

SCANNING THE NEWS

Events of recent weeks have thrown the old Democratic party into a quandary. It remains to be seen whether its leadership has the perspicacity to solve the dilemmas perched on both ears of the Democratic mule.

Problem 1—Will the party be able to take advantage of a very real revolt of the farm population against the Eisenhower administration agricultural program?

Problem 2—Can the party pick a leader who will heal the very real revolt of the powerful southern Democratic leaders which looms bigger every day as a likely caucus bell for another splinter, or third party movement in the South.

Is the farm revolt real? The Wall Street Journal, the Bible of economic Republicanism in these parts, thinks it is. Says the Wall Street Journal in a post-Minnesota primary issue:

... Says Leonard Hall, Republican National Chairman: "Republicans weren't in the Minnesota primary; we were on the sidewalk watching."

"But talks with farmers over the back fence, in the feedstore, and along the streets of Minnesota's rural communities leave little doubt that, despite such factors, the farm revolt is real." And the Wall Street Journal stresses, "(The) President, not Benson, gets most of the blame for sliding income, rising costs."

This evidence of a farm revolt is further borne out by recent action of the North Dakota Non-Partisan League, which broke a forty-year tradition by voting to switch from the Republican to the Democratic column in filing its candidates in this year's election. The vote in convention was 150 to 7.

The word coming into Washington is that this farm revolt is well under way in the agricultural mid-west, in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, South Dakota and that even in such Republican strongholds as Kansas, Nebraska and Wisconsin, the Republican rural vote will be materially cut in the coming election.

If this farm revolt is real, and the farmers switch their 1952 vote, the political statisticians are dubious of the entire voting population of the rural areas of the country, which comprise millions of small business farms, service firms, banks, grain dealers and countless others dependent upon farm prosperity. And these small business folks can look at this record: Since January 1, 1956 there have been more than 3,050 small business failures in the United States, setting the highest record of failures in more than a decade, as a matter of fact, since 1939.

The second problem facing the Democrats is picking a presidential candidate who can unite the party. Only two men have been able to do this trick. Woodrow Wilson united the party to win after it was sharply divided in the era of William Jennings Bryan. Then came another split over prohibition and the Ku Klux Klan, which was not healed until Franklin D. Roosevelt picked up the pieces and put them together in 1932. Harry S. Truman won in 1948, despite a split party, but with the aid of a farm vote much the same as is shaping up now. And Mr. Truman likely will be a dominant factor in the Democratic Convention at Chicago this summer.

DOG EMPLOYED AS RECEPTIONIST IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE

"Miss Grundoon Bell" a small, brown and white Cocker Spaniel, owned by Dr. W. L. Bell, a chiropractor in Burnsville, N. C., has been serving as receptionist for Dr. Bell's newly opened office. Her duties are to greet each patient with a furiously wagging tail and generally make them feel at home in the waiting room. At first, she thought it would be a good idea to take the patients' hats and gloves, but this proved rather disastrous as she could not resist the temptation of chewing them up. This little chore had to be taken from her. As a "tail wagging receptionist," however, she has performed her duties with perfection.

Doing odd things in odd places is nothing new for Grundoon. In her three years, she has done quite a few remarkable things. Last year she attended classes regularly at both Asheville-Biltmore College in Asheville, and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. While at Asheville-Biltmore she attended classes in speech, dramatics, economics, and French. She is probably the only dog in Burnsville who can bark in French.

While at the University of North Carolina, she attended classes in pre-ministerial work. On one occasion, the professor got rather worked upon his topic of "hell-fire-and-damnation" and to emphasize a point, pounded on the podium with his fists. With this, Grundoon, who was asleep under one of the desks, jumped up with a loud bark. Without batting an eye, the professor retorted, "Amen brother, Amen." This all but threw the class into a panic.

Last summer, Grundoon did quite a bit of walking and camping along the coast of Virginia and North Carolina. Most of the time was spent hiking hundreds of miles along the outer banks of North Carolina. The purpose behind these excursions was some research being done by Dr. Bell, but to Grundoon, it meant a host of strange, new, smells and sights. Her favorite sport is chasing sea gulls and "Mother Carey's Chickens" along the ocean's edge or digging sand fiddlers in the sand. To her, a dead and decayed fish presents an aroma that corresponds to Chanel No. 5 to us and on every occasion she will roll on one, but as she was constantly in and out of the water, the smell soon wore off.

