

### CAMPAIGN OPENED FOR RE-ELECTION PRESID'NT HOOVER

Raymond Benjamin Organizes Forces to Support Chief Executive in Coming Campaign. Will Repair Political Fences and Shape Up Preliminary Organization. Personal Friend of President.

Washington.—Organization of the Hoover forces looking to the re-nomination of the President by the Republicans next year is under way with Raymond Benjamin, of San Francisco, a personal friend of Mr. Hoover, taking a prominent role.

Benjamin came to Washington last winter and has established a law office here. He has no direct relation with the Republican National Committee.

However, his recent activity and conversation with Republican leaders close to the administration have given these party chieftains the understanding that Benjamin is looking after the political fences of the President.

Benjamin, a veteran in politics, declined to discuss the subject other than to say he was interested in politics as a pastime and has no ambitions whatever for public office of any kind for himself.

As for his relations with the President, Benjamin concedes he is certainly friendly to Mr. Hoover but he insists his coming to Washington to establish a law office in a building near the Republican National Committee headquarters was of his own volition.

Benjamin came to the capital during the 1928 campaign to assist in the Hoover election campaign. Because of his close relationship with the President his present activity is regarded by Republicans as indication of an intention on the part of Mr. Hoover to follow the age-old custom of standing for a second term.

### GARDNER TO DELIVER ADDRESS AT UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Raleigh, N. C.—Governor C. Max Gardner has been invited and has accepted the invitation to address the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Georgia May 13th on "Reorganization of State and County Government." The members of the Georgia General Assembly will attend the meeting addressed by Governor Gardner in a body. He addressed a similar meeting at the University of Virginia last summer, sharing honors with Admiral Richard E. Byrd, North and South Pole explorer.

Tom: "I'd like to give my fiancée a surprise for her anniversary present."  
Jerry: "Why not tell her what your income really is?"

### Negro Farmers Support Live-at-Home Program

Negro farmers in all parts of North Carolina are planning to support the live-at-home campaign this year and will farm to make a living, first.

"While we have no accurate records of what the negro farmers are doing except in the 18 counties where we have local agents employed, we do find a commendable attitude on the part of our colored citizens in these counties," says C. R. Hudson, farm demonstration worker at State College. "There have been 26,771 persons at the 322 meetings held to explain the live-at-home movement. At each of these meetings information was given out as to the possible influence of any large acreage to cotton and tobacco on prices this year. It was also shown that crops needed for home supplies can be grown at home much cheaper than they can be purchased."

Especially have the colored farmers been asked to grow an adequate supply of corn, hay, poultry and pork and to have a good garden. Emphasis has been placed on the garden and the results are excellent. In several counties, a survey shows that about every colored farm family has started a garden. In some others, pastures have been planted and arrangements made to secure milk cows.

Mr. Hudson says in Alamance County the negro farmers have eggs, poultry and cream to sell after saving a good supply for home use. In Gates County, more corn, pigs and poultry will be raised than ever before. In Harnett county, 20 negro farmers have entered a home garden contest and 11 a corn contest. In Rowan and Iredell counties, a tremendous acreage has been planted to lespezoza and in Robeson County, 32 demonstrations in improved corn have been planted.

### QUEEN OF SIAM GOES SHOPPING AND HELPS END DEPRESSION

New York.—Queen Rambhai Barni of Siam now has 55 new pairs of gloves, 78 pairs of stockings, and 12 pairs of shoes, purchased during her shopping trip on Fifth Avenue last week.

Her Majesty's bill in one store was \$928.

