

LONDON . . . of Kansas

I have never met the Republican candidate for President, but most of the men who organized the campaign for his nomination are old personal friends of mine.

He prefers, he says, to be called "Alf" rather than "Alfred," although Mrs. Landon thinks Alfred is more dignified. He has signed his name "Alf" for a good many years and sees no reason to change it now.

There are few states in which so many people are politically minded as in Kansas, or take their politics more seriously.

KNOX . . . heavy hitter

I have known Frank Knox, Landon's running mate, only as a newspaper man. In the newspaper business he has demonstrated that he is a good fighter, both on paper and, in his early days, with his fists when necessary.

Like Alf Landon, he is a veteran of the World War. He is also a veteran of the Spanish War. That he is a good soldier seems to me to be proved by his ready acceptance of second place on the ticket when he was out for first place.

My hunch is that Col. Knox will do most of the heavy hitting in the Republican campaign. I may change my mind, however, after Alf Landon gets into action.

HAMILTON . . . fighter

I had two or three visits with John Hamilton last Winter before he took hold of the Landon campaign. I sized him up then as a scrapper who can think fast on his feet.

The new Republican national chairman has been in the rough-and-tumble of Kansas politics since boyhood. Four years ago he was opposing Alf Landon. Now he is trying to put him in the White House.

Whether his candidate wins or loses, John Hamilton at 44, has made himself a factor to be reckoned with in all future councils of the Republican Party.

HOOVER . . . happy

I spent an hour with Herbert Hoover just as the Cleveland Republican Convention was adjourning. Echoes of the applause with which his speech at Cleveland was received were still ringing in his ears.

Mr. Hoover was both proud and happy. He was proud to point out that the Republican platform had been built on the principles which he had been advocating in his public life.

Doughton On Presidential Committee

Congressman R. L. Doughton, of this district, and dean of the North Carolina delegation, has been appointed by Speaker Bankhead as a member of the joint committee of Congress to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect of the United States.

This is another honor added to many other national recognitions given to Mr. Doughton, along with his chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee.

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ROOSEVELT WILL HEAD TICKET

85 Counties In Hoey Column

Majority Put At 75,000 In 2nd Primary

Rowan County Will Give Shelby Candidate A Substantial Majority; Managers Are Active

Graham Forces Join With Hoey

That Hoey will carry 85 counties of a possible 100 in the second primary was forecast this week by political leaders over the state.

His majority over McDonald in the second primary July 4th would be in excess of 75,000 votes, it was also predicted.

The third general opinion was that Hoey would get at least 75 per cent of the Graham support. Rowan county, it is estimated, will give Hoey a substantial majority.

Graham's strength has definitely been placed in the Hoey column and a consolidation of the Hoey-Graham forces, locally and over the state, has been effected.

R. Cordell Mills, Rowan county manager for Sandy Graham for Governor in the first primary, and Bryce P. Beard, prominent business man and ardent supporter of Graham, have become members of the Hoey-for-Governor committee of this county, and will actively support that campaign in the second primary.

Messrs. Nelson Woodson, Kern Carlton and Charles Price, Hoey-for-Governor campaign managers for Rowan County, have been waging an energetic campaign since the first primary and are exceedingly optimistic of carrying Rowan county for Hoey by a much larger margin in the second vote-contest.

Hoey's lead in Rowan county the first primary was 1,034. Hopes of tripling this figure was expressed by backers of Hoey.

N. C. Parkway Bill Is Passed

Measure Was Sponsored By Representative R. L. Doughton Of This District.

A bill giving control of the new Blue Ridge parkway in North North Carolina and Virginia to the National Park Service was passed by Congress June 20.

The bill had been defeated earlier in the day when brought up under suspension of the rules which requires a two thirds vote for passage.

Reconsideration was forced after the rules committee brought in a rule which eliminated the necessity for the two thirds vote and enable passage by a straight majority.

Among other things the bill provides that "the forest service and the national park service shall, in so far as practicable, coordinate and correlate such recreational development as each may plan, construct, or permit to be constructed, on lands within their respective jurisdiction which, by mutual agreement, should be given special treatment for recreational purposes."

The Character of Clyde Hoey

It is the duty of a citizen in a democracy calmly and with intelligent approach to measure the men who aspire to public office and to vote on a basis of considered judgment and not by aroused prejudices and passions.

When Clyde Hoey is appraised by such a yardstick, no amount of vulgar ribaldry of a rival candidate touches even so much as the hem of his garment.

