

Recent Off-year Elections Bring Solace to Administration Men And Antis.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Both the friends and the foes of the Administration profess to find satisfaction in the results of the recent local elections in different parts of the United States. A good deal depends on the point of view, but the more serious-minded among the President's advisers look on the record of the vote as sounding at least a warning note.

The reputation of Postmaster General Farley as a political strategist suffered somewhat of a setback. He injected the New Deal issue into the New York legislative campaign, and that enables Republicans to chortle over regaining control of the State Assembly. Since the Assembly has been Republican for 35 years, except for the three Democratic "landslide" elections of 1910, 1912, and 1934, this year's result was merely a return to normal, and would have attracted little attention if Mr. Farley had not chosen to make an Administration issue of it. His only consolation is that the total Democratic vote cast in the state was 370,000 more than the Republican vote, the majority being mostly in New York City, where Tammany elected two Congressmen to fill vacancies.

Here And There Not much significance is attached here to the defeat of the Republican candidate for Governor in the normally Democratic state of Kentucky. Over in the New England states, the political wisacres find evidence that the New Deal is losing ground, in the loss to the Democrats of many municipal offices, and particularly in the result of the Mayorality election in Philadelphia. There were many New Dealers who were sure that the G. O. P. was dead in its principal stronghold, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. But in the state-wide vote on the judiciary ticket, the Republicans were victorious.

Political opinion here is settling down to the belief that it is upon the Solid South and the Agrarian West that Mr. Roosevelt must rely for re-election. That is one reason why the Democratic leaders are concerned over the rising popularity of Governor Alf Landon of Kansas as a Republican Presidential possibility.

Admitting that it will be a struggle to carry any of the states east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio, they do not like the prospect of having to go up against a candidate who would be practically certain of carrying Kansas, his home state, and whose chance in all the rest of the Missouri Valley states would be better than that of anyone else so far put forward by any Republican group entitled to serious consideration.

Gossip of G. O. P. Dark Horse Inside gossip in Republican circles is that there is an "under cover" candidate being groomed for the party's nomination in 1936, just as Senator Warren G. Harding was held under cover as a last-minute surprise candidate in 1920. The gossips say that Senator L. J. Dickinson of Iowa has pledged of support from twenty or so members of the Republican National Committee, and that all over the country party "regulars" are being lined up for him. Stranger things have happened in politics.

Senator Dickinson's record is clean and clear. Geographically he comes from a pivotal state in the heart of the most debatable ground in the whole nation, and those who know him best say that he has all the qualities of personality and political sagacity which the opposition candidate of next year, whoever he may be, must have. Senator Dickinson was temporary chairman of the last Republican National Convention.

Sensors and Representatives are beginning to trickle back to Washington, most of them bringing somewhat revised ideas of what the folks back home are thinking and what they want. Expressions by many of these to their Washington intimates are taken to indicate that Congress, which will convene in only a little more than a month, will show more inclinations to tell the President what he ought to do, than to let him tell them. The outlook is for reform strong resistance to any additional reform legislation, and a strong determination to put through a bonus bill.

Congress Again Soon If the temper of Congress can be gauged by the talk currently heard, there isn't a chance of a new "NRA" bill, nor a 30-hour-week law, in spite of the pressure that will be exerted by the Labor lobby for both of those measures. Likewise, the reports of returning members from the Farm Belt, so far, are that there isn't enough public sentiment behind the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage greenback bill to warrant a fight for it.

WINEBARGER-NELSON Married at the residence of E. N. Hahn, Justice of the Peace last Friday, Miss Alice Nelson of Buffalo Cove to Mr. Silas Winebarger of Meat Camp. Mr. Hahn performed the ceremony.

About 100 acres of new alfalfa seedlings were made in Burke county this fall as the progressive dairymen realize this crop to be the basis of successful livestock feeding, reports the farm agent.

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NATIONAL CORN-HUSKING CHAMPION

Iowa Farmer Breaks Record in Shucking Bee, As Farmers Gather In Midwest For Annual Tournament



One hundred thousand farmers gathered in Newton, Ind., to witness the annual national corn-husking championship contest which was won by Elmer Carlson, above, 26 years old, of Audubon county. Carlson shucked 41.52 bushels of corn in 80 minutes, pitching a gross weight of 2,995 pounds in so doing.

NEED OF ORPHANS IS CALLED URGENT

Committee Issues Annual Appeal at Thanksgiving For Fatherless Children.

