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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

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POPULATION DATA

CITIES AND TOWNS

Salisbury	16,951	Gold Hill	156
Spencer	3,129	Granite Quarry	507
E. Spencer	2,098	Rockwell	696
China Grove	1,258	Faith	431
Landis	1,388	Kannapolis	13,912

TOWNSHIPS

Atwell	2,619	Morgan	1,327
China Grove	8,990	Mt. Ulla	1,389
Cleveland	1,445	Providence	2,589
Franklin	2,246	Salisbury	25,153
Gold Hill	2,642	S. Irish	1,251
Litaker	2,562	Steele	1,142
Locke	1,904	Unity	1,406

ROWAN COUNTY 56,665

AN APPRAISEMENT OF ROOSEVELT

A Republican writing in The New York Times, give seven reasons why he will support Franklin D. Roosevelt. The reasons comprise an excellent appraisal of the Democratic nominee, offering ample evidence of the nominee's fitness for the place and excellent reasons why every Democrat should get behind the ticket and why many Republicans will do the same. The writer said:

I am one of tens of thousands of Republicans who, putting country above party, principle above policy and present needs above past accomplishments, will vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt. May I, therefore, set forth seven reasons why for the first time in my life I intend to vote for a Democrat?

First reason: I have given the Republican party the orchard test ("By their fruits ye shall know them"), and so tested I find that for many years past it has failed to serve the ends of practical and just government. I find that it relies too much upon past performances; exhausts its efforts in conserving the exceptional privileges of the fortunate classes; fails to face bravely the new conditions of the life of today; takes for granted the existence of a natural law governing human affairs which will automatically remedy depressions and panic; and is generally out of step in the march of current events.

Second reason: Great revolutions reforms and political remedies always center around a great personality. The American Revolution centered itself in the personality of George Washington; Abraham Lincoln was the personification of the abolitionist movement, and the same may be said of Grover Cleveland regarding civil service reform. I am going to vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt because he seems to be a vibrant and vivid American, whose grasp of present-day problems and sincerity of character are needed in the several crises of the hour.

Third reason: We need an astute politician in the White House. No really great statesman needs to be ashamed of being a politician. The political ability displayed by Candidate Roosevelt during the recent Democratic National Convention would have delighted Talleyrand, and yet it was untainted by doubledealing or chicanery. He had the provocation and the opportunity to stir up strife, but, like the sea god in the Adened, he chose to pacify.

Fourth reason: Governor Roosevelt is right on the prohibition question. All decent citizens are opposed on principle to the evils of strong drink; but there is a loyalty to principle which amounts to disloyalty to more foundational principles. If prohibition could be enforced it would be more than a "noble experiment;" but painful experience has shown it to be unenforceable. We cannot in a republic afford to have a law which cannot be enforced.

Fifth reason: Franklin D. Roosevelt is a statesman of clear vision and definite purposes. This republic is in the throes of the worst economic depression in its history, and it cannot be restored to a normal level by political astigmatism or shortsightedness. Mr. Roosevelt does not suffer from hallucinations.

Sixth: A man can often be judged by his enemies as well as by his friends, and the character of Governor Roosevelt has never shone so resplendently as when he was recently the target of envy and jealousy born of disappointment.

Seventh: I shall vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt because it is my view that the present industrial depression has bred a political discontent which must be met successfully if this republic is to survive. I do not hold

the Republican administration responsible for the world depression; but I hold it solely responsible for the depression now existing in this country. Economic depression in Germany or China is no excuse for depression here. Moreover, when one doctor fails to cure, after boasting of his exclusive powers of healing, it is only sensible to call in another. I like a doctor who does not dodge making a diagnosis, who can write a prescription without the assistance of a committee, and who does not, Micawber-like, sit back hoping the disease will cure itself.

COUNT YOUR CHANCE

There's no argument in this editorial. It's merely a collection of facts, incontrovertible eloquent facts that confound those who profess to see America slipping down into a state of effortless despair.

Total bank savings today exceed \$29,000,000,000, equal to more than \$1,000 for every family in the land. Savings depositors number 52,000,000, nearly two per family.

