

President to Be Elected This Year Will Not Be a Heavyweight, Doctor Says

LET me have men about me that are fat . . . " may have been true enough when Shakespeare wrote it, but Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk of the Life Extension Institute arises to take exception. "The lean and hungry look isn't half so dangerous as the fat look," says the doctor, and just to prove his point dares bet his own dapper waistline that the next president of the United States won't have an extra ounce of fat and might, in fact, have "the lean and hungry look."

Here's the picture of Mr. President-elect in 1928, according to Dr. Fisk. He will be over 50, of at least average height, muscular or slight, but not a big man.

Dr. Fisk isn't painting a pen picture of thin Charlie Dawes as next president. He doesn't pretend to have any inside dope on THE MAN, but it's just his law of averages that tell him what the president won't be.



Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, who says that in all probability a heavy man will not have a "fat man's chance" of being elected president in 1928, is pictured above.

Hoover Not Fat

Neither is Dr. Fisk eliminating such gentlemen who border on the burly as Herbert Hoover, Nick Longworth or William Borah. "They aren't really fat men," he says—"just big men. Besides, Hoover is not far enough beyond the 50 mark to make it so surprising to find an able man who is also slightly embonpointed."

Dr. Fisk explains his certainty that our next president won't be fat like this:

"The very nature of the job demands that a president be a man of wide experience. He would have to be over 50. Now the proportion of able heavy men over 50 compared with slight men is so small that there's hardly a remote chance that one of these rarities will be president."

"Taft, of course, is the one outstanding rarity." But for every

has been made something of a disgrace the past few years. Of course this old saying that "no body loves a fat man" is funny just because it's untrue. Everybody loves a fat man, they're so jolly and good-tempered because their nerves are well cushioned and protected.

"But we must have more in a president than good temper."

Now let's see. Suppose that some of the men considered presidential timber should be president, would Dr. Fisk be right?

He says that Hoover, Longworth and Borah aren't fat—just big. Judge for yourself from the pictures. Hoover is 54, Longworth 59 and Borah 63.

Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio, 57, is another big man, but not fat.

A. Victor Donahey, 55, Democratic governor of Ohio, is just plain big, too.

Al Smith of New York, 55, has quite a tummy in a bathing suit.

Senator Jim Reed, 67, is another sapling type.

No one can complain of the waistline of Vice President Charles G. Dawes. He's 63.

Frank O. Lowden, 67, is rather hefty.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie, 52, looks pretty big to some of us, but Dr. Fisk calls him just medium.

Senator Charles Curtis, 58, is no lightning rod.

The average age then is an even 50. The oldest, Senator Charles Curtis, is 68, and the youngest, Governor Ritchie, is 52.

But how about past presidents? Weren't Garfield and McKinley and even Roosevelt at least plumpish?

Were there really more Willsons and Abrahams Lincolns than any other type?

Dr. Fisk says that there must have been. The look of a Georgia

Taft there was a spare Lincoln or Wilson or a dozen presidents without an ounce of superfluous flesh. "Fat slows up a man, so that a man who is fat before 50 rarely reaches the pinnacle of the White House. Besides, few of them live to be old enough to be president."

Fat People Passing?

"Social pressure has been eliminating the fat people," but

Chellis A. Austin, president of the Seaboard National Bank of New York City, the two having been attending a meeting of the board of trustees of Tuskegee Institute, founded by the late Booker Washington in Alabama. The distinguished Hebrew philanthropist faced a succession of engagements awaiting him on his arrival and received marked attention during his visit here, the presence in person of the benefactor of the O'Kelly School adding more than the usual significance to the exercises, due especially to the fact that it was the first dedication ever attended by him of the 4,000 schools he has established in fourteen Southern States, all for the benefit of the negro race. The exercises were presided over by Prof. N. C. Newbold, State Director of Negro Education, the presentation being by Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, while Dr. N. Y. Gulley, chairman of the Wake County Board of Education and Dean of the Law School at Wake Forest College, delivered the speech of acceptance. Mr. Rosenwald has contributed nearly \$500,000 to the 375 schools bearing his name in North Carolina.

A cash balance of around \$6,200,000 is now reported in the general fund of the State Treasury said to have been made possible by income tax collections in March, which reached the princely sum of \$6,708,240.61, exceeding the most sanguine expectations. Fiscal authorities of the State are predicting a balance of more than two million dollars at the end of the year, July 1. It is believed that the collections made will remove any need for a horizontal cut in appropriations for next year as has been intimated.