Captioned with the words "Lest We Forget," the North Carolina Orphan's Association has issued the annual call to the people of the state to make contributions to the various orphan asylums during the Thanksgiving period. Citizens are again urged to contribute one day's income to the fatherless on or about Thanksgiving day and the need this year is described as being particularly urgent. The full text of the association's appeal is as follows:

"To the Friends of Orphanages in North Carolina:

"The Thanksgiving season rapidly approaches, reminding friends of the orphanages of their urgent needs and the necessity of supplying them. Care of the large number of homeless children in North Carolina is of prime importance and people of our state never forget the orphanages at this time of the year. Annually, for years, there has been a special effort to aid them at Thanksgiving.

"The North Carolina orphanages are supporting approximately 5,000 homeless children each year. This does not include the number assisted through Mothers' Aid. The supporting agencies of these orphanages have gone into this work on a voluntary basis and churches and fraternal orders have been impelled by an inner motive of kindness and service to take upon themselves, and into their hearts, the care of the needy, homeless children of the state. The Thanksgiving season has been made far more beautiful since the people, generally, have found joy in the opportunity this season presents to assist in the program of child care and training.

"Every orphanage in North Carolina needs money. During the depression, and even before, a great many things were left undone at the orphanages. That condition still exists, but liberal Thanksgiving donations by interested citizens, especially from those best able to give most, the orphanages will be enabled to pay their bills and face the winter with a greater sense of security. We, therefore, wish to impress upon your minds and hearts the needs of the orphanages of North Carolina at this season of the year. It is an opportunity to render a service to homeless children and, at the same time, make an investment in worthy childhood that will pay dividends far beyond all human expectation.

"Not a single citizen in the state, either male or female, should fail to join in the movement to provide room for helpless orphans in the homes supported by loving generosity. We cannot escape condemnation here or hereafter if, seeing human need, we "pass by on the other side," or, if facing manifest duty, we seek to shift responsibility to others.

"On Thanksgiving Day, the Master expects everyone to do his duty to the orphans. His children, our neighbors—our brethren. Every citizen of the state is admonished to forward the INCOME OF A DAY to the orphanage of his or her choice. It will be an investment in the mind and heart and soul of an orphan child or children, with all their infinite capacities for good, or evil, in the world.

MITES HELD REV. SEYMOUR TAYLOR

Esteemed Methodist Divine Dies In Mooresville; Native of Watauga.

Funeral services were held at the Broad Street Methodist Church in Mooresville last Thursday for Rev. Seymour Taylor, native Wataugan and eminent Methodist divine, and interment was in Elmwood cemetery in Charlotte.

Mr. Taylor died suddenly in the Broad Street Methodist parsonage last Wednesday morning, after a heart attack. He had spent the greater part of the day Tuesday visiting members of his congregation and apparently was in good health. He had been sent to the Mooresville charge from the recent conference at Salisbury and had preached only three sermons in the new pastorate.

Mr. Taylor was born and reared in Watauga county, a son of the late James H. Taylor, and had entered the ministry in young manhood, where he had arisen to a position of rare usefulness and power. For more than forty years he had been in the service of the Methodist Church, and had recently held the pastorate at the Wilkesboro Church. He was well known in Watauga county, where news of his demise brings widespread sorrow.

Surviving are the widow and the following children: Joseph Taylor of Hartsville, S. C.; Millard Taylor of Wilmington, Mrs. Bennet Lewis of Wadesboro and Mrs. J. P. Thomas of Derita. Three brothers and two sisters, Adolphus and R. A. Taylor of Boone, Hampton Taylor of Idaho, Mrs. Joseph Warden of Charlotte, and Mrs. J. L. Lewis of Boone, also survive.

MRS. BENSON DIES SUDDENLY; AGE 64

Well Known Route 1 Citizen Falls Dead as Breakfast Is Being Prepared.

Mrs. J. B. Benson, 64 years old, died suddenly last Thursday morning as she started to the nearby spring during the preparation of breakfast. Mr. Benson heard a small bucket which his wife carried, strike the flagstones, and thinking she had dropped the container, investigated only to find his wife dead. Mrs. Benson had been ill about a year ago, but had enjoyed her usual health of late, and was going about her household.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery.

Surviving is the husband and three children: W. V. Benson, Mrs. John Cook and Mrs. L. H. Vandye, all residents of this immediate section.

Mrs. Benson was the former Miss Cordelia Ashley and was reared in this section. She was a member of one of the county's most substantial and best families and was a sister to Rev. W. D. Ashley, well-known Baptist minister. She had been an active and consistent member of the Baptist Church during the forty years of her married life. The sudden passing of the good woman brings a severe snock to her many friends and relatives in this section.

WIND AND WAVE ON HATTERAS BRING IN NEW PARK AREA

Mother Nature Gives Three Acres Overnight to State Park Properties.

