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1936 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

1936 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

## Will Nominate Governor On Saturday, The Fourth

On Saturday, July 4, the Democracy of North Carolina will again go to the polls to nominate a candidate for Governor, for Lieutenant Governor, and for Secretary of State. With Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham and Col. John McRae eliminated from the contest by the first primary, the battle between Clyde R. Hoey and Dr. Ralph McDonald waxed fast and furious. Mr. Hoey, the leader in the first primary, apparently has a long lead in the Western counties, while McDonald still claims the East as his stronghold.

McDonald, the Forsyth pedagogue, entered his fire in the first skirmish over the sales tax, the wicked corporation, and the Democratic machine. He said nothing about liquor. But when the second phase began, his name was a pronouncement without any serious contender for the office in North Carolina has had to make since the days when the Democratic Party under the leadership of John W. Moton and F. M. Simmons paved the way, over Republican opposition, for the people to vote vasish-ly to liquor. Little has been heard of the second unit, of the sales tax and the lottery. McDonald has remained away at the machine, and has not done anything.

At least one member that is qualified to do his job is the editor of the Winston-Salem paper of a Democrat, coming from McDonald's headquarters, with uncompromising attacks about Charles A. Webb, the late Judge Johnson and Bank Commissioner Curney P. Hood, emphasizing the motives of the Hoeyites to cause papers that published the statement later, and after publication, punished retroactively. They came out with front page articles, stating that the story is untrue. Dr. McDonald, from whose headquarters it is contended, was made a laughing stock by the two papers. The practice is a scandalous one. It is the primary, sitting on the hoary, may prevent many people from voting, thus cutting down the total and perhaps affecting the result.

Senator Paul Gilkey and Senator W. P. Horton are contending for the place as second in command in the State, now held by Sandy Grattan. Had Eric running it over again with Secretary of State Stacey Wade. There we have the line up for the Independence Day battle in North Carolina.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

**"TASHMOO"** . . . in race

When the big excursion steamboat, "Tashmo" struck a rock in the Detroit River the other day and sank just as her captain beached her, the news carried my memory back 35 years, to Memorial Day, 1901. That was the day of the great steamboat race on Lake Erie between the "Tashmo" and the "City of Buffalo".

Both boats had been designed by the same man, Frank Kirby, one of America's greatest naval architects. The "City of Buffalo" was designed for overnight freight and passenger service between Buffalo and Cleveland; the "Tashmo" for carrying big excursion crowds up the Detroit River to Belle Isle Park. They were the two fastest craft that had ever navigated the Great Lakes and the question as to which was the faster of the two was so hotly contested in shipping circles that, finally, permission was obtained from the U. S. Steamboat Inspection to stage a race between them.

Enormous stakes were put up and hundreds of thousands of dollars in side bets. A measured 100-mile course was marked off between Cleveland and Erie, Pennsylvania. The "Tashmo" went into dry-dock and had her bottom scraped and oiled for the event. The "City of Buffalo" made a regular overnight trip to Cleveland, discharged cargo and passengers, took on coal and turned around without further preparation.

I was on the press boat which went out from Buffalo to see the finish of the race. It was about as exciting a sporting event as I ever witnessed and about as close. The "City of Buffalo" beat the "Tashmo" by less than one minute in 100 miles!

## SIDE WHEELERS

Somehow I have always been more interested in the old-fashioned side-wheel steamboats than I have ever been able to get about the big liners. I suppose that is because my first venture to sea was on a side wheeler, the old "City of Portland," which ran between Portland and Boston overnight, and was lost without a trace some 25 years ago.

I have traveled on almost all of America's inland water-ways on paddle-wheel steamboats, side wheelers and stern wheelers, and nothing concerned with navigation gives me quite such a kick as seeing the Fall River steamboat go up the East River, past my dining room window in New York.

## MEDAL

I think it was a fine thing for the Senate of the United States to vote in award of a gold medal to George M. Cohan for his service to the United States during the World War. Cohan's service consisted in writing the most inspiring of all the American War songs, "Over There."

