

TODAY

FRENCH FARCE POLITICS
JOHN COOLIDGE'S JOB
THEY SAW THEM
YES, WE ARE PROSPEROUS
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Nearly all the real news, is political news.

Mr. Harkness, who uses generously the great Standard Oil fortune left by his father, leaves the Republicans, and comes out for Governor Smith.

Henry Ford, also well off, hails Herbert Hoover as the leader of the age. Ford likes to see things done, especially mechanical things, but in Hoover, a great engineer, he sees "a referee and adviser for men in all walks of life, a social engineer."

Labor unions in Jersey endorse Gov. Smith. Politicians, however, pay little attention to the labor vote. "Labor men talk before election, but each one votes as he pleases on election day," says the hardened politician.

Mayor Walker, New York, thinks the federal government should stop the mailing of offensive scurrilous attacks on Governor Smith's religion.

Senator Robinson, Democratic candidate for vice-president says the finest view in the world may be had from the top of Lookout Mountain. He climbed up there on Friday, motoring through Tennessee, looked over seven states, and assured reporters that everyone would go Democratic.

Foss, elected governor of Massachusetts, three times, on the Democratic ticket, says he will not vote for Smith, because he is too wet. Former Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska says Gov. Smith will surely carry that state.

A mixed election, if ever there was one, already as complicated as a French farce, with everybody in the wrong bed room. Heaven knows what it will be, a month hence.

Meanwhile, John Coolidge, son of Calvin too young to say much, says nothing, and accepts a job, at the bottom of the ladder, with the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

He wants to work his way up, and wants no favors.
He means it, and his father means it, but it can't be done. He will find himself pushed along in spite of himself. The man below will think "the boss certainly wants this young man to succeed. I'll see that he does."

It's hard for a rich or prominent man to give his son the start that he had, with necessity for his driver.

W. R. Hearst, for instance, has twenty-three newspapers, half dozen magazines and five sons.

Every newspaper man can assure him that those five boys are handicapped, not helped, by the fact that their father owns the paper.

That Medill and Harold McCormick, and Joseph Medill Patterson turned out first-class newspaper men although their mothers own the Chicago Tribune, is one of the wonders of newspaper history.

When they buried Frankie Uale, murdered by other bootleg-guns, as he sat in his fine car, one floral piece read "We'll see them kid."

The meaning, plain to gunmen, was made plainer yesterday, when Toney Lombardo, first lieutenant of the distinguished Al Capone, was shot to death with effective dum dum bullets in Chicago.

Chicago is nearly 1,000 miles from Uale's grave, but the world of sawed-off shotguns has long arms, and reached out for Frankie's supposed killers.

Joseph Ferraro, Tony Lombardo's assistant, was also shot, but still survives in spite of dum dum bullets administered. Police and those guilty of the murders know that he will not squeal.

It is not even worthwhile to ask him.

Opportunity to get rich takes men back centuries. In these killings and obstinate silences you see coming to life the Condottiere of Venetian days, ready to fight on either side, of whom one lives in the finest equestrian statue ever made on earth.
Mr. Capone can see an excellent reproduction of it, in Chicago's art museum.

The De Forest Company has arranged a daily output of 600 radio tubes, and expects eventually, to turn out 5000,000 a year.

Other industrialists will combine to turn out five million a year, and the country will absorb them all, with millions of talking machines, electric washers, sweepers, refrigerators and other modern luxuries that have become necessities.

It really is a prosperous country.

The French, made poor by the war, were able to borrow money, for their financial operations, Saturday, at three and a half per cent. Americans pay seven and a half and eight per cent.

Beautiful Gifts For Beauty Winners



Perhaps a replica of this Tecla necklace worn by Queen Marie may be the choice of the winner of the Nationwide Beauty Contest. Or perhaps her taste and the Queen's may differ. At any rate, she will be presented with a Tecla necklace—and allowed to pick the one that will best express her individuality. Mme. Helena Rubinstein will present a complete Beauty Box of cosmetics to the contest winner. Above Mme. Rubinstein is pictured as she is today—sophisticated, successful, internationally known as an authority in the beauty culture field. The small picture shows her at twenty, when she established her first salon. Lucien Le Long, Parisian couturier, presents his Parfums Ensemble as a Gift of Fragrance for the Beauty Chest. Other gifts for the chest include toilet table accessories, fitted traveling case and other personal gifts; a large framed landscape presented by the American Art Bureau, Imported China, gifts of silver, linen, crystal, etc.

