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THE BALLOT

We are publishing this week a sample of the official ballot that the Cecil county voter will receive when he enters his polling place on Tuesday next, and goes into the booth to mark it in accord with his dictates.

It is urged that the ballot be studied carefully, in order to familarize yourself with it so no mistake is made in its marking.

The newspapers and airwaves have been full of "politics" for weeks past, and every voter has had ample opportunity to acquaint himself with the issues, and determine his choice of candidates before this.

With the ballot, and the secret voting booth, as provided by law, in which to mark it, there is no reason that every voter should not express his individual convictions and select the candidates of his choice, without regard to mere "party" urge, which is played up with such vigor and from every possible angle, during the heat and excitement of a campaign such as the one now drawing to a close.

Given the opportunity and privilege of franchise on Tuesday next, do not fail to go to the polls and register your choice on the ballot that is received from the hands of the election officials. This is every voter's privilege in our glorious country, and it is brought home to us in startling contrast to the fear and oppression that grips those under the iron heel of Hitler and his hordes in other lands, where no individual thought or action are looked upon with favor or permitted.

$750,000.00 SAVED TO STATE IN 1940

Pointing, "With deep gratification" to savings of approximately $750,000.00 from the various departments of the State for the fiscal year just ended, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor predicted that as a result of the healthy financial condition of the State, it will be possible to make certain reductions in taxation at the next session of the Legislature.

"Particularly am I determined to bring about a reduction in the Income Tax Law", Governor O'Conor declared, "and I am confident that this can now be done."

The $750,000.00 savings represented unexpended balances of appropriations allotted the departments for the twelve month period, were more than double the reversions of the preceeding year, Governor O'Conor pointed out, and bring the total thus saved during the twenty-one months of his administration well above the $1,000,000.00 mark.

"As a result of these new reversions," he further pointed out, "the State surplus as of September 30, rose to a new 'high' of $5,400,000.00, an increase of $1,400,000.00 since last October 1st."

DRINK IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Statewide proposals in regard to the liquor question will be before the voters in five states in the November elections: Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Oregon, Idaho, and Arkansas.

A referendum in Massachusetts involves the present liquor law. In Oklahoma the "wets" are attacking the present constitutional amendment and are attempting to legalize liquor sales. Oregon will vote on a referendum concerning the sale of drinks in hotels, clubs, and restaurants. Idaho will act on two measures intended to restrict the sale of liquor and Arkansas is seeking a broader extension of the local option provisions.

The rising tide of fire waste, writes W. E. Mallaieu of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, threatens national defense. During the early months of this year, fire loss was substantially higher than it was for the same period last year or the year before.

This year the cause of fire prevention, always vital, is of more direct importance to all of us--to everyone with a job, every one with an investment, everyone who wants to see our defense program go forward without a hitch. Enlist today in the battle against fire.

THE RULES OF THE GAME

By J. E. Jones

Washington, D. C., October 25—A great deal is being said and written about the "political bottle-neck", which is accused of holding back national prepardness. What is this "bottle-neck?"

As near as your Washington correspondent can get to the answer the "politcial bottle-neck" may be laid at the door of Government officials who hunt for monopolies and start criminal and civil prosecutions, such as have previously included the American Medical Association, lumber manufacturers, petroleum producers and a wide variety of manufacturers.

There have been more prosecutions under the Sherman anti-trust law in the past four years than in the previous 46 years since the statute was enacted. These prosecutions usually attack established methods that our oldest business and industrial institutions have followed for a century. Doctors, lumbermen, and other victims have believed they were within proper moral and legal rights; but they have had to defend themselves against serious charges.

It is against all the fair rules of the game to prosecute and persecute private American business and industry in the present terrible times. "American industry only wanted to know and still wants to know the rules of the game before the game is played, rather than after it is over," says Commissioner Knudsen.

American industry has stepped right into line and is delivering the goods for the Defense Commission. Nevertheless, Government departments have been keeping up its rows with business men to such an extent that the situation borders on the question of whether private business should run its own affairs, or

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function under Government control.

