New Baltimore Plant's Machinery Grinds Out Crayton Sausage

After many months of difficulty in obtaining necessary equipment, two of the top-ranking officials of Crayton's Southern Sausage Company, Inc., pulled the switches to start up its new modern grinders last week. At left, Henry G. Parks Jr., secretary of the firm, pushes the switch that started the mixer. At right, William L. (Little Willie) Adams, vice president, turns on a 7½-ton grinder. In the center photo, Mrs. Mayme Tilghman, president of the Master Beauticians' Association, is presented the first pound of the product dispensed on the local market by Leroy Crayton, president and treasurer of the firm. The company's trucks can be seen daily making deliveries, and the initial reception has been good.

Elks' Open House to End Saturday

Open House Week at the W. Sampson Brooks Lodge of Elks, 1202 Madison Ave. will end on Saturday

Founded by John H. Murphy Jr., treasurer of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and named in honor of the late AME Bishop W. Sampson Brooks, this lodge has grown from obscurity to one of the leading Elks units in the State.

Expansion Noted

The present site was acquired when William L Gosnell, attorney, was exalted ruler and the expansion program was instituted under the administration of C. Henry Jenkins.

The celebration program arranged by the house committee, headed by Samuel Brown, included a formal dance given by the Eight Barons, a unit of the lodge, at the Monumental Elks Home.

The rest bars are presided over by Clarence Coleman and Connie Pettiford.

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Effects of Atomic Radiation Explained

Two laboratory technicians at City Hospitals, Miss Marian Conway and Mrs. Jennie D. White attended a symposium on biological effects of atomic radiation last Wednesday at Mercy Hospital.

Sponsored by the Maryland Association of Medical and Public Health Laboratories, the symposiums are held regularly at various hospitals.

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Third Party Threat Fails to Alarm Seaboard Democrats, Council States

2-Day Conference at York Marked by Political Double Talk; Truman Lauded for Rights Plans

By PEYTON GRAY

The thousands of colored Democrats along the Eastern Seaboard from Georgia to New England are not at all alarmed over the Wallace Third Party threat.

In fact, they stand solidly behind President Truman and his so-far unwavering stand on civil rights, despite rumblings of secession by the growing block of white Southern party members.

These points eminated from the two-day conference of the National Council of Colored Democrats, Eastern District, held for the first time in Baltimore last week end at the York Hotel.

Opinion of Delegates

In support of their loyalty to the party, the 20-odd delegates voiced their opinions in telegrams and resolutions.

One wire commended the President for his courageous stand on civil rights for ALL citizens; pledged him their support and urged the Chief Executive "not to be deterred, influenced or politically intimidated by the threats of narrow, prejudiced individuals."

Housing Remembered

The Council urged J. Howard McGrath, chairman of the Democritic National Committee, to do all in his power to affect the passage of the National Housing bill now in Congress.

The Council requested Chairman McGrath to have the Democratic National Committee establish a department of publicity adequately staffed with persons qualified to handle information directly affecting and influencing minority groups.

The first day of the session was devoted to the registration of delegates, formation of various committees, phrasing of resolutions and a dinner held in the evening.

Key Speakers Absent

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro and Congressman William L. Dawson of Chicago, were scheduled to head the list of speakers, but they were absent. The highest ranking officeholder present was Congressman Edward A. Garmatz of East Baltimore.

The dinner was a typical political rally with all the flowery words and for-the-public double talk.

"President Truman must be reelected if it means ringing doorbells and walking streets." "We must raise money if we want to achieve our goal." "We shouldn't get panicky over the Third Party threat as Wallace is an off-shoot of the Democratic Party and his theories are those of the Party."

So went the comments of the various speakers.

Sell Party, Skip Wallace

W. Richard Carter said his CIO labor organization is out to support the Democrats. "If we spend our time selling the party, we won't have time to talk or think about Wallace," he added.

Mrs. Victorine Adams spoke of the work her Women's Division of the Citizens Democratic Committee is doing to encourage potential voters to register.

Joe Neal attacked the Taft-Hartley Bill and observed that only by sending to Congress the representatives who are sympathetic to the cause of the minority groups will the latter get the benefits sought.

Loud Bark

"The Southern block which threatened to withdraw from the party has no where to go and I don't think their bite is as dangerous as is their bark loud. Just have a concrete policy and the votes will be forthcoming," opined Dr. James Carr.

Lloyal Randolph, host to the confab, anticipates a spirited Spring campaign but has no fear of former Vice-President Wallace.

The State Democratic leader took a healthy swing at Gov. W. Preston Lane Jr., by stating that "the present State Executive was a liberal under the late President Roosevelt, but sometimes election to a high office changes a person.

"Not so much with Mayor D'Alesandro," he continued. "Tommy has given us some appointments and we look forward to others."

Charles (Dad) Ridgley, one of the oldest members of the party locally, fittingly closed the session with the observation, "I have seen many political stampedes in my day, but the Wallace and Southern stampede will end up where the others did—in the trash can."

Police Applicants Being Screened

As the current group of patrolmen wind up their stretch in the rookie training school, police officials are investigating approximately 90 additional applicants preparatory to appointing more probationary officers.

The newest batch of officers was appointed early in December in time to serve during the holiday shopping period. At the conclusion of that period they were enrolled in the school conducted by Lt Leonard Fehlauer. They are to graduate on March 6.

55 Vacancies Exist

Last Tuesday the 90th of a new group of applicants was interviewed. In the meantime, they are being investigated by city detectives.

Between 55 and 60 vacancies are to be filled by by the new patrolmen, a department official disclosed.

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