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SATURDAY'S ELECTION

This year is what is called an "off" year in political circles. That means that none of the biggest figures are being elected: no president, no governors, no national senators. But though this smaller election year has been given the rather contemptuous term of "off" the epithet is inappropriate. For this is the time when we elect the men who are going to take care of things at home, and that's where good government, like charity, begins.

Especially is this applicable to the South, the home of states' rights. It has often been said that a people gets the kind of government it deserves. Certainly if people are too uninterested to put up good local candidates and good state candidates and vote for them, they deserve it if they get a poor state and national government. They not only deserve it, they are bound to get it. In the final analysis, a party is built from the ground up. First the voter, then the men and women of the county they choose to conduct their county affairs, then those they send to the state legislature. If these office-holders are incompetent, are self-seeking, think more of votes than they do of their duty, the government they give us will be of the same order. And so will the party which they are helping to build.

The South has a major responsibility at the present time, thrust upon it by the one-party system which exists here, and by the recent behavior of some of the South's representatives in Congress. Sent there as members of the democratic party, the party of liberalism and the common man, our legislators have time and again forsaken its principles and sided with the republicans. Lining up with the most reactionary elements in that party they have consistently blocked administration measures. They have failed lamentably to represent their constituents at home. In North Carolina, the case has not been so bad; Senator Hoey has just recently come out wholeheartedly for the British loan; but Senator Bailey has too often declined to vote on important issues, while our representatives have been half-hearted in their support of liberal measures, when not actively opposed.

These men will watch carefully whom we elect to office this year, and they will also take note of the number of votes cast. If the voting is light, it will be a clear indication to them that their people, back home, are not interested in what is going on in the political field, that they themselves can play politics or kowtow to the tobacco and cotton interests at the expense of the common people. They will know they can get away with it.

The primary election this Saturday will be a chance for Southerners to show the nation where the South stands today. Patriotic citizens who love the South and honor what it stood for in the past will go to the polls and vote, as a living demonstration that the South is now, as then, eager to take its place in the building of our country toward a new birth of freedom.

BREAD OR A BOMB?

"More destructive than armies" is what Herbert Hoover says of conditions overseas. Stressing that famine threatens one third of the world's population, Mr. Hoover says: "We can save those people from the worst, if we will."

And if we don't will? What then? "More destructive than armies" is the verdict of this conservative American statesman. The phrase is a telling one. Our armies helped to create the destruction in Europe; not of our choice, but our guns, our bombs rained fury necessarily upon

friend and foe alike. Welcoming the destruction for the promise of liberation which it held, the people who suffered so willingly are the victims, and they are suffering now, after their glorious liberation, even more than they suffered when enslaved.

This is a condition that we cannot allow to continue a moment longer than is unavoidably necessary. For "more destructive than armies" will be the spirit which will grow, under the evil spur of hunger, injustice, disappointment, disease, the bitter racking violent spirit of a people at the end of their resources of courage, lost, finally, to hope.

And there is only one direction in which that spirit, if we allow it to grow, will turn. That will be against America! Not against Britain or Russia, two countries who have experienced the same physical destruction, who share the same privations. But against the country that cannot understand; that is well-fed, prosperous, untouched by bombings; that sits at its loaded tables, debating whether it can spare an extra crumb to a starving world.

There is a strange idea going around now: that to send food to Europe is to raise up a new crop of enemies. "We did it once," these people say, with happy disregard of the truth, "and look what it brought us". We did do it once, we saved many French, Dutch, Belgian Polish children from starvation. Some of them were among the millions who died under the Nazi yoke, and some were among the thousands who killed Germans and fought in the armies of the Underground. We did not feed the Germans. We helped clamp a blockade on Germany, and we deliberately starved her, long after it was a military necessity. Many believe that Nazism started to grow right then.

This idea that by starving people you can make them like you has little to recommend it. Even if you said that by starving them you could keep them perpetually subdued, the argument would be false. No people can be kept perpetually weak. The only possible way to treat Germany is to keep her militarily impotent, under the strictest supervision that our Congress, the representatives we elect, will allow us to maintain. First do that, and after that try, in every way possible, by education in decency and in democracy, to show her a better way to live and think than she learned under her late masters. Starvation will not be of help in such a program; and it is the only program that will work for peace.