November Elections

We can all remember all the national elections that have been held during our adult days. Let us ask you: "Do you remember one of these presidential elections that was not described at the time as "the most important election in all of our history?" Well, that's what is being said about this election. It may be a good guess. Anyhow, the race will be finished November 5. The United States Government has rocked a good many times over wars, depressions, panics, and faults of Administration. We have the same old ailments and diseases in 1940 that existed in the days of our grandparents, and their grand-parents--plus a lot of new ones.

But no matter how black things look the nation's troubles were eventually cured, somehow. They likely will be again, and so don't get wrought up too much, or let this campaign get your goat.

Third Term Is A Real Puzzle

Political analysts, have not been able to decide the importance of the third-term issue, or reach satisfying conclusions about how much of a figure it will cut in the votiing next month. The third term remains a "puzzle in politics."

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Political Polls

The accuracy of the Gallup Poll in the Presidential election has been challenged, and defended, in recent weeks. Apparently the supporters of President Roosevelt like it, while the Republicans denounce it as unreliable.

In the opinion of your Washington correspondent there has been a tremendous change in the attitude of voters throughout the country since the two national conventions were held, and we believe that the Gallup Poll will show these significant changes before election. The big pulse-finding Gallup factory will have to register correct in the last days of the campaign--or else.

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Streamlining National News

Many business men who find themselves confused about the widened-gap between the Government and private business have encouraged a new method of "personal letters" developed in Washington. The J. E. Jones Letter is very popular with important executives of industry and finance. It furnishes them with brief summaries of national affairs that show definite trends which Washington experts are able to forecast. President Roosevelt said Congress had nothing to do and would adjourn. "I was a little ahead of the White House," Jones told news men this week.

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A Bouquet For Congress

Congress refused to obey the White House last June, when Mr. Roosevelt asked for an adjournment and said that the only thing left for the members to do would be to make speeches. Most Washington writers have severely criticised Congress. But now it is plain that the legislative branch of the Government is entitled to credit for having stuck to the job--and backing up the National Defense Advisory Commission, the Army and the Navy, and the Administration.

The British Appear To Be Winning

Official information coming to Washington sustains the reports of American press associations and correspondents in Europe who are predicting victory for the British.

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AUTO HORN BLOWING DENOUNCED

"Blatant, sleep-destroying, nerve-shattering horn blowing" is denounced by the Keystone Automobile Club in a statement branding as "motor-maniacs" drivers who persist in practices long condemned by a majority of motorists.

"There is only one legitimate use for an automobile horn," said George E. Keneipp, Manager of the Club, "and that is to warn of sudden danger arising in spite of careful driving. There never was and never will be an excuse for the maniacal actions of a minority of motorists who make nights hideous with horn-blasts.

" Aside from the annoyance caused to persons in normal health, unnecessary horn-blowing is a nactual detriment to the recovery of persons who are ill or injured in homes and hospitals. The very old and persons suffering from nervous disorders are particularly affected by the noise-making pests.

"Good driving manners call for consideration of others. Safe driving practices demand the use of brakes instead of horns at street and highway intersections. Use of horns to summon late-departing guests from social functions is intolerable.

"It is poor sportsmanship for any driver to reach for his horn-button to prod the car ahead into motion at the instant a traffic light changes to green, and it is sheer insanity for drivers in a long line of stopped vehicles to set up a raucous din, when they have no means whatever of knowing the cause of the holdup, All they accomplish is to increase their own nervous tension and thereby make them less fit for the real job of driving an automobile under modern traffic conditions."

MASONIC CHARITIES

Forty-nine Grand Lodges in the United States expended $4,670,042.93 for charity during their last fiscal year, it was revealed in a report published October 1, 1940, by the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. During the same period, the various Grand Lodges of Caanda spent $292,230.95 for relief purposes.

The Relief Association's survey showed that Masonic homes valued at $34,271,820.13 are owned and suported by American Grand Lodges. Cost of supporting the Homes, which house 7,874 guests, amounted to $3,853,869.16 during the past fiscal year, while $665,985.23 was expended on outside relief, which was given 3,288 persons.