On the basis of his fitness for the leadership of the political life of the State, on the basis of his proven qualities as a statesman, and by virtue of his irreproachable personal character, Mr. Hoey has right to lay claim to the suffrage of the electorate of North Carolina in his aspirations to be the Governor of this great Commonwealth.

A statesman not only technically knows and understands the science of government, but will administer government for the highest interests of the greatest number with conviction, with unswerving courage and with devotion to the principles of justice and morality. Mr. Hoey qualifies under those terms.

He will be the Governor of no minority. No clique or bloc or special group will put chains around his neck. He will be everybody's man when everybody is within the bounds of justice and fairness and truth. He will bend no knee to any Baal. No group with an axe to grind will sharpen its selfish instrument on the rock of his favor.

Mr. Hoey's knowledge of government and of statecraft is not taken from books of theory. By observation, by study, by training and by instinct he has acquired mastery in this field. Problems of fiscal management are not new to his disciplined mind.

Mr. Hoey knows, as every right-thinking citizen in North Carolina knows and appreciates, that in order to have good government with progressive and humane public services, revenues must be provided by those who are the beneficiaries of such favors.

We submit that such knowledge, such training, such experience, superbly equip him for the leadership of the public life and activity of the State of North Carolina.

As Governor he can confidently be expected to impose no tax upon any citizen more than such citizen is able to bear, no tribute would be exacted out of line with services rendered and received by those who bear the burden of public levies.

Mr. Hoey's philosophy of taxation is that every tax should be imposed upon the principle of ability to pay and not upon the ability of the government to punish.

He has no set prejudices in this matter. There is no group or combination of groups in North Carolina powerful enough to swerve his judgment away from the straight line of righteousness and morality in this matter. There is no friend nor organization of friends in the State so intimate and influential as to veer him in his judgment of justice.

And the reason of all reasons that we are convinced of the strength of his candidacy is the simple but transcendently vital appeal of the nobility of the man within the inner veil of his personal life.

His name stands in North Carolina for unsullied and unsoluble honor.

Whatever else may be uttered in the livid heat of an embittered political contest, no man will breathe a syllable of rebuke or reproach against Mr. Hoey's personal life and character except to one's own contempt and condemnation. For the clear whiteness of his character, he is esteemed by the citizenry of his commonwealth of whatever race or color or creed or conviction, and by his friends he is held in reverent respect.

His cleanness in conduct, his robust Christian faith, and his long and strong spiritual leadership in North Carolina undergird every word he utters, every stand he takes, every principle he enunciates, every promise he makes, every deed he does, and the people of this State could locate no citizen by the most critical and ransacking search who would carry into the Governorship greater integrity, a more reliable and unimpeachable or a finer or cleaner Christian character than that of Clyde Hoey.

Expect Heavy Voting By Absentee Ballots In Second Demo. Primary

Since the second Democratic primary is to be held on Independence Day, July 4th, it is expected that a considerable number of citizens will be away from their homes on holiday trips. Hence absentee voting may play an important part in the Democratic gubernatorial run-off primary between Clyde R. Hoey and Dr. Ralph W. McDonald.

Word comes from Raleigh that in anticipation of this, the state board of elections is having printed an extra supply of absentee ballots.

All voters in Salisbury and other sections of the county going away on the Fourth should make application to W. C. Oughenour, chairman or J. Giles Hudson, secretary of the county election board for absentee ballots. As soon as he receives the ballots they will be given to applicants for making according to the established procedure.

It is necessary first, it was pointed out, to make a formal application for a ballot. This may be done upon forms provided by the board of elections or by an ordinary letter. A person desiring to vote by absentee ballot should apply to the chairman of the board of elec-

tions before the ballots are distributed, or to the registrar of his precinct after they are distributed.

This application may be made in person, by letter or by an agent. But if the application is made by agent, the law provides that it must be by written order of the voter desiring to use the ballot. This means that the absentee voter must sign the request for the ballots and certificate and if he wishes the agent to get them, he must authorize this agent in writing to get them for him.

The ballots after having been checked as the voter desires them must be returned, along with the certificate properly notarized, to the registrar of the voter's precinct.

STUNG

For nearly an hour the actors went through their performance without stirring the faintest bit of applause. Suddenly the stage went dark. "Keep your seats, ladies and gentlemen," shouted the manager. "The lights have merely gone out for the present."