FOUR MEN LOST DRIVING RIGHTS UNDER NEW LAWS

Waterfowl Are Arriving; Candidates: League For Crippled Children; A Review of Current News Events.

(By M. R. DUNNAGAN)

Special Democrat Correspondent Raleigh, Nov. 18.—Mother Nature, aided by wind and wave, almost overnight added about three acres on the tip of Cape Hatteras State Park of 1000 acres, recently given to the public by the Phipps family of New York and Miami. Conservation folks, with the help of CCC camp workers will seek to retain this area in the program of sand fixation. Fences of brush and rough lumber are built and beach grass and other vegetation are being planted to hold the sand. Cape Hatteras, feared by navigators, is popular with fishermen because of the unusual surf angling and deep sea fishing. Work is being done to retain the best and keep off destruction on a wide part of the Atlantic Coast. Meanwhile, efforts are being made to have 100 miles or more of the coast included in National Forest.

CAN'T DRIVE NOW

Four men have lost their licenses to drive cars for 12 months under the new drivers' license law which automatically cancels their licenses when convicted of driving while intoxicated. Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell announces. The four losing their licenses as reported to him are W. A. Thomas and Jesse Wainright, Greenville; James Mozell Reid, Salisbury, and Manse Gorham, Fountain.

WATERFOWL NOW ARRIVING

Migratory waterfowl are arriving in North Carolina in large numbers, observers reporting that unusually large numbers of duck and geese are arriving in various parts of the state. This is especially true of Lake Mattamussett, on which 12,000 acres have been set aside as public hunting grounds, subject to rules established by the Department of Conservation and Development. Thousands of people are expected to hunt there during the season, which opens on November 20, under State and Federal regulations.

PAROLED BY GOVERNOR

Carey K. Durgay, sentenced to State's Prison for eight to ten years for embezzlement of funds of the Tucker Estate and in connection with the failure of the stock brokerage of Durgay & Marr in Raleigh some five years ago, has been paroled by Governor Ehringhaus after serving four years and two months actual time and about two-thirds of the sentence, earned time. He is described in the parole as a hard-working and conscientious prisoner, serving long hours, and that he had much to do with improving the morale of the prisoners generally. He must report monthly to Mrs. T. W. Bickett, Wake county welfare officer.

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

A. B. Alderman, native of Pender county, reared in Duplin county, graduate of Wake Forest College in 1924, principal of schools at Cedar Creek, Cumberland county, and at Goulanville, Duplin county, and superintendent of schools of Greene county for the past four years, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Alderman traces his ancestry to William Alderman, 1680, father of the American Alderman family, from which came the late Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University.

First Snow Flurry Comes On Saturday

The first snow fall of the season visited Boone and its environs last Saturday and a coating of the white remained on the adjacent mountains for several hours. Preceding rains had replenished the water supplies, which had been at low ebb during the long and unusually pleasant fall season.

STORES ARE TO CLOSE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

The various mercantile establishments of the town are expected to be closed on Thursday of next week for a general observance of Thanksgiving Day, with the likely exception of drug stores and eating establishments. City and county offices will also close for the day, as well as the local bank.

THE PRINCE AT 2

Heir to Throne of Japan Nears Second Year



Crown Prince Tsugunomiya Akihito, heir to the throne of Japan, who is nearing his second birthday. The photo was taken as the youthful prince walked through a station with nurse, en route to join his parents.

MAN IS KILLED AS TIMBER IS FELLED

Joseph Howell Meets Instant Death in Accident Near Home in Ashe County.

Joseph Ralph Howell, 22 years old, a resident of Fleetwood, Ashe county, met instant death Monday afternoon as he was crushed by a falling tree. According to reports coming to Boone the young man was assisting some companions in felling a tree and had climbed another tree with a rope, with which he expected to guide the falling tree away from the river. When the tree fell he was crushed to death against the timber on which he was perched, the body falling into the river. The father of the dead man retrieved the body shortly but life was extinct.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning from Liberty Grove Church by the Rev. H. M. Winkler and interment was in that neighborhood. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home of Boone being in charge of the arrangements.

Deceased, who was a well-known farmer, was unmarried and besides the bereaved parents, is survived by two brothers, Richard Howell, Portsmouth, Ohio; Sanford Howell, Brownwood.

No Cases Tried By Recorder Tuesday

Judge John H. Bingham had an easy day in his recorder's court Tuesday, as no case on the docket came up for trial. A blanket continuance of five relatively unimportant cases was ordered due to the absence of a number of lawyers who are in attendance at Federal court in Wakeboro this week.

Messrs. W. R. Lovill, J. E. Houshouser, John E. Brown and T. E. Bingham were appearing in Judge Hayes' court.

