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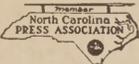
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**EDITORIAL CHIPS**

Since our Town Fathers ceased to be pedestrians and took to their automobiles, going and coming to their work here in town, low-hanging limbs along the sidewalks are allowed to grow right on without being subjected to the pruning knife. If some of those six-foot boys will get out and take a stroll along the sidewalks of Selma and don't have to duck occasionally to keep their hat on we will be surprised. But the serious part of it is that on a dark night the pedestrian might not see the protruding limb and get a jab in the face or an eye, and in such an event the town would be liable for damage.

The streets of Benson were crowded to overflowing Saturday afternoon with people, many of whom went to be in the big Republican Rally. Notwithstanding the fact that Benson is always a busy place on Saturday afternoons, last Saturday was an unusually busy one. Long before the Republican speaking began, streets and sidewalks were surging with people. Awarding of prizes in the merchants trade campaign was one of the big events of the day, which took place at one of the busy street intersections. Then a medicine vender claimed the attention of a large group of spectators in one sector, while arrangements were in progress for the speaking which soon followed on the corner near the store of E. S. Turlington & Company. A large crowd listened to the Republican candidates attentively although the weather was cold and threatening. As soon as the speaking was over Joe Dunn hopped on the rear of a truck and began the auction of blankets while "Preacher" Azel Manning put on his usual show from the outside stairway to the store. The entire afternoon was taken up with one exhibition after another. Wearing of Willkie Buttons became the order of the day as they were distributed by Republican Chairman Clyde Stancil.

Next Saturday is the last day for registration for the general election to be held on November 5th. Every voter should see to it that his or her name is on the books, regardless of the fact that you may have voted two years ago. All the books have been copied since that time and your name could have been overlooked by an error in copying, so don't take any chances but see your registrar at once. If you have never registered you will have to do so if you vote. And if you have moved into another county or precinct within the past two years you will have to register in the precinct in which you now reside, provided you have not moved within the last four months. You have to be a resident of the county six months and of the precinct four months in order to vote in the precinct in which you now reside. If you have not been in your present precinct for at least four months you will have to vote in the precinct from which you moved. Those becoming 21 years of age between next Saturday and the day of election can register and vote on election day.

The Democratic politicians are referring to

J. M. Broughton, the Democratic nominee for governor, as Governor Broughton. This is counting the chickens before they hatch. Mr. Broughton turned down the challenge of Robert H. McNeill, the Republican nominee for governor, to meet him in a joint campaign. Mr. McNeill has declared himself in favor of abolishing the sales tax and for a state referendum on the liquor question, but so far we have seen no declaration from Mr. Broughton on these major issues now before the voters of the state. Mr. McNeill says if he is elected governor he proposes to use enough economy in running the state government to run the affairs of the state without the sales tax and at the same time without any additional tax levies on the tax payers.

**WILLKIE AND FAMILY TOOK WAR SERIOUSLY**

It is not always the better part of good taste when a candidate for public office makes of his war record a political talking point. But since Candidate Willkie's opponents are making the welkin ring with subtle charges of Hitlerism, he can be pardoned for his recent address in which he outlined his own World War record as well as that of his family.

Willkie, of course, volunteered soon after the United States declared war and saw service in France. But his family's record makes for interesting reading in view of the "pro-German" attacks which have been thrown at Willkie because of his Teutonic ancestry.

His father, 60 years old in 1917, offered to volunteer but was declined because of his advanced years. One of his brothers enlisted and served throughout the war. Another brother served in the Navy. A sister was a Red Cross worker. Another sister worked with the Government in the translation of confidential war documents. One of his brothers did not serve in the Army or Navy. He was a chemist.

Which should squelch "un-American", "pro-German" charges which have been cast at Willkie since Henry A. Wallace started the ball rolling with a demagogic speech charging that Hitler sought Roosevelt's defeat.

However, once let the ball of slander begin to roll and all the kings horses cannot stop it.

Not that it would prove anything, but it would be interesting to see the war record, if any, of the man who will in all probability be our next Vice President.—Raleigh Times.

