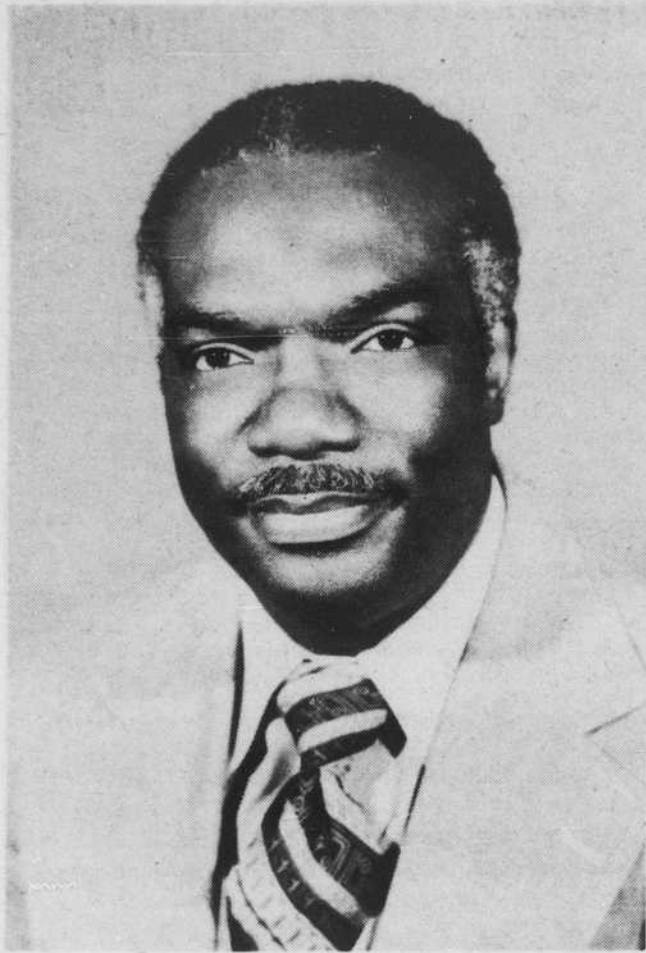


National Freedom Day



Dr. Walter J. Leonard, president of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee will be the keynote speaker at the Thirty-seventh Annual Freedom Day Luncheon to be held, Thursday, Feb. 1, 1979 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, PA at 1:30 p.m.

The luncheon will highlight day's activities commemorating the signing and adoption of the 13th Amendment to the constitution of the United States on Feb. 1, 1865 abolishing slavery.

The late President Harry S. Truman signed a congressional bill in 1948 which made Feb. 1, National Freedom Day, an accepted national observance.

Founder of the national celebration was the late Major R. R. Wright who was also the founder of the Citizens and Southern Bank, a black bank located for over forty-five years at 19th and South Streets.

The Freedom Celebration will begin at 11 a.m. with a wreath laying ceremony at the Liberty Bell, Independence Square, Sixth and Market Streets. Rabbi Sydney Greenberg of Temple Sinai, Philadelphia, will be the guest speaker. After the ceremonies at the Liberty Bell the group will walk up Chestnut Street to the Benjamin Franklin Hotel for lunch and the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Governors from the fifty states and other official representatives have been invited to join in the ceremonies. Greetings from their respective states will be made at the luncheon. Proclamations from the city and the state will also be presented.

Over a thousand people are expected to attend the luncheon at which Dr. Walter J. Leonard will be the keynote speaker.

Emanuel C. Wright, president of the National Freedom Day Association, and son of the founder stated he anticipated this year's observance to be the largest ever.

V.A.

On February 14, a national salute to hospitalized veterans will bring sports and entertainment stars and top government officials in contact with patients in Veterans Administration medical centers.

VA's hospital and medical care system -- the nation's largest provides inpatient and ambulatory care to some 185,000 beneficiaries each day, the greatest number in agency history.

California is home to more veterans, more than 3.3 million of them, than any other state. New York trails with 2.5 million veterans, while Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois and Ohio, in that order, have between 1.5 and 1.7 million veterans each.

Valentine Table

Who isn't in love with Valentine's Day, with its hearts and flowers and all its old-fashioned trimmings? And, in the midst of bleak winter, what could be more heartwarming than all those Valentine reds and pinks? It's enough to make you want to give a party just for the glow of it!

It's easy to make a table setting that creates a Valentine mood -- with a heart-dotted tablecloth, doily baskets, and a confection of a centerpiece. Try one, two or put all three together for a table that's like a three-D Valentine!

1. The Tablecloth

Stencil an assortment of bright red hearts on a plain pink cloth (could be an old pink sheet!). Draw a variety of hearts on a piece of stiff paper or cardboard, and cut out to make stencil. Spread cloth on layers of newspaper, smooth flat, and lay stencil on it. Anchor stencil with masking tape, making sure it's flush with cloth so paint can't seep under. Mask adjacent areas of cloth with newspaper. Then spray lightly, holding can about 10-12" from the surface. Krylon's Cherry Red is a good choice. The color is rich and Krylon's formulation makes it easy to get a light, even spray that dries in minutes. When dry, lift stencil and move on to the next area.