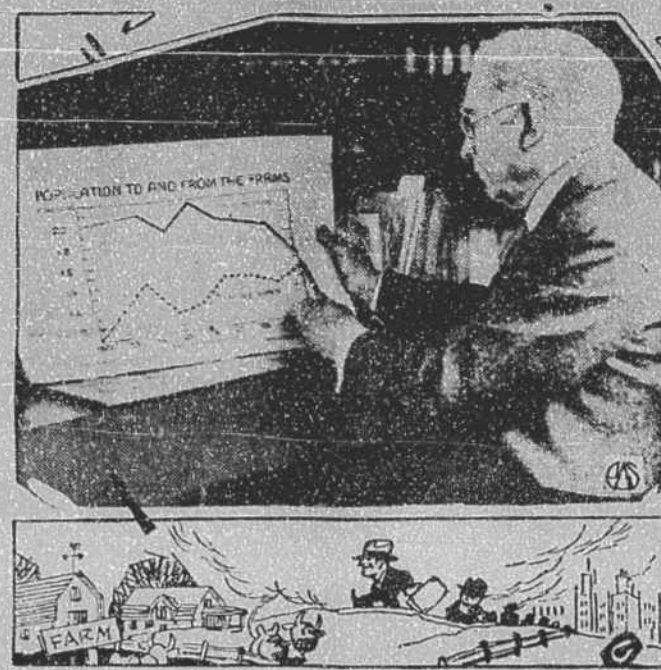
The new gloves ranged in price from \$5.50 to \$19 a pair.

The stockings are all 100-gauge chiffon, size 8, and cost from \$1.50 to \$7.50 a pair.

The highest price her Majesty paid for shoes was \$27.50 for a pair of custom-made black alligator opera pumps. The others ranged downward to \$15.50 a pair. She wears size 7-B.

The queen was accompanied on her shopping trip by Mrs. William Armour, a friend of Mrs. Queen Rani, at whose home their majesties lunched.

### Chart Shows Farmers Grow in Numbers



Dr. C. J. Galpin, of the Department of Agriculture, shows that 200,000 more are living in the country this year than last.

### Letter Written in Blood Epic Southern Heroism

By MARY JOHNSTON AVERY (In Morganton News-Herald)

"Major, tell my father I died with my face to the enemy, L. E. Avery."

This message, one of the most stirring ever written, is displayed in the Hall of History, the museum of the North Carolina Historical Commission, in Raleigh. It was penned with the life blood of Colonel Isaac Ervin Avery, of the Sixth Regiment, North Carolina State Troops, who was mortally wounded in the late afternoon of the second Battle of Gettysburg. His superior officer having already been wounded, Colonel Avery was commanding Hoke's Brigade in the charge up Cemetery Heights when he fell.

Shot from his horse and aware that he was dying far from his comrades, Colonel Avery's first thought was of his aged father, Isaac Avery Sr., who lived near Morganton, N. C. The soldier's right hand was paralyzed from his wound, but by using his left hand, he drew a scrap of roused paper from his pocket. Plucking a twig from a nearby bush, he dipped it into his swiftly flowing blood, and scrawled the message, which was addressed to his friend, Major Samuel McDowell Tate. The note reached the elder Avery a week after his gallant son had been buried on the battlefield.

Thousands have gazed upon Colonel Avery's "message from the grave," and other thousands have received a surge of inspiration upon hearing it recounted in sermons and stories.

On the occasion of the unveiling of a statue to Sir Walter Raleigh, the Englishman for whom the North Carolina capital was named, Theodore Roosevelt, then President of the United States, stood before a distinguished gathering in the Hall of History. In his big, expressive hands, the President held the little scrap of yellow, blood-stained paper. Slowly he read aloud the almost illegible message. His hands trembled, his eyes filled with tears; he became almost speechless with emotion. Then, as if the little paper were some holy thing, he passed it to Lord James Bryce, British minister to the United States.

The English minister read the paper, studied it for a moment, and passed it back.

"President Roosevelt," he said, "we have nothing to compare with this in the British Museum."

A great hush fell upon the audience for a moment, as silence paid tribute to a courage that rose far above sectionalism and beyond the bounds of nations. The two statesmen who stood reading the note saw only a youthful colonel leading his men into battle, dashing so far ahead of them that when he fell, dying, he found himself alone. They cared not whether he lived north or south whether he was born American nor English. They knew he died a soldier and died a hero. They saw, without being told, that the ink he used was his own blood, and his pen some chance twig that lay in reach of the left hand, with which he laboriously wrote:

"Tell my father I died with my face to the enemy."

The simple little message, read aloud by the American President, burned its way into every pulsing heart. It is a sentence which sums up all of life's battles in one triumphant, grand Amen.