During the week the students and faculty of State College expressed in a vote taken on the campus, preference for Governor Al Smith, of New York, for president of the United States over all other aspirants, and a similar result is reported from the State College for Women at Greensboro, which is to carry on the busy season week George Gordon Battle, prominent New York barrister, will speak at the City Auditorium here in the interest of the presidential candidacy of Governor Smith. Mr. Battle is a delegate from New York to the Democratic National Convention and comes to Raleigh at the invitation of Smith adherents. The Governor or himself has decided to spend his vacation this month at the Blittmore Country Club near Asheville, but declares his visit has no political significance.

Secretary of State Hartness has issued articles of incorporation to the Jepson Art Weaving Company, Wadesboro, which is to carry on the business of weavers, cotton doublers, flax and other manufacturing. The new plant, which is to cost \$200,000, of which \$100,000 has been subscribed by Wadesboro parties including Frank Bennett, L. D. Robinson, and L. D. Rivers, will be erected at once, it is said, and when completed 100 men and women are to be employed in the making of upholstery tapestry, bed spreads, etc. It is said that this is only a beginning of the development of the silk-rayon mill industry in the State.

North Carolina prison labor, which has lately been employed around the Capitol and elsewhere, is soon to be used in the coal mines of the State, according to Superintendent George Ross Pop, of the State Prison, who is said to be authority for the statement that seventy-five negro prisoners will soon be placed in the mines of Lee and Chatham counties with the Carolina Coal Company with whom a contract has been negotiated. If these "diggers" make good another detachment will join them and thus contribute their mite in the maintenance of the State institution.

The State Department of Insurance is busily engaged for several days in the issue of license to more than 30,000 insurance agent in North Carolina which were due to expire April 1st. This department has the supervision of 233 building and loan associations in the State and reports the resources of these at the close of the past year in excess of \$3,000,000, a gain of approximately 8,000,000 over the year 1926. The resources of these associations have been more than doubled it is reported, since 1922 and at the present rate of annual increase, the Department figures, will show resources on December 31st of around \$100,000,000.

The Marketing division of the State Department of Agriculture reports that carlot shipments of poultry to date this season total 1,284,432 rounds for which the farmers have received in cash \$256,886, the sales having been made in cooperation with county agents and vocational teachers. The week of May 1st is to be set aside as "hen week" throughout the country and North Carolina authorities interested in paying proper homage to the poultry and the great food product peculiar to her industry are planning effective cooperation in the movement. "Eat eggs for vitamins" is to be the slogan. The national organization is promoting the use of both eggs and poultry and seeks to develop the industry in every State of the Union.

This and That

Published statements indicate that more than thirty-two millions of dollars were cleared through Raleigh banks during January, February and March of this year, the actual clearings for the quarter being \$32,162,971.84.

Both Charlotte and Greensboro are bidding for the 1929 convention of the North Carolina Education Association and each of the two cities is in dead earnest about it.

The Sir Walter Hotel here is to be enlarged to the extent of 100 additional rooms if present plans mature.

It is thought here that Dr. Albert Sidney Johnson, of Charlotte, will be authorized by Governor McLean to represent North Carolina at Little Rock, Ark., in presenting the request for the next meeting of the United Confederate Veterans to be held in Charlotte.

A uniform electrical code is said

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, April 9.—The "paramount issue" in Raleigh these fine spring days is Al Smith. No other aspirant for office of any character can get a hearing. The reaction of the Martin questionnaire began to show itself the latter part of the week and the list of immortals appears to be in rather bad standing with Smith adherents. With the latter it is "Smith or bust," opinions of State officials and "prominent Democrats" to the contrary notwithstanding. The opposition is not organized. It is not even attempting to organize; has not agreed upon a man to propose and seems utterly indifferent to the activities of the Smith boosters, with the Democratic State Convention date rapidly approaching.

Aspirants for State positions are not numerous, nor will they be, it is now too late to make a canvass of the State. Besides it costs heavily in time and money to perfect a going organization over the entire State. There will probably be no contests for State offices except for Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of Labor and Printing. R. T. Fountain, Speaker of the House, Col. John D. Langston and Senator W. H. S. Burgwyn are all desirous of succeeding Lieutenant Governor Long and the three opponents of Commissioner Frank Grist are O. J. Peterson, D. P. Dellinger and M. J. Shipman Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, of the Ninth District, has filed notice of candidacy to succeed himself. He will be opposed by Solicitor John G. Carpenter, of Gastonia, and Rev. Arthur T. Abernethy, of Rutherford College. Paul W. Mack, former employee of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association, will run against Congressman Pou on a "farm relief" platform.

