

Truman's Prospects

They are trying to settle on a suitable name for the "polite" Senator C. Wayland Brooks, who about 90 per cent of the time of the week is in the office of the Chicago Tribune. Two men are under consideration who stand for exactly the opposite of what Brooks and the Tribune stand for.

One is Prof. Paul H. Douglas of the University of Chicago and the other is Adlai Stevenson, who has been a rival for the title of Democratic and co-operation, Douglas, who is considered the probable nominee, has a lot of prestige in the Marine Corps after Pearl Harbor even though he was beyond draft age at that time. Douglas (Pelle) and Roosevelt would doubt that required a few close acquaintances.

If present plans go through, the Democratic candidate for Governor will be Senator Scott Lucas. Lucas would give the present Republican Governor, Dwight Green, a hot race. Green has been popular in the state and the Centralists, Illinois, received a large share of the blame, Lucas had approved.

These signs of a break from the old order of machine politics are important. It is clear that the Democrats, however, is in the degree of support which can be expected.

If the major issue is high prices, the Democrats will have a good chance of winning. They have been sidetracked, then labor might really be stirred up to turn out the vote. The Democrats have been sidetracked in the industrial centers in 1944 and three major influences was in the hands of the Republicans.

The Democrats have an advantage in that they have a reputation to be. Not until the Republicans get down to deciding on a candidate will the Democrats be able to get clear. But one thing is certain: The Democrats are going to win. Victory is not in the bag, as some complacent Republicans have seemed to take for granted.

Three Items For Christmas

ITS 34 days until Christmas. Holiday shopping is well advanced. Plans for Yuletide journeys and family reunions are being completed. Charitarians still have bountiful supply despite work shortages and high prices and they look forward to one of the happiest Christmas seasons in memory.

Christmas will be brighter for those who find time to remember others who are less fortunate than themselves. Among this contributing group are the citizens who are contributing to the second annual Gift Shop campaign, which is being conducted by members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The women of the Legion are collecting funds and gifts for Christmas distribution in the Veterans hospitals in the state, Orono, Fayetteville and Swannanoa.

Last year the Legion women assembled gifts valued at \$25,000 which were distributed among the North Carolina patients, and the members of the auxiliary of the Gift Shops have proved to be a great morale builder for the men who are suffering from disabilities contracted in service of their country.

Twenty-seven thousand and Mecklenburg citizens have an important item on their Christmas lists. They are the ones who have received letters containing the stamps which are sold with great anxiety by the National Tuberculosis Association.

The seal sale goal for Mecklenburg this year is \$25,000, and funds will go to continue operation of the mobile X-ray unit to develop a well-rounded tuberculosis unit in Mecklenburg Sanatorium and for a health education program.

Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday

WE are entering our period of darkness and only extreme vigilance on the part of motorists and pedestrians, traffic officers—will make it possible to avoid more of the tragedies which have darkened 1947 for this city. The prospect is that the urgency of the Police Department's call for an increase in traffic fines, particularly for such offenses as red-light running, speeding and illegal turning.

It is a sad and alarming situation that the number of deaths in this city during the month of December is the highest in the year. Pedestrian deaths are four times as great for the hour between 4 and 7 P. M. in each of the two months as the average per month for the other months of the year with the exception of November.

Low visibility during Winter when this hour is dark compared with the other nine months when the sun is high is the cause of this high pedestrian fatality rate. Existing street lighting is inadequate to compensate for the loss of daylight visibility and pedestrians are urged to modify their traffic habits accordingly.

Of the 35,048 total traffic deaths predicted for this year, 12,772 will be pedestrians.

Hurrying Us Toward Two Evils

FOREIGN affairs expert for the Wall Street Journal is William Henry Chamberlin and his ability to work up an argument in support of his position that supports reaction on the right is second to none. Latest example of his art is an article which informs us that middle-of-the-road regime in Europe and Asia are waning up and down. European diplomats must choose between two evils—Communism and Rightist dictatorship.

There are two points in the Chamberlin analysis that strike us as unrealistic. One is that the middle-of-the-road regime is to write off the moderate forces in foreign countries and is unwittingly helping the Soviet strategists when he influences us to support the Communists. The second point is that Mr. Chamberlin grossly undervalues the help we have received from the middle-roads in the past, the assistance we are getting from them now and the help they are capable of giving us in the future.

