

Washington, D. C.—With the nominating conventions of the major parties over and the work of the 74th Congress finished, Washington is settling down to the serious business of Presidential politics. Those who are trying to dope out what will happen next November find, on surveying the political scene, a considerable amount of wreckage and a number of new factors, the importance and effect of which cannot at this time be accurately estimated.

The session of Congress ended with a victory for the President in the new tax bill. The Senate had rejected the principle he advocated of taxing undistributed corporation reserves, but administration pressure on the lower House resulted in a threatened deadlock, in the face of which the Senate yielded. An entirely new principle of taxation has been placed on the statute books and business is disturbed over its possible consequences. The one certain thing about the new tax law at this time is that it makes it more difficult for corporations to conserve their resources against future depressions.

Just before it quit, Congress gave the President another billion and a half dollars for relief. This will carry on relief work on the present scale until about February, so one of the first jobs of the new Congress, which will convene on January 3, will be to do something quick about Federal relief.

**SOME MEASURES PERISHED**

Many legislative measures, which important pressure groups regarded as of vital importance, died in the last-minute rush to adjourn. It must be remembered, however, that while bills die, the pressure blocs still live, and their efforts will be renewed in the next Congress. The substitute Guffey coal bill, the Administration's food and drugs bill, and Senator Wagner's Federal housing bill were among the casualties. The anti-discrimination law aimed at chain stores, as finally enacted, is not regarded as likely to have any serious effect except that it puts added powers into the hands of the Federal Trade Commission to regulate business.

The ship subsidy bill, passed in the closing hours, is designed to build up the American merchant marines by direct subsidies instead of subterfuge payments for carrying mail. Under this act it may be possible for America at last to put a ship or two on the seas which will rival the great European liners. One really important bill which fell short of enactment was the measure designed to put all postmasters under Civil Service regulations. It was fought by Republicans on the ground that it would keep thousands of politically appointed Democratic postmasters in office for life, and labor opposition gave many Democrats an excuse for voting against it.

**THIRD PARTY THREAT**

Political experts are not yet in agreement as to the effect on the election of the formation of the new Union Party, headed by Representative William Lemke of North Dakota as its presidential candidate and Thomas C. O'Brien of Boston for vice-president. There is a strong feeling that this new third-party movement is to be taken seriously. It has the support of Father Coughlin, the Detroit "Radio Priest," and of Dr. F. E. Townsend, founder of the old-age revolving pension plan. Mr. Lemke has been the leader of the agrarian inflationist bloc in Congress, and is the co-sponsor of the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage bill.

Nobody can determine yet what the ultimate effect on the election will be of the walk-out headed by former Gov. Alfred E. Smith. Mr. Smith, with Bainbridge Colby, former Senator James A. Reed, former Gov. Joseph B. Ely of Massachusetts, and Daniel B. Cohan, one of the most powerful figures in Tammany Hall, signed a communication to the Democratic National Convention denouncing Mr. Roosevelt as not being a true Democrat. While some such action was not unexpected on the part of Gov. Smith, it is still a question how far conservative Democrats of the old school will follow this leadership.

**CAMPAIGN OUTLOOK**

The promise of the Republican leaders to conduct an aggressive (Continued on page Four)

**HOEY VICTORY ASSURED AS MCDONALD SUPPORT FLOPS**

**21 Dead In Texas Flood**

**Tiny Creek Wrecks Train And Houses**

**14-Inch Rain Falls Overnight In Some Areas—Property Loss Above One Million Dollars.**

**Hundreds of Head of Cattle Drowned.**

San Antonio, Texas, July 1.—Collapsing houses and wrecking a freight train in a 200-mile strip, a south Texas flood caused a mounting death toll listed at 21 tonight.

At least 14 persons were missing. Damage to cotton and corn crops was tremendous, growers reported. Hundreds of cattle perished.

The rise of normally placid streams after two days of heavy rains was so swift that many families were trapped in their homes. The flood damage was particularly severe in the area about San Marcos, between Austin and San Antonio and to the south.

Men, women and children perished in some cases after clinging as long as they could to the wreckage of houses being swept away. Others were rescued from treetops.

