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THURSDAY, NOV. 19, 1936

WHAT SHALL WE CALL THEM?

When is a baby not a baby? Foolish question? But all of a piece with the grotesque stork derby of which it is a part. Already we are dizzy from the spectacle of women competing with guinea pigs, openly admitting to participation in the baby race; we were irritated, it is true, by Mrs. Pauline Mae Clark's casual acquiring of babies sans husband; and by the Ontario supreme court's taking it upon itself to rule on the "validity" of the will after sitting for ten years while the race went on, while something like one hundred unwanted, unneeded babies have been rushed into the world on the strength of its accepted validity.

And now, to cap the stack, executors of the Millar estate will ask the court to decide whether Mrs. Clark's five illegitimate children can be considered "babies." Many an allegation has been lodged against the illegitimate since the world began but never before have they been denied their claim to being real babies.

HICKORY'S AIRPORT

Hickory is to have a first class airport. The board of aldermen has purchased sufficient acreage west of the city to provide a site on which will be erected a landing field and station with the Federal government cooperating in the matter of furnishing money. This is a forward step for Hickory. Flying is increasing at the rate of 200 per cent a year and a town or city that is without a landing field ten years from now will be greatly handicapped in the matter of passenger travel, air-mail and fast express service. Shelby was lead to believe some months ago that it could get a grant for a landing field if we could furnish ample acreage. The question arose as to whether the city could purchase land outside the city limits. The county commissioners were unwilling to invest. Acreage of sufficient size for a landing field cannot be found within the corporate limits of the city, hence the matter was passed up. This opportunity to get Federal aid may not come again and we will regret our indifference.

Air transportation is not exclusively for the class that can afford the fare. Air mail and express are a great help to the farmer, the laboring man and the housewife in speeding up transportation.

WHERE ARE THE CLINICS

One needs only to run the eye casually over the various papers which come to an exchange desk to find news items about maternity clinics in Mecklenburg, tuberculosis clinics in Wilkes and Burke counties, typhoid clinics in Cherokee, which indicate that surrounding counties are concerning themselves with their public health problems.

Young expectant mothers, untrained in the tremendously important business of prenatal care and care of their babies after birth, are being given opportunity to acquire this essential knowledge; tuberculosis, especially in school children, is being discovered and treated; and people are being taught the importance of preventative serums and given advantage of their protection at nominal cost.

In Shelby, at various times, hundreds of children have been relieved of troublesome tonsils and adenoids in tonsil clinics, where the operating physician's fee was small and parents were given "time to pay," making the operation possible for many, many children who might otherwise have continued a downhill fight against diseased tonsils. Other than these the clinic horizon in Shelby is disturbingly clear. Further comment is, no doubt, unnecessary.

A SHORT SESSION

While the next General Assembly will be confronted with a mass of important legislative matters, it is sure to get off to a quick start for the reason that the speakership is practically settled now.

For the past two years it has been conceded that Hon. Gregg Cherry of Gaston would be in line for the speakership at the next session, consequently no other candidates have bobbed up to place his selection in doubt.

This enables Governor-elect Hoey and Speaker Cherry to confer in advance on leg-

islative matters and have the mill set for early grinding. Speaker Cherry will no doubt be ready to announce his committee appointments soon after the session begins so that no time will be wasted in perfecting an organization of the body.

Perhaps at no time in the last quarter century has so much important legislation confronted our state law makers and with the speakership practically settled, it appears that the members will get down to business with less lost time than in the past quarter century.

AMENDING A DOCUMENT

President Roosevelt had many of his emergency laws upset by the United States Supreme Court's decision and this naturally led to speculation as to whether he would ask for an amendment to the constitution so that New Deal laws will stand.

Now that he is re-elected for another four years there are two courses to follow. Six justices are past the retirement age, including four of the five members described as conservatives. If they do not exercise their privilege of retiring voluntarily, they may be forced to relinquish their duties because of their infirmities.

In the second place the President could lead the people to amend the Constitution in the usual way by ratification by the several states. This he will not undertake to do.

The talk of constitutional amendment has subsided and nothing will likely be done unless the infirmities of age amend the Supreme Court bench personnel. Any vacancy that might occur during the next four years will be filled by appointment from the White House. It goes without saying that if he wants a more liberal interpretation of the constitution, he will appoint men who are known to think as he thinks.

What Other Papers Say

THE FRUITS OF VICTORY

(The State Magazine) Every loyal member of the Democratic party naturally is delighted over the outcome of the national election last week. It was one of the most sweeping victories in the political history of the country.