We must choose and we must choose soon. If the preachers of starvation and hatred are right, we should ask them to have the courage of their convictions, and face the logical course which their words point out. For if starvation will prevent future wars, then annihilation should be that much better. We have the atomic bomb. It would be a more decent, a braver act to use it, now, upon these people whom we fear so much. It would be better simply to kill them. Or would we be as stingy about using up our supply of bombs as we are with our supply of food?

Americans are going through some queer phases these days, along with much of the rest of the world. It is queer that in this rich, fundamentally decent land, the matter of sending food to the world's starving people could be seriously questioned.

Queer and infinitely disheartening. Such a point of view argues a lack of intelligence, not to mention a lack of Christian charity, that will have to be completely overcome before our country can take the lead in the great struggle for peace.

Under The Sycamores

(Continued from Page 1) senate, is attorney for the town of Aberdeen. As the son of North Carolina's beloved James McNeill Johnson, as well as in his own right, he has a wide acquaintance and many warm friends. He has been a leader in his church and community for many years. Long active in political circles, this is the first time he has run for office.

Consensus of opinion at the start was: Currie will win. Recently sentiment for Johnson has been growing. Our former senator has perhaps rested somewhat too heavily on his laurels and not done as much "politicking

round" as usual. A few think the race is open, but not the talkers under the sycamores. They say: Currie.

The Two Would-Be Congressmen:

W. E. (Bill) Horner and C. B. Deane

Horner, the successful popular editor of the Sanford Herald, has had eight years in the North Carolina General Assembly, thus chalking up a big advantage of practical experience over his rival, Deane. He served on several important committees and was commended for his work. It is said that he has spent more time on his campaign than any other candidate; it is certainly true that he has worked harder, a fact which recommends him highly to this hard-working section. "A man who don't get out and work, can't care a heap about winnin', looks like," they say. Bill Horner gets along with all sorts of people and has genuine sympathy for their problems. Newspaper men, a hard crowd to please and a harder crowd to fool, like and respect him. Men who have worked for him hope he will win. He gives every impression of being honestly eager to do a good job for the people of his district.

As opposed to this ball-of-fire worker is C. B. Deane. The son of a tenant farmer he "came up the hard way" and is said to carry the flag for "the little man". He has strong backing and it is in sections with many voters; the impression is, however, that the Sandhills will go for Horner, hands down.

The Four Would-Be Representatives:

Charles M. McLeod, Lula McPherson Guthrie, S. Roosevelt Ransdell, H. Clifton Blue

McLeod is the son of the late Curtis McLeod of Carthage, grandson of Mrs. Belle Pleasants of Aberdeen and cousin or nephew of Moore Countyers innumerable. Of excellent character, modest, sincere, well-liked, his youth and inexperience may, however, tell against him when he is pitted against such knowledgeable citizens as his three rivals.

Mrs. Guthrie has perhaps, of these three, the widest knowledge of the county. The daughter of H. P. McPherson of Cameron, she served as a yeomanette, (Wave, to you,) in World War I. She helped her late husband run the farm and tobacco business since then and has served on many of the county citizens' boards of welfare, schools, agriculture. She is extremely well-versed in county affairs and needs. But, people say: her sex is against her. Some conservatives and old-timers don't like women in politics, though one and all admit; "Lula Belle Guthrie knows more than a heap of men!"

H. Clifton Blue is the editor of the next-to-best weekly newspaper in Moore County. . . meaning if, of course, as to location, Aberdeen being only three miles from Southern Pines. Cliff is a friend to all, and a dear friend to most, for he is universally popular. Kindly, unassuming, a difficult speaker, he is not the usual idea of a southern politico. His ads say he will "endeavor to represent ALL the people fairly," but folks say: "You just caint DO that! But aint it like Cliff to say he'll try." His supporters are many.

