

### COL. KNOX IS G. O. P. CHOICE IN N. C. POLL

Two Hundred Republicans Vote in One Hundred Counties of North Carolina.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Two hundred Republicans representing every one of the 100 counties in North Carolina in answer to a questionnaire sent from Greensboro give Publisher Frank Knox of Chicago a long lead as to preference for the Republican nomination for President. William E. Borah, with little more than half the votes polled by Knox, was his nearest competitor. Herbert Hoover and Theodore Roosevelt were among the trailers with two votes each.

The questionnaire, sent out by Harry Stanley, Greensboro attorney, was mailed to members of the Republican executive committee in each county and also to those who attended the last Lincoln Day dinner here. Of the 350 requests mailed out so far, 200 have answered and others are coming in daily. There were 11 names on the straw ballot—Knox, Borah, Lowden, Wadsworth, Vandenberg, Landon, Mills, Roosevelt, Fish, Dickinson and Hoover. More ballots will be mailed out before the Republican meeting in Winston-Salem on September 13th, Mr. Stanley said.

Although the poll taken among North Carolina Republicans had no official sanction, Mr. Stanley is in receipt of a letter from State Chairman W. C. Meekins who expressed gratification at the interest that seems to be evidenced in the number of Republicans responding to the straw ballot. Mr. Meekins did not vote in it.

The request for information on the Republican presidential candidates say, among other things, this:

This is a private poll to determine in your community the choice of a G. O. P. candidate for President of the United States. We believe you can find out.

### STATE COLLEGE GETS LARGE TRACT OF FOREST LANDS

An 84,000-acre tract of woodland in Jones and Onslow Counties has been acquired by the State College department of forestry to be used by the students in connection with their class work.

During the school year the forestry classes will do periodic work on this property, and in summer a full six-weeks course will be offered, according to J. V. Hoffman, director of the forestry department.

The students will make special studies of the growth and development of trees and will gain first hand experience in the care and management of forests.

The property will also be used as a demonstration to show the public how forest lands should be managed and what improvements can be made through proper management. Timber will be cut from the area to demonstrate approved methods of timber harvesting.

The cut timber will be sold and payments on the property will be made from the revenue brought in from such sales, Hofmann stated. The title to the land, however, will be held by a non-profit corporation for the sole use of the forestry department at State College.

The State is co-operating with the college in providing fire protection for the timber tract. A number of fire wardens have been appointed to check any fires which may break out. They also serve as game wardens to prevent unlawful hunting or abuse of the game on the tract.

A CCC camp is now on the property, and the boys are constructing roads, building fire towers, and otherwise improving the area. Another CCC camp will be located there on October 1st, Hoffman said.

### POULTRY QUESTION

How much whole corn should be fed the poultry flock each day? Answer: During the fall months the grain ration will consist of 60 per cent whole corn and 40 per cent whole wheat and a flock of 100 hens will consume from ten to twelve pounds of this mixture a day. For winter feeding the grain ration will consist of whole corn only with the same amount being fed daily. The feeding of one pound in the morning and the remainder late in the afternoon is a good practice in that it insures the birds a full crop before they go to roost and tends toward higher egg production.

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### UPS AND DOWNS OF FALL HAT FASHION

Style Centers of Manhattan Offer Wonderful Assortment of Felt "Lids" for Cool Weather Wear.



NEW YORK.—Fall hat styles in all their glory grace fashion center shops here as milady makes selections. Two distinctive models (above) afford her highness choice of up or down styles. Left, a brilliant red, yellow, blue and green parrot perches on a black velvet sport hat with pleats pressed into brim and crown. Right, the Mercury hat with pleated felt simulating wings is extremely smart.

### Linville Farmer Carries on Unusual Cropping Program

Linville, N. C.—Joseph L. Hartley, 65 year old Linville farmer and often called the "Sage of Linville" not only claims that the industrious farmer can have a fresh strawberry every hour of the year but goes a long way toward proving his point by actually growing giant specimens of the fruit himself from July 15 to October 1.

Joe has been in the market garden game for 40 years and has supplied nearby hotels and markets with his splendid Muskodom berries for a long time. The standard run for strawberries is only 30 days and Joe claims that he is the only man that grows them longer than that time. He also declares that his berries are four times the size of the average strawberry.

Secret in Cultivation Joe's secret lies in his system of cultivation. Planting his strawberries about April 2, they began to fruit the middle of July. Then Hartley takes the first two sets of blooms off, cuts the runners off from three to four times and then the crop is ready for market. The southeast slopes on high hills are preferable for strawberry raising, he says.