**FAMILY REJOICES AT MAN'S "RETURN TO LIFE"**

Culpeper, Va.—The family of Reginald B. Gilbert, thought dead, rejoiced at his "return to life." The world war veteran, the son of J. C. Gilbert, was believed by his family to have died in the Florida hurricane which swept through a CCC veterans camp on the Florida keys last fall.

He came home this past week-end. The veteran said he was injured in the storm and had been treated in several hospitals since that time. He said he had no idea he was counted as dead.

**Says Absentee Ballots To Set Record July 4th.**

Raleigh.—R. C. Maxwell, executive secretary of the State board of elections, predicted a record number of absentee ballots will be cast in the second Democratic primary.

Maxwell said he had mailed 110,000 absentee blanks—the largest number ever sent out in North Carolina—to county election officials. Already, there has been some call for an additional supply.

For the first Democratic primary June 6, only 35,000 absentee ballots were mailed by the State election board.

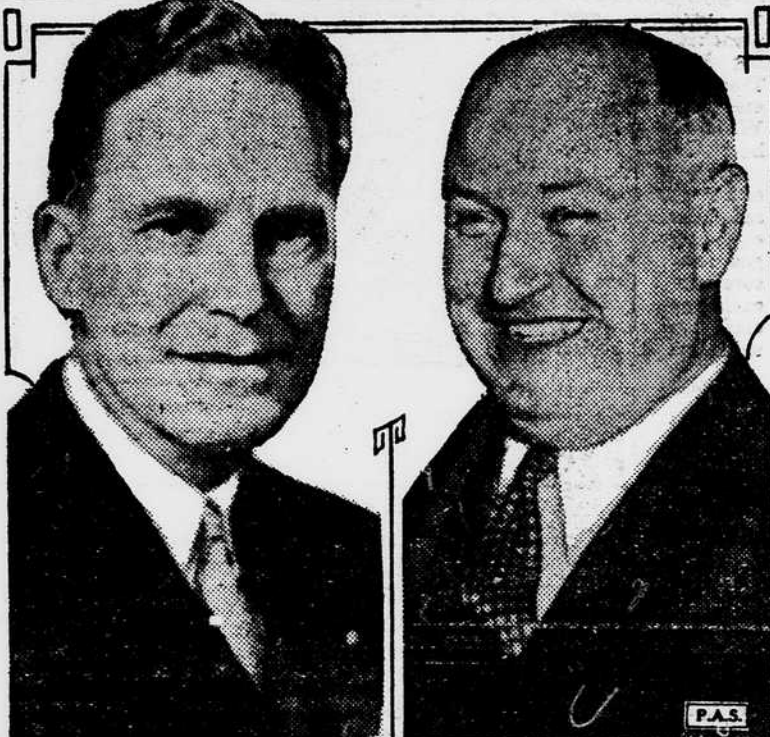
The secretary attributed the increased demand to the fact that, for the first time, the second primary will fall on the Fourth of July.

The smaller counties in the State each got 500 blanks and some of the larger ones got as many as 3,000 Maxwell said.

Within the last few days, 6,000 pamphlets have been mailed to precinct and county board of election officials explaining the method of counting the absentee ballots and warning against violations of the voting laws.

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**And Now the Shooting Begins**



WASHINGTON... Here are the political field generals who now swing into action, ordering advances on all fronts to win the 1936 Presidential election. On the left is John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican National Committee and right, James J. Farley, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Their preliminary skirmishes, following Hamilton's assuming control for Landon and Knox, were followed closely and with interest by political observers.

**Record Of Elections And Primaries**

Here is a record of the most important contests, in elections and Democratic primaries in North Carolina, in the last eight years:

