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BATTLE GROUND TAKING OUTLINE

A Graphic Sketch of the Political Situation Up To Date—Campaign To Be Going in Cat-and-Dog Fashion Within Six Weeks.

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Washington, July 19.—All roads lead to the first line trenches now, and the trenches lie in strange and unfamiliar places. Over the rival political camps float the standards of new and untired generals in supreme command. New forces, passions and issues are soon to be unleashed. Old ties and party friendships are breaking; new alignments taking shadowy outline. The Presidential campaign of 1928 trembles on the ways, soon to glide, for better or for worse, into the troubled sea of politics.

The past week has witnessed the selection of four major battlefields on which will be waged the contest for supremacy. The first of these skirts the Atlantic littoral from Maine to Maryland. Not within the memory of man have the great states of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maryland all been fair fighting ground. They are today, with sentiment swinging now toward Smith, now toward Hoover. This block of 96 electoral votes apparently can be won by either side. It is the great No Man's Land of the Eastern front.

The second battlefield lies but a day's journey westward. Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin and even Michigan roughly mark its boundaries. Here, too, shift the sands of sentiment, now veering to the one side, now to the other. Shock troops will charge and retreat and charge again in the days to come in the struggle for the field. None of these States is surely safe to Hoover; all furnish alluring smiles to Smith. The fight here promises to be secondary only to that on the Eastern front.

In Dixieland they take their stand for the third great battle. For, wonder of wonders, the South today appears to present no solid front for its longtime love, Dame Democracy. The Democrats, knowing this, probably will establish a Southern headquarters. Chattanooga has been mentioned as its location. The Republicans, with pleading eyes, look South from Washington. From the capital city they are wooing Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and even Louisiana. For the first time since ante-Civil War days, the south is to be a battleground this year. It will be flooded with the literature of politics from both camps. Hoover himself may hike Southward to address the voters. So may Smith.

The fourth main battlefield goes out from Canada to the Mexican line, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico roughly form the front. These great territorial expanses furnish comfortable little dots on election day. They helped mightily to ward the return of Woodrow Wilson in 1916. The Democrats believe they are fighting ground now. They will not be neglected.

Thus, as one camp or the other draws its battle lines, 21 of the 48 states are put down as fighting ground of first importance. The list may grow, and probably will as election day draws near. Some of the more optimistic Democrats, for instance, claim to sense a mighty swing to Smith in wet Pennsylvania. They are even claiming its votes. On the other hand, some of the long-sighted Republicans are turning hopeful eyes to Protestant dry Texas which now sends a lone Republican to the national congress. Between these extremes lie Colorado, Missouri, Illinois, West Virginia, Oklahoma and many of other commonwealths normally safe for either side or the other.

The wet-and-dry issue looms today as the big issue of the campaign. In some Southern cities, such as Birmingham, Ala., and Greensboro, N. C. lifetime Democratic pastors are now preaching against Al Smith from the pulpit. A batch of Democratic women—maybe large, maybe small—time only will disclose—is organizing Democratic Women's clubs for Hoover, basing their opposition to the general New York Governor solely on his stand for Volstead law modification.

Big Business, on the other hand, apparently is swinging Smithward. It is not afraid of Al Smith at all. How it would like to have a Democratic congress on its hands is another thing. A new money prince, high priest from the inner shrine of the Temple of Big Business, has been named Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. John J. Raskob of Delaware, chairman of the finance committee of America's most successful mammoth corporation, General Motors, is the new man. He is Smith's long-standing personal friend.

The public knows but little of Raskob. In "Who's in America" in a sketch presumably edited by himself (most of these sketches are so edited) Raskob appears as a Republican and a Roman Catholic. That sketch was written two years ago. Today he is a Democrat. A few short years ago he was a country bookkeeper, drawing down a \$7.50 salary every Saturday night. Or, perhaps, it was wages. Today his income is reputed to exceed \$1,000,000 a year. There has been modern magic in his touch, for General Motors has been

MRS. EDDINS GIVES PARTY FOR GUESTS

Mrs. C. M. Eddins recently gave a very enjoyable party in honor of her guests, Mr. J. J. Burns and daughter Myra, of Troy, Miss Hattie Sauls of Durham, and her own daughter, Miss Stacie Eddins of Durham. There were about seventy-five at the party, including the young people of the community, and all had a good time, all the young people taking part in the social games.