Ramsay Coal Mine Flooded Last Week

Water Thousands of feet Deep In Lee County Mine Just Taken Over By The Carolina Company.

The owners of the Carolina Coal Mine seem to be as unlucky as some of the rest of us. They had just taken charge of the mine at Cummock and were preparing to start up operations under a combined management when the floods of last week filled the whole mine. The water is as deep as the mine and will be costly to remove. The following article from last week's *Saunder Express* gives an idea of the situation:

"As a result of the big freshet in Deep River following the heavy rains the first of the week the Ramsay Coal Mine at Cummock is now full of water. Before the freshet reached its crest the water began running in the mine at the kitty shaft at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening and at the end of 45 minutes the mine lacked only four or five feet of being full of water. An attempt was made to throw a dike around the entrance to the shaft, but the attempt was abandoned when it was found that the flow of water could not be stopped. The kitty shaft, better known as the air shaft, is nearer the river than the main shaft to the mine, and is some 25 feet lower.

Fortunately no one was in the mine at the time it was flooded, as it has not been operated in several months, but two mules that were kept in the mine were drowned. A lot of new machinery was recently installed in the mine and is now under water. Plans were about perfected for the Carolina Coal Company to take the mine over and operate it in connection with the mine at Coal Glen. It is not known at this time what disposition will be made of the mine. It will take several months to pump the water out of the mine and put it in operation. When the mine was reopened and put in operation a few years ago it cost approximately \$500,000 to pump out the water and timber the mine.

THE REACTION IS SETTING IN

(Charlotte News)
If the Al Smith haters are given enough rope, they will probably elect him. One thing that can never be gambled or trifled with is the innate sense of fair play that lingers in the souls of the American people. They resent striking below the belt. They are not tolerant of intolerance. They refuse to stand silently by and let the malicious and the crucifers do their work without a protest out from their lips.

"I had made up my mind to vote for Mr. Hoover at the outset," said a woman to us on the Lord's Day, "but the lies they are telling and the lengths to which they are going to bring about the certain defeat of Smith has turned me to him." She is a church woman, old-fashioned as homespun, but typical of that species of Americanism that simply refuses to see unfairness and injustice done. The greatest possible service that those who want to defeat Governor Smith can perform for those who want to see him elected is to keep up their tactics to continue spreading the reports about his personal conduct that have, of course, no justification in fact, to whisper and gossip and fowly spread rumors thru the country about his personal character.

Mrs. N. M. Hill, chairman of the local Red Cross, appeals to the people of Chatham county for aid for the sufferers in Florida and Porto Rico. 1200 lost their lives in Florida and hundreds in Porto Rico and other West Indian islands. In addition, millions of dollars of damage was done by the tropical storm and thousands are left homeless.

TEN SILER CITY MEN FINED FOR VIOLATING GAME LAWS

Greensboro News
Asheboro, Sept. 22.—Grady Buckner, Burt Buckner, Landon Jordan, Hayes Jordan, John Edwards, Jake Beater, Harrison Stewart, Ben Beaver and Ransom Edwards, all of Siler City, were each fined \$2.50 and the costs in magistrate's court here for violation of the fishing laws. The offense was committed on Brush creek in Randolph county.

Herbert Jones, also of Siler City, was found guilty of hunting out of season and fined \$10 and costs. He was hunting in Randolph, also. He was brought into court by the Randolph game warden on complaint of citizens of the eastern part of the county that he was hunting turkeys. The charge of turkey hunting could not be proved. But he did plead guilty of hunting out of season. Under the new statewide game laws wild turkeys are protected for a period of five years.

