

Cotton Contracts Offered By AAA Prohibition Battle Lines Are Again Drawn

Official Washington is displaying great interest in Presidential polls these days.

All the polls agree in giving Mr. Roosevelt still the best of it, by approximately 53 percent to 47 percent.

FROM HERE ON Some of the things which the President's friends are hoping will happen are a strong up-swing in business conditions, the failure of the Opposition to develop real leadership and a subsidence of the third party agitation.

As to leadership in the Republican Party, something may develop at the annual meeting of the Republican National Committee to be held here this month, which will clarify the issues upon which the Opposition will make its stand.

The strongest element in Mr. Roosevelt's favor, as matters now stand, is that business is definitely improving and that all the signs point to further improvement.

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Former Resident Visits Salisbury

D. L. Glover, a former resident of Salisbury was a visitor here last week. While in town he called at the Watchman office and renewed his subscription to the paper.

Christmas Buying Starts With Rush

Substantial Increases in Retail Sales Accompany Unusual Industrial Activity Throughout November

Washington — Substantial increases in retail sales this week and unusual industrial activity throughout November were reported in predominantly cheerful commerce department business surveys.

Holiday buying was said to have started with a rush in most of the 32 cities covered by the department's report with favorable weather conditions helping considerably.

Large Crop Reduction To Be Effective

Farmers Get One Check Instead of Three; Aim At 11,000,000 Bales

To Be For Four Years

Washington.—The AAA offered the nation's cotton growers a four-year adjustment contract, aimed at crop reduction and at bettering the lot of share-croppers and some tenant farmers through increased payments to them.

Pointed toward a 11,000,000-to-12,000,000-bale production in 1936, the 1936-39 contracts call for a 5-to-10-per cent greater crop reduction than in 1935, with a 1,000,000-acre reduction in base acreage.

Both long-range control agreements were projected in the face of the impending Supreme Court decision on the constitutionality of AAA. Four-year contracts also have been prepared for wheat, tobacco and rye producers.

High administration quarters have indicated some way would be sought to continue production control in these major crops even should the high tribunal hold processing taxes invalid. Benefit payments to farmers are financed through these taxes.

The major changes in the new cotton contracts:

- 1. They cover four years instead of one. 2. National base acreage is reduced from 45,500,000 to 44,500,000 acres. 3. The reduced production for 1936 must be 30 to 45 per cent of the base, compared with 25 to 35 per cent in 1935, and 35 to 45 per cent in 1934.

* FEAR HICCUPS WITH WHISKEY IN RADIATORS * Charleston, S. C.—If a city police car hiccups these cold days, there's a reason. * Police have just been using * confiscated moonshine whiskey instead of anti-freeze solutions.

LIVES TEN DAYS SHUT IN ICE BOX

Baltimore.—"Thawing out" on a hospital cot, 14-year-old Glen Bolan told of the terror that engulfed him for 10 days within the dark and cold interior of a sealed ice-compartment of a railway refrigerator car.

The 'Motley, Minn., farm youth was rescued half-starved and half-frozen from his icy prison here. Trapped in it without food or water November 22 at Roseville or Tracy, Cal.—he could not remember which—he frantically had battered its walls to escape until he sank down in a stupor.

Rowan Gets \$123,287 In WPA Funds

For Use In Drive Against Unemployment

Washington.—What will probably be the last treasury warrant approved by the comptroller general for Works Progress projects in North Carolina was executed this week making available \$496,907 for George W. Coan, Jr., state administrator for use in his drive in the Tar Heel state for unemployment.

Duplin county—Kenansville—construct hospital cottages, \$765. Durham county—Durham—construct National Guard armory \$30,268.

Guilford county—High Point—construct community center, \$52,113.

Halifax county—Roanoke Rapids—improve sewer system, \$7,280.

Scotland county—Laurinburg—construct storage building and repair garage, \$2,461.

District-wide—community sanitation program: Davidson county, \$6,264; Forsyth county, \$109,650; Iredell county, \$94,907; Rowan county, \$123,287.

Community service programs in the following localities: Pittsboro, \$5,532; Salisbury, \$5,130; Greenville, \$3,120; Elizabeth town, \$7,696; Onslow county, \$2,640; Pamlico county, \$2,640; Columbus county, \$7,696; and Burgaw, \$7,696.

Highway Patrolmen Are Transferred

State Highway Patrolman A. B. Smart who has been stationed here has been moved to similar duty in Charlotte and Patrolman Cliff Passons of Charlotte has been transferred to Kannapolis.

ROSES BLOOM DESPITE COLD

Denton, Md.—Flowers that bloom in the spring are shedding their fragrance on the December air of Maryland's eastern shore. Red rambler roses have bloomed in sheltered places. A lovely pink rose of a choice variety was in bloom although the temperature had dropped below the freezing point.

Warm Springs Greet Their Illustrious Guest



WARM SPRINGS, Ga. . . Patients in the Warm Spring Foundation here, look forward through the year to the arrival of their illustrious toastmaster, President Roosevelt, for their Thanksgiving Day dinner. Photo shows the joyful greetings of the little folks upon the arrival of the President last week, for his annual sojourn with them over Thanksgiving.

Roosevelts To Do Without Yule Ball

Washington — The Roosevelt five-generation Christmas celebration will be minus its young folks ball this year because there is no one to give it for.

But maybe a brand new electric White House kitchen, and all the Christmas cheer it can bring, will make up for one less party on the Christmas calendar that was made public by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There'll be the usual Christmas eve lighting of the nation's tree, with the President broadcasting greetings and the presidential family reviewing the out-door pageantry, the usual family party Christmas night; the traditional children's party on December 28.