Mrs. Eddins expressed pride in the young people present; they were so fine in their deportment.

Mrs. Burns, who is a brother of Mrs. Eddins, also visited his other sister, Mrs. C. C. Clifton, and brothers Moody, Garland, Roland, and Dixon Burns, and other relatives.

W. P. CAMPBELL DEAD

Mr. W. P. Campbell, a good citizen of Siler City R. 2, died July 10. It is said that he was somewhat more than sixty years of age. Mr. A. A. Campbell, a son, is administrator of the estate.

Kimbalton News

John M. Dowdy and J. K. Dowdy and families of Sanford, N. C., spent Sunday with Alex R. Dowdy.

Gordon McMath of Greensboro was a business visitor last week. J. A. Ward and family, and Mrs. Joe Dan Hackney of Ramseur spent Sunday with Ernest Brewer.

Worth Whitt and family spent the week-end with Hiram Whitt of White Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burke of Sanford were Sunday visitors here.

Merritt Smith and family of Siler City were visitors Sunday with Zeb Ferguson.

Mrs. Julia Campbell is improving slowly after being seriously ill for a week.

Rev. Whitford of Duke University preached his first sermon at Hickory Mt. church Sunday. Everyone is pleased with the new minister.

Mrs. Jack Murchison of Spencer, is visiting with Mrs. W. B. Dorsett.

TWO NEGROES KILLED

Two negroes, one Cross and one Culbertson, were run over by a Norfolk and Southern train in the extreme eastern part of Chatham county Monday. The engineer saw them lying on the track as he came down a short inclined stretch before he reached them, but could not stop the heavily loaded train. The bodies were mangled badly, but strange to say there was no blood to be found on the tracks between the point where they lay and where the locomotive carried them, several feet. At this writing, the Record is not informed whether the bodies were cold or warm when found, but our informant expressed the opinion that they were dead when the train struck them, being unable to convince himself that there would have been no blood on the track somewhere if the had been living when struck.

SAVE THE COTTON CROP FROM WEEVIL

Chatham Crop Depends Upon Prompt Action—Methods Are Discussed.

The Harnett County News reports a Mr. Shaw as saying it is easy to find the first comers of boll weevils to a cotton field. He had found twenty and killed them. As each weevil is supposed to lay 150 eggs, which means that many farms punctured, it is evident that he has saved a considerable number of early bolls and an almost innumerable swarm of weevil of the second and third generations. All of us know, presumably, how easy it is to save a potato bug swarm by killing the hard shell bugs that come from the ground early in the potato season. It will be more difficult, of course, to locate the weevil, but Mr. Shaw is reported to say that they can be discovered by noting holes bitten in the cotton leaves and looking about for the offending weevil. The next best thing to killing the breeders is to destroy the eggs by picking up the fallen squares, but that means 150 squares to be picked up to the killing of one weevil, supposing that the weevil is caught before she has laid her eggs.

As farms are already being pierced in Chatham county, it behooves every cotton farmer to be vigilant now and save his crop. The cotton is two or three weeks late and if the weevil is permitted to multiply there is little chance of making a crop of cotton.

Mr. Coker, the celebrated farmer of Hartsville, S. C., advises that the molasses treatment will destroy a host of weevil in 24 hours. Mr. Shiver, county agent, can advise about the poison for the molasses mixture. At the suggestion of a farm department extension worker, Mr. Coker has arranged his mop, which is attached to the plow, in such a way that it pushes the leaves upward and smears the poisonous molasses on the under parts of the leaves, thus preventing washing off so readily by the rains.

With the usual small cotton acreages in Chatham county, it should be possible to save the crop by picking up forms, poisoning with molasses mixture or by hand dusting. Mr. Shiver is giving information about the latter method.

Weevil Infestation Reaches 10 per cent

Shiver Discusses Weevil Control, Lespedeza Demonstrations, and Quotes State's Best Authority on Barley.