I don't remember who it was that said that he did not care who wrote the laws of a country if he were allowed to write its songs. There is more power to stir men's souls and move them to action in the songs that everybody can sing than in all the laws that ever were made. It is quite possible that before the present presidential campaign ends somebody will write and set to music a campaign song so powerful in its popular appeal that it will decide the election. That has happened before.

## REGROUPING

More and more the idea is talked about regrouping the United States into regions instead of states. It was the main topic discussed at the Institute of Regional Development held recently at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Certainly, most of the economic and social problems are regional. None is nation-wide; few are limited to a single state. If any group of states, such as New England, could agree by treaty among themselves to act as a unit on all matters, Congress would have to ratify the treaty. But there are political limits to any regional plan.

No state will give up its right to an equal voice in the Senate, for example. On the other hand, Texas can, whenever it wants to, send 10 Sen-

## And Now the Shooting Begins



WASHINGTON . . . Here are the political field generals who now swing into action, ordering advances on all fronts to win the 1936 Presidential election. . . On the left is John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican National Committee and right, James J. Farley, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Their preliminary skirmishes, following Hamilton's assuming control for Landau and Knox, were followed closely and with interest by political observers.

## CHAMBER MEETS ON FRIDAY NIGHT

The Sylva Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting, tomorrow, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Officers state that urgent matters are to be taken up, and it is requested that a full attendance be present.

Officers to Washington instead of two, under the terms of its admission to the Union in 1845, it was given the right to divide itself into five states at any future time.

I don't expect to see that happen, or any other material change from the present set-up of states.

## FLETCHER

For 35 years Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida beat his efforts to the digging of a canal across the Florida peninsula. He lived just long enough to win a victory for his pet project and his beloved state in the Senate; he died before the House of Representatives turned the canal project down.

Duncan Fletcher was a great man and a great statesman. The Florida Canal will eventually be built. It will stand as an enduring monument to Senator Fletcher.

## TRAVEL

There never was a time when it was so easy to travel swiftly and at so little cost to move around the world, as it is now. Speed and luxury have

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## Roosevelt Coming Here On September Ninth

## CAMPAIGN PLANS ARE BEING LAID

Washington, July 1—With the nominating conventions of the major parties over and the work of the 74th Congress finished, Washington is setting down to the serious business of credential politics. Those who are trying to dope out what will happen next November find, on surveying the political scene, a considerable number of new factors, the importance of which cannot at this time be accurately estimated.

The session of Congress ended with a victory for the President in the new tax bill. The Senate rejected the principle he advocated of taxing undistributed corporation reserves, but administration pressure on the lower House resulted in a threatened deadlock, in the face of which the Senate yielded. An entirely new principle of taxation has been placed on the statute books and business is disturbed over its possible consequences. The one certain thing about the new tax law at this time is that it makes it more difficult for corporations to conserve their resources against future depressions.

Just before it quit, Congress gave the President another billion and a half dollars for relief. This will carry on relief work until about February, so one of the first jobs of the new Congress, which will convene on January 3, will be to do something quick about Federal relief.

Many legislative measures, which important pressure groups regarded as of vital importance, died in the last minute rush to adjourn. It must be remembered, however, that while bills die, the pressure blocs still live, and their efforts will be renewed in the next Congress. The substitute Guffey coal bill, the Administration's food and drugs bill, and Senator Wagner's housing bill were among the casualties. The anti-price-discrimination law aimed at chain stores as finally enacted, is not likely to have any serious effect except that it puts added powers into the hands of the Federal Trade Commission to regulate business.

The ship subsidy bill, passed in the closing hours, is designed to build up the American merchant marine by direct subsidies instead of the subterfuge payments for carrying the mail. Under this act it may be possible for America to at last put a ship of two on the seas which will rival the great European liners.

One really important bill which fell

The probability that President Roosevelt will visit Sylva and Jackson County, when he comes to the State in September, has naturally created a great deal of interest. This is the first time that a President of the United States has ever visited this part of North Carolina during his term of office.