The Muskodom plants may be obtained from the Government experimental grounds in Maryland. Joe asserts that the yield depends on the man behind the labor. Some acres may produce as low as 1,000 quarts, while others run as high as 6,000.

Joe vows that the strawberry game is like all other farm life. If conditions are favorable, it will pay, if they are adverse, it will not pay. But it is always worth a try.

Besides his strawberry patch, Joe is the owner of a large apple orchard, which is bearing a fine crop this year. He also grows about 75 different varieties of vegetables, the largest per cent of which are strawberries, broccoli, cauliflower, beans and potatoes. Joe claims that he grows as good a vegetable as can be grown anywhere in the country and cordially invites anyone to visit "Mountain View," his 200-acre farm, located a quarter of a mile west of the Linville postoffice.

Protects Natural Resources Joe Hartley was born at Shull's Mills in Watauga County but has been in Linville, in his words the best and coolest place on earth, for the last 45 years. He has spent most of his life protecting the natural resources and forests where he happened to be. He is a charter member of the North Carolina Forest Protective Association and has been fire warden over 40,000 acres of land for 35 years with only one serious fire.

"I am deeply interested in President Roosevelt's erosion program," says Joe, "and I think it will ultimately prove a wonderful blessing to the American people. However, I got way ahead of him on reforestation as I have a 15-acre black locust grove that he and all the Tennessee Valley authorities are invited to visit. I took a badly washed out, gullied piece of land and planted the sprouts. A TVA man who visited the grove claimed that it is the greatest piece of reforestation in the State. The oldest trees are now 8 years old and the youngest 4. I figure that in five years I will have 50,000 fence posts, for which there is a good market, on this piece of ground. I consider that a good crop."

Joe thinks that the worst thing about Western North Carolina and the whole world is idleness and laziness. He also believes that the things that have done the greatest harm to this State are chain stores and crooked legislation. Going even fur-

### Strawberry King



JOSEPH L. HARTLEY

ther, he thinks that Roosevelt has done some of the biggest and some of the most foolish things of any chief executive. Although he boasts the farm program as a great blessing he believes that the dole system is detrimental to the American people.

Joe's family consists of his wife, Lillie Mae; Mrs. B. F. Sprinkle, a daughter now living in Lenoir; Mrs. Fred Lyons, another daughter in Charlotte; two other daughters in Washington, D. C.; Charlie Hartley, son, a garage man; Joe Lee Hartley, a son, working for the government in Lexington, Ky.; Robert Hartley, youngest son, at home; Jake Hartley, brother, caddy master at the golf club here; Jeff Hartley, brother, a stone mason; and A. A. Hartley, brother, local farmer.

Up at Four O'Clock Joe arises every morning at four o'clock and retires when the birds retire at dark. He hasn't touched whiskey in 28 years and is greatly interested in church and Sunday School. He is chairman of the great Tri-state singing convention which assembles at Grandfather Mountain near here the fourth Sunday in each June. It is estimated that 10,000 people attended the last meeting. He is also an orator, poet and author of no small local fame.

Joe relates that three years ago he took over 48 students who had just finished an agricultural course at Duke University and were searching for practical experience. They seemed rather bewildered when they actually came face to face with the various crops and cattle, according to this prominent farmer.

"I hope that the time will soon come when the schools will not only teach agriculture and home economics but will actually give the practical experience before handing the students a diploma," says Hartley. "If they don't, I'm afraid they will starve when turned loose."

### WILL ROGERS' HUMOR

A timely illustrated article which relates examples of the shrewd philosophy and homely wit which entertained a nation and which ended in the death of Will Rogers. One of many interesting features in the September 8th issue of THE AMERICAN WEEKLY, the big magazine which comes regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by all newsdealers.

### MAST REUNION WELL ATTENDED

Sons and Daughters of Mrs. Lucinda Mast Gather at Payne Home on Cove Creek.

Ten of the children of Mrs. Lucinda Mast gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Payne at Sugar Grove on Sunday, August 25, enjoyed a bountiful basket picnic spread on the lawn, and celebrated the 63rd birthday anniversary of Mr. Payne. The reunion was in honor of Mr. Fred Mast of Kellogg, Idaho, who is enjoying his first visit with home folks in twenty-nine years.

Children of Mrs. Mast who enjoyed the day with their mother were: Mr. and Mrs. Carson Sherwood of Bristol, Va.; Mr. Fred Mast, of Idaho; Mrs. C. A. Ellis, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Mast and family of Vlas; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Payne and family, Sugar Grove; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mast and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mast and family, and Grady Mast, all of the Cove Creek section.