A week after the battle in which Colonel Avery was killed an old Southern gentleman sat alone on the porch of his country home in the Carolina hills, near Morganton. He was thinking of his five boys, out on various battlefields, praying that all was well with them, when his thoughts were broken by a sudden excitement among the negroes. Lige, the body servant of their young Master Isaac was approaching! But the cries of joy suddenly were hushed for Lige was coming home alone.

The old man saw the servant at

ing to intrude upon the first moments of his master's sorrow. After what seemed an endless silence, Mr. Avery looked up as if he had forgotten that Lige was there. A slow nod of his head indicated that he was now ready to hear the story.

"Old Marse," the man choked, "I did all I could for young master. He called me to him the night before he was killed, and told me if anything happened to him in the charge the next day, I was to bring his sword and watch to you. He did look so grand the next day, when he rode away. But I am sure he felt he would never come back for he was so particular about telling me goodbye. And then he turned back and called to me, saying, 'Remember my orders, Lige.'"

"It was late in the afternoon when the message came back to headquarters that Marse Isaac had been killed. The battle was still raging, but I started right out to find him, hoping he had only been wounded. I hunted for hours, looking in every direction, until night came upon me. I was stumbling around, almost ready to give up, when I looked around and there he lay, right by me, the moon shining on his peaceful face and in his hand this little note that I knew was meant for you."

"Marse Isaac had fallen nearer the enemy than any other man, Old Marse. He died leading his soldiers right into the face of the guns. Major Tate and me buried him there on the very top of Cemetery Heights, where he had fallen."

The last command of his young master obeyed, the negro felt that his life's work was ended, and he never wanted to leave the old plantation. Through the long years that followed, his thoughts never wandered far from his "Marse Isaac," who had stood 6 foot 2 in his stocking feet, unmatched by any man in the section for his physical strength.

"People from all parts of the world," remarked the creator of the Hall of History, "have come to read this message. Besides Roosevelt, Presidents Taft and Wilson visited the hall to see it. Many and many a sermon has been preached on it."

"I died with my face to the enemy." What more could any son say or any father wish to hear?

### WINNERS IN CAMEL CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Announcement of awards in the Camel Cigarette \$50,000 cash prize contest will be made early in May, officials of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company stated Monday.

The contest judges and their staff, who have been carefully reading the approximately 1,000,000 entries, announced that they are rapidly nearing the completion of their work, and that within the next week or ten days they will be able to definitely set the dates on which the winners will be announced, and prizes awarded.

The judges are Roy W. Howard, chairman of the board of the Scripps-Howard league of newspapers; Ray Long, president of the International Magazine Company and editor of Cosmopolitan, and Charles Dana Gibson, the famous artist, who is publisher of Life Magazine. Thirty-eight prizes will be given for the best answers as to how the new cellophane moisture-proof wrappers on Camel cigarette packages benefit smokers.

The first prize-winner will receive a check for \$25,000 from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, manufacturers of Camel cigarettes. Awards of \$10,000 and \$5,000 will be given to the second and third winners. The next five will receive \$1,000 each, and the balance of \$5,000 will be distributed among thirty winners.

### PRICES REDUCED on AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE

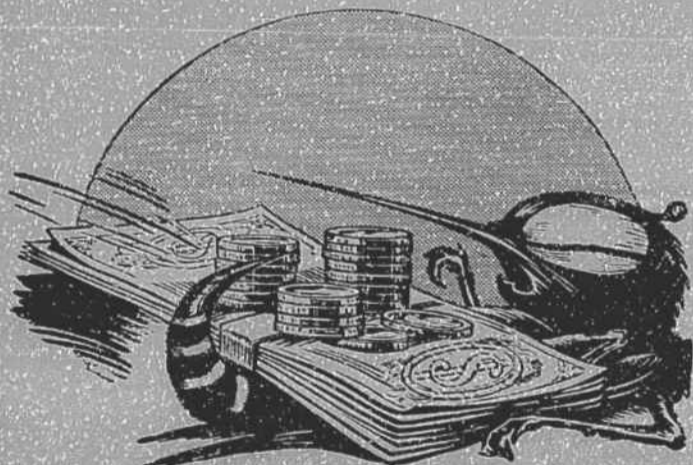
\$2.00 PER TON, F. O. B. Maymead, Tenn. (In Any Quantity)

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