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## PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

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GOING AFTER TAX DODGERS**

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The New Deal, triumphant in its first election test, enters a new phase with President Roosevelt in command of the political situation more completely than any peace-time president since party warfare was inaugurated in the United States. This does not mean that the Chief Executive will be able to have his way, even among his own followers, but that organized opposition all but toppled to the ground in the election last week.

The amazing sweep of the Democratic party, which brushed aside almost every remnant of the Old Guard Republican element of senatorial majority, which may be reduced but cannot be overcome for nearly a decade. The supporters of the administration maintained the overwhelming House majority and took over governorships in states which had not drifted out of Republican control since the Civil war. Indicative of the utter rout of the Republicans is the fact that Pennsylvania, ancient stronghold of the G. O. P., not only sent a Democrat to the U. S. Senate, a governor to the state capital but sends more than two-thirds of its House delegation to Washington as Democrats.

It is too early to attempt to analyze the effect of the election upon the Republican party's future. Certainly, until the bewilderment has passed there can be no plans laid but when the time comes to take counsel for the 1936 election you may put it down as certain that Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, will have a lot to say and that he will be listened to with great respect. He came through the recent catastrophe, carrying his state. His attitude toward the New Deal was flexible and he endorsed much liberal legislation. In fact, when he came to the Senate he was considered somewhat wild by the Old Guard but he has come through and they are out of the picture.

For the Democratic party the triumph may be so complete as to invite division and bitter dispute. Possibly, conservative and liberal Democrats will diverge, and it is not beyond the realm of political events for the division to seriously cripple the vast strength that was

gained last week. President Roosevelt's attitude will have much to do with this. If he continues what one might call a middle-of-the-road policy he will likely have most of his party behind him, losing the radicals and the stand-patters. If he turns strongly to the right or the left he will probably alienate a considerable faction, which will either form the nucleus of a new opposition party or else join with like-minded Republicans. Conversely, there will be a faction of Republicans drifting to his support, and thereafter the two parties, while holding the old names, will be completely reformed along lines that no one can now foresee.

The result of the election was correctly forecast in this column two weeks ago, when it was pointed out that unless a great change took place "President Roosevelt and his New Deal will record a victory without precedent in off-year elections." Moreover a "Minimum gain of four seats in the Senate and probably the holding of the enormous majority in the House" was called for with the warning that "some go so far as to expect a loss to the Republican party in the House, where it has only 115 out of 435 members."

We call attention to this because it is our aim in this column to give all readers, regardless of party affiliation, as accurate a picture as possible at all times. We want all who find this column useful to know, regardless of whether our estimates of given situations turn out to be right or wrong, that we have presented an honest, unbiased opinion, based upon the most intelligent interpretation of the facts that we are able to make.

No one, who keeps up with international affairs, can fail to see the evidences of increasing tightness between Japan and other world powers over questions arising in the Far East. The trade policies of Manchukuo, protested by several powers, seem to be instigated by Japan but the Japanese government when asked about them, falls back on the alleged "independence" of the new state. As other powers have not recognized the "puppet state," an impasse results.

Recently, the League of Nations sharply queried a Japanese diplomat in regard to the fortification of mandated islands turned over to Japan after the World War, and particularly questioned Japan's apparent unwillingness to allow foreigners to visit the islands. Moreover, at the naval conferences in London, Japan's determination to secure naval parity in principle or else abrogate existing treaties and launch a ship-building race is too plain to be doubted. The suspicion that the Island Empire intends to "rule or ruin" her sphere of the globe is gradually becoming a certainty to observers everywhere.

In negotiating reciprocal trade agreements, the government has no intention of yielding concessions except where a particular country is the chief source of our supply of a commodity. This assurance was given to American business by Thomas Walter Page, chairman of the Tariff Commission and in charge of assembling the facts upon which our trade negotiations will depend.

At a hearing, during which the committee heard manufacturers protest against concessions for newsprint and matches, Mr. Page explained the government's intention. Under the most-favored-nation clause, if a concession is made to one country or any commodity it would have to be extended to all others. However, if a concession is made to Brazil for example, which supplies most of our coffee, such an extension to other countries under the most-favored-nation clause would not interfere with Brazil's interest or work additional harm in this country. This is so because no other country can supply us with any large quantity of coffee and the concession thus (Please turn to page eight)

## U.S. School Aid Debate Theme

Chosen For Discussion in High School Clashes Next Spring

Chapel Hill, Nov. 10.—The question as to whether the United States should extend financial assistance to general public education over the country will be discussed by hundreds of North Carolina high school debaters in their spring debates of the present scholastic year.

This was indicated here today in the announcement that the following query had been chosen for this year's contest of the High School Debating Union of North Carolina: "Resolved, That the United States Should adopt the policy of extending federal aid to general public education."