But, no dance. The President's Harvard college sons, Franklin, Jr. and John, wouldn't want a dance given for them.

Last year the December, 29th dance honored Miss Barbara Cushing, whose sister married the President's son, James; and Miss Jean Martineau, daughter of the President's cousin.

W. D. Graham Dies Monday At Mt. Ulla Home

Prominent Rowan County Citizen and a Former North Carolina "Master Farmer"

W. D. Graham, one of Rowan County's most prominent farmers and widely-known throughout the State as a "master farmer" died at his home at Mt. Ulla Monday afternoon after a short illness. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Graham won wide recognition for his thorough and modern methods of farming and for years was officially designated by the State as a Master Farmer. So attractive did he make farm life that only one of his 10 sons, all living, ever left home.

Mr. Graham was a director of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company, and once served as Rowan county solicitor. He also served as a county commissioner for 10 years, retiring from that post in 1928.

Surviving are his wife, three daughters, Mrs. C. C. Corriher of Mooresville RFD, Mrs. Chalmers Weaft of Bostic, and Mrs. J. B. Caldwell of this city, and his 10 sons, Emery, John, Dunham, Harold, Archie, Charles, Stacy, and Curtis of the home place, and Jack D. Graham of Gilcrest, Colorado. Funeral services were conducted at Thyatira Presbyterian church, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, and burial was in the church cemetery.

CLARK GRIFFITH CALLS JOHNSON GREATEST PLAYER

Washington—Looking back over his forty-odd years in Baseball, Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, marked his sixty-sixth birthday by naming his all-star major league team.

Yule Shopping Rush Begins In Salisbury

The Christmas shopping season swung into full stride this week, and the streets and stores were filled with visitors getting an early start on their Christmas purchases of winter wearing apparel.

With the Thanksgiving holiday season past, merchants are ready for unusual crowds of Christmas shoppers from now until Christmas Day.

In addition, the usual Christmas rush is expected to be augmented by additional shoppers who have not yet spent their winter clothing budget, the delay having been caused by the unseasonable warm weather.

Merchants report good sales for the last few days.

Local Youth Kills Himself

Jerome Small, 22, who was employed at the Star Laundry here, killed himself Sunday night while in a room alone at his home, 120 East Horah street, by shooting himself in the left breast with a .38 automatic pistol. He died a short time after being taken to the hospital.

The coroner, Dr. W. L. Tatum, pronounced the case a suicide and members of the family think the shooting was accidental.

The funeral was held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

He is survived by his widow and one small child; his mother, Mrs. J. M. Small; three brothers, Sam, Perry and Andrew, all at home; a sister, Mrs. J. M. Sharp of Concord.

To warm over a fruit pudding which has already steamed, put it into the top of a double boiler and set it in boiling water for a half-hour.

Reynolds Will Take Jaunt Around World

When Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina returns to Washington after his Filipino jaunt with other members of the congressional delegation who attended the inauguration of the new Philippine republic, he will be the only member of the party who has been around the world on his trip and seen Ethiopia, since the Ttalo-Ethiopian war started. It was learned that Senator Reynolds and his daughter, Miss Frances, who accompanies him, left the congressional party in Manila, and instead of turning back east, he continued westward. His journey from the Antipodes will carry him

Old Conflict Being Revived

Temperance Leaders Circulating Pledges And Preparing To Renew Fight.

Washington—Two years after repeal, the two sides of the question are marshaling forces again for new battles over prohibition.

With pledge-signing campaigns and social activities, temperance leaders are directing their efforts now mainly to educating young people against "the dangers of drinking."

One prominent leader of the temperance movement predicted in an off the record statement that national prohibition would return "within ten years" if the "evils" of repeal were not corrected.

The repeal advocates, who became quiet after the passage of the 21st amendment, are rousing again to meet the new temperance drive.

Some one-active forces on both sides have withdrawn from the fight, disbanded or turned to other fields.

Here is the line-up as the repeal amendment approaches its second birthday, next Thursday:

The National Prohibition party still organized, with headquarters in Indianapolis, but political observers here doubt that it will offer a candidate for the presidency in 1936. Some of its State units are reported joining other political groups.

The Anti-Saloon League centering its fight on State prohibition laws and local-option battles. Never an independent political movement, it continues to support candidates believed favorable to prohibition, regardless of party.

Dr. F. Scott McBride, executive director, who has held 350 meetings in 31 States since February 1, reported "a marked upturn in sentiment."

Local Dealer Wins High Place In National Sales Contest

T. M. Casey, local General Electric dealer, in a nation-wide "Spotlight" contest sponsored by the Home Laundry Equipment section of the General Electric Company, won a high place in the final score by selling 85 1/2 per cent of his quota.

This contest was participated in by thousands of dealers throughout the country, and competition throughout its duration of many weeks was intense.

A marshmallow rolled in cinnamon makes a delicious addition to a cup of cocoa.

Four WPA Jobs Are Approved

Raleigh—The State Works Progress administration Tuesday approved four additional projects estimated to employ 750 persons and to cost \$110,115.

The projects with their location, type, cost and number of jobs to be given follows:

Salisbury, improve walkways, 25 persons, \$2,081.

Moore county, complete Knollwood airport, 326 persons, \$28,000.

Forsyth county, improve airport, 347 persons, \$69,950.

Albemarle, public school sewer ditch, 52 persons, \$10,184.

Climbing stairs requires 15 times the effort of walking on level floors.

WRECKERS BRING DEMAND FOR WOODEN LIMBS

Omaha, Neb.—Automobile accidents have increased the activity of the industry making artificial limbs and orthopedic appliances, one manufacturer asserted.

"I would estimate they have increased our business 60 per cent," asserted George A. Johnson, head of a local firm. "If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have much to do."