but believe its methods have been incompetent and inconsistent.

Most dread word in the Middle Ages was "Plague!" Today, in some of our richest farming areas, the word "Drought!" is equally potent in inspiring fears.

There is no question but that the last two great droughts—those of 1934 and 1936—have been tremendously destructive. There is a question as to whether they were more destructive than previous droughts. In other words, have modern methods of news presentation tended to exaggerate drought conditions?

No conclusive answer can be given to that query, but there is good ground for believing that recent droughts constitute a more serious problem than did those of the past.

What is the future of the drought area—of the states which have most often suffered from rainfall deficiency? Afti the answer to that, according to the experts, is far from optimistic.

Solution, according to these same experts, is for Middlewestern and Northwestern farmers to use less land for dry wheat farming, to allow more land to grow grass. This grass helps prevent evaporation of precious moisture, and also fights against the blowing off of top soil by wind or the running off of top soil by heavy rains.

## KINDLY MENTION

Editor D. E. Brinton, of The Oxford Press, who has much of the milk of human kindness in his genial make-up, and devotes his energies to the conduct of a newspaper of which Oxford, Pa., can justly feel proud, pays THE MIDLAND JOURNAL the following graceful compliment on the occasion of its beginning a new volume:

**OUR NEIGHBOR FLOURISHES**  
 "The Midland Journal" one of the substantial advocates of homebred business in northern Cecil county, Md., has just begun a new file. This weekly had three names since its birth in the fall of 1878, the late William H. Pennington founder. The name Ewing has denoted ownership since 1885 and nothing to be ashamed about. The Journal is clean as a brand's tooth; the news is presented in style that is pleasing and reliable; press day in that office is devoid of excitement and the "boss" is always sober, no tobacco user is he. Ewing Brothers deserve their prosperity.

Postal officials reported that the appointment of between 1,000 and 1,200 postmasters, yet to be made, will be affected by the President's executive order extending civil service control over the filling of post-office vacancies.

Many a joke in the humorous magazines can be recognized by the older men of the community.

## ROAD SURVEY FIRST STEP IN PROGRAM OF STATE IMPROVEMENT

Organized farmers of Maryland will support the suggestions that a complete survey of Maryland's road system be made as the basis of a future plan for road building and maintenance in the opinion of C. E. Wise, Jr., secretary of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation. Such a survey has already been made in more than half the states in cooperation with the Federal Government, he reports.

"Maryland was at one time a leader in developing its state road system," Mr. Wise said in commenting on the suggestion of a road survey. "In recent years it has lost its position of leadership, apparently through lack of planning and sufficient knowledge of the changes that have taken place in highway transportation."

"Information which has been secured in other states can be made available to Maryland road administrators by cooperating with the Federal Government," in Mr. Wise's opinion. "We will be in a better position to know what type of road is necessary for varying traffic loads from experience elsewhere, providing we find the facts about the present situation on our own roads."

Information gleaned from a statewide survey would also help in determining methods of finance as it would indicate the class of traffic which makes most use of the roads in both primary and secondary road systems, Mr. Wise believes.

"Proposals for bond issues and re-financing should be delayed until facts can be secured definitely and worked into program behind which all citizens can throw their support with confidence," says the Farm Bureau's secretary.

## CHARGES POLITICS DELAYS HIGHWAY WORK

Completion of the new Philadelphia road is being delayed by politics, it is charged by Charles E. Bryan, of Havre de Grace, who at one time served on Maryland's Public Works Administration advisory board.

Mr. Bryan said the new Philadelphia route "remains useless for lack of surfacing, while a new dual highway between Frederick and Hagerstown is begun."

"How long," Mr. Bryan asked, "will the people of Maryland tolerate the administration of the State Roads Commission in the interest of politics and personal advantage instead of for the public good?"

"Under the last commission, Montgomery county obtained an entirely disproportionate share of State roads. Under the present commission, necessary projects in other parts of the State are being neglected that new work on a large scale may be started and carried on in Western Maryland."

All work, except surfacing, on the new Philadelphia road, has been completed, Mr. Bryan pointed out.

"A recent survey of the road was made by the commission and the Federal Bureau of Roads," he said. "As a result of that survey, it was determined that sixty per cent. of the road was in proper condition for laying a permanent concrete roadway. Forty per cent was judged liable to some future settling, but suitable for semi-permanent paving with tar, ground stone or gravel."

"Several millions of dollars are tied up in a project of no value because uncompleted, while new projects are started in sections politically more important. Meanwhile, the weekly toll of accidents continues, and Maryland's reputation for having the worst through roads in the country is daily enhanced."

From 1880 to 1930 the proportion of U. S. farms operated by tenants increased from 25.6 per cent to 42.4 per cent, and every intervening census showed an increase over the preceding one.

## STATE GIVEN \$58,028,334 IN PWA FUNDS

Annual Report Of PWA Director Lists Federal Contributions

Public Works Administration funds amounting to \$58,028,334.20 were contributed towards Maryland projects costing a total of \$84,376,297.78 by December 31, 1935, Abel Wolman, acting State director, revealed in his second annual report, made public Thursday.