The schools which enroll in the High School Debating Union will participate in a State-wide triangular series of debates. Those winning both triangular contests will send their teams to Chapel Hill to compete in the finals for the Aycock Cup. All schools of secondary nature are invited to enter.

## Kress Store Opened Thurs.

Public Entertained Thursday Afternoon, and Again Thursday Evening

The Rocky Mount public had its first opportunity to see what S. H. Kress and Co. has built from the ruins left when their store was gutted by flames last summer, Thursday when the doors were swung open at five P. M.

Two periods of house warming were observed, afternoon and evening. A program of music and a survey of the store were included in the entertainment at both hours.

The store was opened for routine business this morning, Friday, at 8:30. Every piece of the merchandise in the store is new. New and modern equipment for display and sale of merchandise has been installed. The store is equipped with larger rest rooms for employes, cloak and lounge rooms and a second floor business office. The stock of merchandise is the most varied ever offered in the store here and additional space for goods is made possible.

## LEGION POST FAVORS PLAYGROUND

The Coleman-Pitt Post of the American Legion, held its regular meeting on Friday night, November 9th, in the Recorder's Court Room. The meeting was presided over by J. W. Drake, Commander. The meeting was well attended and plans were formulated for the work of the Post for the coming year.

Mr. Robert Dennis made a very enthusiastic address on the needs of playgrounds for the children of Rocky Mount and presented a resolution which was unanimously adopted that the Post go on record as favoring the acquiring of more playgrounds for the children of Rocky Mount and that the Post pledged itself to work to this end for the coming year. It is planned at the next meeting which will be held on November 23rd, to invite some prominent Legionnaire to address the meeting and plans will be formulated within the next few days for this meeting.

## BIG PROGRAM

Henry I. Harriman, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, proposes a privately financed low-cost housing program to expend \$15,000,000,000 in ten years as a partial solution of the unemployment problem. Previously, the PWA had suggested a five-year program, involving \$5,000,000,000 from the government and a like amount from local capital.

Wide gain shown for New Deal in vote throughout nation.

## He's Ready for His Winter Quarters



Inhabitants of the Philadelphia zoo were transferred to their winter quarters the other day. C. Emerson Brown, director of the zoo (right), is here seen examining a pelican to be sure he was in good health. He was, so he went into the cold weather building with the others.

## The Polk County Situation

The Polk County situation is the direct result brought about by illegal votes being cast and illegal reports being made by election officials, which the State Board of Elections in their recent investigation have called "Irregularities in the Conduct of Elections."

Any one who has ever known ex-Senator Cloud, who is the present elected representative from Polk County, knows that he is not a Republican, even though he had the endorsement of the Republicans in Polk County. He is a Democrat and believes in Democratic principles even if he did run as an Independent in the last election.

We have always believed in party regularity and that is the reason we stand so strongly for clean elections. When Democrats go into the Primary and seek the nomination of the Democratic party and the Democratic election officials are charged with fraud and permitting unqualified electors to vote and after investigation by the State Board of Elections and the charges are found to be true, then the State Board of Elections undertakes to whitewash the whole affair by calling them irregularities, then this conduct is what produces the situation in Polk County.

Former Representative Rogers and former Senator Cloud both ran for the nomination of representative, in the Democratic Primary last June. Senator Cloud on the first returns appeared to be nominated. Then there were complaints and an alleged investigation was made and a new Board of Elections was appointed. The new election Board took the nomination from Senator Cloud and gave it to Representative Rogers. Now, this paper is published a long distance from Polk County and would not undertake to pass on the matter as to who was legally nominated but we do know that Senator Cloud believed from his own heart that he was nominated and that the Election officials took the nomination from him and for that reason he ran as an Independent. It appears from the returns in the recent election that a large body of the citizenship in Polk County believed likewise. When the election Board was appointed last spring there was protest from the citizenship in Polk that this Board had been mixed up in alleged irregularities in 1932 and asked that a new board be appointed but notwithstanding this the old Board was appointed with the exception of one.

Now, those responsible for the conduct of elections cannot overlook these charges. Their duties are to investigate and when these frauds and irregularities, as they have been called, appear then these officials should be removed or even carry them into Court, if it becomes necessary to stop these evil practices, as suggested by the Editor of the Biblical Recorder. It will tear our party asunder if these practices are to go unchallenged.

## AMERICAN LEGION ENDORSES MORE PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS FOR CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT

At a recent meeting of the Coleman-Pitt Post of the American Legion, a resolution was unanimously passed, offered by one of its leading members, that the Post go on record as favoring more parks and playgrounds for the city of Rocky Mount, and that the Legion take this as its main objective for the coming year.

The Board of Trustees of the Rocky Mount Public School System has also passed unanimously a resolution asking for more playgrounds and parks and urging that the block opposite the Lutheran church be selected as one of these sites, it being accessible to the High School and one of the grammar Schools.