RED CROSS DRIVE NOW UNDER WAY

Mrs. Dunkley Is Named as Roll Call Chairman. Campaign Ends Thanksgiving.

Chairman J. D. Rankin, of Watauga Chapter American Red Cross has practically completed his organization for the annual membership campaign and solicitors working the streets of Boone the first of the week report fair success in the receipts of dollar enrollments. Mrs. T. M. Dunkley has been named as roll call chairman, and her organization in Boone includes the following workers: Miss Jewel Hagaman, Mesdames Council Cooke, Johnny Hodges, Clyde Winebarger and A. G. Justice. Mr. Roy Dotson will look after the memberships of the high school faculty, Mr. John Howell the Demonstration school, and E. E. Garbee the college faculty.

Organizations are being set up in Cove Creek, Valle Crucis, and Beaver Dam communities.

The quota for Watauga county this year has been set at 150, and officials are very hopeful that this number may be exceeded. One-half the money, as heretofore, goes to the national organization for relief in general areas of tragedy and destitution while the other half remains for local persons who for some particular reason are not eligible for Federal relief.

WPA HITS STRIDE AS 300 TAKE JOBS IN THIS LOCALITY

Seven Projects are Now Going Forward; Others Will Follow.

OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT FIFTY OTHERS WILL WORK

Highways, School Buildings, Hold Spotlight in Works Program; School Building at Boone May be Started Friday.

Approximately 300 people are now on the Federal payroll in Watauga county on about 13 distinct projects of the WPA, and those in authority believe it will be possible to have all the eligible workers transferred from the relief rolls by the last of the week. It is not believed that more than fifty more, physically fit, will show up for the sustenance wage, provided under the Works Progress program.

Vaught Mast, assignment clerk, states that all the eligibles who have not appeared for work, may secure employment at the projects nearest their homes. Eligibility is largely determined as to whether or not applicant was on the relief rolls as of May 1, 1935.

The Projects

Among the projects on which work has actually been started are: School buildings at Bethel, Mabel, and Valle Crucis. A new school building for the colored race at Boone. General repair work on courthouse and county home. An athletic field at Boone for high school needs and for the benefit of any high school group in the county. Improvement and macadam surfacing of different streets in the town of Boone. Work on Laurel Creek and Laurel Branch roads.

Work on Shulls Mills-Blowing Rock highway, and on the road up Howard's Creek.

Sewing rooms for the employment of women have been started at Boone and Blowing Rock and there are prospects of offering similar employment in the Cove Creek section.

It was the policy of the Administration to clear the relief rolls by Monday of this week, and while this has not been entirely accomplished locally every possible man was put to work at the time.

Boone School To Start

Information from the District Office Wednesday was to the effect that work on the Boone high school building is expected to start on Friday of this week. The project which calls for the expenditure of some \$24,000 in state, local and Federal funds, will give considerable employment in the matter of grading, quarrying stone and preparing for actual masonry operations.

Work is going forward satisfactorily on the streets of Boone and as many as 80 men have been employed. Rock is being crushed, culverts laid, and later on it is the purpose to apply a tar binder to some of the macadam streets.

T. W. Robbins Succumbs At Washington Home

Meagre information tells of the death in Omak, Washington, on Sunday night of T. W. Robbins, prominent orchardist or that place and a former citizen of Watauga county. Mr. Robbins was 62 years of age, and his death was said to have been due to pneumonia.

Funeral services and interment were at Okanogan, Washington, on Wednesday.

Survivors are the widow and 12 children: Mrs. John Lingle, Charles, Rufus, Bartha, Pauline Robbins, Mrs. Harry Jones, Omak, Wash.; Mrs. Roy Bryan, Okanogan, Wash.; Cecil Robbins, Seattle, Veina, Everett, Wash.; Luther Robbins, Omak, Wash.; Mrs. Willard Lewis, Port Townsend, Wash.

Mr. Robbins was reared in Watauga county, the son of the late J. R. Robbins, but had lived in the state of Washington for 31 years where he had been successful. He was a brother to Messrs. Lee and Ed Robbins and Mrs. Rufus Coffey of Blowing Rock, and last summer had visited for a few days among the scenes of his childhood. Mr. Robbins was well-known here especially among the older citizens, and had a host of friends in this region.

Mrs. Robbins Ill

Information also comes from the state of Washington to the effect that Mrs. T. W. Robbins remains critically ill in Seattle, and grave concern is felt over the outcome of her illness.

Cleveland county corn yields have been increased 100 per cent in field demonstrations where 100 pounds of the nitrate per acre was added 45 days from planting, reports the farm agent.