Reports from several parts of the county have come in, indicating rather high boll weevil infestation this week. The agent personally inspected two fields of cotton this week, on the farms of Mr. C. C. Lutterloh in the Gum Springs community, and Mr. Ernest Brewer in the Hickory Mt. community. At the farm of Mr. Lutterloh, counts indicated an infestation of boll weevil amounting to 10 per cent, while the per cent infestation at the farm of Mr. Ernest Brewer was 16. Authorities recommend dusting when the per cent infestation reaches 10. It is very probable that dusting with calcium arsenate for the boll weevil will pay the average farmer in this county. Where there is a small acreage in cotton, five or ten acres, the hand duster will work well, and will probably pay well, as the first cost and upkeep is small. In general, cotton should be dusted from 5 to 5 times a season, using about six pounds of dust per acre. It is very important that the cotton should be dusted thoroughly during the boll weevil season, and at regular intervals of four days, otherwise, work will be wasted.

Wednesday, July 18 and Thursday July 19 of next week, Mr. S. J. Kirby Legume crop specialist from state college, will be with the Agent for the purpose of holding demonstration meetings at demonstration field of Alfalfa and Lespedeza. Wednesday morning a meeting will be held at the farm of Mr. W. Z. Crews near Pittsboro for the purpose of inspecting his alfalfa and lespedeza, and a meeting will be held that afternoon at the farm of Mr. J. J. Glosion in the Mt. Pleasant section. On Thursday a m. alfalfa meeting will be held at the farm of Mr. N. J. Dark in the Hickory Mt. Community, and that afternoon an alfalfa meeting will be held at the farm of Mr. W. H. White in the Rocky River section. All farmers in these communities are invited to attend.

BIG BALL GAME

Siler City, N. C.—Two ancient rivals will meet again on the diamond when Pittsboro base ball team comes to Siler City Friday. It has been several years since these two teams met and a great game is looked for and a large attendance from Pittsboro is anticipated. Game will be called at 4 o'clock at Lane Park in Siler City. Adm. 35 cents and ladies admitted free.

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E. A. COLE DIED SATURDAY MORN.

One of Best Known Citizens of County—Justice of Peace 40 Years—Member of Lystra Church 50 Years.

Hundreds of friends and many relatives in this and other counties are grieved at the death of Mr. E. A. Cole, which occurred at his home in upper Chatham county early Saturday morning, after an illness beginning during his service as a juror in the noted W. H. Lawrence case, though the malady from which he died did not have its origin during that period, but first manifested its effects in a serious way during that famous trial.

The funeral was held at Lysteria Baptist church Sunday afternoon, with pastor Henderson conducting the services, assisted by Dr. C. E. Maddy of the Baptist State Convention, a life-long friend of Mr. Cole.

The active pall bearers were A. T. Ward A. L. Blake, Carrie Smith, Ralph Riggsbee, Walter H. Dollar, and J. H. Hackney.

Honorary pall bearers were E. J. Riggsbee, W. B. Cheek, E. J. Johnson, E. M. Farrington, J. B. Atwater, G. W. Blair, Z. J. Johnson, and S. W. Andrews. Members of the Philathen Class of Lysteria served as floral bearers.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Evie Andrews Cole; five children, Mrs. J. Everett Kennedy, Mrs. J. P. Brassfield and Miss Flossie Cole, all of Raleigh, Bruce Cole, of Boone, who is connected with the state highway commission, and Miss Zelma Cole, who was living with her parents at the time of her father's death; one brother, L. Cole, Durham, who was the youngest of three boys and the only one now living; and a number of nephews and nieces and other kinspeople in Durham and the surrounding country.

Mr. Cole was 68 years of age at the time of his death. Throughout his entire life he played an active part in the affairs of his community and he bore the good will of practically every person who knew him. He was an active member of the Lysteria Baptist church for more than 50 years and was ever interested in all matters affecting his church.

It was said by a number of the church people that his mission was to create peace not only in the church but throughout the neighborhood in which he spent his life. He had been a justice of the peace for more than 40 years and it is said of him that he used his office in bringing back together people estranged for various causes and who had brought action in his court. He was well known throughout the state and was a familiar figure in state conventions of various kinds.

A large crowd attended the funeral. * * * * * TOWN AND COUNTY BRIEFS * * * * *

WILL YOU BE ONE?