The Civitan Club of the City of Rocky Mount, has also passed unanimously a resolution urging more playgrounds and parks and asked that the block opposite the Lutheran Church be selected as one of these sites. The Civitan was first to pass such a resolution.

As has been stated before Rocky Mount has just a wee park known as the Kite lot on the Edgecombe side and this is being utilized by the City for the location of its water reservoir. It is hoped that the Board of Aldermen will give consideration to these endorsements of these various organizations.

## Dr. Parrott Is Claimed By Death

Death Puts An End To Notable Public Career. Dr. Parrott famous World Over For Health Work

Suffering a recurrence of the heart ailment, technically known as coronary thrombosis, which had attacked him early last spring, Dr. James M. Parrott State Health Officer and Executive Secretary of the State Board of Health died at his room in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh Wednesday night, November 7.

Funeral services were conducted at Kinston, N. C., Dr. Parrott's old home.

Surviving are Mrs. Parrott, who was Miss Lottie Tull, of Kinston; a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Parrott, a member of the faculty of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; and a son, James M. Parrott, Jr., a student at U. N. C., Chapel Hill. Mrs. Parrott was a first cousin of Mrs. J. H. Terrell, of Wendell.

Dr. Parrott became Health Officer in 1931, succeeding Dr. Laughinghouse, who also died in office. Before his appointment a long list of prospective selections was canvassed, and the board even went to far off India in their investigations. After thorough canvassing of the possible prospects Dr. Parrott was selected as the best available. His record in office, judged from comment of those best able to judge within the state and over the world, has amply justified his selection.

He was thoroughly progressive in all his methods and ideas, and made many worthwhile changes in the procedure of the Board of Health, notably in the manner of reporting and filing vital statistics.

## Reynolds Chosen Health Officer

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds of Asheville, president of the state board of health, was unanimously elected acting health officer by the board, Saturday.

Dr. Reynolds will succeed Dr. James M. Parrott, who died Wednesday night.

The selection of Dr. Reynolds was announced after a two-hour meeting of the board and after a committee from the board had conferred with Governor Ehringhaus who, under the law, must approve the board's selection.

Dr. G. M. Cooper, director of the division of preventive medicine for the board, has served as acting health officer most of this year, taking over the duties when Dr. Parrott's health began to fail.

Dr. Reynolds, 62 years of age, is a past president of the state medical society. He has served as practicing physician for 39 years.

## SAVINGS INSURANCE

Insurance for long-term savings in loan associations is now available through the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. It is thought that the 7,000 building loan associations, cooperative banks and homestead associations are eligible for this insurance but,

Caswell farmers report excellent corn yields following lespedeza. Three growers secured an average of 40 1-2 bushels an acre on land that formerly produced not over 21 bushels.

## Chowan College Celebrates Its 86th Birthday

Winfield Crew, of Roanoke Rapids Shows Advantages Of Small College

Murfreesboro, Nov. 6.—Chowan College celebrated its eighty-sixth anniversary Thursday with a formal program consisting of an address by J. Winfield Crew of Roanoke Rapids, a football game between Chowan College and Franklin high school, and a recital given by the faculty of the Fine Arts department of the college, followed by reception in the college parlors.

Mr. Crew in his address, discussed the question: For what are we educated? As an answer to this question, he pointed out that we should not have as our aim in education an ability to accumulate great wealth but rather a willingness to serve and a desire to be instrumental in seeing that all people should have an equal right to live and enjoy life.

Mr. Crew further pointed out that the small college, since it affords the opportunity of more personal and more intimate contact with the student, really had the best possibilities for training of today in such a direction.

Preceding Mr. Crew, Miss Inez Willoughby, president of the senior class, and Miss Mabel Carroll, president of the student government association, spoke briefly on college life at Chowan.

The football game in the afternoon resulted in a score of 13-2 in favor of Franklin.

The evening program, given by the faculty of the Fine Arts department, was attended by a generous crowd of patrons and friends of the college.

Immediately following the program, there was a reception in the college parlors in honor of the college faculty.

## Plain Talk From N. R. A. Officials

Washington, Nov. 10.—Inspection of the official transcript of the private hearing here on Thursday for the proposed code for the cigarette and allied industries today showed clearly that the NRA is apparently disposed to impose a code if one cannot be secured voluntarily.

Addressing himself to this point, Divisional Administrator Armin Riley said:

"I think you have been following a rather unwise policy in dealing with us at arm's length, as you have in the past. It has been next to impossible to get any firsthand information directly from the industry, and I think if you will change your feelings about us and believe we are trying to do the proper and fair thing, you will prevent us from making any mistakes which we might be forced to make were you to treat us, as I say, at arm's length. We have no intention of inadvertently incorporating a provision in here which works very much to the disadvantage of the industry, but we may do that unless we are carefully guided by your representatives; and I am sure that from now on we will have that happy contact, provided you want to give labor anything. That is all I have to say."

Another conference on the code will be held next week.—News and Observer.

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