The number of Americans owning stock has increased almost 40 per cent since 1929.

A group of 102 companies which had 5,539,036 stockholders at the end of the boom year had 7,675,143 stockholders at the beginning of this year.

One company alone today has over 665,000 stockholders, a gain of more than 195,000 since the boom. This company has assets exceeding \$3,200,000,000.

Our total stock of gold is \$4,000,000,000. No other country ever possessed so much. Britain, for example, has only \$588,000,000. Currency in circulation aggregates \$5,464,000,000, or \$700,000,000 more than in the boom.

Last year \$16,500,000,000 worth of new life insurance was written.

Total insurance now carried is estimated at \$109,000,000,000, or not far short of \$1,000 for every man woman and child in the United States. Policies in force total 127,800,000.

Such safeguard . . . is enjoyed by the people of no other nation in the world.

Our total national wealth, estimated at \$329,700,000,000, is greater than that of a dozen Continental European countries combined.

The income of the American people comfortably exceeds \$1,000,000,000 a week.

The per capita income here is far greater than in any other land.

There are still six or seven persons gainfully employed for every person idle.

No fewer than 25,800,000 automobiles are owned by Americans . . . This total is almost three times the number owned by all the rest of the world.

Americans possess far more telephones (19,500,000) than all other countries . . . Radios . . . multiply . . . over 16,545,000 . . . unapproached by any other people.

How many new domestic mechanical refrigerators have been bought, would you guess? A grand total of fully 3,750,000, at an estimated expenditure approaching \$2,000,000,000 . . . In no other part of the globe do half as many homes enjoy such a luxury—Americans are rapidly coming to regard it as a necessity.

A recent survey of 29 typical small towns revealed that 71 per cent of the inhabitants owned homes, that 88 per cent had electric light, 72 per cent had baths, 51 per cent had electric washers, 55 per cent had radios, 41 per cent had vacuum cleaners.

There are more families in America than in any other land that can afford to and do send their children to high school and college. In no other land do so many average families have the means to enjoy foreign travel . . .

The movie still attracts a weekly average attendance of 75,000,000 . . .

The percentage of our agricultural population who, despite deflation, are acquiring domestic comforts, conveniences, labor-saving devices, improved machinery, the use of better roads is constantly increasing.

Today more than 700,000 farms are electrified, representing an increase of 400 per cent in eight years, and the total is being swelled rapidly.

In industrial communities hard manual toil is being steadily abolished by the introduction of machinery. Each American worker now has at his command five horsepower, a record not even remotely approached outside our boundaries.

The average working-day a generation ago was ten to twelve hours. The standard in this generation is eight hours . . . The work-week used to consist of six . . . days. Now it is five and one-half days, with the five-day week coming into vogue.

Never in the past was America so well equipped as it is today to resume an epochal forward march. . . . not only have we changed from a debtor nation to the greatest creditor nation on earth, not only have we vaster national wealth, not only have we an unprecedented supply of gold, but we are richer in experience, richer in inventive brains, richer in scientific knowledge, richer in machinery, richer in productive facilities, richer in managerial skill, richer in discovered mineral and oil resources, richer in transportation facilities; . . . richer in every material wealth-creating product and process, richer in craftsmanship, richer in everything.

The country is all right. What we need is less hysteria and more confidence and courage—Collier's, The National Weekly.

A BAD CASE

"Did you have measles worse than Bobby Jones?"
"Much worse, grandma. I had 'em during school vacation."—Tit-Bits.

THE SPEED CONTEST

By Albert T. Reid



THE WATCHMAN TOWER

Mr. R. E. L. Niel,
Secretary of the Salisbury Chamber
of Commerce,
Salisbury, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I was glad to hear that Salisbury was represented at the conference in Greensboro regarding the establishment of a Home Loan Bank in North Carolina.

Salisbury, owing to its geographical location of being almost in the center of the state offers an ideal location for this bank. Our interests are industrial and also agricultural and these two tend to promote a need for an organization of this kind.

Do all in your power to secure this honor for Salisbury.

My aid in any phase of this work will be at your command.