Grundoon has the reputation at Virginia Beach, Va., as being the neatest, most well behaved "beer-hound" on the beach. She loves beer, but unlike most people, knows exactly when to stop. The only apparent effect it has on her is a momentary lack of cat-detection.

One of the cleverest things she can do is sing. She can harmonize with most any voice; with her head thrown back in what sounds like happy dog howling.

She likes a great many things,

including vitamin tablets, toy rubber mice, old shoes, dirty socks, sleeping under the covers, automobile riding, and singing, but most of all, she loves people. It's a funny thing, but people seem to love her too.

Of the 800,000 persons who die of the heart diseases each year, one third are under 65 years of age.

A Navy PT boat engine was outlived by a worn metal part which had been retreated by a new coating process.

NOTICE In The Superior Court Before the Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Yates Randolph and wife, Almo Randolph, Petitioners

vs. Vera McCurry and husband, James McCurry, Vella Buchanan and husband, Roy Buchanan, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of an Order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Yancey County, North Carolina

in the above-entitled proceeding, dated 30 March 1956, the undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Burnsville, North Carolina, at noon, on the 5th day of May 1956, those two certain tracts of land in Brush Creek Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. E. and Ruby Wheeler, E. L. Briggs, Malt Whitten and others and described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Containing 29

described in a Deed dated 17 May 1929 from F. C. Randolph to S. S. Bascombe Randolph as appears in Yancey County Deed Book 24 page 157.

SECOND TRACT: Containing 1.14 acres more or less and fully described in a Deed, dated 2 May 1944 from Ruby Wheeler, Bascombe Randolph as appears in Yancey County Deed Book 24 page 271.

This the 30 day of March 1956. G. D. Bailey, Commissioner. April 13, 19, and 26 May 3

Gardner For Congress

On the last Saturday of May—the 26th, the Democratic voters of Madison, McDowell, Polk, Yancey, Rutherfordton, Cleveland and Gaston Counties will vote on a candidate to succeed Congressman Woodrow Jones who does not choose to run again.



WIN WITH GARDNER

RALPH WEBB GARDNER IS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN, HAVING ENLISTED AS A PRIVATE A FEW DAYS AFTER PEARL HARBOR HE IS A MEMBER OF A DISTINGUISHED FAMILY OF PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE FINEST ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LEGISLATION THAT NORTH CAROLINA AND THE NATION HAS PASSED IN THE LAST HALF CENTURY.

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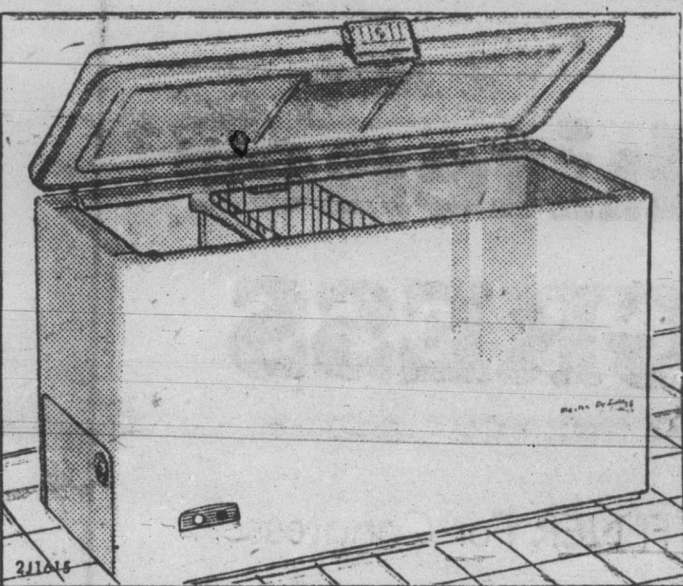
Gardner has served North Carolina in the State Senate and as State President of the Young Democratic Clubs. He owns a home and a large beef cattle farm in his home county in Cleveland.

Gardner is a farmer, business man and lawyer. He is experienced and qualified. Upon the death of his father, the late Governor O. Max Gardner, Ralph spent about one half of his time in Washington, D. C., in his father's law firm. He knows every Federal Department and most of the members of Congress.

Cleveland County has not had a Congressman in over a quarter of a Century. It never once offered opposition to Major A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia or Hon. Woodrow Jones of Rutherfordton while they were in office, but always gave them powerful support.

GO WITH GARDNER IN THE MAY 26 PRIMARY

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