It will cost ten to fifteen dollars to make a special request for renewal of the three hundred subscribers we spoke of last week, and a whole lot of work. While we do not have the opportunity to print the dates on the labels since the fire which destroyed the plant, practically every subscriber knows whether his time has expired or not, and every one will send in his renewal without a special notification will save us expense and work. Won't you be one of them? It may be hard to do it now, but remember that, unlike the average subscriber, the Record man cannot slip off an sell a load of cedar or do something else to make ends meet. The paper work is an all the week job. What we get must come from subscribers and advertisers, and much is needed, as the expenses are just as great in the dull months as in the more prosperous ones.

There will be an ice cream supper at Mt. Pleasant Methodist church on next Saturday from 4 to 10 p. m. Receipts go to the benefit of the church.

Rev. J. M. Arnett, of Wagram, Scotland county, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday. Mr. Arnett is an able minister and it will be worth one's while to go out and hear him.

Mrs. George Brewer, Miss Louise Riddle, Gilbert Shaw, and the boys and girls belonging to the Brewer-Riddle Sunday school class, went down to White Lake this week for a few days. Mr. Shaw planned going on to Wrightsville for part of his vacation from his Durham Herald linotype machine.

S. S. CONVENTION TO BE HELD MT. VERNON

Officers of the Chatham County Sunday school convention will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21 and 22, with Mt. Vernon Methodist church, eight miles east of Siler City, in Silk Hope community.

Outside speakers helping in the convention will be Miss Daisy Magee, Children's Division superintendent of North Carolina Sunday school association of Raleigh; and Miss Freda Bose, for the past four years Educational Director of the New Orleans, La., Council of Religious Education, Louisville, Ky.

Also helping on the program will be several of the best known Sunday school workers in the county. The convention is interdenominational, and workers from all Sunday schools in the county are invited to participate in the work.

In charge of the arrangements for the convention are Prof. H. G. Self, and Mr. Frank Paschal, president and secretary of the county Sunday school association. These officers are requesting the co-operation of all pastors, superintendents and other Sunday school having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition for the pennant among and Sunday schools of the county.

Moncure News

Capt. J. H. Wissler, accompanied by Mr. James Utley and Mrs. Daisy Moore, motored to his home at Cedar Springs last Saturday. Capt. Wissler will stay several weeks but Mr. Utley and Mrs. Moore will return today.

Rev. C. M. Lance and Mr. Grice of Pittsboro, were in town today, visiting friends.

The Epworth League met last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Miss Ruth Womble, the president in the choir, who called the meeting to order. Miss Lois Ray the secretary, was also present. Miss Dorothy Lambeth was leader for the evening. She also made an interesting report of her trip to the Summer Assembly of Epworth Leaguers at Louisville which she attended the last week in August. Sheriff S. W. Womble also made a short talk encouraging and praising the work of the leaguers of Moncure.

The death of Mrs. J. E. Bryan, on the morning of July 4th, saddened her many friends of this town and community and also of the state when the news reached them. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parham of Lockville, N. C. She was known as Mrs. Laura Parham Bryan and was 68 years of age at her death. She married Mr. J. E. Bryan, Nov. 18, 1879. There were nine children, five are dead and four living.

Mrs. E. H. Moore of Marshville, dead; Everett Bryan, Parry Bryan, Elias Bryan and Marna Bryan are also dead; two of whom were killed by lightning and the other two died when young.

The four living are Mr. Julian Bryan, Mrs. Laura Canady, Mrs. Gladys Davenport, Mr. Clinton Bryan; six grand children and a husband to mourn the loss of a dear mother.

Mrs. Bryan was a loyal member of the Presbyterian church at Haywood. She lived dually her Christian life. She met everyone with a smile. She never complained and would always look on the bright side of life. She was faithful to her husband and children and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Interment was made in the cemetery of Presbyterian church, Haywood, in the presence of many friends and relatives who mourn her loss. The grave was covered with beautiful floral designs. Not only the grave was covered with flowers but her many friends sent her beautiful fresh flowers all during her sickness which she appreciated, for she was fond of flowers and friends.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband, children and loved ones.

Miss Elizabeth Farrell, who has spent several weeks at home with her mother, left this morning for Aberdeen where she will take up her work there with Page Trust Co., as clerk.

