



CLEARED OF FRAUD—Preston Tucker is center of a happy huddle after he was cleared in a Federal Court in Chicago along with seven of his associates of charges of mail fraud and conspiracy rising out of his attempt to build a dream car. Left to right are: Mrs. Preston Tucker, Tucker, Defense Atty. Frank J. McAdams Jr. and Jury Foreman Joseph Kauba.

American People Said 'Tired' By Portland Minister

The American people are generally a tired people, perpetually keyed up by the fast tempo of contemporary living, Dr. Lawrence E. Nye, Portland clergyman, told members of the Medford Rotary club in a luncheon address here Tuesday.

The pastor of Portland's First Methodist church spoke at the Hotel Jackson on the subject, "Letting Up Without Letting Down," in which he stressed the importance of learning the value of time. It is especially necessary to realize the value of spare time, Dr. Nye emphasized. Judicious use of time for relaxation, the development of hobbies, and the ability to take a spiritual refuge from the trials and tribulation of living are essential to physical and mental health, he said.

Fear Causes Fatigue

It is fear, along with plain monotony in today's living, that cause fatigue. The simple answer is rest, the speaker said, and the ability to like both work and play. Most people look inward too much and not outward enough, and a new attitude of mind can and must be sought and the wise use of time can enable even the busiest person to replenish expended energy so vitally needed, the clergyman said.

Prayer is the greatest single force today, he stated, and it is needed for physical strength as well as peace of mind. Dr. Nye reminded Rotarians that Abraham Lincoln relied greatly upon prayer in the hectic days of his presidency.

The Rev. Meredith A. Groves, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, was chairman for the day and introduced the speaker. Rotary's new president, James Dunlevy, presided.

Five In Family Die As Fire Razes Home

Hatboro, Pa., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Five family members perished in a fire today despite the heroic efforts of the parents to save their three small children.

One of the victims, Mrs. Claire Morrow, 39, had reached the safety of outdoors only to die when she rushed back into the blazing building to help her family. A neighbor tried to stop her but failed.

Police identified the other dead as Horace Morrow, 40, aviation machinist's mate 3/c at the nearby Willow Grove, Pa., naval air station, and his daughters, Virginia, 13; Patricia, nine, and Lolita, two.

Their charred bodies were found huddled together in the children's bedroom at the rear of the second-floor. Firemen believed that Morrow, awakened by the smoke and flames, rushed from his bed to aid the children and was trapped.

The couple's only son, a sailor, left the house two days ago to return to duty.

Spurious Check Writer Caught With Pants Off

Ottawa, Kan., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—George Hoopes, Pueblo, Colo., today bemoaned his fate in getting caught with his trousers off.

He was arrested in a clothing store dressing room yesterday as he prepared to try on a new pair of trousers.

Hoopes was accused of writing 12 checks on the account of Pete F. Kestin of near Ottawa, amounting to about \$900.

An Ottawa merchant called police to report that he had seen Hoopes, who had given him a bad check, enter another clothing store.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Romney, W. Va., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—I'm here to tell you about some fine old syrup which doesn't have any maple in it.

It's made out of corn cobs. The man who told me about it is George Williams, who used to be a senator in the West Virginia state legislature.

Williams, who is the sixth generation of his family to live in the quaint old farm house near here, says that the recipe for syrup-al-a-cob has been handed down by mouth in his family for many, many years.

"And why," he asks with some reason, "should a body pay \$5 a gallon for maple syrup when you can make your own for a few cents?"

The Senator, as everybody in Romney, a town of 2,000, still calls him, has this recipe for "corn-cob syrup."

You go out in the cob house, if you have a cob house, and pick out eight or 10 nice, clean red corn cobs.

You wash them and break them into little pieces, either with a knife—or if you're strong enough, with your hands—and put a half gallon of water on the stove to boil; cobs in.

Watch the water and when it simmers to one quarter, strain it off and throw the cobs away.

"I call that cob liquor," said Williams.

You take this stuff, which by this time is a dark amber color, and add to it two pounds of white sugar and one pound of brown sugar.

You boil this until you have a syrup.

"That's all there is to it," the former state senator said. "When you get through you have about the finest maple syrup you'd ever want to find."

The "Senator" is sure right. On hot biscuits, it was fine.

Williams' production is strictly private.

Ran Into Difficulties At one time he had thought of going into commercial output. He thought he had some fine connections with the food and drug administration in Washington, but he ran into difficulties.

The F.D.A. fellows all accepted gallon samples of his home-made product and reported back that it was swell stuff, but they wouldn't put their conclusions on paper.

Finally he wormed a written report out of the administration.

It said, in effect, that the syrup tasted fine on buckwheat cakes and the like but the food and drug people couldn't, under the law, go along with calling anything made out of corn cobs "maple syrup."

That made Williams pretty sore.

He got madder as he read along in the dispatch from the F.D.A.

Not Imitation The administration suggested that he call his delicious concoction "imitation maple syrup."

That was when the former state senator of West Virginia popped his roof.

He said that he wasn't making imitation maple syrup, but corn-cob syrup, and would the maple people, if they felt that way about it, maybe like to have their product called "imitation corn-cob syrup?"

"Something like," he told me, "a maker of a fine corn-cob pipe having the patent office dub it an imitation briar."

Just that silly.

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