Seventeen Grand Lodges maintain hospitals in conjunction with their Homes, and seven support two Homes each. Average cost per day for each adult and child in a Home was $1.33 last year. Broken down further, the average cost per day for each adult guest was $1.25 and for ecach child guest, $1.30. For each day any guest was in a Masonic Hospital, the average cost was $2.37.

FOOD SHIPMENT TO EUROPE

Agitation for food shipments to the conquered nations of Europe continues despite statements from England that it cannot let foodstuffs through the blockade lest they fall into the hands of Germany. Chief among the exponents is former President Herbert Hoover, whose relief work for starving Belguim after the first World War was extraordinarily successful.

Mr. Hoover's continued efforts to find a method to get food to the oppressed peoples in lands conquered by Hitler are commendable from a humanitarian point of view, but shortsighted in a military sense, most experts believe. The former President realizes this himself.

QUIT EAR-STRAINING WITH A 1941 IMPROVED RADIO

It certainly is tough on your ears . . . and your disposition, too . . . to barely hear momentous news from abroad . . . or listen through a continual barrage of cracks and booms. And it's foolish today. For, the latest radio models are so improved that reception from both America and Europe is vastly more powerful . . . clearer.

Decide right now to quit ear-straining and get a brand new radio. Better still, get a couple—one for the grown-ups and one for the children. Values are better than ever!

CONOWINGO POWER COMPANY

Live Electrically and Save

The Real Facts

THE intelligent American really doesn't have to have the scientific research facts in order to decide for himself that liquor has no place in human or social well-being.

Any American who lives in a neighborhood which permits liquor stores, taverns, or cocktail bars has all the actual facts right in front of his eyes. If the wife or husband, or son or daughter, is a drinker the whole family and the whole neighborhood can see what alcoholic beverages do to families and individuals.

But, Mr. American likes the cold, hard facts of statistics. So, here are the facts—the authenticated facts—described by National W. C. T. U. as "pertinent to any voter's evaluation of the costs of the liquor traffic."

Facts speak much louder than propaganda. Any thinking person would interpret these facts as proof that the only way to dam the spreading flood of economic and human waste is to "turn off the faucet" of the liquor supply.

There are 437,000 retail outlets for liquor. That means a retail liquor license for every 300 persons, 11 saloons or liquor-selling shops for every 5 churches, one tavern or liquor bar for every 71 homes.

About 100,000 persons are rejected each year by insurance firms because those applicants had the disease of "alcoholic indulgence."

While spending one dollar for liquor in 1939, the people spent only 75 cents for public education, 50 cents for tobacco, 25 cents for movies, $1.25 for dairy products, 7 cents for toys, 4 cents for flowers, and 17 cents for confectionery. (No wonder the small merchant finds the liquor store or tavern to be his strongest competitor.)

Per capita cost of liquor in 1939 was $24.64 for every man, woman and child. Total drink bill in 1939 for liquor legally sold was $3,228,491,938.

Total national consumption of alcoholic beverages in 1939 was 1,822,086,306 gallons. That equals 13.90 gallons for each man, woman and child.

The liquor traffic grossed $20,165,850,226 (for 12 billion gallons of liquor) in the 81 months up to Jan. 1, 1940.

Indirect costs, such as crime, accidents, disease, inefficiency of labor, lost earning power (figuring only that part attributed to liquor) is reckoned at $13,850,000,000.

During the same 81 months, the liquor traffic paid $15,258,765,539 back to society in taxes, to labor, for raw material, transportation, etc.

Subtract this return to society from the direct and indirect costs and the net cost of the liquor traffic to the American people was $23,757,084,637.

Unless Americans have lost their native shrewdness, they can easily figure that they are paying an awful lot of money for a hangover!

Still, the rich miss a lot of fun. The millionaire's wife doesn't dare saunter down the street eating a banana.

Before the war, the Nazis gave Canada a big business—buying salmon. They bought three pounds a minute.

The old-timers were tougher. They had to be to survive what the doctors did to them.