M. L. Shipman's Raleigh Letter

By M. L. SHIPMAN
RALEIGH, Sept. 24.—Raleigh distanced from the recent habit it had contracted of talking politics day in and day out to take notice of the terrific equinoctial storm passing northward from Florida and the West Indies where hundreds of lives were lost, thousands rendered homeless and property losses ran into staggering figures exceeding a hundred million dollars. On reaching this section the winds were moving at the rate of from forty to fifty miles an hour, but heavy downpours of rain resulted in swollen streams causing heavy property damage between Raleigh and the coast. Between thirty and forty trees were uprooted or broken off in this city and lowlands surrounding it were flooded. During the storm period an explosion and fire occurred in the substation of the Carolina Power and Light Company which silenced the machinery in all industrial plants here for practically an entire day and prevented the operation of the street cars for many hours. Heavy damages to telegraph and telephone lines over the State are reported, while hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property were destroyed in eastern Carolina for two or three days.

The political pot has passed the simmering stage and is expected to reach the boiling point some old time. Both parties have taken to the air and radio addresses are not uncommon in these hectic times. The radio battle started last Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Mary Meekins, daughter of Federal Judge Isaac M. Meekins, spoke for fifteen minutes, from station WPTF broadcasting from the roof of the Sir Walter Hotel, in the interest of Herbert Hoover. Miss Meekins appealed strongly to the women of the State in her request for their support of Mr. Hoover and took Senator Overman to task for a reflection upon her candidate in the Senator's home at Greensboro on Saturday previous. Miss Eliza Pool, well known Raleigh teacher, followed with a radio speech for Hoover on Friday while the democrats were getting ready to start their campaign in the air a day later with Mrs. Palmer Jerman at the port. It appears to be the plan of both parties to use their women in the radio campaign, with the view to reaching the women voters in every section of the State.

Chairman Mull, of the Democratic Committee, has had scores of speakers in the field for weeks and expresses satisfaction with the cordial receptions accorded them by democratic men and women wherever they have gone. Governor Gardner is making a winning fight for all democratic nominees. His speeches are strong, forceful and eloquent with no tinge of censure for those who disagree on men and issues. He preaches North Carolina democracy pure and undefiled, points with pride to its glorious record in the State and the danger of risking governmental affairs in the keeping of the republican party. Nor is Mr. Gardner neglecting to put in a word for

J. Dewey Dorsett Chosen Chairman

Popular Siler City Man Organizing Young Democrats of Fourth Congressional District.

Mr. J. Dewey Dorsett, of Siler City, one of the best known of the younger men of the democratic party in Chatham county, has been appointed by State Chairman Taylor as chairman of the Young Democrats' Organization for the 4th District.

Mr. Dorsett has already visited all the counties of the district and has appointed county chairman, or organizers. Mr. Daniel Bell has been appointed organizer for Chatham county and he is appointing chairman or organizers for each precinct in the county.

It is the purpose of the organizers to enroll all the first voters and other young democrats of voting age for the double purpose of enlisting them for the polls and their active assistance in winning a large majority for the whole ticket at the election.

Mr. Dorsett's selection was a fortunate one, and he himself has made a good selection in Mr. Bell. The list of precinct chairmen will be given by Mr. Bell in this issue or later on.

The Smith-Robinson ticket. He is hamstringing nobody. Rather than do this he would, himself, go down to defeat. And this same policy prevails at State Democratic headquarters. It is announced that Chairman Mull and his co-workers will continue to give their full support to every nominee of the Democratic party, believing that the success of the party is more important than the opinion, attitude, or fortune of any individual of the party. "Smith for President" literature is going out with the North Carolina Democratic Handbook, ten thousand copies of which have been printed for the information of Tar Heel electors. "Regular Democrats heretofore well pleased with the speeches Governor Smith is making out west, especially his unequivocal endorsement of the principles of farm relief so strongly emphasized in the Housatonic platform.

News trickling in from western counties indicate that Governor Smith is picking up as the campaign progresses in the mountain counties. The anti-up that way appear to be losing hope of defeating Smith in the state, it is said, and at the same time are beginning to realize the danger democratic division might bring to the State ticket. In close counties the legislative ticket is considered of too much importance to be jeopardized by differences of any character between Democrats. In Wake, Mecklenburg and some other counties in the Piedmont and Eastern sections the anti-Smith sentiment is more pronounced. Local tickets are in no danger and, believing the State is safe for Gardner, many of the Democrats are taking a stand against Governor Smith openly and defiantly. An auspicious opening, from their view point, is reported from Charlotte where 2000 men and women waited through rain and mud one night recently to hear F. R. McNinch, State manager for the anti-Smith committee, enumerate his objections to the election of Al Smith to the presidency of the United States. Raleigh sympathizers who attended were so highly pleased with the effort of Mr. McNinch that arrangements have been perfected for his appearance here at the City Auditorium on Wednesday evening of this week. Regular democrats here are greatly elated over the prospects of a visit from Governor Alfred E. Smith before the close of the campaign and that he will deliver at least one address at some point in the State, either Charlotte, Greensboro, or Raleigh. The Hoover strongholds in former democratic territory appears now to be Mecklenburg, Wake and Craven and Raleigh will probably win the bid for the big Smith gathering with the idea of drawing from the largest disaffected territory, this city being a

