

Elections In East Hold Mild Interest

New York, March 30.—It's politics as scheduled—this being an election year—but not "politics as usual" in the nation's populous eastern states. And here's why:

Regardless of how the politicians feel about it, the electorate's reaction in most of the east ranges from mild interest to downright apathy so far as the usual local and domestic issues are involved. The voters are concerned primarily with the successful prosecution of the war.

There are several significant exceptions, these being in New York and Pennsylvania where contests for governor are raising the political temperature and in West Virginia where election of a United States senator is causing the commotion.

Elect Seven Senators
The eastern area—New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Connecticut, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Delaware—will elect seven United States senators, seven governors and 136 members of the house of representatives.

As for other issues:
The farm question has concerned the region only slightly.

Outside of a few areas the furor over congressional pensions has subsided.

The public generally appears to have lost interest except where the local and domestic issues are tied in with the war effort taxes, cost of living and other war-created factors directly affecting the individual.

There appears, too, to be a general inclination to examine the voting records of congressmen on the war effort, particularly before Pearl Harbor. Those who supported the President's foreign policies before Pearl Harbor appear to have strengthened their positions with the voters, regardless of party.

Much Alive
In New York, President Roosevelt's home state, however, the sentiment for elections and "constructive" politics and criticism is much alive. The activities of two national Republican leaders, Wendell L. Willkie and Thomas E. Dewey, will be closely watched with an eye on the Presidential campaign two years hence.

Dewey, it is generally conceded, can have the Republican nomination

IN ARMY



Dean Glenwood Grogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Grogan of Sherwood, was inducted into the service from Raleigh February 6, 1942. He is now stationed at Camp James T. Robinson, Ark., M.R.T.C., Med. Bn., Co. E, 106.

for governor if he wants it. Democratic Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, because of the war emergency, may stand for re-election again—for a fifth term—although he intended when he was re-elected in 1938 he would like to step down. Unless he accepts a war post in Washington, which persistent rumors say will be offered him, he probably will run again.

If he does not, the Democrats are looking to Lieut. Governor Charles Poletti, State Attorney General J. J. Bennett, Jr., and State Chairman James A. Farley. Farley has indicated Bennett is his choice if Lehman does not run again but his friends are hopeful he (Farley) will run.

Willkie has indicated he does not want the governorship. He has said he will oppose Republicans and Democrats alike whose records do not conform with his idea of all-out support of President Roosevelt's prosecution of the war.

In Pennsylvania both major parties are embroiled in a four-way fight for the gubernatorial nominations in the May 19 primary, although the campaign is overshadowed by the war effort. No major issues have developed, but all efforts at compromise have failed. Everybody is pledged to a united

Dealers Warned Against Boost in Prices of Pork

Washington, March 28.—The office of price administration asked butcher shops and retail meat markets today not to raise prices of ham, bacon, pork chops and other pork products above the mid-March levels, and declared it was ready to crack down promptly if retailers began "price-gouging."

The appeal was issued by Dan A. West, director of the OPA consumer division. He advised consumers to question any increase over mid-March prices and report immediately to OPA any "marked increase." Wholesale prices of most pork products are now covered under a temporary price ceiling based on March 3-7 price levels.

West observed that present retail pork prices were nearly the highest ever recorded for this season of the year and that supplies were limited. "Meat sellers have an important obligation to the nation's health to avoid further price rises which will make it impossible for many families to buy these products," he declared.

In Australian slang a cossie is a swimming suit.

war effort and labor difficulties, one of the outstanding issues of past Pennsylvania campaigns, have not arisen.

On the Republican side are Senator James J. Davis, the party's best vote getter in the last three elections; Major General Edward Martin, former commander of Pennsylvania's 28th division and the choice of State Chairman Torrance; State Representative Ivan S. Watkins, without organized support, and Lieutenant Governor S. S. Lewis, veteran office-holder. Democratic senatorial candidates are Judge R. H. Smith; F. C. Ross, Dr. Luther A. Harr, and W. N. McNair, former mayor of Pittsburgh.

In West Virginia, Gov. M. M. Neely, who left the senate after 30 years in Washington to run for governor, may again seek a senate seat. If he does, Herman G. Kump, who in 1933 became the first Democratic governor since 1917, probably will contest him for the nomination.

Down in North Carolina, where Democratic nomination is equivalent to election, Senator Bailey is being opposed by R. T. Fountain of Rocky Mount. The winner in that contest will be opposed by Stoner Klutzz, Republican, of Salisbury.

MacArthur Trophy



Francis B. Sayre, U. S. high commissioner to the Philippines, who arrived in Washington after escaping from besieged Bataan, presents the President with a sword taken from a dead Japanese general on the Bataan front. The sword was a gift from General MacArthur.

"We Will Win or Die," Says MacArthur

Canberra, Australia, March 28.—General Douglas MacArthur sounded a new united nations war cry Thursday night—"We shall win or we shall die"—and solemnly pledged to the cause of certain allied victory the last ounce of American might and the last ounce of American blood.

MacArthur came to this Australian capital for the first time to receive a hero's acclaim and to attend a historic meeting of the war council for an intimate discussion of his manifold problems as supreme commander of the allied forces in the Southwest Pacific.

Later, addressing a distinguished assembly of allied and government chieftains at a parliament house dinner, MacArthur gave thanks for the welcome accorded him and in the blunt language of a soldier declared:

"There can be no compromise. We shall win or we shall die, and to this end I pledge to you the full resources of all the mighty power of my country and all the blood of my countrymen."

CROPPING
Ashe county farmers are beginning to do more strip cropping where it is necessary to crop steep land; reports R. H. Crouse, farm agent.

A.H.S.A. Holds Annual Commercial Tournament

The Appalachian High School Association of Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties held its annual commercial tournament in Boone on Saturday, March 28.

Appalachian high school of Boone was winner of the highest total number of points and retained the Deal Typewriter Company loving cup. Cove Creek high school received the second highest number of points, and Lansing high school, Ashe county, received third highest.

Individual awards were presented to winners of the various contests, as follows:

For first place in typing I, Jay Miller of Appalachian high, received a Gregg gold medal.

For second place in typing I, Irene Baldwin of Lansing, received a Gregg silver medal.

For first place in typing II, Dorothy Mast of Cove Creek high, received a Gregg gold medal.

For second place in typing II, Frances Teams of Appalachian high, received a Gregg silver medal. Miss Teams also received a Gregg gold medal for winning first place in the shorthand contest.

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