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FLORIDA

By F. C. LAKE

Florida is experiencing a political campaign the like of which she has never before seen. Scouting is about the best way to describe the situation. The political map is being flung over and then buried. All of which is not unusual in some recent electoral campaigns in most states. But in Florida, and I care to say this is true in all the southern states, the situation is a revelation to natives. For the first time since the war the Democratic party in the south is on the defensive, anyway, as I feel this is the situation of things. It is the well-known election day of a state and the Democratic party is in a position of a political battle. The political battle is now on. The Democrats are in a position of a political battle. The political battle is now on. The Democrats are in a position of a political battle. The political battle is now on. The Democrats are in a position of a political battle.

The election will favor Harry Hoover. Now, I am sure, you can count on nothing but a Hoover victory in the state of Florida, really you have a man of great ability. Mr. Hoover would be a real business head, and one that will give you something to think about. Hoover is a man of great ability. Mr. Hoover would be a real business head, and one that will give you something to think about. Hoover is a man of great ability. Mr. Hoover would be a real business head, and one that will give you something to think about. Hoover is a man of great ability. Mr. Hoover would be a real business head, and one that will give you something to think about.

The Democrats are without effective leadership in this state. The candidate for governor in an ambitious statement, straddles the fence and has not made one single speech for the ticket. Naturally that doesn't appeal to the boys in the field who are tearing off their shirts for the cause. The opposition is strong and active. The Republicans, of course, are augmented by the so-called Hoover Democrats. However, I believe they are now called. The Democratic candidate for United States senator has made only one speech for the ticket. The boys seem to be afraid of the ears. Looks like they are trying to save their own hide.

Florida Republicans have little hope of electing their candidate for governor, although he is making an aggressive campaign. They do stand by with the state treasurer. The Democratic candidate for the office alone, leaving a vacancy with no provision at law to fill it. As a result there are two serious candidates for the Democratic ticket. The result, apparently is obvious.

I have received some information from other states which may prove of interest. I am advised that in Iowa, my former residence, where there was supposed to be so much dissension among the farmers, the state is safely Republican by a reduced majority. My father writes me that Colorado is sure to go to Hoover. My brother Ed lives in Seattle that there's nothing to it out there—Hoover by a wide margin. Incidentally he furnished me with the betting odds in Seattle. Here they are: 100 to 100 Hoover is elected; 100 even Hoover carries Hoover carries Colorado; 100 even 100 even that Hoover carries California by 150,000; 100 even that Hoover carries Colorado; 100 even that Smith don't carry 15 states; 50 to 250 that Hoover carries Texas.

Next to seeing Hoover win, I want to see Watauga county send my good friend, Bob Rivers to the legislature. Having been a member of such a body I know the value of newspaper men therein. They have a grasp on public affairs of great value to a state. Meanwhile, it's my guess, nationally, that the result will be a Hoover landslide.

**For Flaker Pie Crust**  
Your pastry will be much finer and more tender if prepared care-

LOCAL AFFAIRS

A slight snow storm Tuesday reminded Wataugans that the beautiful autumn season is closing.

Mrs. Pearl Russell, with her car of Atlanta, Ga., is spending a few days visiting her grandfather, Col. W. L. Bryan.

Misses Saine and Kelle Sanderfer, teachers in the Charlotte city schools, spent the weekend in Boone the guests of Mrs. M. W. Beach.

Mrs. Ella Wood, of the Valle Cruzes section is spending a few days visiting at the home of her son, Mr. Will C. Walker. Mrs. Wood was a much appreciated caller at The Democrat office Tuesday night.

Mrs. A. V. Bennett, who is spending the winter at the Confederate Women's Home in Fayetteville, ordered the Democrat sent to her there. Our good friend describes her winter home as a beautiful place, well equipped, well provided for, with all comforts for the aged ones.

A number of the young people of the Methodist church, enjoyed a social given by the Epworth League in the basement of the church Tuesday evening. Many vocal solos were given to the accompaniment of the piano. Refreshments were served and a wholesome and enjoyable time enjoyed by all.

Dr. U. G. Jones, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Johnson City, who has been coming to Boone the first Monday in each month and practicing his profession with Dr. Harkness, will not be here next Monday on account of the election, but will come the first Monday in December as usual.

Mr. Joseph Moore of Meat Center is the editor of The Democrat. He is the people and best wishes for his success in being elected to the county seat. Mr. Moore says he is sure to succeed with some excitement has never seen a more ambitious man in the county. The most ambitious in the county sent him that he has always looked back on the time when he worked at the mill regularly with a great deal of regret.

Misses J. E. Colley and Sons of this city, have placed an ad in this issue, calling for dogwood logs. These gentlemen expect to operate a plant here to manufacture the lumber into shingle blocks, which are used so extensively by cotton mill dynamos. Their entire output is to be handled by J. Elwood Cox, High Point manufacturer, and doubtless the enterprise will start quite a new industry for this section.

