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Looking at WASHINGTON

Iowa Primary Pleases the G. O. P. And Tickles Some Democratic Ants

The Iowa primary election, well advertised in advance as a test of the "New Deal," attracted national attention because Senator Guy M. Gillette, seeking the Democratic nomination, was one of the nine Democratic senators facing the voters this year to oppose the administration on the bill to reorganize the Supreme Court.

Gillette Had Friends

Mr. Gillette won by a 2-1 vote over representative Otha D. Wearin, who was the choice of Harry Hopkins, the "friend" of James Roosevelt, and who had the support of some closely associated with the President. The Democratic primary, however, was not a thorough test of the Administration's strength. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, a power in Iowa politics, remained strictly neutral in Washington, but his followers in Iowa were openly supporting Mr. Gillette.

In addition, the Senator and his friends claimed the tacit backing of Jim Farley, and undoubtedly had the support of practically the entire Democratic State ticket, including Governor Kraschel, who compared the records of the two candidates during the campaign, contending that the Senator, with the exception of the Court bill, has been a supporter of the President.

Republicans Pleasued

Republicans in Iowa, who nominated former Senator Lester J. Dickinson to oppose Senator Gillette in the election this Fall, were particularly pleased when the figures showed that around 260,000 persons participated in the Republican primary, as compared with about 140,000 in the Democratic test. The total primary vote, about 400,000, is far below the 1,100,000 votes cast in the 1936 presidential election. The Democratic total is far below the 621,750 votes cast for President Roosevelt, and the Republican Party is considerably short of the 487,977 votes credited to Governor Landon.

Hopkins Denounced

National interest in the Democratic primary in Iowa reached a high point about two weeks prior to the voting, when Harry Hopkins, Administrator of the WPA, declared that if he were voting in Iowa he would vote for Representative Wearin on the basis of his record.

This declaration on the part of Mr. Hopkins was widely denounced as a plain demand on WPA workers in Iowa to support Representative Wearin. Administration opponents immediately asserted that it was proof that the WPA fund was used for political purposes in spite of the earlier declaration by Mr. Hopkins, that WPA workers could vote as they pleased without fear of their jobs.

After result of the primary was apparent, it seemed certain that WPA workers did not exert themselves in behalf of Mr. Wearin. This was plain in Sioux City, where he polled only a few hundred votes although more than 4,000 WPA cages were in the community. In fact, some political observers express the belief that the Hopkins endorsement was something of a boomerang. Mr. Hopkins himself declared that the vote was a "refutation of those who accuse me of playing politics."

Court Issue Not Vital

It seems fair to assume on the basis of the Iowa primary, that a vote against the bill to reorganize the Supreme Court will not, of itself mean the defeat of Democratic Senators. To make this vote a test of party regularity, as some of the advisers of the President are anxious to do, even against the advice given by Jim Farley and other Democrats, was not successful strategy in Iowa. Moreover, in view of the recent decisions of the Supreme Court, which is becoming more New Deal than ever, the question is somewhat academic, and lacks a great deal of being a vital political issue. Where such a vote coincides with a record of opposition to the President, it is

probable that the Democratic party machinery will be aligned against the candidate, and the primary result will be different.

The Art of Being A Congressman Is Not, After All, Just A Pleasure

Much has been written about the hot weather in Washington and the summer temperature which soars into the stratosphere, but capital heat does not worry the congressmen as much as the fires which have been started in their states by potential legislators, anxious to relieve them of the labors connected with representing their constituents in Congress.

Time To Go Home

With 435 seats in the House and 32 places in the Senate to be filled in the election this fall, those who will seek to retain their prestige and the \$10,000 a year that goes with it, know that it is time for them to begin to circulate at home. With few exceptions, the incumbents are anxious to continue their tenure. Most of them face strenuous campaigns, first in the party primaries where ambitious rivals seek to defeat them, and later in the general election, where they come to grips with the representatives of the opposite parties.

The life of a congressman is not a bed of roses. Most of them know that the division in their districts is so close that if they offend a militant minority, they are doomed. Of course, there are exceptional instances where a member of Congress practically has his electorate in his vest pocket, but such individuals are extremely rare. For most congressmen, it is a fight to look ahead and properly weigh the issues, secure the proper "results" for constituents, and, at the same time, avoid serious mistakes upon national issues which bring down the wrath of voters upon his head.

Bragging—Boasting

Only a very few of the 467 congressmen whose term of office ends with the present Congress contemplate retiring from public life. Most of them will make a bee-line to the home precinct and spend the next few months bragging about their accomplishments, exaggerating their importance, and generally boosting their stock by pardonable boasting and other less exorable devices.