The present plans are that President Roosevelt will come to Asheville on September 9, and from there make a motor trip through Sylva and Jackson County, to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and return to Asheville. He is scheduled to speak in Charlotte the following day.

## LAW OFFICES TO CLOSE AT ONE O'CLOCK SATURDAYS

All members of the local bar have signed an agreement to close their offices at one o'clock on Saturday afternoons, during the months of July, August and September. No Sylva lawyer will be in his office on Saturday afternoons later than one o'clock; and they urge their clients who have legal work to be done on Saturdays to see them before one o'clock.

## BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Relatives and friends here attended the funeral of Mrs. Ed Smathers in Haywood county Monday afternoon. Mrs. Smathers was almost instantly killed when a small truck, driven and owned by Mr. Joe Hoyle, earned over on Highway No. 10, near Swain, Sunday night. We understood that the car was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoyle, Mrs. Smathers and son, Glenn, Mrs. Wright and baby, and Palmer Hance. All received injuries. Mrs. Hoyle and Mr. Hance seemed to have suffered most. The latter had a broken collar-bone and other injuries. Mr. Hoyle is being held until a thorough investigation can be made. However, his injuries are such that he had to be taken to Haywood County Hospital also.

Mr. Hoyle had purchased the truck only a few days before the accident.

Monday morning the house in which Mr. Rick Crawford and his son Ode lived, was completely destroyed by fire. There was no one in the house at the time as both men had gone to work. Mr. Walter Bryson, who lives near, saw the blaze and hurried to the scene; but too late to save anything, so all the contents were destroyed. The house was owned by Mr. M. Buchanan of Sylva. Origin of fire unknown.

Mrs. D. T. Knight, Miss Nantz and Mr. George Knight and Mr. J. K. Kenney attended the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church at Maple Grove, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Lassiter of Raleigh, is conducting a Sunday School course and enlargement campaign in the Baptist church here, every evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bryson, Saturday the 20th, a daughter.

Mr. Albert Mehaffey and family, who have been living at Cruso for the past several years, have returned here to live.

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short of enactment was the measure designed to put all post-offices under Civil Service regulations. It was fought by Republicans on the ground that it would keep thousands of politically appointed Democratic postmasters in office for life, and labor opposition gave many Democrats an excuse for voting against it.

Political experts are not yet in agreement as to the effect on the election of the formation of the new Union Party, headed by Representative Winham Lemke of North Dakota as its presidential candidate and Thomas C. O'Brien of Boston for vice-president. There is a strong feeling that this new third-party movement is to be taken seriously. It has the support of Father Coughlin the "Radio Priest," and of Dr. F. E. Townsend, founder of the old-age revolving pension plan. Mr. Lemke has been the leader of the agrarian inflationist bloc in Congress, and is the co-sponsor of the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage bill.

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## The Gee-lorious Fourth by A. B. Chapin



## BETA

(By Mrs. W. G. Dillard)

The pastor, Rev. R. C. Shearin, was last week visiting relatives in the Eastern part of the State.

Mrs. Eloise Curry of Lynchburg, Va., visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Carey Reed Snyder who has been visiting at Newton, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Ethel Fowler, who has been ill in an Asheville hospital, came to visit her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Deitz, Sunday.

Miss Beale Snyder returned to Washington Tuesday after having spent a few days with home folks.

Rev. Olin Owen is conducting a Sunday School revival in our community this week. Much interest is being shown and we know our Sunday School will be greatly improved.

Friends will regret to learn of the serious illness of Rev. R. L. Cook. He is at the home of his son W. T. Cook here.

Weaver Allen and Ralph Bungarner of Copper Hill, Tenn., visited relatives last week end.

Mr. J. W. Miller, of Waynesville, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sutton.

## WILL START SUNDAY SCHOOL

Those interested in getting a Sunday School organized at Worley's Chapel are requested to meet at the church Sunday, July 5 at 10 o'clock.