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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DEMOCRATS

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A demonstration of loyalty to President Franklin D. Roosevelt is as necessary in North Carolina now as a vote for the President was necessary in North Carolina last fall. Indeed, in many respects it is more necessary. Then 616,000 people, more than ever voted for any other man in the history of the State, went to the polls and gave unequivocal evidence of the will of the people of this State. That vote stands but it should not stand in impotence. It should not stand in silence when the President has been ignored on the principal occasion of the State celebration of the Democratic victory to which he led.

The people of North Carolina have not deserted either their leader or his cause. But events have been shaped to make it seem that not Roosevelt but the Liberty League won in North Carolina last year. And unless the people are content that their 616,000 vote for Roosevelt be disregarded, the time is at hand when they should make it clear in no uncertain terms that the State that voted for Roosevelt stands by Roosevelt in appreciation and loyalty.

Fortunately, that opportunity will be given Roosevelt Democrats in Raleigh next

Friday. Fortunately, one of the greatest political orators of America and one of the first lieutenants of the President himself has been secured to speak to those North Carolina Democrats who want it clearly understood that there is no question whatsoever about their loyalty to the President.

Every such Democrat in North Carolina who can possibly come to Raleigh to hear Secretary of Interior Ickes next Friday night should do so not merely to be on hand at one of the greatest Democratic rallies in the history of the State but also in order that North Carolina's expression of loyalty may be seen afar and heard abroad.

All Democrats are wanted. Big ones, little ones, rich ones, poor ones. At this meeting there will be no standard but honor and loyalty to a great Democratic President. And from such a meeting he should receive such a demonstration as only a great Democratic people can give.

COUNTRY ROADS

The Gold Leaf Farmer, Wendell. Wonder if the country road is going to be left by the legislature in the category with the weather—much talk about it but nothing done. We sincerely hope not, for most of the dirt roads around Wendell need attention, and need it badly. We know this is the case all over the state.

We realize fully just what a big job caring for the roads of the state is, and are not unduly anxious to criticize the Highway Commission for any shortcomings we may observe, but roads are SO important to the state. We feel that we must add our little bit to the agitation that is going to be necessary to get good, all-weather roads summer and winter.

Again the time is at hand when farmers must decide just what crops to plant. We would like to join with the farm leaders in urging that the acreage to tobacco and cotton be not increased, and that any increase be along lines of, "hog and hominy."

DAMPING OFF DISEASE LOWERS COTTON YIELD

Damping off disease is considered one of the major causes of poor stands and low cotton yields in North Carolina.

Failure to get a good stand robs farmers in the State of some 150,000,000 pounds of seed cotton every year, said Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College.

The fungi and bacteria causing the disease are present in nearly all soils, and are often carried on the seed, he continued.

The germs may destroy the germinating power of the seed, or they may attack the young seedlings and either stunt their growth or kill them outright.

Treating the seed with two per cent Ceresan (two per cent ethyl mercury chloride dust) will give the best control now known, Dr. Shaw went on.

Demonstrations on 67 farms last season showed the average yield from untreated seed was 1,295 pounds of seed cotton to the acre, while treated seed produced 1,548 pounds.

The treatment cost 27 cents per acre, and the increased value of the cotton lint and seed produced averaged \$13.08 per acre.

Dr. Shaw recommends three ounces of dust for each bushel of seed. Place the seed and dust in a barrel mixer or a mixing machine and agitate them violently for about five minutes, he said.

A barrel mixer can be made easily at home, he continued. Full directions for making a mixer and treating seed have been published in the January plant disease notes prepared by Dr. Shaw.

Free copies may be obtained by writing Dr. Luther Shaw at State College, Raleigh.

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Canadian Quints Growing Wealthy

Welfare Minister David A. Croll, of Toronto, introduced a bill the past week in the Canadian provincial Legislature to permit him to retire as guardian of the Dionne quintuplets and announced that the five little sisters now had \$543,046 invested in gilt-edged bonds.

He also declared: "We hope and expect from now on the parents will assume a larger responsibility and that as the physical progress of the babies has been such as to permit it, the Dionne family will be permitted."

Croll's bill would make the Ontario official guardian, Percy D. Wilson, one of the Dionne guardians in place of himself. He would serve with Judge J. A. Valin, of

THOMASON DIES

Death closed the life story of Edgar Thomason. This story read like a book by Horatio Alger. Thomason rose from country telegraph operator through successive steps until he was president of two railroads. The Durham and Southern, and the Piedmont and Northern. It is also remarkable that even in the worst days of railroading, both these roads have always paid well.

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North Bay; Olivia Dionne, the quintuplets' father, and Dr. Allan Roy Dufee, their doctor.

"The quintuplets have become big business," said Croll. "I have virtually had to choose between the guardianship and my work for this government."

Declaring the little sisters' fortune had been swollen more than \$500,000 since April, 1935, Croll said it was all in government or government-guaranteed bonds and that there were, in addition, contracts assuring \$200,000 a year for the next two years.

Olivia Dionne, he added, now "is one of the keenest advocates of continued government protection and assistance."

He also suggested that, in the future, some part of the Dionne revenue be devoted to child welfare work. The Dionnes will be three years old May 28.

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