Pointing out that further projects have been started since the first of this year, Mr. Wolman said that a supplementary report, bringing the figures up to July 1, 1936, would be issued by his office in a few weeks.

The 1935 report includes charts showing the volume of employment for the entire period since the inception of the PWA program, monthly expenditures, cumulative expenditures and the value of contracts remaining in force at any given time.

"From these data it has been determined that approximately \$3,000 is required in total construction expenditures to provide employment for one man for a year," Mr. Wolman said.

Of the total cost of the Maryland program, \$48,367,633.78 was for non-Federal projects, \$16,799,895 was loaned to the Pennsylvania Railroad for electrification of its lines, and \$19,208,769 was used for Federal highway projects.

The PWA contributed \$22,019,670.20 towards the non-Federal projects, while the railroad and highway funds were all Federal money.

A total of 160 applications, involving total costs of \$80,000,000, for non-Federal projects were handled through the Maryland office, but only sixty-nine of these were accepted.

The accepted applications called for 157 separate items of construction: Fifteen waterworks, twenty-two sewerage, twenty-seven combination water and sewerage, fifteen street, highway and bridge projects; fifty-six school buildings; twenty other buildings, and two "miscellaneous."

The report showed that a request for a loan and grant of \$9,165,000 for construction of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge was approved by the Maryland PWA offices and forwarded to Washington, but its status as of December 31, 1935, was listed as "pending, Washington."

The application since has been revised to call only for a grant of \$4,500,000, but still is "pending."

"In view of the fact that the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act (of 1935) is just beginning to function," Mr. Wolman stated in the report, "...discussion of the value of the program from the standpoint of the production of employment is impossible."

"This office has established a system of records which will show the relationship of PWA employment to other forms of public employment, the percentage of relief labor employed and other comparative figures with respect to costs and expenditures on the program."

These and other analytical data he expects to be available for the supplementary report as of July 1, 1936.

## STATE 4-H CLUB CAMP SET FOR AUGUST 6 TO 11

Approximately 400 boys and girls from four corners of Maryland are expected to attend the eighteenth 4-H Club Week, which will be held on the campus of the University of Maryland from August 6 to 11, it is announced by Edward G. Jenkins, State Boys' Club Agent, and Dorothy Emerson, Girls' Club Agent, who will be in charge.

The young people will be welcomed to the campus on Friday morning by Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland; Dr. Thomas B. Symons, director of the Extension Service; Dr. H. J. Patterson, director of the Experiment Station and Venia M. Kellar, State Home Demonstration Agent.

Others who will address the club members during the week include Judge Frank I. Duncan, Towson; Charles E. Potter and Florence Hall, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mrs. Evelyn Tobey, New York City; and Mrs. Hester Beall Provenson and Mrs. Lillian Cox Athey, of Washington, D. C.

Highlights of the week will include campfires Thursday and Friday nights, an older youth conference Saturday afternoon, a musical program and all star consecration Sunday and a style revue Monday. In addition, there will be a party Saturday evening and on Tuesday the all stars will be entertained at a banquet given by the members of the Prince George's County Rotary Club. Members of the 4 H Glee Club from Prince George's County will provide entertainment under the direction of Mrs. L. L. Hurley during the Rotary Club dinner.

Spruce trees are seldom attacked by the Japanese beetle according to Dr. E. N. Cory, State Entomologist.

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## JEST A-WHITTLIN' AN' A-THINKIN'

By PETE GETTYS

A State Farmer Section Feature

"Thar's gold in them thar hills"—an' thar's fortunes to be made in our valley an' farm lands too—fortunes to come from the use of products little dreamed of years ago. Look what's already goin' from the farm into one million automobiles (an' it's estimated four million cars'll be turned out this year): cotton grown on 433,125 acres, the soybean crop from 30,000 acres, the flax from 17,500 acres, 11,280 acres of corn, 12,500 acres of sugar an' 20,500 acres of timber. These million cars also have in 'em the hides of 30,000 head of cattle, wool from 801,000 sheep, lard from 20,000 hogs, hair from 87,500 goats, an' 6,000 pounds of beeswax an' 80,000 pounds of honey. An' it's estimated that 50 thousand acres could be planted to crops for industrial use within the next ten years. Who knows?

An' here's somethin' that about tops the list of new wrinkles: We used to think it was a pretty fancy thing when somebody put the silk worms out of a job by making rayon out of cotton an' wool pulp—but the Italians have up an' found a way to make wool out of skim milk. Seems that acid curdles the milk—the casein is precipitated, then collected and dried. Then it's dissolved in alkali and converted into sticky stuff of about the consistency of honey or 'lasses. By forcin' this through fine screens threads are formed which congeal and dry—they're soft an' slick like wool, but not so strong. Skimmed milk is cheap—most of it goes to the pigs an' calves. Just as all the world is now clad in fabrics that look like silk, made from wool, so may it strut in garments that look like wool an' feel like wool an' are as warm as wool, an' are nothin' but cows milk transformed. A ten-dollar suit of cow's milk—it's somethin' to wonder about!