We do not mean to ridicule the congressmen in their efforts to be reelected. With few exceptions the tactics of one are the tactics of all. They are a necessary part of the political machinery by which the people of the United States elect their representatives. Moreover, in our opinion, most congressmen would be better statesmen if they were not afraid of the ignorance and prejudice of the voters in their states. In private life and in confidence, many of them exhibit wisdom and tolerance in relation to public issues, but let them get on the stump, or in a public place, and for the benefit of their electorate, they do the expect. In fact the voters of any state or congressional district are represented by a congressman who is as good as they deserve.

Have Been Busy

Ever since the special session began Congressmen who have been busy ever since the special session began last fall, have not failed to appropriate public money. Figures show that the total will be between eleven and twelve billion dollars, which will set a record for peacetime years. In spite of the widespread demand for economy and a balanced budget, the business recession has compelled huge increases in intended expenditures and the Social Security program has added to the tax bill.

In addition to the appropriation measures, the congressmen have given serious attention to tax revision, naval expansion, highway aid, wages-hours, flood control, rivers and harbors money, civil aviation, relief and "pump-priming" low-cost houses. (Please turn to page four)

Who Is Responsible For Election Frauds?

The questions generally asked, are "who is responsible for all of this vote stealing and election frauds?"

The Chairman of the Board of Elections stated this spring that there could be no dishonesty in elections if we have honest election officials and this is a very true saying but if the State Election Board knows this then why do they appoint dishonest officials knowingly or carelessly; Is not the Board of Elections generally responsible for this?

The Board of Elections cannot white wash itself of this wholesale fraud when they make no efforts to bring those guilty of these grossly conceived frauds to justice. Stealing is Stealing and should be dealt with as such. The judges will send a negro to the penitentiary for stealing chickens or a ham of meat but will absolutely white wash some one who steals an election. Many of our judges themselves, according to press reports, have gotten their office by devious routes and some of these judges after getting into office have drawn their judicial robes about them and talked about the sacredness and infallibility of judges. When there are issues in a campaign and we find all the election officials representing one side of the issue and one particular candidate then our minds are rightly drawn to the conclusion that the Boards of Election sit at the gate and are responsible for these frauds, because the pollholders believe they are doing the will of those who appoint them.

CROP CONDITIONS

The heavy rains and the coolness of the weather has retarded the growth of the crops in eastern Carolina.

Most of the crops are fine and free from grass even though we have had lots of rain. Many suggestions have been offered for this smallness in crops, some attribute it to the cold weather, or to the rains which had a tendency to wash the fertilizer away; others say probably the quality of fertilizer might have had something to do with it and still others say that it is the natural year in the cycle of things for a short crop to counteract the bumper crop of last year. On this subject we have no opinion. However, the fact remains that the crops are smaller and somewhat pale. But there is still a fine chance for a good crop with proper work and proper attention we believe with the old contention "There is more in the man than there is in the land and season." And most of the failures are brought about by the failure of man.

NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH OPENED

The congregation of the Trinity Lutheran church opened their lovely new church on last Sunday with three beautiful services, morning, afternoon, and evening. This congregation has worked long and diligently and they have built a church in keeping with the great church that it represents and is indeed an ornament to our city. None more beautiful anywhere even though cost may be greater. We extend our heartiest felicitations and congratulations to Pastor Ritchie and his congregation on their splendid achievement. This church has had only two pastors, Dr. S. White Rhyne, former pastor now located in Philadelphia and Rev. Ross Ritchie the present pastor. The church has been most fortunate and happy under the leadership of these two outstanding pastors. Dr. Rhyne came down from Philadelphia to join with pastor Ritchie and his congregation for the opening services.

While Sunday attending services we looked out on the open space adjoining this church lot and thought how necessary it is for the city of Rocky Mount to acquire this piece of property for the use of the citizen of Rocky Mount in supplying air and breathing space for our people; and we further wished that the Mayor, who was providentially hindered from attending, and the entire Board of Aldermen, including the city manager could have been present for this service and seen how necessary this piece of land is for park development. We believe that appeal would have been irresistible. The land can be secured. Rocky Mount should not delay. It could be bought by economies rather than any extra tax in matters that are not essential to Rocky Mount. Large sums of money in amounts hard to visualize by most of us have been taken from the city treasury for purposes that 95 to 99 percent of our people will never have the opportunity to use or enjoy. Some of this money spent without any authority of law.

TWO LOCAL PEOPLE WIN PRIZES IN PUROL SAFETY CRUSADE

Charlotte, N. C.—Seventy-five people in the Carolinas will receive checks this week ranging all the way from \$5 to \$250 as awards for their prize winning entries in the May Safety contest of the Puro-Pep Drive Safety Crusade, according to an announcement made here yesterday by Daughtridge Oil Co., Puro-Pep agent in this territory.