The sudden passing of Superior Court Judge W. M. Bond during the week left a vacancy in the First District which the Governor promptly filled by the selection of Solicitor Walter L. Small, of Elizabeth City. To succeed Solicitor Small Governor McLean named Herbert R. Leary, of Edenton. His Excellency was called to Washington Friday where he appeared before a House Judiciary Committee in a hearing on North Carolina's efforts to secure the return of \$116,000 from the Federal Government due for the war of 1918. Indian War advances and cotton seized after the Civil War. He is in Durham today introducing Senator Barkley, of Kentucky, the principal speaker at the opening of the Durham Exposition.

"It looks like we are going to have one of the most harmonious and most largely attended conventions in the history of our party in the State," writes Brownlow Jackson, Chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee to the local reception committee. The convention will be held here Wednesday.

The capital city was favored during the week by the presence of Julius Rosenwald, chairman of the board of directors of the Sears and Roebuck organization, Chicago, who came to attend dedication ceremonies to the four thousand. Rosenwald School which happens to be located at Method and becomes a "part and parcel" of the Berry O'Kelly Training School. He was accompanied by

TRANSFIGURATION

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for April 15. Transfiguration and Service. Mark 9:2-8, 17, 18, 28-29.

And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them: and his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; hear him.

And suddenly, when they had looked round about they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit.

And whosoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away; and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.



THE title of our lesson emphasizes the point of view from which the Transfiguration is rightly to be considered. It is a strange and wonderful story, and without this clear association of it with service we might tend to think of it as something removed from the plane of ordinary daily life.

Consider the facts. Jesus took Peter, James, and John—the three disciples of outstanding personality and intensity—up into the mountain with him. Just why others were not taken is not made clear. Perhaps the meaning of the experience might have been lost upon them.

But there upon the mountain Jesus, in some way, was transfigured before these three disciples. All that occurred and the way in which it occurred is not made plain, but the disciples had a beatific vision of Christ, something more glorious even than the effect of his earthly presence. His garments became glistening and of a whiteness so pure and beautiful that nothing that they had ever seen approached it.

Effect on Disciples

The effect upon the disciples was striking. They forgot all earthly relationships and tasks. They became engrossed with the glory of the vision and with their sense of privilege, though fear and awe dominated their thoughts.

Life, of course, would mean little without its ecstatic experiences. There is a place for emotion; there is a place for glory and glistening. A man whose eyes have never been dazzled with spiritual beauty is not likely to have eyes that can see rightly the common things of life. The failure in the sphere of higher vision marks a defective vision upon the lower

planes. The life that has in it no element of transfiguration is dull and stupid; that there will be in it little helpful to humanity.

Moreover, for every life there is an experience of transfiguration if we are able to ascend the mountain and to realize it.

Above the Trials

Life, in fact, is rich with wonderful things that lift us up above the common tasks of trial and drudgery and that give to us a sense of the glory of blue skies and large atmosphere and high beauty in a universe, even where sin abounds.

These transfigurations of nature are but symbols of the transfiguration of the soul, of the way in which, at times, God spreads the wealth of his spiritual beauty to the eyes of his children.

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to have been agreed on by city electricians of the seven larger cities of the State and will be presented to the governing bodies of these cities for adoption now pretty soon.

Hon. O. Max Gardner has been invited to assume the role of principal speaker at a good will meeting of the Raleigh and Wake county citizens next Monday.

Governor McLean has issued extradition papers for the return of J. W. Turner, alias Jack Jordan, Worth Davis, Essie Foster and Della Black, charged with the robbery of the Bank of Norman and the sheriff of Rockingham county went over to Newport, Tenn., for the purpose of bringing them back with him.

The Governor designates Paul W. Sheack, of Greensboro, to represent North Carolina at the unveiling of the head of Robert E. Lee at Stone Mountain, Georgia, today.

The touring bureaus of the Carolina

and South Carolina motor clubs are answering many inquiries of tourists touching routings and regarding places of attractions in the two states, according to C. W. Roberts of Greensboro, manager of the two organizations.

Construction of permanent improvements at the new State game farm near Asheboro are said to be nearing completion, a number of bantam hens to be used for hatching quail and pheasants having been provided for the farm already, it is reported by Maj. Wade H. Phillips, of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Students of the University of North Carolina have voted approval of the candidacy of Governor Al Smith for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

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