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EDITORIALS

The Boy From Shirkeyville

Since CBS did an hour-long television program on Indiana's junior Senator Birch Bayh, he has become known in many quarters as the boy from Shirkeyville, Ind.

Shirkeyville, a small community just outside Terre Haute, Ind., in fact is the home town of Senator Bayh.

Bayh, in his late 30s, is walking among giants in the U. S. Senate chambers, yet it was he who proposed the 25th amendment to the United States Constitution which passed the U.S. Senate by a resounding 68 to 5 vote last week.

The amendment, now up to three-fourths of the state legislatures to ratify before it becomes law, deals with the succession to the Presidency, a gaping loophole left in the Constitution by the founding fathers.

The story here deals with us as individuals. So many of us say, "But what can we do?"

Yet here is a small-town Indiana boy with a consuming ambition who attracted national attention while a youth fighting with Uncle Sam's troops in Europe helping German boys raise gardens. He turned state legislator, and was speaker of the Indiana House at 27.

He took on the unlikely job of defeating Senator Capehart, a wealthy giant in Indiana Republican politics. In all those he (along with his charming wife Marvella) have had notable success.

And now you see the hand of the boy from Shirkeyville felt on the face of our nation. He is affecting a much-needed change in our basic constitution.

It makes us think again, "Just what can we do?" doesn't it?

Try A State Park

On vacation or a week-end holiday? Indiana's State Parks offer a complete range of accommodations, from spacious air-conditioned inns to rustic cabins, in settings of natural beauty.

Ideal for people seeking a complete escape from everyday routine, the inns and inn cabins at Brown County, Clifty Falls, Indiana Dunes, McCormick's Creek, Pokagon, Spring Mill, and Turkey Run State Parks are on the American plan (lodging and three meals) with a complement of competent staff members. Rates range from \$7.75 to \$11.75 per person per day.

All requests for inn reservations and information must be directed to the reservation clerk at the parks.

For those that prefer to be more self-

sufficient, family housekeeping and primitive cabins are available at Lincoln, McCormick's Creek and Shakamak State Parks. These facilities are available from Saturday afternoon to the following Saturday forenoon from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and on a daily basis at other times. Rates range from four to nine dollars per day.

Queries concerning details and reservations of family housekeeping and primitive cabins should be directed to the Park Superintendent concerned.

A sheet outlining the accommodations at all of Indiana's State Parks is available upon request from the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Public Information and Education, 612 State Office Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46209.

FARM NOTES

By DON FRANTZ

County Agriculture Agent

Guest Of Kosciusko County August 7 to 27

Miss Geeltje Feenstra of Jouresterp, Netherlands, will be a guest in Kosciusko county August 7 to 27 under the International Farm Youth Exchange program. She will live with the Dorris O. Harrold family in Franklin township.

Miss Feenstra will visit in Georgia and Indiana during her stay in this country and will also attend an exchange conference at Manhattan, Kansas, as well as orientation work in Washington. Her purpose here will be to observe farm, home, youth, and community programs.

The IFYE is a foreign exchange activity of the National 4-H club program.

A previous IFYE visitor in Kosciusko county was Lauro Lucia Viana, an agricultural student from Brazil who lived with the John

Frederick family at Atwood in May.

THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY poultrymen will be attending the American Poultry and Hatchery Federation convention in Chicago July 21. Chairman, Roy Roy Benson of the County Poultry Association has been making arrangements for the county group.

Bus reservations should be made with Mr. Benson or Don Frantz, county extension agent, prior to July 17.

THE STATE DAIRY Day program will be held at the Purdue Dairy Farm on Thursday, July 15, starting at 10 a.m.

The program will consist of a tour of the dairy research facilities with emphasis on housing and feed handling systems. Specialists in dairying and related areas will be available for consultation. Several cars will be going from this county. We would appreciate knowing who is planning to go in order to assist in consolidating the transportation.

A MEETING TO consider the question of county planning and zoning has been set for July 14 at 8 p.m. on the fairgrounds in the Shrine building.

This county is one of the few rural counties that is showing an immigration of people. Rural counties are so designated if they have no major city of 10,000 or more persons. This means that much of the growth is in rural areas where as in many

places most of the growth is urban and suburban.

The county has increased by about 2,300 persons since the 1960 census. This is small compared to the major centers of population but it is a steady growth.

THE DATES FOR Gold Medal beef shows in this area of the state are at Muncie July 26; at Lebanon on July 31; and Marion on August 6. The date at the Goshen fair will be on August 9 and the Lafayette date is August 21. The Crown Point exhibit will be Shorthorn cattle on August 24; Herefords on August 26; and Angus on the 27th.