The basis of the May contest was the naming of a safety illustration which showed an officer with his hand held up to stop traffic while, in the background, two wrecked cars could be seen. Hundreds of fine titles for this picture were received, J. B. A. Daughtridge said, and indicated that these contestants are really making people think about the subject of safer driving.

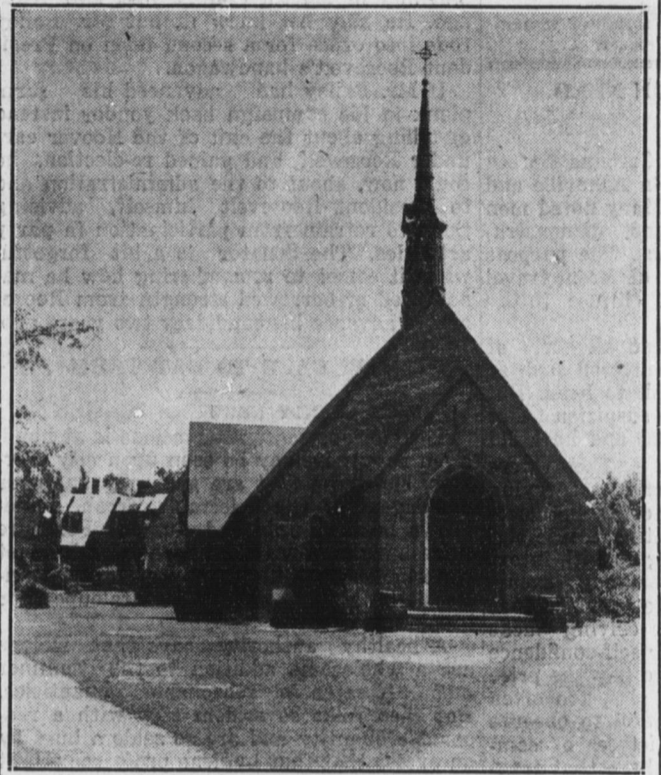
First prize of \$250 went to V. C. Crowell, of Concord, N. C.; second prize of \$100 to Mrs. W. L. Craig, Chester, S. C., and third prize of \$75 was awarded to J. Carlyle Rutledge, of Kannapolis, N. C.

The judging, done by a blind code system so that the names of the contestants were not known until the selections were finished, was handled by the following board of judges: Dr. J. Rion McKissick, President of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.; Robert M. Cooper, President of Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Columbia, S. C.; Dr. J. Caldwell Guilds, President of Columbia College, Columbia, S. C.

Other prizes were awarded as follows: Fourth to tenth prizes—\$25 each: Lester Avery, Greenville, S. C.; Constance F. Burden, Summerville, S. C.; Mrs. C. W. Coons, Greenville, S. C.; Sara Crigler, Greenville, S. C.; D. F. DeTreville, Florence, S. C.; Johnie Jenkins, Belton, S. C.; W. M. Walters, Anderson, S. C.

Eleventh to twenty-fifth prizes—\$10 each: C. W. Ballard, Leicester, N. C.; Harold E. Childress, Greenville, S. C.; Henry Curtis, James Island, S. C.; A. W. Gardner, Raleigh, (Please turn to page four)

Lutherans Move Into New Church; Dr. Morgan Heard



High Officials Participate In Opening Ceremonies At New Building Here

In fitting ceremonies and with high officials of the denomination on hand to laud their efforts, the congregation of the Trinity Lutheran church moved into their new \$17,500 home on Cokey Road and Tarboro Street on Sunday.

"I am sure this is a day of great rejoicing. . . Our hearts are filled with rejoicing for you," declared Dr. J. L. Morgan, of Salisbury, president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, as he preached the sermon before a church packed with loyal Lutherans, members of other local churches and guests from other cities yesterday morning.

Other leaders, both from Rocky Mount and other cities and including Dr. S. White Rhyne, of Philadelphia, first Lutheran pastor here, were heard at a fellowship and a community service yesterday afternoon and at a vespers service last night.

At the conclusion of the morning service, Rev. C. Ross Ritchie, popular pastor of the church, disclosed that 152 gifts from 650 persons in ten different states had been received for the new church.

The building itself stands on the three-acre lot owned by the Lutheran congregation and its structure of brick matches the design of the parsonage, which formerly housed both the pastor's family and provided the place of worship. Ten large, multi-colored windows rise in splendor on the sides of the auditorium, while large arches loom overhead and a beautiful altar gleams in the background. The building also provides room for Sunday School classes and other activities to the rear of the auditorium.

In his message, Dr. Morgan brought "heartly congratulations and good wishes," from the United Lutheran Synod, from other congregations "and personal greetings, too."