You could spray-stencil an all over pattern, or just a border. Hint: experiment first on newspaper. And while you're spraying, do paper napkins and plates as well.

2. Doily Baskets

Valenting lace as baskets for sweets? It's a cinch to do with paper doilies. The secret: two doilies are layered with Elmer's glue, then milded while still moist. Here's how. Place a doily on a piece of plastic wrap and spread with glue. Top with a second doily, and over that place another piece of plastic. Then lift the whole works and mild around a small bowl or the lid of a krylon can. Secure with a rubber band, and flare our doily edges. When glue had dried, remove mold. Finish basket with stiff paper handle and ribbon. Glue bowl to base made from a gift-ribbon spool.

3. The Centerpiece

The glory of your table is a centerpiece that looks like a candy cottage, but is really made from cardboard, paint and glue.

Take a small box (maybe 5-6" square) and spray with krylon's Hot Pink. Roof is built on the box lid: score a piece of corrugated paper for the roof, and cut triangles of cardboard to fit under it as "eaves." Glue them to two ends of lid, glue the roof in place, and spray everything white. Now comes the fun of adding the "icing" trim: take your trusty bottle of Elmer's glue and draw with it -- make squiggles, dots, hearts, even frames for windows and doors. (Don't forget to "frost" the edges of the corrugated roof!) When dry, paint with acrylic or tempera paints. Complete the cottage by gluing on foil windows, paper shutters, and pink paper hearts for roof tiles. Then glue cottage on heart-shaped cardboard base that's been sprayed Cherry Red and decorated with a paper heart "path".

You could store little gifts under the roof of the cottage, or -- another gift idea -- why not make mini-aprons with spray-stencilled hearts? Whatever you do, it will come out right -- if you do it with love!

Arthritis Foundation

More than 200 volunteers are still needed by the Arthritis Foundation to help on their first local live telethon to be aired over KVVU TV-5 from 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28.

If you can run a 10-key adding machine, you can help with adding up the pledges as they come in.

If you like to talk to people over the telephone, you can be one of the more than a hundred operators still needed to take pledges.

If you simply like people, you can help at the registration desk as 35 more people are needed in this area.

At least 50 people are needed to help verify pledges as they are called in during the 19-hour telethon.

Please call the Arthritis Foundation at 739-9460 if you can volunteer your time.

The Stop Arthritis Telethon is a community effort. The monies raised during this event will be used in the community for public and professional education, patient services and research.

Mechanic Exams

Officer-in-Charge Charles B. Arroyo has announced that Automotive Mechanic exams will be given in the near future and urged that all those interested apply to take the job-related tests that can lead to Postal Service employment.

Salaries, not including fringe benefits, for Automotive Mechanic begin at \$7.55 an hour and increase to \$8.95 an hour over an eight-year period. Annually, this represents a \$15,174 starting salary for a full-time employee that increases to \$17,979 in eight years.

"I do not want to give the impression we will be hiring great numbers of people in the coming months," the officer-in-charge said. "I anticipate approximately 4 vacancies will occur in the next two years that will be filled by hiring people from our job register. We need Qualified people who will be willing to accept employment, and we want to offer people in the local community the chance to compete for these openings by signing up for and taking the exams."

Officer-in-Charge Arroyo explained that those wishing to take the exam could apply to:

Examination Specialist
U.S. Postal Service
1001 Circus Circus Dr.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89114
Room 112
Starting January 22, 1979

Nevada Consumers

Attorney General Richard Bryan is studying the feasibility of establishing a consumer advocate in the Attorney General's office to intervene in utility rate cases on behalf of Nevada consumers.

Bryan said he is in the process of reviewing the 1978 National Energy Act which requires that consumers have the right to participate in any ratemaking proceeding and that funding be made available to compensate them, if they are successful.

"The thrust of the legislation is to provide consumers groups with the ability to recover their costs either from the utilities or from the State of Nevada," said Bryan.

He noted consumer intervention in ratemaking proceedings can be "extremely costly." He cited Washoe County's intervention in ratemaking proceedings which cost the county an estimated \$50,000.

Bryan said one method of compensating consumers could be through use of the mill tax levied on utilities by the Public Service Commission. He noted that the PSC has an estimated one million dollar surplus in its mill tax revenue fund and "has not even reached the top mill tax limit set by statute."

Should the State fail to provide an adequate means of reimbursing consumer groups, the Federal Government could exercise its option under the new law to intervene in utility rate cases in Nevada.

Bryan said the federal requirement that consumers be allowed to intervene in rate cases is meaningless unless the consumer group has sufficient funds and/or assistance to present the expert testimony necessary in the highly-specialized proceeding.

Bryan explained that a consumer advocate would provide a "Much more efficient and effective representation for Nevada consumers."

As State Senator, Bryan sponsored legislation in both the 1975 and 1977 legislative sessions to establish a consumer advocate to represent Nevada consumers in utility rate cases.

"There are many alternatives which can be pursued. What is important is that Nevada consumers receive the most effective representation possible at a time when utility rates are increasing at a rapid rate."

One option is that the State place the position within the Attorney General's Office which has proven successful in other States. Another alternative is that the Legislature create an independent agency to represent consumers' interests before the Public Service Commission.

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