

# This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, August 21 — If anybody had any lingering doubts that the Democratic Party is split wide open, the President himself removed them in his letter to the Young Democrats' national convention at Pittsburgh. In so many words the President declared that he would bolt the Democratic Party if it nominated a conservative for its Presidential candidate next year.

Following closely upon Mr. Roosevelt's denunciation of the Senators and Representatives of his own party who formed a coalition with the Republicans to defeat parts of the Administration's program of legislation which the President regarded as vital, this declaration is accepted here as a gage of battle aimed at the elements in his party who are lined up behind Vice-President Garner's leadership in the effort to prevent the President's own renomination, or the nomination of a candidate of Mr. Roosevelt's choice.

If Mr. Roosevelt is renominated, or the nomination goes to a New Dealer of whom he approves, there is every prospect of a bolt from the ticket on the part of Southern Democratic leaders, as serious and perhaps even more widespread than the bolt which resulted in the defeat of Alfred E. Smith and the election of Herbert Hoover in 1928.

**Split Would Spell Defeat**  
Such a split in the party in election year would spell defeat, just as a bolt by Mr. Roosevelt and his followers would spell defeat.

But if Mr. Roosevelt and his personal following bolted the

party nominee they would have no place to go except in a new third party. The situation then would be parallel to that in 1912, when Theodore Roosevelt and his personal followers bolted the Republican ticket headed by President Taft, and formed the Progressive or "Bull Moose" party.

The Roosevelt bolt in 1912 resulted in the election of Woodrow Wilson. A Roosevelt bolt in 1940 would almost certainly result in the election of the Republican candidate, in the opinion of the shrewdest and most experienced political observers in Washington.

The chief hope of a Democratic victory in 1940, it is felt here, is that the differences between the two wings of the party be completely reconciled. That is not seriously considered possible. There is too much divergence of point of view, and too much bitterness has been engendered by the defections of party members in both houses of Congress.

In the closing days of the session the lid was off, and language was exchanged between members of the same party such as had been seldom heard in Congress since the days before the Civil War, when debate more than once reached the stage of personal attacks by Members and Senators upon one another.

**Republicans Encouraged**  
Naturally, such disharmony gives great encouragement to Republicans. Many of them are saying, more or less openly, that the 1940 election is already decided in their favor. That is still a rather rash prediction, but reports which have begun to come back to Washington from investigators out in the states do show, so far, a very definite swing toward the Republican Party.

There still remains the riddle of Mr. Roosevelt's personal intentions in regard to a third term for himself. Some interpret his threat to bolt the ticket if a conservative is nominated as another move toward getting himself made the party nominee. Whether he could get the nomination is still another question to which no positive answer can be given. Many observers here think they see the signs growing plainer that Mr. Roosevelt's candidate for President will be not himself but Paul V. McNutt.

The latest scientific poll of Democratic voters indicates a surprising gain in public favor for the genial, white-haired gentleman from Indiana. Leaving

## Tribune Has Free Theatre Tickets for These



Each week The Tribune, through the cooperation of Elkin's two modern theatres, the Lyric and the Elk, gives away six free tickets, good for admission to either show, to the three people pictured in this space. The above pictures were snapped at random, and each of the young ladies will be given two tickets if they will call in person at The Tribune and identify themselves. Next week there will be three more pictures. Perhaps one of them will be of you.—(Tribune Photos.)

Mr. Roosevelt out of consideration, the choice of Democratic voters is for Garner first and McNutt second.

Neither Garner nor McNutt is regarded by Republican leaders as a dangerous opponent; their greatest fear is that they will have to beat the President himself, and their greatest doubt is whether they could do that. It would call for far more efficient political tactics than the Republicans have displayed in the past two Presidential campaigns, and a greatly more appealing candidate at the head of the ticket.

**Bridges Hat in Ring**  
The latest Republican to throw his hat into the ring and declare that he wants to be President is Senator H. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire.

Mr. Bridges is an old-style politician, whose ambitions have been understood by his friends for a long time. In the 1936 Republican National Convention, after Governor Landon of Kansas had been nominated to head

the ticket and the delegates were considering the Vice-Presidency, a strong movement for Mr. Bridges was under way when a bright newspaper woman pointed out that to nominate him with Landon would be handing ammunition to the Democrats.