"Somebody has been dreaming dreams. . . Somebody has had a vision and a forethought," Dr. Morgan declared as he centered his sermon upon the theme of the open door of the church, "Hold high the banner of Christ," the minister admonished the congregation as he urged that the door of the church be made a door of entrance as well as exit. "Don't follow a program of complacency. . . Go and make disciples and teach them all things," he concluded.

The morning service was featured by a violin prelude, "Andante" by Gluck, which was rendered by John Marion Dozier, Duke University student.

Several new members were added to the church at the close of the sermon and a number of children were baptized.

The Fellowship and Communion service which was held at the church yesterday afternoon was opened with a violin solo, "Largo" by Handel,

rendered by Johnnie Dozier.

After a short preliminary service the various speakers for the afternoon extended their greetings to the congregation.

Mayor J. Q. Robinson, who was scheduled as first speaker, was unable to be present and his message was read by Dr. C. E. Minges. In his message Mr. Robinson extended greetings from the city and commended the Lutherans for their contribution to the spiritual life of the city.

Rev. C. W. Goldston, president of the Ministerial Association extended to the church the best wishes of the ministers of the city.

In speaking of the progress of Christianity Rev. Mr. Goldston said that while "the church today stands at a great period of crisis, the church exists as a tribute of the living God."

Greetings from Edgemont community were given by R. T. Fountain who expressed to the congregation the pride of the community in the newly erected church.

J. L. Fisher, of Salisbury, president of the Lutheran State Brotherhood, brought greetings from his organization and briefly discussed the principals and goals of the Brotherhood.

"I trust that this church will be a great influence in the work of the church in the state," Mr. Fisher said.

Representing the Board of American Missions, Louis Hanson, of Wilmington, spoke of the marvelous work done by the church here in the short time since it was organized.

"I hope that Trinity church may create the spirit of fellowship among you in this community," he added.

Rev. C. E. Norman, of Raleigh, expressed the best wishes of the Eastern conference of which he is vice president and spoke of the possibility of establishing Lutheran churches in other Eastern Carolina cities.

Rev. Mr. Norman entreated the congregation to be proud of the church, not because of its beauty, but because it is the house of God, and their spiritual home.

First Pastor Heard

The first pastor of the Lutheran congregation here when it was organized in 1923 was Dr. S. White Rhyne, now of Philadelphia, who was the next speaker on the program.

Dr. Rhyne, who is executive secretary, see Parish and Church School

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Salvation Army Heads Leave

Major and Mrs. Frazier Transferred To Raleigh—Successors Named

Major and Mrs. C. I. Frazier, who have been in charge of Salvation Army work here for the past three years, are preparing to leave for Raleigh where they will be stationed after June 22.

Major Frazier said that he had received word from divisional headquarters in Charlotte regarding the change as he thanked "the good people of Rocky Mount and the surrounding towns for their noble support during our stay."

Adjutant and Mrs. Wilbur Young of Statesville will succeed the Fraziers here, the retiring chieftain said. The new officers are expected to arrive in th city on June 22.

A new hall has been erected here during the time Major and Mrs. Frazier have served in Rocky Mount and local officials of the Army have complimented highly the work that has been done since they were assigned to Rocky Mount.

Thomas Speaks At Institute Meeting

Socialist Leader Says Entering a War Would Result In American Fascism

Chapel Hill, June 14.—America's entering a new war, Norman Thomas the Socialist leader, said here last night, would result in American Fascism at home which would include censorship, censorship and a complete totalitarian state organized for totalitarian war.

Thomas, who spoke at the Carolina Institute of International Relations, asserted that America's chief objective in the present international situation should be to stay out of war. "No conceivable good is worth America's entering a war," he said. "Why should we save Democracy abroad and lose it at home?"

"I believe," he said, "in a militant program to keep America out of war and that Congress should carry it out. I don't believe neutrality is an infallible road toward peace. It is wrong in the Spanish situation because the President failed to apply it in the Far East. In general a sound principle of neutrality would be carried out by Congress—not by the President.

"An ideal American resolve to keep out of war should favor some economic arrangements as will bring some sense of economic security to the 'have not' nations. This doesn't mean redivision of colonies, but an end to the colonial system—and this doesn't mean concessions to Mussolini or Hitler without assurances from them of a different attitude towards peace and justice."

Boy Saves Friend Pinned By Wreck

Truck Driver Dives To Truck And Extricates Unconscious Companion

Tarboro, June 15.—Two men narrowly escaped death early this morning when their loaded truck crashed through the steel railing of the Roanoke River bridge between Scotland Neck and Rich Square and plunged 40 or 50 feet to the water.

Courageous action on the part of Willie Fields, 22, driver of the truck, in going back into the water after coming to the surface saved his companion, C. J. Boyd, 25. When he rose, Fields did not see Boyd, so he dived to the wreckage and pulled out Boyd, who was unconscious.

Boyd was asleep at the time of (Please turn to page four)

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