Anybody can see sense in the idea of making "two blades of grass grow where only one grew before"—but along comes some feller from a university up in Maine an' makes one horn grow on a bull's head where two grew before—an' he showed a picture to prove it. Don't seem like much practical sense in it, but it was done to prove some sort of an argument that horns are not outgrowths of the skull, an' that the horns grow not FROM the skull, but UPON the skull in special tissues.

The University of Maryland Extension Service recently issued a publication on music by Harlan Randall, head of the department of music of the University. The bulletin is called "Music Appreciation for Homemakers' Clubs" and should prove of especial interest to leaders of women's clubs in the state.

Copies may be secured free of charge from the University Extension Service. The number is 77.

## JOHN RANDS

Teacher Lecturer Counselor Astrological

THE ASTROLOGER FORECASTS

For You

If you were born between July 31-August 6, incl., of any year, your year ahead, as indicated by Planetary Transit, is one of accent on the new, sudden and possibly disruptive as affecting your career, position and credit. You are in a period of opportunity. Now is your time to take advantage of possible moves, shifts and changes, but be careful of the sudden and disruptive. Between August 11th-Sept. 15th you will feel aggressive, forceful. Best keep your high spirits under firm control. Between Jan. 5th-Aug. 8, 1937, you will be under an influence of tension which will affect your domestic affairs and also your relations with superiors. Guard home and estate.

For Everybody  
 July 31—Aug. 1, incl., cater to women and the young in business and social matters. Feministic.

July 31-Aug. 2, incl., be careful of the sudden. This is a revolutionary period. Note conditions in Spain. Disruptive.

Aug. 1-6, incl., forward financial plans; deal with professional people. A period of expansion. Optimistic. Except for 3rd and 4th the temperature will be above normal for season. Weather unsettled, with rains, July 31st-Aug. 2nd, incl.

July 31—A favorable day, generally. Solve old problems and obtain information concerning the new.

August 1—Creative. Good things may be brought to light today. Exercise care in personal matters and avoid friction with others during evening hours.

August 2—Care in health and employment matters. The entire day is under difficult and upsetting vibrations.

August 3—Around noon exercise care in matters of home, estate, parents and occupation. Avoid friction with others.

August 4—Misleading influences, especially in connection with money matters. The evening hours favor new ideas.

August 5—In home, estate and with family be willing to accept obligations. Social matters favored during evening hours.

August 6—Large financial plans favored. Evening hours, this day, can bring you rich rewards. Plan, Study, Cooperate today.

The largest black gum tree in the state of Maryland is said to be located at College Park, Prince George's County. The tree is 77 feet high and has a spread of 71 feet.

One rule to financial success is not to buy on credit. It may be a hard rule to follow, but it will land you there one day.

Some detective advises women to keep their extra money in their stockings. That's what most women put their extra money in.

## STATUE OF LIBERTY RADIO SCRIPT CONTEST

The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs is offering three prizes of \$15 each for a radio script on the subject "What the Statue of Liberty Signifies to Me." The winning papers will also be entered in a National Contest.

The contest is prompted by the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty, Bedloe Island, which is to be held October 28, next. The real significance of the Statue should be in the hearts and minds of the American people—rather than in the structure itself and the National Park Service has therefore asked that the celebration be educational. The General Federation of Women's Clubs, through the Chairman of the Department of Education, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, 3902 St. Paul St., Baltimore, and the Chairman of the Department of American Citizenship, Mrs. J. D. Atwood, Roswell, New Mexico, is cooperating with the National Park Service in sponsoring the national contest.

RULES: Script may take the form of a dialogue, drama or sketch of an incident from history or from the Statue, which in the writer's mind is indicative of the meaning of the Statue. Manuscript must be limited to 1,000 words and should be written with radio broadcast in mind, but not necessarily in radio script form. All manuscripts must be written on one side of typewriter paper, double spaced and pages numbered. Names, addresses, classification of contestant should be enclosed in small envelope attached to manuscript. Maryland offers three prizes of \$15 each for (1) Adults (non-professional); (2) University and college students; (3) High School students. All manuscripts must be sent to Dr. Lida Lee Tall, Chairman, Department of Education, M. F. W. C., State Teachers College, Towson, Md., not later than August 28.

The judges in the Maryland contest are:  
 J. Alexis Shriver, Maryland Historical Association, Bel Air, Md.  
 Rev. Albert E. Day, Pastor, Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, Baltimore.

Chester Morrow, of the firm of Niles, Barton, Morrow and Yost, Baltimore and a director in the Vagabond Theatre, Baltimore.

S. Brughton Tall, of WBAL Broadcasting Co., Baltimore, Md.  
 Capt. John Carnahan, of WCAO Broadcasting Co., Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Eugene W. Hodson, President, Woman's Eastern Shore Society of Maryland, Baltimore.

The winning papers in each classification will be sent to Mrs. John L. Whitehurst for entry in the National Contest, which closes Sept. 15. The NATIONAL PRIZE will be the use of the winning script by the National Park Service over a Nation-wide network.

Information about the Statue of Liberty can be secured at public libraries, through the press, or from the Supt., Statue of Liberty National Monument, Fort Wood, New York.

MRS. FRANK M. HEADLEY,  
 President-Director.