From his own recapitulation of events in both Eastern and Western Europe, Mr. Chamberlin properly could have drawn the conclusion that the non-Communist radicals and liberals have been and still are our most potent allies in the struggle to check Communist expansion. They have been the

The 'Forgotten Cities'

WHAT ARE we going to do about those forgotten cities now taking their toll in the DP camps of Europe where 1,173,000 men, women and children still desperately cling to life and the idea that the rest of the world will act like human beings? They need no psychological therapy by their parents, they have shown that they are able, eager and hard to work. They are capable and skilled. They have survived the most terrible physical and a psychological torture by their very survival; they have shown the toughness of spirit and body that springs from hope in the future—and that now appeals only for a basic birthright, the right to live in security and decency with their chil-

While a dozen countries have negotiated limited agreements, with I.R.O. to take per-

In the half century since the Christmas seal idea was introduced by a postal clerk, the incidence of tuberculosis has declined and the deaths due to the disease have decreased some 50 per cent. The medical and educational work made possible by the Christmas seals has been a large factor in this gain over one of the most dreadful of all maladies. However, tuberculosis still is a great menace and exacts more fatalities among the young, productive age groups than any other disease. All who purchase seals are putting the Christmas spirit to good work in one of society's greatest causes.

The people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg share their Christmas in many ways, through the churches, the clubs, the schools and through individual action. A notable expression of this spirit of generosity is the Christmas Seals campaign. The Charlotte News Openly Stocking Fund, which now is open to contributions. It has been developed into a practical, efficient and very useful means by which in the community drive of financial aid to needy families which otherwise would be overlooked at Christmas time.

Gifts of cash to these unfortunate families enables them to participate most fully in the joy of the happy season. Christmas planning, buying, wrapping gifts, playing Santa to their children. The list of deserving families will be closed December 20. The response to the Openly Stocking Fund to develop a well-rounded tuberculosis unit in Mecklenburg Sanatorium and for a health education program.

Controls Or What?

AMERICA'S 64-Dollar Question

By JAMES MARLOW
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America couldn't remain that way, that simple, it became more complex. The population grew and cities increased in size. The city people grew increasingly dependent upon the country for food. The country depended upon the city for things the city people, in short, no one was self-sufficient any more and everyone began to depend more and more upon everyone else.

If farmers charged higher prices for the food they grew, the cost of living in cities grew. City people then demanded, and got, higher wages. In turn increased the price of the things which city people made and the farm people had to buy. It was a circle, and vicious.

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CHICAGO
Tactics is that the President in office in a period of prosperity usually has the most to say for the Republicans invoked the full dinner pail in order to stay in power.

Freedom Train

So Proudly We Hail

By CHARLES W. DUKE
(Reprinted from Editor & Publisher)

Youth of the United States all those many older folk who glory in the tremendous American flag, the early history—revelling in the tales of adventure and romance that have made it the most glorious of flags.

LIVING costs have risen 23 per cent in a year, or a total of 66 per cent since August 1939. And they're still rising. Where will they stop? No one knows.

Should the Government step in now—with its nation more interlocked and interdependent than it's ever been—before it's too late?

Prices may come down and settle down without any Government interference at all. But suppose prices keep soaring into a crazy high—suppose you have a big inflation now—and the inflation—your money crumbles into dust.

In short, there's one question divided into two parts. Can this country—vastly complex now—go on indefinitely under its free enterprise system, with prices will balance out right and there will be no crazy high prices? Or will the whole system now in prices are rising—do we decide the whole system now is too complex to trust to chance and that we must have some price and wage controls?

Not only was this the first time the American flag was ever controlled by the Government in the face of an enemy, but also in this occasion—the first time the British flag was ever controlled by the American flag.

Maybe you think of Paul Revere's famous ride to the place in history as a famous ride by horse. But there were no horses in the original long records of the receipt of the original property of the British.

Paul Revere took active part in the Boston Tea Party. In the Winter of 1773, he was arrested on horseback to inform the Sons of Liberty in New York of that event.

MEMBERS of the Senate Appropriations Committee just returned from Europe, inspected the Dechaux concentration camp, where the prisoners identified themselves by instruments of death.

Afterward they went into a courtroom where a number of Nazis, including two Dachau hangers-on, were being tried. Immediately the two Nazis who had been listening about the trial of the two Nazis were taken into custody and sent to the Senator.

Not only the Nazis who used English, however, in their own language, but also the American government.

NOTE—Secretary of State Marshall promised a program for China—two or three weeks after the stopgap bill for Europe was proposed. It hasn't been offered yet.