Among the grandchildren and great-grandchildren present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Payne and son; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Olsen; Mr. and Mrs. Vance McGuire and daughter, Lenoir; Mrs. Floy Mast and family, Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mast; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mast and family; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bingham and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bingham; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Moretz and family; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mast and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. Moody; Mrs. Horace Dowling Jr., of Charlotte; Mr. Roy Mast and family; Mrs. S. C. Yergain of Memphis. Other close relatives included Mr. Lester Billings and family, Mrs. Julia Lewis, Mr. W. H. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. J. S. McBride of Boone, Mr. Andy J. Mast, Messrs. J. Fred Mast and W. N. Shearer, Glade Springs, Va., and Mr. A. N. Mast. Mrs. C. S. Sherwood of Detroit, Mich., was the only absent member of the Mast family.

### FALL SEEDING WILL GIVE BEST STAND OF ALFALFA

In most sections of North Carolina, alfalfa seeded in the fall will give better results than when seeded in the spring.

The recommended date for the coastal plain and the lower Piedmont is in September. In the upper part seeding should be between August 15th and September 15th.

But in the mountain regions where the altitude is above 2,500 feet, spring seeding gives the best results, says P. H. Kime, agronomist at North Carolina State College.

Alfalfa requires a fertile soil, he pointed out. Where the soil is somewhat run down, it is advisable to build it up before attempting to start a good stand of alfalfa. Do not attempt to grow alfalfa on sandy soils, he warned.

The soil may be improved by adding manure or growing crimson clover, vetch, or any of the other clovers to turn under as a green manure crop, Kime stated.

Farmers whose soil is of low fertility, and who wish to start alfalfa, should begin this fall to prepare the land for alfalfa planting next year or the following year, Kime stated.

If the soil is in good condition, the alfalfa may be seeded at once. Given the proper care and fertilization, it should produce a good stand next year.

For soil improvement, soil conservation, and the economical production of crops and livestock, alfalfa is considered by many as the best legume that can be grown.

Growers interested in more details about the crop may consult their county agent or write the agricultural editor at State College for the free bulletin, "Approved Practices for Alfalfa Growers," prepared by P. H. Kime and Dr. H. B. Mann.

### WILL ROGERS ON INSURANCE AGENTS

"It just seems to be some people's luck to get blamed for being good in business. Well, you know how it is. If a guy is going to sell insurance, for instance, why, he's gotta kinda stick around and ask people if they don't want some insurance. The crowds ain't going to walk all the way upstairs to his office and knock on the door and ask to be let to buy a little insurance, no matter how good it is. And then they poke lots of fun at the insurance agents for peddling their stuff. I like insurance agents myself, because they do more good than a lot of fellows that just sit around looking dignified." Lloyd's, London insurance brokers, last week delivered to the widow of the noted cowboy philosopher a check for \$2,500,000 representing a policy on which he had paid premiums amounting to \$800,000.

### Equal Rights in Russia

In Russia, women must struggle for life on exactly the same footing as men. Half the work in the vast industrial plants is done by women—in the machine shops, the motor car and tractor factories, the mines. Women build the military tanks, the airplanes, the artillery and the locomotives.

### LABOR MEDIATOR

Madden Named Chairman of Labor Relations Board.



PITTSBURGH, PA.—Industry generally is watching with interest the functioning of the new national Labor Relations Board of which J. Warren Madden (above), of this city, is chairman. He was named by President Roosevelt to serve for five years.

Norway Not So Cold Because the northern part of Norway tips into the Arctic circle the orruneous impression prevails that it is a cold country. Instead it has milder climate than any other country in the same latitude.

### Roosevelt at Hyde Park To Take Long Vacation

HYDE PARK, N. Y.—President Roosevelt came home today for a vacation and a period of observation of national and international affairs from the old family estate.

The special train from Washington arrive at Highland, across the Hudson River, early in the morning and Mr. Roosevelt was at home in time for breakfast.

He was met at the house by Mrs. Roosevelt and his mother, Mrs. James Roosevelt Sr.

So far as national affairs are concerned, there was no announcement of any immediate moves by the President, and it was expected he would devote time while here to routine matters and the final disposition of Congressional business. Some vetoes are in sight.

The sudden death of Mrs. Harold Ickes shocked the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and their plans for Labor Day were held in abeyance.

Mrs. Roosevelt is leaving to attend funeral services of the wife of the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ickes, who is chairman of the Allotment Board of the Works Relief program, was one of the last callers yesterday at the White House.

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Because of its size the telephone industry is also one of the largest contributors to the support of the State and its subdivisions by the payment of taxes. Its total tax bill in North Carolina for 1934 amounted to more than \$660,000.

The telephone company of necessity is also a large user of raw materials, and spends large sums of money in North Carolina for the products of the State.

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