

'Democratic Simplicity' Keynote of Inauguration

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Roosevelt's third inauguration on January 20 may be marked by a participation of the nation's citizens as a whole. Joseph E. Davies, inaugural chairman, indicated today after a talk with the chief executive. Davies said the Washington ceremony would be on a smaller scale than the two previous Roosevelt inaugurations, with fewer troops being used for the traditional parade.

"It is the President's desire," he said, "to have an inaugural ceremony marked by extreme democratic simplicity."

Regarding the possibility of having citizens throughout the country participate, Davies would not go into detail, but said Dorothy Thompson, the columnist, would be chairman of this undertaking.

Inaugurals to date have been strictly a Washington affair. There have been suggestions from several sources recently, however, that since it was a national occasion, the public as a whole should be given an opportunity to celebrate the day.

"The idea," Davies told reporters, "is to make the voice of the country articulate in these ceremonies."

Although some proposals have been made that the 1941 inauguration be spread over two or three days, Davies said it would be a "one-day affair."

CIGARETTES

The consumption of cigarettes in 1939 established an all-time high of 172,500,000,000, up 5 per cent from the 163,800,000,000 of 1938, despite increase state sales taxes.

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First Draftee



Boston, Mass.—John E. Lawton, 21-year-old plumber's helper of Everett, Mass., is pictured above shaking hands with Major General James A. Woodruff after winning the signal honor of being the first man in the United States to be accepted for the army under the selective service program.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

We, the faculty and parents of Mabel district, wish to express our thanks to the many contestants who participated in our amateur program Saturday night, November 23. And also to the business men of Mountain City, Boone and local merchants who very generously contributed prizes for our program. Boone and local business men who contributed include: A. & P. Tea Co., Boone Drug Co., Burgess Furniture store, Qualls Furniture store, Hotel Watauga, Dixie store, Carolina Pharmacy, Smithy's store, W. W. Mae Co., Bare's Fair store, Parkway Co., Western Auto Store, Vilas Service station, Walker's Jewelry store, City Meat market, Carolina cafe, Gateway cafe, Daniel Boone Shoe shop, Mayflower Beauty shop, Prevette's Men's store, City Barber shop, Central Barber shop, Boone Steam Laundry, Watauga Democrat, Appalachian Theatre, Farmers Hardware, Hi-Land Cleaners, Bert Mast, A. J. Greer and Ivey B. Wilson. Mountain City: W. W. Hawkins, Joe Blackburn, Muse Hardware, Crady Stout, Dr. Yelton, O. K. Barber shop, Johnson County News, Cress Furniture store, Mountain View Service station, Smithy's store, Peoples Drug store, Powell's Market, Central Drug store, Dana Stout, Roby Eastridge, Baxter Hodge.

Brain Tumor Detected With Electric 'Brain'

An electrical "brain" that analyzes the human brain—determining whether the owner is mentally ill and the nature of the illness, and detecting the presence and denoting the location of a brain tumor—recently attracted the attention of doctors at the scientific exhibition of the American Medical Association in Seattle.

The device, technically known as an electro-encephalograph, was exhibited by its designers, Dr. Frederic A. Gibbs, W. G. Lennox and A. M. Grass of the Boston City hospital.

The electrical brain detects and records the waves that are generated by millions of tiny "dynamos" in the human brain, sorts them out according to wave length and energy and draws a spectrum of them so that the scientists can analyze the contents of a brain.

Discovery of the method of analysis was announced a year ago by the Boston City hospital scientists and since they have studied thousands of brains, ill and normal, and have discovered that the principal peak in the spectrum curve gives an index of the mental state of the individual. Schizophrenia, the disease of split personality, has a principal wave frequency of 10 per second, and the epileptic, when a shock is approaching, moves the principal wave frequency to 8 per second.

The normal person, Dr. Gibbs explained, has a brain wave spectrum ranging from 1 to 50 waves per second, with the greater amounts of energy in the lower frequencies. When abnormal conditions arise the energy shifts from the higher to the lower frequencies.

"The brain can be likened to a great electrical network into which a great many powerhouses are conducting electricity, each one at a different frequency. Some of them are up to great strength and others die down. We can't see the powerhouses, but by measuring the voltage of each frequency we can tell at which powerhouse there has been some change in activity and, perhaps, what caused it."

Innocent Suspects Freed After Lie Detector Tests

Lie detector tests were recently described as of primary importance to innocent persons, as well as extremely valuable in the disclosure of those with guilty consciences.

Detective-Lieut. Harold Mulbar, lie detector expert for the state police in Michigan, revealed that the polygraph tests last year cleared half of the suspects who submitted to them.

"Of 222 suspects, 111 were cleared, 88 were found to indicate deception, 49 made confessions and the other 13 were of a mentality which could not be tested adequately," he said.

Mulbar confirmed an International City Managers' association report that the lie detector is an economical device. He estimated that it eliminated \$25,000 worth of police investigation in 1938.

The association report declared that lie detectors are standard police equipment now in 15 cities, seven states including Michigan and the federal bureau of identification.

In Evanston, Ill., and Wichita, Kan., all applicants for police jobs must take the tests. In East Cleveland, tests are given all applicants for civil service positions.

Pronunciations Differ

In Quebec they spell it Joliette. Most of the towners call it Jollyet but a few ritzed it to Jholy-aye. In Wisconsin there is a burg spelled Allouez. Natives say Alo-weez. Purists claim it should be Alo-way.

In Egypt, one would say Ky-ro; but the division point on the Illinois Central is Kayrow. If you are buying a ticket in Peoria to the adjacent Mason county town you ask for a ducat to San Joz. If the transaction is made at San Francisco for transportation to the main town of Santa Clara county the pronunciation is San Hosey.

Layfee-et might horrify an alumnus of the Sorbonne, but it'll get you where you want to go if you are headed for the Wabash settlement. Perhaps lexicographers would hold out for Terra Hote but most Vigo county folk still call it Terry Hut.

Kodiak Doubles Population

While most cities in the United States of America are shedding bitter tears because the recent census did not show any, or but little increase in their population, the little town of Kodiak, in western Alaska, doubled its population. But the increase has produced an embarrassing obstacle to future expansion, according to W. J. Erskine, president of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce. It seems that most of the land adjoining present city limits is owned by squatters who won't give up their property. Kodiak is probably one of the busiest towns in the North American continent because of the hundreds of workers employed on the construction of the United States naval base.

Loaded Guns

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