Gold Medal lamb shows will be held at Lebanon on July 17; at Goshen on August 10; and at Alexandria on August 6.

FAIR EXHIBITORS are reminded again that health rules concerning livestock going into public exhibit must be followed at the county fair, August 2 to 7. The rules essentially are that all swine must be vaccinated for cholera and all breeding livestock be tested for brucellosis and tuberculosis. It is advisable to get these things done early.

THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY Holstein association will have their summer picnic at the Carlton Beer home on July 18. It will also be the 4-H field day for 4-H dairy club members. Dr. Snyder will explain how to trim feet on dairy animals and Mr. Day, Holstein fieldman, will show how to clip animals for show. These demonstrations will be for all 4-H members regardless of the breed class they intend to show in.

VACATIONERS WHO will be gone for a week to ten days can insure their flower beds against drought by mulching before they leave. A couple of inches of peat moss, ground or crushed corn cobs, or sawdust will do the job. The soil should be moistened before the mulch is applied and then watered thoroughly before you leave.

Syracuse Locals

Mr. and Mrs. P. Warstler, Syracuse were recent callers at the home of Mrs. Rhoda Mock, r 3 Syracuse.

Mrs. Elva Connell and daughter, Miss Catherine Connell, of Syracuse, visited last weekend at the home of Mrs. Gretchen Whonseller and daughters, Harriett and Peggy at Lake Gage near Angola.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ellis, Syracuse, on Saturday, July 10, were Mr. and Mrs. Clem Ellis of Muskegon Heights, Mich., Mrs. John Dobin and Mrs. Maude Eickenberger of South Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hooley of North Manchester and Glen Oxender of Constantine, Mich.

Senator Birch Bayh To Give All To Speed Ratification of Amendment

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 6 — Senator Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) vowed he would do "all that is asked of me—and more" to speed ratification by the states of the Bayh Amendment on presidential continuity.

Bayh, who authored and led the legislative fight on the proposal which could become the 25 Amendment to the Constitution, made the statement shortly after both houses had given final approval to the resolution.

The proposal provides a means by which the Vice President would act as President if the Chief Executive is disabled. It also provides a means by which the office of Vice President would never be vacant for long.

Bayh introduced the proposed amendment in December, 1963. It passed the Senate in the 88th Congress but had to be re-introduced this year at the start of the 89th Congress. With slight modifications, it passed both chambers — 72-10 in the Senate and 365-10 in the House. A Senate-House conference committee, which Bayh chaired, worked out the differences in the Senate and House versions of the proposal. The conference report was approved by both houses today.

The proposal now goes to the state legislatures. It must be approved by three-fourths (or 38) of the legislatures to become the 25th Amendment. Bayh said he is hopeful that it will receive final ratification by early 1967.

The Hoosier Senator indicated he would appeal directly to Governors and legislative leaders throughout the nation to do all they can to speed ratification.

"The problem of presidential inability and filling vacancies in the office of Vice President has plagued the nation time and again for the past 178 years," Bayh said. "If there is any way that the ratification process can be stepped up, I will do all I can to encourage that this be done."

Fourteen legislatures are meeting now, Bayh said, and two may go into special session this year. Thirteen meet next year. If all were to ratify the amendment, it would still require nine additional ratifications to make the proposal a part of the Constitution.

Bayh praised Democratic and Republican leaders in both houses "for their continued support of this proposal, their cooperation, their ideas and improvements and, above all, their complete bi-partisanship." He extended "particular thanks" to the American Bar Association "who gave unflinching support to the proposal and whose leaders spent their time, their efforts and their ingenuity to publicize and explain this proposal throughout the United States."

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SECTION 2. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress.

SECTION 3. Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

SECTION 4. Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall

immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

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Work Moves Ahead At Chain O' Lakes State Park

One of Indiana's newest and most unique state parks, the 2,700-acre Chain O'Lakes State Park near Albion, is showing signs of development. The park, which was dedicated in 1960, was acquired through the cooperative efforts of a Joint County Park Board composed of Allen, Noble and Whitley counties, and the Indiana Department of Conservation (now Natural Resources.)

Work on an expanded beach area is expected for the next season.

Swim Classes At Epworth Forest

The North Webster Junior Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Kosciusko county chapter of the American Red Cross, a United Fund agency, will hold swimming classes for the surrounding area at Epworth Forest Beach on Webster Lake.

Testing for swimming ability will be under the direction of Charles Hefley, Red Cross water safety instructor, who is in charge of the beach activities at Epworth Forest. He will be assisted by Anne Jensen, Candace Thomas, Doug Quine, all of Warsaw, who recently returned from the national Red Cross aquatic school at Oliver Lake.

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