Fourth of the would-be representatives is S. Roosevelt Ransdell. His ad is dignified, explicit; but he remains a rather unknown quantity. A case where some politicking might have been worthwhile for. . . "ablest one of all" is what some say of him.

The Two Would-Be Clerks of Court

John Willcox and Carlton Kennedy

John Willcox is running for clerk of the court "as usual," some people say, and then they smile, but the smile is a pleasant one. Their opponents smile too, for John Willcox is generally popular, but they wonder: "May be a mistake to keep the same one in there so long." "If a man's doing a good job, why throw him out?" ask the others. "Just the same, might be a good idea to get some new blood. Carlton Kennedy would do a good job, too. Be a good thing to have someone from down here in the Court House, for a change."

Kennedy, whose people come from around Robbins, but who has worked for some years in the banks in Pinehurst and Southern Pines, has the respect and liking of many. He opposes Mr. Will-

cox' long years of experience in office with plenty of active banking experience. He has energy; he is popular. This is another race that seems wider open now than it did a few weeks ago.

The Two Would-Be Registrars of Deeds

James Monroe and Bessie McCaskill

Monroe is a veteran of World War II; Miss McCaskill an office holder of long experience. He is smart, humorous, and folks say, able; she has an excellent record and is well-liked by all. Again we have the pull of experience against the freshness of inexperience, the newcomer pitted against the trained incumbent. The veterans will be out for their buddy, and so, according to the grape-vine, will some others. "I'd like to see a veteran get in, this year," remarked one of the talkers under the sycamores. "Seems like we owe it to them. And, who knows, some of these boys could teach us all a thing or two." "Hope to heaven they will; we could stand it," was the answer.

One solicitor for which office the candidates are: Gibson and Funderburk, and one county commissioner from Robbins section for which office the candidates are W. H. Jackson and Bethel Dunlop, not, it should be noted, the better known former commissioner W. J. Dunlop, these make up the list of offices to be voted on this Saturday in the primary nomination.

And so the talk under the sycamores went on, and MAY THE BEST ONES WIN!

Reading The Pilot

With appreciation and thanks, THE PILOT acknowledges the following new and renewed subscriptions received within the past month.

Local: Mrs. L. H. Littlefield, Ed Starnes, Mrs. D. W. Winkelman, George S. Nevins, Jr., Mrs. V. R. Sweeney, Mrs. Arch Coleman, L. E. Hussell, L. H. McNeill, J. W. Causey, Alden Bower, C. H. Carpenter, Mrs. J. H. Towne, L. Malcolm Grover, A. H. Eakins, Mrs. C. L. Maze, Dr. Robert N. McMillan, Mrs. S. D. Fobes, Ray McDonald, Mrs. W. R. Maples, W. S. Harrington, Harry Goldsmith, Howard's Bakery, Miss Emma Louise Hackney, D. E. Wilson.

In State: Thomas C. Lyons, West End; Murphy Brewer, Sanatorium; J. E. Walker, Sanford; Claude N. Baker, Sanford; Mrs. Sarah Baker, Vass; Arthur Reynolds, Rt. 3 Carthage; Mrs. W. H. Keith, Vass; Mrs. Anne V. Fox, Pinebluff; Mrs. Ruth E. Ledden, Sanford; Mrs. M. E. McDonald, West End; Pinebluff Sanitarium, Pinebluff; Mrs. Z. V. Blue, Carthage; Clarence Van Tacky, Pinebluff; Mrs. Mary Patterson, Manly; Mrs. John W. Frank, Niagara; Mrs. W. B. Graham, Vass.

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Homemakers Can Help Save Food To Fight The Present World Famine

by Flora McDonald

Every homemaker has a job to do...in getting food to the world's starving masses. The time to start is NOW.

Wheat and wheat products ... food fats and oils ... these are the mainstays in food supplies being shipped overseas to avert famine. The President's Famine Emergency Committee has called on householders to "reduce your purchases of wheat products by 40 per cent and fats by 20 per cent".

Here are some ways to work out this reduction, by using other foods, and by being thrifty with the wheat and fat we do use—to the last crumb and drop.