Mesdames W. R. Butler and J. A. Spole, arrived in Boone Tuesday afternoon from the state of Oregon and will reopen their homes here. Since the death of Dr. Butler last spring, Mrs. Butler and her daughter have been with relatives in Kansas, Colorado and Oregon, their homes being rented in their absence. They were accompanied from Greenville, Tenn., by Mrs. Jim Rivers and daughter, Sarah Rebecca, of Winston-Salem, who will spend some time with home folks here.

The state bank examiners, Messrs. Williams and Carson, made their annual examination of the banks in Boone last week. The banks are in sound condition and practically the only criticism was on account of past due notes. Before this year the examiners have been making their big fight on overdrafts and have about succeeded in eliminating that evil. It is not good business for the banks or the patrons to allow notes to run past maturity without attention, and the state examiners are demanding that the banks require all notes be paid or renewed promptly by the day they are due.

Master Oscar Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hardin Brown of Vilas, is in the Watauga hospital suffering from injuries received Friday night when a truck which he was bounding near his home overturned. Young Brown had started to the Cove Creek high school when the accident occurred. He was badly bruised and cut and was severely crushed in the abdominal regions. At first his injuries were thought to have been of a fatal nature, but now the boy is on the road to recovery. Oscar is a talented young man, is quite an artist, and his many friends are delighted to know that his condition is so much improved.

TOO MANY LETTERS

So many letters came to The Democrat this week, including many clippings from different papers, that space forbids the publication of all of them. The communications were put in in type in exactly the order in which they were received, and the publishers regret that the space had to be limited. Many of these contributions are interesting and it is too bad that the senders should have waited so long in send-

TEACHERS' MEETING

A county-wide teachers' meeting was held at Cove Creek high school Saturday, October 27th. Prof. S. F. Holton was made chairman of the meeting and Prof. E. L. Hall, secretary.

The program, which centered around co-operation, cooperation of teacher and community, teacher and parent, was well discussed. After the regular program, a Teachers' Association was organized, and Prof. Hall, principal of Blowing Rock high school, was made president, and H. H. Mast, secretary.

A number of the county teachers are attending a district teachers' meeting in Winston-Salem this week. The meeting at Cove Creek was well attended and a fine school spirit pervaded. It is a body of teachers of which any county may be proud—loyal, co-operative and capable, and improving every year.

"THE BLUE RIDGE RAMBLERS" COMING TO PASTIME THEATER

Once every so often there comes to the stage an act of such unusual character that it stands out in a distinct class of itself and offers a refreshing change from the usual song and dance routines. Such an attraction is the "Blue Ridge Ramblers," which will appear for a three-day engagement at the Pastime Theater today, Friday and Saturday, November 1, 2 and 3.

The company consists of ten clever mountain boys from the famous Blue Ridge mountains of Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina. The Hill boys bring songs played and sung by their pioneer ancestors generations ago and latest jazz music. Beloved folk songs, composed and sung in the early days of the American republic, which have been handed down with each succeeding generation, these are the staple melodies which the mountain boys offer, along with modern jazz and classical numbers.

While the primitive airs are featured on the program, there are also more pleasing specialties. There is a variety of comedy of a variety that is well suited to the character of this interesting people.

Dr. Frank Crane Says

THE PIANO

If you were limited to one book you might want the dictionary. Some people would want the Bible. If you were limited to one piece of furniture in the house your choice should be the piano.

The piano is easily the most important instrument in this world.

It is the greatest common denominator of all musical instruments.

Most music that is written for an orchestra or a banjo or a saxophone or the human voice is reducible to a piano, and usually is first composed on the piano.

There is no doubt about music being the most cerebral of studies. It connects rhythm and harmony, two things that are essential in all departments of human activity. Rhythm is necessary even in the motion pictures, and you must have a sense of harmony if you are going to be an orator, a painter or a sculptor.

The piano is the best door to the knowledge of music. Almost everybody enters into the field of music by that door.

The piano is the heart of the home. About it naturally ropes all the family. A silent house is essentially a desolate one.

The piano is the life of every social gathering.

If anyone can play the piano, even manage so-so with accompaniments, a group gathers around him and the house is enlivened by the voices of the young, or partners are chosen for dancing.

Almost every child can learn music if he is taught young enough. Modern methods of instruction are so simple that even the dullest can understand.

It is a deprivation for any child not to know the piano.

It is the best form of self-expression. As Thomas Moore's Anacreonic runs:

"Miser! Oh how faint, how weak,  
Language fades before thy spell!  
Oh, why should passion ever speak,  
When thou canst breathe her soul so well?"

Our moments of greatest delight, perhaps, are our moments of self-expression. Nothing is better suited to fully set forth our phases of emotion than the piano.

No substitute will do. It is not enough to play the harp or the violin without a basic acquaintance with the piano.

Of course there is pleasure in attending concerts, or listening to band music, or singing, but no pleasure is so full and so profitable, vital, as the joy we get in making our own music. Again I say that if you are to buy only one piece of furniture for your home, let it be a piano.

Gross Extravagance

Abie: "Oh, papa, I saved 3 cents today. I ran all the way to school behind a street car.

Papa: "Oh, oi, vot a vaste. For vy you did not run behind a bus and safe a dime?"