"WAR IS HELL"

Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, who led the Union forces in the march through Georgia during the Civil War, is probably best known for three words uttered in a short speech at Columbus, Ohio, in 1880—"War is hell!" The circumstances under which the words were spoken and the rest of the speech, however, have been almost completely ignored.

When President Rutherford B. Hayes spoke in Columbus at that time to an encampment of Civil War veterans, General Sherman was on the speakers' platform. At the conclusion of the President's address, the old Union soldiers in the crowd called for him. He stepped forward, and looking down upon the men he had led in battle but fifteen years before, talked to them in their own language. He spoke of the comradeship that bound him to the rank and file veterans, and then said:

"The war now is away back in the past and you can tell what books cannot. When you talk, you come down to the practical realities just as they happened. You all know this is not soldiering here (in the encampment.)

"There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but, boys, it is all hell. You can bear this warning voice to generations yet to come, I look upon war with horror, but if it has to come, I am here."

—News Bureau.

William Knudsen Makes Own Telephone Calls To Save Valuable Time

William S. Knudsen, chairman of the National Defense Advisory Commission and until recently head of General Motors Corporation, is a man of action. Rather than waste valuable time while a secretary places a telephone call for him, the noted industrialist picks up his telephone and makes the call himself.

Throat In Fine Shape; Opera Star Sings Over Telephone To Prove It

Grace Moore, operatic and motion picture star, recently trilled a few notes to a Philadelphia newspaper reporter over telephone wires from her Hartway Farms, near Newton, Conn., to prove reports she was a patient in Temple University Hospital for treatment of a throat ailment.

She did enter the hospital some time ago for one day "just to shake off a bad cold," she said, but her throat is "full of health now."

WHEN THE BIG COMET USHERS IN CHRISTMAS

Fascinating scientific article telling about a new comet, the size of Halley's, that is rushing toward the earth, the effect it will have on superstitious persons and an explanation by those who study the stars. Don't miss this feature in the November 10th issue of

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DRINK REPRESSION AN ESSENTIAL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

The American people are confronted with an appalling menace in the Atlantic and with an equal danger in the Pacific. For the first time in a century our very existence as free people is imperilled.

It is necessary that all of the energies of the nation be enlisted in order that we may be ready to defen dourselves. The Army must be reorganized, fully equiped. A trained reserve must be created. Increasing support must be given to Great Britian. Production of airplanes and other war material must be increased until it is greater than that of the totalitarian powers which are in alliance against us.

After the war, the United States must, for a protracted period of time, contribute largely to the feeding of continental Europe and restoration of the economic life of the British Isles. Free nations must be helped to their feet.

America will not skulk like a whipped hound to its kennel; it will be ready. Hundreds of millions of tons o fmanufactured products will be produced, ships built, guns fashioned.

In this emergency the United States should remember that the promotion of the drink trade is a fatal policy. It is fatal to efficiency in peace or war. It destroys priceless brain and priceless brawn. It wastes labor in the manufacture and distribution of a commodity far worse than useless.

The retail liquor bill of the United States is $4,691,935,957.

In four years' time the direct cost of drink in the United States would meet the prepardness appropriations of the present Congress, appropriations which will not be completely expended during the same period of time.

America Cannot Prepare With The Present Gigantic Drink Traffic Hanging To Its Arm. Anything less than the nation's greatest effort in this emergency endangers the nation's life, degrades the nation's place and spirit. There is no place in the prepardness program for preventable disease, preventable weakness, preventable waste, or preventable death.

Hundreds of thousands of America's premium men are being concentrated in mobilization camps. Their health, their spiritual morale, their fighting efficiency will be matters of heart-center concern to every man and woman throughout the nation.

Shall there be education in the vice of drinking or education in total abstinence from alcoholic liquors? Will beer joints and similar vicious establishments be driven from the vicinity of the cantonments or will these young men be subjected to exploitation by the brewing and distilling trades.

These questions are questions of immediate importance. The national consumption of alcoholic liquor in this time of danger should be reduced to the absolute minimum.

—Clip Sheet

The American college girl spends $35 a minute on silk stockings. That's as much as Russia spends on social insurance.

Until the Nazis seized Poland United States trade with that country was worth a dollar a second.