Miss Lucille Farrell of Pittsboro, is visiting Mrs. Queen Farrell this week.

MACHINIST WEST ELECTROCUTED

H. H. West, Machinist at The Riddle Iron Works, Killed by Contact With High Voltage Wire.

A few weeks ago Larry Newsome, the Wayne county negro convicted here of the murder of a little white girl, was sentenced to be electrocuted on Friday, July 13. The time allowed by Judge Nunn for the perfection of appeal had not expired, and the negro was reprieved, and is still living. But the unlucky day was not without its victim. Mr. H. H. West, machinist at the Alex Riddle Iron Works, Pittsboro, was the substitute, and there was no red tape about the business. One minute he was alive and working, the next his life was snuffed out by the voltage from the power line operating the heavy motor in the machine shop.

The victim was fitting a rod into a ford to hold up the motor. He had prepared the rod with a hook on one end, and as he started to fit the rod found that he had the rod end forward, and turned it end and end. The turn put the hook end up and it caught over the wire conveying a high voltage current to the motor within the machine shop. The ground where Mr. West was standing was soaking wet, making a perfect conductor, and the current shot thru him. He crumpled up on the ground still clinging to the rod, held by the force of the current. Austin Johnson, seeing what had happened, leaped forward and seized the man to release him. Young Johnson was stricken too, lay prone upon the body of Mr. West. Edwin Ward, son of Mr. T. A. Ward, who also works at the shop, seized Johnson by the overalls and dragged him off West, and then pulled West loose by the same process. Johnson was not so seriously injured, but West was unconscious, and though Dr. Chapin was summoned immediately and tried long to resuscitate the stricken man, there was no return to consciousness and the task was given over.

Mrs. West was informed. The couple lived in the new Alton Riddle house three miles out on the Moncure road. W. A. West, a brother of the deceased, who for the past few weeks has been assisting his brother, was also present. The body was taken charge of by Mr. Jeter Griffin, undertaker, and prepared for burial.

Mr. West was 52 years of age. He was not a native of the county, but a comparatively recent comer to Chatham. He was long a cotton mill machinist, working at the Caraleigh and other mills. A year or so ago he came here and undertook to run a filling station at the fork of the Moncure and Sanford highways, just out of Pittsboro. But a little later he went up to Bynum as mill machinist. Then a vacancy occurred at the Riddle Iron Works and Mr. West came back to Pittsboro.

He was not only a capable machinist, but a man held in high esteem for his sterling manhood. He was 52 years of age. He is survived by his wife, two brothers? W. A. West of Pittsboro, and W. E. West of High Point, two sisters, Mrs. Ida Dawkins of Clover, S. C., and Mrs. Callie McNair of Rockingham. He was a native of Randolph county.

The burial occurred Sunday afternoon in a Wake county cemetery after a funeral service in the church of the mill village in which he had worked.

At this writing it is not known what Mrs. West will do. There are no children.

Browns Chapel

Pastor Lance gave us another good sermon Sunday.

The young people's class was fortunate to have Mr. Guice teach their lesson Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Durham, who has been ill for several months, was taken to Greensboro last week to see Dr. Kapp. She visited her son John, while up there. She is taking treatment now at home. Mr. J. T. Mann, Mrs. Ann Perry, and Mr. I. E. Crutchfield, who have been kept from Sunday school and church right much this year by sickness, are able to be out again.

Mr. A. F. Whitaker, who has been ill several weeks, is able to go and visit his sister near Chapel Hill, where he will take a rest.

Mr. E. A. Lutterloh has been suffering from a cold for several days. Rain has delayed crop work very much. But the rains were fine, or they would not have come.

and Ruth.

Mrs. H. D. Strickland is visiting relatives at Lillington this week.

The Sons and Daughters of Liberty will meet in the Junior Hall the meeting a social hour will be enjoyed and refreshments will be served this evening at 8 o'clock. After ed.

The Highway Construction Co., will complete pouring concrete on the highway running through Moncure this evening, July 16th. We have a nice road from Carroll's Filling station in Lee county on thru Moncure to just beyond where a road leads to Carolina Power and Light Co. There is a good road that runs from Sanford thru Moncure to Raleigh.