Roosevelt and Garner

Primary County Totals

Hoey, 51 McDonald, 28 Graham, 20 McRae, 1

Hoey led in the following 51 counties in the first primary:

- Cherokee Clay Macon Swain Haywood Transylvania Madison Buncombe Henderson Yancey McDowell Rutherford Polk Mitchell Avery Burke Cleveland Ashe Alleghany Watauga Wilkes Caldwell Alexander Iredell Catawba Lincoln Gaston Rowan Cabarrus Mecklenburg Union Stanly Montgomery Davidson Davie Stokes Rockingham Guilford Randolph Harnett Roberson Sampson Brunswick North Hampton Gates Hertford

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Democratic Rally Here On June 27

A Democratic rally will be held at the courthouse here on the night of June 27 as a part of the "Roosevelt Nominational National Rally." Walter H. Woodson, Jr., chairman of the Rowan Democratic executive committee, has been named county chairman by James A. Farley, national chairman, and John C. Kesler, local attorney, city chairman.

Legion Post Seeks Home

The American Legion is making plans for a permanent home here and has asked the city to be the sponsoring agency for a WPA community center project, which will not only serve as Legion headquarters, but be available for other purposes.

The Legion officials told the council that the post will pay the necessary amount required from the sponsoring agency in the event the project is approved. To date more than \$2,500 has been raised by the Legion for a building program, and it is anticipated that \$6,000 can be secured at an early date.

In the event the WPA project is approved, a building costing from \$16,000 to \$20,000 will be erected. The council indicated favorable action on the matter and told the Legion boys to go ahead with their plans.

SO DOES FATHER

"Well, my little man," remarked the minister, "I suppose you always do as your mother tells you?" "You bet I do," replied little Billy. Then he added: "So does father."

12 Injured At Spencer When Train Hits Engine

Spencer.—A dozen persons were slightly injured Tuesday in a head-on collision of the Southern railway's southbound passenger train No. 45 and a shifting engine with cars attached. The cause of the crash was not known. The locomotives were badly

damaged, and traffic was delayed more than an hour.

J. W. Campbell, fireman on the shifting engine, three mail clerks in the passenger train's baggage car, and several passengers had minor bruises.

None required hospital treatment.

Name Garner As Running Mate Again

Adoption Of Platform And Continuation Or Abolition Of Two-Thirds Rule Before Democratic Assembly.

Doughton Active At Convention.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt and John Nance Garner will be renominated for President and Vice President, respectively, by the Democratic convention now in session in Philadelphia.

This ticket was conceded by all leaders of the different groups, despite Al Smith's avowed intention to block their re-nomination.

The convention met Tuesday. Roosevelt and Garner will probably be renominated Friday and Roosevelt will make his speech of acceptance Saturday night in Philadelphia with a gala fete planned.

Determination of the abolition or retention of the two-third convention rule, adoption of the 1936 platform, and adjustment of many routine matters that necessarily arise at convention time, constituted the outstanding business before the Democratic assembly.

The first three days of the convention have been devoted mainly to speeches by Postmaster General Farley, Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky and Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas. They assailed the platform and record of the Republican party and as a contrast cited the accomplishments of the Democratic party.

Congressman R. L. Doughton, of this district, has been exceedingly active at the convention. He has been placed on a number of the most important committees and several signal honors have been paid to him by the convention leaders.

Doughton Speaks At Independence Day Fete July 4

Representative Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth Congressional district will be the principal speaker at the Independence Day celebration in Statesville July 3, it was definitely announced by Hugh G. Mitchell, general chairman of the celebration committee.

Details of the big celebration, which is expected to attract to the Iredell capital thousands of visitors from the piedmont and western section of North Carolina, virtually have been completed. The program is being held on Friday, July 3, in order not to interfere with the second Democratic primary the next day.

Mayors and officials of cities within a radius of 75 miles of Statesville will be among the honor guests and are invited to have places on the program.

The program begins at 11 o'clock with a parade that will include many handsome floats by Statesville firms, public exercises at which Representative Doughton speaks, a band concert and luncheon for visiting officials at 1 o'clock. At 2 o'clock speed races in which visiting fire department teams will participate will be held and at 4 o'clock there will be a horse show. An hour later a bathing beauty contest will be held at the American Legion pool, the banquet is set for 7 o'clock at the Vance hotel and at 9 o'clock there will be a fireworks display. Two large balls will follow.

Mr. Doughton is also scheduled to address the Rowan County Grange during August, the date and program to be announced at a later date.