COUNTY PAPER CARRIES ON TO ITS SEMI-CENTENNIAL

From Raleigh Times
Some weeks ago, we think, we were reading in the Chatham Record some speculation by Editor O. J. Peterson as to whether the county would stand for the expense of getting out an edition to celebrate the paper's semi-centennial. Perhaps the edition will roll in this week; perhaps not. But, anyway, the anniversary has arrived, and it is in many respects one full of significance.

The Chatham Record, published at Pittsboro, entered the journalistic field somewhere about this time of the month of September, 1867. Our record of "Looking Backward" to those days contains the information under date of the 19th, that the first number of the paper "came to us last evening. Its general appearance is very attractive. Neatly printed, ably edited and full of general and local news, it will secure the patronage of the Chatham people, and in return be of importance and usefulness to them in every respect. Mr. London, its editor is well versed in politics, a gentleman of acquirements, and writes well."

Fifty years of life for a county paper, with never a bankruptcy and with growing influence, is a remarkable, almost a unique, record in North Carolina journalism. Henry A. London, the editor referred to, had other reliances of personal means and of income from the practice of law, but he made his paper pay its own way and carry its own load. It went through parlous political times with a high head and an uncompromising stand and while never in the nature of things of large circulation, won a commanding respect in a period when the majority of State papers were either spineless or following courage to a journalistic grave. The Record was one of the papers which gave a tone to a hard-pressed profession and did its valuable bit toward the raising of its standards.

The present editor, O. J. Peterson, is so honest that sometimes we feel inclined to bleed for him. But he carries on with the spirit of a man getting a great kick out of a hard but well loved job. Whether his *Big Edition* goes to press or not, he can feel that after fifty years he is carrying on in complete character with a fine tradition.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Urgent call for money and clothing is being made by the American Red Cross by reason of the recent Porto Rico and Florida disaster. Four hundred thousand are destitute and near to starvation with grave health problems and threatened epidemics.

Refugees must be fed and clothed and sheltered by Red Cross for long emergency period.

In Florida fifteen thousand families require immediate emergency aid.

Urgent need for good summer clothing of all kinds as well as money. The people of Chatham county have always responded nobly to all calls made upon them. Won't you please send money or clothing or both to Mrs. W. M. Hill, chairman, Pittsboro, N. C. at once to help relieve these stricken people.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto these ye have done it unto me."

most in the geographical center of the State. It is believed that Gov. Smith would draw the largest crowd that has ever assembled in the State for a gathering of any kind. His cause is said to be gathering strength in the State, due probably to the intensive campaign inaugurated by State Chairman Mull who is tending squarely with Max Gardner for the democratic ticket from constant to president. In a recent speech Governor Gardner is quoted as having said: "Ambitious as I have been and am to serve the people of this great State as their Governor, it shall not be said of me at the end of this campaign that I have sought the easy safety of the storm cellar in the crisis that confronts us. I survive or perish with the ticket." A frank statement from a frank man and a loyal democrat. O. Max Gardner is not doing any pussyfooting.

Meanwhile, the Republicans are moving out into the open and will undertake to match the Democrats with a visit from Mr. Hoover. In the event he is not available they expect to bring the most prominent Republican orators in the country to North Carolina this fall it is said for the State is now considered debatable territory, according to their opinion expressed and implied. The attitude of Senator Simmons is heartening to them and surpassing that of the Senator's life-long friends. Arrangements have been made for the broadcasting of the speech of Mr. McNinch on Wednesday evening, when the anti-Smith Democrats expect to pull off a big rally at the City Auditorium. Mr. Gardner will speak from the same rostrum on Friday evening.