Governor Matthew Rowan

To The City Officials of Salisbury

The move recently taken to protect the invaluable records of our city by construction a fire proof vault has met with the approval of our citizens over the city.

For some years I have felt the need of this protection.

It is fortunate that a location suitable was obtained for such a small sum.

Governor Matthew Rowan.

Rowan Welfare Department,
Salisbury, N. C.

I was indeed glad to hear that the county will again receive the benefit of another car load of flour to be distributed among the needy.

It is gratifying to know that we have a national organization that will render aid to the worthy needy in times of stress like we are undergoing at present.

To those in charge of the local distribution, allow me to caution you and call to your attention the responsibility which has been placed upon you. We have many worthy needy in our city and county and in addition some that will take on the appearance of being in need for their own personal gain. It is your responsibility to discriminate between these two classes, and give to the deserving.

Governor Matthew Rowan.

To the People of North Carolinas

Again in the general election this year four proposed amendments to the state constitution are to be adopted or defeated. It is not unlikely, that, as in the past, the proposed amendments will receive far less consideration by the voters than their importance demands for the reason that the attention of the electorate will be so much absorbed with party issues and candidates—from president of the United States to township constable.

One of the proposed amendments

therefore should receive special attention and should be adopted, regardless of the other three. For the first time it is proposed to change the method of amending the constitution, so that such amendments in the future will be submitted to the people in special elections called for the purpose and not overshadowed by party issue, and a multitude of candidates as in the general elections.

The other three amendments would (1) change the system of solicitors so that one for each judicial district would not be required as at present, (2) make the terms of sheriffs and coroners four years instead of two, and (3) protect the life insurance of an insolvent person for his widow and children in cases in which they are the specified beneficiaries of the insurance.

Governor Matthew Rowan

COMMENTS

Albuquerque, N. M.

July 28, 1932.

To The Editor:

Congratulations on your 100th anniversary. I am having a marvelous time. So much beauty! So much of interest!

Sincerely, May T. Sweet.

Textile Student Weaves Picture of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering Raleigh State College Station

To the Editor:

I am enclosing a picture of Franklin D. Roosevelt, which was woven in the Textile School of North Carolina State College from a Jacquard design painted by N. R. Whitener, of Gastonia, a member of the 1932 graduating class, who was awarded the medal given by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers to the most proficient Textile student in the class.

The weaving of this picture represents quite a bit of work on his part. A photograph was secured from the Governor's office in Albany and placed in a Saentis enlarging camera, which enlarged and reproduced the likeness upon design paper so that the outline



I'LL BET HIGHER TAXES ON BANANA OIL AND BOLOGNA WOULD SLOW DOWN THESE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.



IT'S MIGHTY hard for
A MAN to forget the
TERMS WHICH he uses
IN HIS business, every day.
DAY. IN fact, he
APPLIES THEM to
EVERYTHING WITH
WHICH HE comes in
CONTACT. FOR instance
THE OTHER night, just
AS THE clock was
STRIKING TWELVE there
CAME A "Wow! Wow!
WOW" FROM a crib in
A CERTAIN home here
IN SALISBURY. The
BALL-PLAYING father
POISED ON the edge of
THE BED and muttered:
"FOUR BAWLS and I walk."
I THANK YOU.

could be traced; after which the design was painted and the correct shading added.

It is probable that many of your readers would like to have one of these woven pictures, and if you care to do so we would be glad to have you state that the Textile School of North Carolina State College will gladly send one of them to any person who requests it, providing a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain

Yours very truly,
THOMAS NELSON,
Dean of Textile School.

Gratitude

To the Editor:
1918—"Our heroes."
1920—The veterans of the World War.

1922—The ex-service men.
1924—The former soldiers.
1928—The disgruntled doughboys.
1932—The bonus marchers.
1934—The ex-heroes.
1978—"These honored dead."
Dead men don't ask for bonuses, pensions or jobs. FRED VETTER.

GANGLAND EXECUTES CZARS

The Volpe brothers, termed czars of Pittsburgh's gangland, were shot down in a coffee shop by three imported gunmen.