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1928 Election                  |         |
| President:                     |         |
| Hoover                         | 348,923 |
| Smith                          | 286,227 |
| Governor:                      |         |
| Gardner                        | 362,009 |
| Seawell                        | 289,415 |
| 1930 Democratic Primary        |         |
| U. S. Senator:                 |         |
| Bailey                         | 200,242 |
| Simmons                        | 129,875 |
| 1930 Election                  |         |
| Bailey                         | 324,393 |
| Pritchard                      | 210,761 |
| 1932 Democratic Primaries      |         |
| First Primary, U. S. Senator:  |         |
| Reynolds                       | 156,548 |
| Morrison                       | 143,179 |
| Bowie                          | 37,748  |
| Grist                          | 31,010  |
| First Primary, Governor:       |         |
| Ehringhaus                     | 162,498 |
| Fountain                       | 115,127 |
| Maxwell                        |         |
| 102,032                        |         |
| Second Primary, U. S. Senator: |         |
| Reynolds                       | 227,864 |
| Morrison                       | 120,428 |
| Second Primary, Governor:      |         |
| Ehringhaus                     | 182,055 |
| Fountain                       | 168,971 |
| 1932 Election                  |         |
| President:                     |         |
| Roosevelt                      | 497,566 |
| Hoover                         | 208,344 |
| U. S. Senator:                 |         |
| Reynolds                       | 484,048 |
| Newell                         | 221,534 |
| Governor:                      |         |
| Ehringhaus                     | 497,657 |
| Frazier                        | 212,561 |
| 1933 Repeal Referendum         |         |
| 18th (Prohibition) Amendment   |         |
| For Repeal                     | 120,190 |
| Against repeal                 | 293,484 |
| 1936 First Democratic Primary  |         |
| U. S. Senator:                 |         |
| Bailey                         | 247,365 |
| Fountain                       | 184,197 |
| Griffin                        | 26,171  |
| Strain                         | 13,281  |
| Governor:                      |         |
| Hoey                           | 193,972 |
| McDonald                       | 189,504 |
| Graham                         | 126,782 |
| McRae                          | 6,606   |
| Lieutenant-Governor:           |         |
| Paul D. Grady                  | 162,221 |
| W. P. Horton                   | 138,631 |
| George McNeill                 | 128,661 |
| Secretary of State:            |         |
| Stacey Wade                    | 212,687 |
| Thad Eure                      | 168,970 |
| M. R. Dunnagan                 | 55,192  |

**II DUCE ORDERS SEVERAL CONTINGENTS TO RETURN**



J. ED BUTLER  
J. Ed Butler, Morganton attorney, who is the first candidate to enter the race for the presidency of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina, which meet in convention at Greensboro July 17-18.

Rome.—Premier Mussolini has ordered several contingents of the Italian army in Ethiopia to come home. The order was regarded as a gesture to show the "pacification" of Ethiopia under Italian rule prior to tomorrow's session of the League of Nation's assembly at Geneva. One of the first units to come home will be the Gavinana division, one of the first to go to Ethiopia.

**5 Persons Die In Bus Wreck**

Natural Bridge, Va., July 1.—Death came swiftly to five of 34 persons aboard a huge bus which skidded on wet pavement, crashed into a bank and overturned last midnight only a few yards from the 215-foot gorge spanned by the famous Natural Bridge of Virginia. Seven others were injured seriously enough to require hospital treatment.

**Rum Car With 25 Gallons of Warm Whiskey Nabbed**

Nabbing a rum car with 15 gallons of corn whiskey and the driver, T. D. Freeman of the county, here Sunday morning, Deputy Sheriff A. J. Shuping of Rowan found to his surprise that the whiskey was still warm. "The heat was not from the weather either," the deputy stated after the arrest. "It was made in this county—right off the worm, so to speak."

The driver was given eight months on the roads in county court Monday or pay a fine of \$75 and the costs and the car confiscated.

**Escaped Prisoner Is Identified By Picture**

Mentory of photographs of criminals stood David Shuler, patrolman of the Salisbury police force, in good stead Tuesday when he recognized a likeness of a negro to a recent escaped convict. Shuler took George Jones to headquarters and he was identified as having escaped from the Surry county camp on March 12, 1936, after having been sentenced to three years for breaking and entering in Wake county in February, 1936.

**McDonald Loses Many Friends By Lowbrow Tactics**

**Eighty-Five Counties Will Go For Hoey—Majority Placed At 100,000**

**OPENS OFFICE IN KANNAPOLIS**



DR. GAITHER CAUBLE

Dr. Gaither Cauble, a native of Rowan county, and a believer in good health, has opened an office in Kannapolis in connection with his office in Salisbury.

Dr. Cauble after attending Duke University, Durham, graduated from the University of Natural Healing Arts of Denver, Colorado. After practicing several years in Colorado, he took a post graduate course in Hydrotherapy and Electrotherapy in the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic for ten years. He also interned at the Coagland and Schuster Clinic in Hollywood, California.