Authorities report a gain of half a million dollars in the cash balance of the State last month and an increase of \$1,332,000 since the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1. Receipts, \$1,479,683.10; disbursements, \$947,892.92; balance, \$3,578,024.03 in the general fund on August 31, at which time the total funded debt of the State was \$168,192,600 with \$1,850,000 in notes anticipating bond sales for bridges over Cape Fear and Chowan river bridges to be added.

RIVERS OF STATE SECOND HIGHEST IN HUNDRED YEARS

The Cape Fear, Neuse, Lumber, Yadkin, Tar, and Roanoke Reach Second Highest Levels of Century.

The floods attending the appearance of the tropical storm in North Carolina last week caused almost unprecedented floods in the streams of the eastern part of the state. Even here in Chatham, the Haw, the Deep and the Rocky went on such rampages as witnessed only once or twice in a generation. The floods utterly destroyed all crops in the lowlands along these rivers. Corn fields were so completely covered that even the tassels did not appear. Water to a considerable depth surrounded the power plant, filling station, and other buildings at Lockville. At Bynum water went into the yarn mill. However these streams lacked somewhat of reaching the level of the great flood of 1916, observers say.

The greatest single injury in this section was that caused by the pouring of the rising waters into the Cummock coal mine, which was filled almost to the brim and can be pumped out only at a cost of much money and time. The deep water was observed to fall a few inches on Thursday morning at Lockville only to begin to rise a little later, and it occurs that the overflow into the mine, which is probably a mile deep withdrew enough water to account for the temporary fall. Certainly, it took a great quantity of water to fill the mine. However, the fall of the Rocky, which is short and swift, before the floods from the upper tributaries of the Deep reached this section, was doubtless a contributing cause of the temporary fall.

The streams in the lower part of the state were immediately loaded by the more local waters, thus retarding the rush of the upper waters to the sea and causing longer and higher floods than would be caused by the same amount of rainfall on the upper courses. The outward flow of the Capt Fear was also checked by the tide from the sea during the storm and thus all the elements conspired to give the lower Cape Fear the next greatest flood of the century. But the Neuse, Tar, and the Roanoke endured longer periods of rise and flood. Those who know the lower Cape Fear should have observed that from Fayetteville down to the mouth of the Black valley of the Cape Fear is only a few miles wide, while the banks are comparatively high. But the Neuse from Smithfield down flows through a low country and is fed by a great number of slowly moving tributaries. The result was that the flood did not reach its limit at Kinston till the first of this week, when the little city was practically cut off from the world. Lumberton on the Lumber river also suffered an unprecedented flood and hundreds of negroes had to move from the low area occupied by them on the west side of the river.

The penitentiary authorities were fighting for the crops on Caledonia farm on the Roanoke. Levees there are depended upon to keep out the swelling tide and constant vigilance and labor were given to the protecting of these levees. At this writing Monday the immense crop, the loss of which would mean a deficit, doubtless, in the penitentiary funds, seem to be safe from flood waters.

However, North Carolina suffered little compared with Florida, where the winds and the water combined to wreck cities and flood the Everglades, with the loss of more than a thousand lives and millions of dollars worth of property. Porto Rico and some of the lesser Antilles suffered similarly.

MRS. HAYES REAPPOINTED

The following statement is received from State Board of Charities and Public Welfare: "Mrs. R. H. Hayes, of Pittsboro, has been reappointed a member of the Chatham county board of charities and public welfare in recognition of her services during her former term. The appointment is for three years and was made by the state board of charities and public welfare at Raleigh. Other members of the Chatham county board are J. G. Seawell, of Siler City, and Rev. Jonas Barclay, of Pittsboro, whose terms do not expire until 1929 and 1930.

The duties of the county board are to advise with and assist the state board in the work in the county, and to act in a general advisory capacity to the county and municipal authorities in dealing with questions of dependency and delinquency, distribution of the poor funds, and social conditions generally. The law provides for a meeting of the county board of charities and public welfare at least once a month. The term for appointment is three years."

FARM FOR RENT—ONE OR TWO

horse as desired by tenant. Good land on highway 93, three miles from Pittsboro. J. R. Milliken.