"Shoot if you must this old gray head, for dry agents need gun-

So Say We All

By Albert T. Reid



EXTRA SPRAY REDUCES CODLING MOTH DAMAGE

An extra two sprays with a poisoned Bordeaux mixture was enough to reduce the stings of codling moths from 25 per cent to 11.5 per cent in an apple orchard belonging to H. Morehouse of Wilkesboro. Such results are worthy of consideration when the grower wishes to make the U. S. No. 1 grade," says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College, who conducted the demonstration. In this grade no apple must have over two small, healed worm punctures. The Washington state grading rules for extra fancy box pack excludes apples having worm stings while the fancy grade allows only two small healed stings. The small healed stings are defined as insect punctures not larger than one-eighth of an inch in diameter in which the tissue is dry and woody.

Mr. Niswonger states also that the good results secured by adding the two extra sprays will be noticed in the development of late rots and reds in storage. Observations which he has made in the field show that whenever the skin of the apple is broken, these rots develop rapidly.

The tests were made with the red wine-cap, stayman and limbertwig varieties. At the same time that the spraying tests were conducted, Mr. Niswonger also tested some poisoned bands which were advertised by commercial concerns to kill worms crawling up the trunk behind them. The bands seemed to have killed the worms early in the season, but in the fall, the insects were not hurt. Some of the bands had punctures in them made by birds, evidently seeking the codling moth for food.

In making his spraying demonstration, Mr. Niswonger gave three poisoned Bordeaux sprays at intervals of two, four and six weeks following the calyx spray and with one other applied the latter part of July.

Those Children

"When I was your age," said the irate father to his six-year-old son, "I was glad to get dry bread to eat."

"You're much better off now you're living with us aren't you, daddy?" replied the son.

**Dr. U. G. Jones, of Johnson City, Tenn., eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will be in the office of Dr. Haganan in Boone on the first Monday in December for the practice of his profession. 10-19**

**Men's fall cut outing flannel work shirts only 85c. Men's part wool flannel winter shirts at \$1.25 and up. Boys' all wool flannel shirts and lumberjacks at \$1.98. Special bargains in sweaters for all the family. The Goodwill Department Stores, the place of real values, North Wilkesboro, N. C.**

**DOG LOST—Female walker hound lost on "Mark Place," white with yellow head and black spot at root of tail. Reward will be paid to finder. M. Bingham, Vilas, N. C. 2t**

**Good! Better! Best! Stoves and Ranges at Prices Right HOLIDAY GOODS NOW COMING IN**  
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KNOW THE FACTS About Watauga's Tax Rate

Tax levy for roads, 1925	\$15,984.13
Spent for roads, 1925	31,873.68
Deficit for roads for 1925	15,889.55
Tax levy for roads, 1926	17,893.13
Spent for roads, June 30, 1926 to Dec. 1, 1926	15,636.82
Balance to keep up roads for 7 mos.	2,206.31
The Democratic Commissioners found the following notes and accounts unpaid:	
Note at Watauga County Bank	4,000.00
Notes and account for rock crusher	2,205.00
Pay rolls unpaid	1,438.02
Damages payable and unpaid	3,080.65
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT, DEC. 1, 1926</b>	<b>24,406.91</b>

We issued \$12,000 in road bonds to cover a part of the deficit. We issued \$20,000 in bonds to cover a note given by L. A. Greene, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and renewed by S. C. Eggers, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

We issued \$40,000 school funding bonds to cover the amount the County Commissioners failed to supply the Board of Education to cover their budgets from 1921 to 1926.

The budget for all purposes for the year 1925 according to the tax levy was \$170,407.54. Levy for 1925 was \$145,682.12. Levy for 1927 was \$139,905.37 and for 1928 it is \$138,556.75.

The Republicans reduced the tax rate from \$1.80 in 1925 to \$1.50 in 1926 and spent the total levy in five months from July 1, 1926 to Dec. 1, 1926.

The Democrats have reduced the rate from \$1.50 in 1926 to \$1.33 in 1927 and \$1.30 in 1928 and have lived within the budget.

The Democrats paid A. M. Pallen & Co. for an audit of the county books and records the sum of \$623.07 and for the school records the sum of \$623.00.

The Republicans paid R. Emmett Smith more than \$13,000.00 for an audit of the county books and records. Why were the records taken from the court house and never returned? Why was a suit started to force the return of the records and then compromised? Why were more than twenty sheets cut from the records of the road board in 1924?

Does not Mr. T. E. Bingham know that Section 8, Chapter 81 of the Public Laws of 1927 prohibit the Commissioners from funding any deficit that may occur after June 30, 1927? Where does he get his \$50,000.00 deficit that he talks about? He must expect the Republicans, if elected, to spend that amount above the budget. Where are his records for his statements? He cannot produce them from any records of Watauga county. THERE IS NO DEFICIT AT THIS TIME AND UNDER THE 1927 LAW THERE CANNOT BE ANY.

**A. E. SOUTH,**  
County Accountant.  
**R. T. GREER,**  
Chm. Board Co. Commissioners.  
**SMITH HAGAMAN,**  
County Superintendent of Schools.

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