POTATOES "Reach for a potato instead of bread"

One small serving of potato can replace a slice of bread nutritionally, and the potato offers some vitamin C, besides. At breakfast, let potatoes replace wheat cereal, toast, or biscuit. If every minute counts, fry sliced potatoes country style, using a small amount of meat drippings to help them brown. Make potato cakes from potato salad take the place of a sandwich. Top meat pies and other baked dishes with fluffy mashed potatoes instead of pastry crust.

OATMEAL

An average serving of oatmeal without sugar and cream equals approximately two slices of bread in food value. Use oatmeal to replace part of the wheat flour in making bread, biscuit, muffins, pancakes, cookies.

CORNMEAL

Cornmeal is plentiful. It can be used in cornbread, muffins, griddle cakes etc. Use leftover cornbread in stuffings. Make extra cornmeal mush, to slice and fry in meat drippings...and serve hot. The fried slices make a hearty breakfast dish, or can take the place of wheat bread at other meals.

BUCKWHEAT

Don't overlook buckwheat cake

OPA'S Action To Curb Speculation on 'Futures' Will Aid Cotton Growers

Farmers in North Carolina were told this week that OPA's move to curb "harmful speculative rises in cotton futures" is for their benefit, as well as for the benefit of legitimate cotton operators, textile mill owners, and consumers generally.

Emphasizing the fact that dangerous speculative increases do not help the cotton farmer, OPA pointed out that most of them have sold their crop by this time of the year, and that a further rise would be of no benefit to them.

"On the contrary, it hurts their chances to maintain America's share of the markets abroad. Because foreign cottons are underselling American growths by a substantial amount" Theodore S. Johnson, OPA director, said.

Such speculative rises also decrease cotton's ability to compete with rayon, which is now priced more attractively than cotton, Johnson added.

"Should OPA make no effort to stabilize cotton prices," he said, "farmers would likely be the worst sufferers, just as they were after the last war when the price of cotton rose to more than 40 cents a pound and then dropped in a few months to about 10 cents."

Chauffeurs' Licenses

Samuel L. Gaynor, Jr., Assistant Director of the Highway Safety Division, announced today that all Driver License Examiners in this State are now ready to issue 1946-47 Chauffeur's licenses.

The Present Chauffeurs' licenses will expire mid-night June 30, 1946. All persons operating a motor vehicle as a common or public carrier of persons or a passenger motor vehicle, must apply for the 1946-47 Chauffeur's license on or before June 30, 1946.

Advertisement for Franjean's clothing featuring an illustration of a woman in a dress. Text includes 'Smart figuring in our new Connie Adams coat dress in navy and brown Ny-ponge.* White stitching outlines the large naive Peter Pan collar. 7 to 15. \$22.50' and 'franjean's ARCADE BUILDING SOUTHERN PINES *American Silk Mills Fabric'.

Advertisement for Pyrex Ware Counter featuring illustrations of a woman with a Pyrex cake dish and a Pyrex utility dish. Text includes 'FROM OUR PYREX WARE COUNTER WEDDING AND SHOWER GIFTS ..THAT WILL THRILL HER NOW AND PLEASE HER LATER!' and 'This handsome Pyrex Cake Dish is grand for baking layer cakes. Can be used for cooking, serving, and storing. Washes easily because food won't stick to satin-smooth glass. Better give her at least a pair! Each, only 35¢' and 'The Pyrex Utility Dish above should be in every bride's kitchen. Cooks grand roasts, chops, hot breads, cakes and a dozen other luscious things. 2 sizes. Larger size, only 65¢' and 'BURNEY HARDWARE'.

Advertisement for Carter's Laundry and Cleaners featuring an illustration of a woman's face. Text includes 'Whew--What a Relief! No Washday Blues for Her . . . NOT SINCE WE'VE BEEN DOING HER LAUNDRY We are happy to report that we are now back at our home on New York Ave. where will be glad to welcome our patrons Carter's Laundry and Cleaners Telephone 6101 Southern Pines'.