"They'll make a campaign theme song out of the old nursery rhyme, 'Landon Bridges falling down,'" she said. And that settled Mr. Bridges' chance to share the Republican defeat.

Many Washington observers have felt that if Ohio was to have another Presidential candidate, Governor John M. Bricker would be a more effective one than Senator Taft. Nobody disparages Mr. Taft's ability, and sound political common-sense, but he has not demonstrated his ability to speak effectively to the masses over the radio or in person; at least so Washington believes.

Hemmings, Miss Earl Nonce and W. N. Freeman picnicked at Roaring Gap Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Folger and daughters, Bettie and Mary Frances, are spending some time in Nashville, Tenn., with relatives.

**STERILIZERS**  
Several Henderson county dairymen are expected to add electric sterilizers to their equipment in the near future, reports Farm Agent G. D. White.

**VACCINATE PULLETS**  
Stanley county poultrymen are showing much faith in vaccination for the prevention of chicken pox in growing pullets, says J. E. Wilson, farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

**BEST GRASS**  
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## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

Miss Mary Bettie Norman was hostess to a party of friends Saturday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Joe Folger on her birthday. Rummy was played at three tables, Mrs. Alderman capturing the prize.

Miss Norman presented a linen breakfast set to the honoree, Mrs. Folger. Cake, sandwiches and an iced fruit drink were served at the conclusion of the games.

Mrs. D. R. Riggs and daughter, Miriam, of Richmond, Va., arrived Friday to spend some time with Mrs. Riggs' mother, Mrs. Lula Lewellyn.

Rev. R. L. West occupied the Baptist pulpit Sunday morning, using as his text, "The Eternal Name of Jesus."

Misses Mazie Comer and Elizabeth Freeman, of Raleigh, spent the week-end with home people in Dobson.

Mrs. C. G. Comer is spending ten days with Mrs. Ernest Keese in Bluefield, W. Va.

Misses Eleanor and Carolyn Cooper entertained the junior set Saturday evening at an informal party of games and various amusements. Refreshments were served by the Misses Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Folger, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crawford and Basie Marion spent Saturday afternoon in Pulaski, Va., attending a horse show.

Miss Edythe Reece was hostess to the "Dobson Chinese Rummy Club" Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vaughn and children, of Richmond, Va., spent Sunday afternoon in Dobson, after an absence of 18 years.

The R. E. Collins family attended the Davenport reunion near Rockford Sunday.

Mrs. F. F. Riggs and Mrs. Joe Folger attended a reunion of the Gordon family at Pilot Mountain Monday.

Mr. John Lewellyn had as week-end guest, Miss Margaret Boykin, of Raleigh.

Mr. N. W. Freeman, of Star, spent Saturday and Sunday with Jim Dan Hemmings.

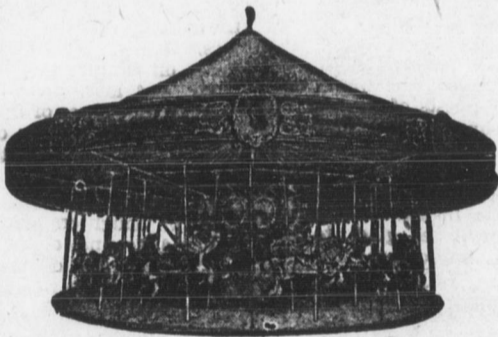
Mrs. Knowles, of Charlotte, Mesdames Badgett and Redman, and Miss Nonie Gordon, of Pilot Mountain, were dinner guests of Mrs. Nannie Gordon Riggs last Thursday.

Atty. W. L. and Miss Edythe Reece spent Monday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lewellyn, Miss Margaret Boykin, Jim Dan

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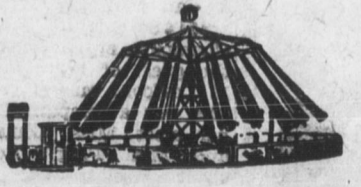
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