

WIRT REVEALED AS AMUSEMENT PARK PROMOTER

Records Show Application
for Government Loan.
Last Year.

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WASHINGTON, April 13.—Dr. William A. Wirt, self-appointed brain-trust-buster, today stands revealed as a promoter of merry-go-rounds, roller coasters and scenic railways.

It appears from the records of the public works administration that the good doctor, whose versatility of professional occupations has assumed the capital for the last few days, last year headed a company in Porter county, Indiana, known as Dune Acres, Inc., which sought a \$2,000,000 self-liquidating loan from the government.

According to the plans and specifications, beautifully done in color, submitted to the PWA, Dune Acres, Inc., was to become the twentieth century garden of Eden where the flower of Hoosier youth could frolic unrestrained.

A Real Coney Island!

In addition to the mechanical Coney Island contrivances, the doctor had vision of tall observation towers from which one could view the blue waters of Lake Michigan or the red-tinged sands of the dune country. Convenient yacht basins were to nestle along the shore where palatial craft could put in for a time while passengers strolled along winding paths of beauty and partook of refreshments from de luxe peanut stands.

Late last summer, the doctor began a series of visits to Washington in the interest of his project. He visited the interior building, housing the public works administration, several times, but never discussed his plans with Harold L. Ickes, PWA administrator.

Dr. Wirt was quite anxious that David Cushman Coyle, member of the technical board of review of the public works administration, be present at the party, and Miss Barrows assented to his desire.

Plan Falls Through

But Dr. Wirt's plans went for naught. First the Dune Acres, Inc. project, submitted as a Porter county program, was turned down by the state public works engineer of Indiana. Then, in December, 1933, it was turned down by the public works administration. Northern Indiana was doomed to worry along without the Wirt amusement park.

Mr. Ickes—who revealed this story—said that the reason given the "good old Doc" from Gary for PWA refusal of the request was that the project was not "socially desirable."

Then, commenting seriously upon Dr. Wirt and his recent attacks on the communistic trends of the administration, Mr. Ickes said:

"Before he discovered it was communistic to try to bring the country out of the rut, he wanted \$2,000,000 for this project. Now that he has made his startling discovery, he attacks in comparison our subsistence homestead program, which would provide decent homes and decent places to live, as the brain child of communistic minds of the administration."

STATESMANSHIP and RELIGION

By Henry A. Wallace
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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CHAPTER XVII

Spiritual Adventures in Politics

THE problem of statesmanship is to mold a policy leading toward a higher state for humanity, and to stick by that policy and make it seem desirable to the people in spite of short-time political pressure to the contrary. True statesmanship and true religion, therefore, have much in common. Both are beset by those, who, professing to be able politicians and hard-headed men of affairs, are actually so exclusively interested in the events of the immediate future or the welfare of a small class that from the broader, long-time point of view they are thoroughly impractical and theoretical.

Isaiah, Jeremiah and Micah were truly great statesmen. They caught the vision of a superior social state and with all the fire at their command held up that vision before the people in spite of the protests of those concerned with politics, priestly intrigue and commercial gains.

The prophets failed in that their statesmanship was not adopted, but that the record remains to this day as an incentive to those who desire to look beneath the surface.

Religion, to my mind, is the most practical thing in the world. In so saying, I am not talking about church-going, or charity, or any of the other outward manifestations of what is popularly called religion. By religion I mean the force which governs the attitude of men in their inmost hearts toward God and toward their fellow-men.

JESUS dealing with that force said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy strength and all thy soul and all thy mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Catholic church dealing with this force said in effect that the minds and hearts of men are best attuned to God and humanity through the continual celebration in due form of the Mass by specially ordained priests whose duty it is also to receive and distribute aims.

Martin Luther and John Calvin dealing with this force said each man can meet his God face to face without priestly intercession—each man can worship God most effectively by working hard in his chosen calling every minute of every day except the Sabbath.

The reformation in action contracted rather than expanded the doctrine of Jesus; nevertheless the extraordinary emphasis on the individual unleashed forces which enabled man through energetic self-discipline to conquer a new continent in record-breaking time, to develop an unprecedented control over nature, and to develop capitalism as a temporary mechanism for social control.

The classical economists of a hundred years ago in their highly individualistic, laissez-faire expressed in nonemotional terms the economic essence of protestantism. Spencer, Darwin, Huxley and their followers in promulgating the doctrine of natural selection and the survival of the fittest gave the whole idea an apparent foundation in nature.

As a result protestantism which in its origin was highly spiritual, became in fact more and more material. Many of the ministers fought against the trend, but the children of the best families in their congregations for two generations or more have gone to

accept it with clean, understanding hearts.

To enter the kingdom of heaven brought to earth and expressed in terms of rich material life it will be necessary to have a reformation even greater than that of Luther and Calvin.

I am deeply concerned in this because I know that the social machines set up by the present administration will break down unless they are inspired by men who in their hearts catch a larger vision than the hard-driving profit motives of the past. More than that, the men in the street must change their attitude concerning the nature of man and the nature of human society.

They must develop the capacity to envision a co-operative objective and be willing to pay the price to attain it. They must have the intelligence and the will power to turn down simple solutions appealing to the short-time motives of a particular class.

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Tomorrow—Religion of the future.

NUN BURNED TO DEATH

\$100,000 Is Damage Toll in Convent and Church Blaze.

ST. GREGOIRE DE MONTMORENCY, Quebec, April 13.—An aged nun was burned to death and more than a score were forced to flee from the convent of St. Joseph de St. Vallier, early today, when fire destroyed both the convent and the nearby Catholic church. Property damage was more than \$100,000.

COMPANY GUARD SHOOTS PICKETS

Police Mass Against Lynch
Threat at Cleveland
Worsted Mills.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, April 13.—Heavy police details were massed around the plant of the Cleveland Worsted Mills Company today to prevent any retaliation for the shooting of two strike pickets by a company-employed guard last night.

The shooting came on the eve of the third strike week of workers affiliated with the United Textile Workers of America.

Cries of "lynch him," rang out in front of the plant early today as the guard, who had fired a shotgun charge from a third floor window of the plant at a crowd of pickets advancing along a railroad siding, was smuggled outside by detectives.

The men wounded were John Hejmej and William Zivny, both strikers. Hejmej, who received nine wounds in the legs and groin, is still in a hospital. Zivny was struck in the right hand by several slugs.

The guard, Paul Squire, 51, was being held for investigation. In a statement to detectives, Squire said he opened fire to frighten away a group of pickets he believed were about to attack three other guards.

2 PAIRS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, GET LICENSES TO WED

Brother and sister obtained marriage licenses to marry brother and sister yesterday in the Marion county clerk's office.

Licenses were issued to Jack Brinkman, 22, filling station attendant, to marry Miss Louise Thompson, 21, and for Charles E. Thompson, 20, to marry Miss Ithia Brinkman, 18.

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