Dr. Cauble specializes in constipation, rheumatism and chronic conditions. He uses the latest methods and equipment known to the profession.

**G. O. P.**

Two youngsters visited the zoo after making a thorough study of pictures of animals.

They identified the camel, the lion, the zebra, and many others; but when they came to the elephant there was an argument.

"That is an elephant," declared the elder. "So, it isn't" said his brother. "That's a Gop. I've seen his picture many times and it always has its name on its side in big letters—G. O. P."

**Bank Debits Show Striking Increase**

Washington.—Political orators who during the last "five long days" have been extolling the accomplishments of the New Deal under President Roosevelt could have found material for the thousands of enthusiastic Democrats on hand in the Philadelphia convention had they examined bank debits for the past week compared with the same period a year ago.

The debits for the fifth Federal Reserve district which includes Charlotte, were \$262,487,000 for the week ended June 24, while for the corresponding week a year ago debits were \$217,771,000, a gain of \$44,716,000. For the same week of 1934 the sum was \$194,488,000, which is a decided increase over 1933 when the New Deal was pulling the banks of the country from the slough of the depression.

**MOVIE CLASS POPULAR**

Palo Alto, Cal.—One class who Palo Alto high school students didn't "cut" was that of moving picture appreciation. Leading figures were shown. A total of 1,327 students, or 90 per cent of the entire enrollment, attended.

**Flies Million Miles**



OAKLAND... Katherine May (above) has completed one million miles of flying, as stewardess on the United Air Lines, the greatest number of miles ever flown by a woman. Now she is returning to be come a bride.

**CRUELTY COSTS 4 YEARS**

Coldwater, Mich.—Pulling out a cow's tail cost George Washington, 33-year-old Negro, a four-year reformatory sentence. Washington was arraigned before Circuit Judge Russel McPeck on a charge of cruelty to animals.

**Rowan To Give Hoey Huge Lead**

Based on reports gathered from all sections of the State this week, Clyde R. Hoey will receive the Democratic nomination for Governor Saturday by a huge majority over his opponent Ralph W. McDonald.

These reports indicate: (1) That Hoey's majority will approximate 100,000.

(2) That Hoey will carry 85 counties in the State.

(3) That Hoey will receive at least 75 per cent of the Graham vote.

(4) That Rowan county will go for Hoey much stronger than it did in the first primary, giving Hoey several thousand majority.

McDonald support has suffered a decisive setback during the past several weeks. His mudslinging campaign, according to those known to any state in the Union save Illinois—where he hails from—has reacted unfavorably and he has lost many of his most ardent supporters in the first primary, including several daily newspapers.

Desperate, because he trailed in the first primary, and realizing that the odds are stacked mountain-high against him, he has lost thousands of friends because of his absurd and untrue attacks on the character of Clyde R. Hoey, his opponent.

**ENEMIES SPREADING LIES, HOEY SAYS**

Wilmington.—"Faced with defeat by a people who have become disgusted with his gutter tactics, Ralph McDonald's henchmen are now resorting to all manner of falsehoods in their final, frantic efforts to save their man," declared Clyde R. Hoey, leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, in an address here Wednesday night.

Hoey referred especially to a letter which he said had been sent McDonald's local managers to be used in an effort "to poison the minds of the people."

The letter stated that he had delivered an address to the Memphis, Tenn., Fair Tax association on January 12, 1934, and quoted him as making "preposterous tax and liquor proposals" for North Carolina. It was signed "Fair Tax League of North Carolina."

"In the first place," said Hoey, "there is no such league as far as anybody ever heard of. Of course, what McDonald's henchmen were trying to do was to fool the people into believing that the letter was signed by the Fair Tax association. In the second place, I never made a speech in Memphis in my life and haven't been there for 19 years. And, finally, I never made any such idiotic proposals in my life."

"Now, McDonald and his campaign leaders know that. Yet they either send out such falsehoods or allow them to be sent out with the deliberate purpose of deceiving the people. That is the kind of campaign they are waging."

"North Carolina can thank God that the people of our State found him out in time."

**RUBBISH UP, BUSINESS TOO**

Port Clinton, O.—Business must be heavier since rubbish is, reasoned Martin Cartstensen, street commissioner, as he reflected that pick-ups now exceed any in his memory.