**ELLIOTT STILL CAPTAIN**

Elliott Roosevelt is still a Captain. A resignation that was not accepted, following Papa Roosevelt's visit to Dayton, Ohio, on a "defense inspection" trip, leaves matters just where they were and no one will be fooled by the typical Roosevelt hocus-pocus that invented the resignation camouflage.

From Maine to California swells the outcry against this debauchery of the universal conscription law by which a son of the President of the United States is named to an unearned Captaincy in a safe, swivel chair post in the Procurement Division of the Air Corps.

In tens of thousands of families the conviction is given home that the Government of the United States is unfaithful to the people.

Young men who may be called upon to die in battle for their country's sake are confronted by the fact that through political pressure, it is possible to discriminate in favor of one citizen as against all others.

When the attention of the President was called to the case of his son he failed to overrule the act of injustice to the Nation's young men.

His failure intensifies the bitterness of the millions who firmly believe that favoritism, the most poisonous form of political graft, is to be the rule in executing the selective service law.

In this connection the St. Louis Post-Dispatch prints a list of appointees to the draft boards for St. Louis and St. Louis County, and points out that "the list is literally riddled with politicians."

"This is the day which the Lord hath made. Help me to live today, Learning to love, to rejoice, forgive, Learning to watch and pray.

**DEMOCRAT WOMEN HOLD RALLY HERE**

A County Rally of Democratic Women was held in the Woman's Club building in Selma Tuesday night, October 22. The men of the county were also invited. There were over 100 men and women present. The members of the audience represented the various townships of the county.

G. Ira Ford, Chairman of the Executive Committee in the county, called the meeting to order. He extended a welcome to those present, and recognized the county candidates and county officials. He announced a meeting to be held at Four Oaks on October 25, and invited everyone to hear Mr. Libby Ward at that time. Then he introduced Mrs. Hugh A. Page, vice-chairman of the Executive Committee of Johnston county, who was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Page introduced Miss Mabel Penny, who is publicity director for the Democratic party in this state. Miss Penny spoke on the value of good publicity, and the importance to knowing how to evaluate the material we see in the newspapers and hear over the radio. She urged that the citizens read articles with open minds and try to find the truth of the material presented. She said for us to talk our knowledge and beliefs, but to be sure we are saying something worthwhile when we talk. She closed her talk by inviting and urging everyone to write to the newspapers expressing his own opinion on the questions at hand.

Mrs. Page then explained that Mrs. P. P. McCain, who was to speak, had found it impossible to be at the meeting. She presented the woman who was to substitute for Mrs. McCain, Mrs. D. S. Coltrane of Raleigh. Mrs. Coltrane made an excellent talk on the accomplishments of the Democratic party under the leadership of President Roosevelt. She pointed out the fact that the people of the nation can look at the past record to know the stand of the President at this time. Mrs. Coltrane stated that he is the President of all the people and not just of one class. She urged that we not be too confident and complacent in these few remaining days before the election. As her closing thought she said that the citizens of our country want to keep it such a land that we may continue to sing "God Bless America."

New York heads the list in motor-vehicle registrations with 2,655,733 automobiles and trucks in operation. California runs a close second in the registration race with 2,606,590 motor vehicles. And not far behind is Pennsylvania with 2,054,787 cars and trucks.

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G. Willie Lee was master of ceremonies at the supper, and presented H. B. Marrow, superintendent of schools, who paid a high tribute to the people of the township for such a fine spirit of cooperation.

Mr. Lee then presented R. P. Holding, chairman of the board of county commissioners, who complimented the people of the township for the contribution they have made and are still making in providing a community center at which they can hold all public and social gatherings. The building is of brick construction and has an assembly room with stage and dressing rooms at the side, also a kitchen with electric stove, built-in cabinets and sink.

Carl Goerch, editor of "The State," published at Raleigh, was the main speaker of the day, who entertained the audience with his usual wit and humor.

Army engineers have developed a new base for anti-aircraft guns that can be mounted on the floor of any flat-bottom truck or truck-trailer.

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