"Sweeping victories," however, oftentimes bring with them a reaction which isn't healthful. In the first place, they do away with that element of aggressiveness and enthusiasm which is such an essential part of politics. With no outsiders to fight against, the victors sometimes start fighting among themselves.

In the second place, a victory such as the one which the Democrats won last week brings into the party a large number of undesirables who have to be recognized and—in some instances—rewarded for their work. The party would be much better off without them.

GROUCHY

(Achtson Globe) Two women we know were talking of the divorced husband of one. "He's a delightful dinner guest," said one of them. "You should meet him at breakfast," said the divorced one acidly.

GARDNER'S ADVICE

(Greensboro News) If the textilians are inclined to disregard what Mr. Gardner told 'em, they'd do well to remember how his warning to North Carolina to live at home worked out.

Nobody's Business

(By GEE McGEE) Being a wholesale grocer, I come into contact daily with numerous travelling salesmen all of whom are mighty fine men. But everything they have to offer is "going up." They are all optimists. Take flour for instance: the crop is 600 million bushels short (so they say) in Canada, Brazil and Russia; barely enough in U. S. for domestic consumption, and none, at all, that is—no wheat for hogs, pigs, cows and Bolsheviks. Better book 6 months supply, which I never do. "I ain't smart enough to keep up with our markets much less ahead of them."

FREE GOODS

Incidentally, between presidential election years more than 8,000,000 voters come of age. The census estimates the number at 2,200,000 yearly. That, for electioneers, is a prize worth going after. Realizing that, campaign managers for many years have set up divisions in national headquarters for young voters. Young Republican clubs and young Democratic clubs are organized in every state, operate nationally, and are given campaign jobs to do. But evidently between 1932 and 1936, President Roosevelt and the New Deal presented a program more attractive to young voters than the one the Republicans presented. The New Deal got more of the 8,000,000 than the Republicans, if proportionate spread of the vote may be taken as a guide.

In the eight-year span covered by two administrations, the 8,000,000 possible voters would swell to 16,000,000, far more than the margin of difference between the two parties. It is new blood, and might well mark the life blood of a party wishing to make a new start, such as the Republican party, or of a party starting from scratch, such as the agrarian-labor group.

Funny thing tho; the public "eats it up." They never think they are being deceived or swindled; they actually believe, down in their hearts, that somebody is really being kind to them. Every store everywhere is afflicted with premiums, prizes, 1 can free with 2 cans, 1 cake of soap extra with a bar of dirt-cutter, etc. Don't blame the manufacturer: it's the consumer that clamors for this type of wool-pulling. Cure him, and you cure all.

SPAIN IN NOVEMBER



A Washington Daybook

By PRESTON GROVER (Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON.—A larger per cent of the population went to the polls in the last election than at any time in recent years and probably in the history of the country.

That is healthy for democracy, as most anyone will concede, since the voters go voluntarily, and not by decree. The total vote cast has been projected from unofficial tabulations to total 45,000,000 to 47,000,000. PRESTON L. GROVER, 000, That would be 35 or 36 per cent of the population.



Women Swell Vote

Part of the marked increase since 1920 has been due to the Women's suffrage amendment which went into effect in August, 1920, just in time for polling that year. Figures since 1916 on the population of the country, the number and the per cent of the population voting follow:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Population, Voting, Per Cent. Rows for 1916, 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932.

But there is plenty of room for enterprising vote-getters. Even the extraordinary vote this year falls far short of reaching the nearly 60 per cent of the population eligible to vote—that is, above 21 years old. In 1930, of a population of 122,681,000, the census records show 72,943,000 aged 21 or older.

New Voters Counted

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Link Recovery To Decrease Of British Use Of Alcohol

STATE IS LOSING BIG SUM YEARLY

60 Millions In Soil Erosion Taken Away

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, Nov. 19.—Soil erosion has been depreciating North Carolina soils at an estimated rate of \$60,000,000 a year.

This depreciation is attributed largely to lost soil fertility, fields abandoned as a result of gullying, reduction in crop yields, silted streams and reservoirs, and increased flood hazards.

The Soil Erosion Service and the State College extension service are seeking to remedy this situation, but they are handicapped by a lack of information about actual conditions, said Dr. R. Y. Winters, director of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

On many farms, he continued, terracing is not yet adequate, and many farms are too small to permit drastic changes in the cropping system. Serious losses will continue until adequate means of control are developed.

Continuous cropping with row crops has depleted the soil of elements not supplied by ordinary fertilization. Some of these deficiencies have been corrected by applying copper sulphate, manganese, zinc, and boron.

But it is doubtful if all deficiencies can be satisfactorily and permanently corrected without changes in the present cropping systems to provide increasing amounts of organic matter in the soil, Dr. Winters stated.

French Minister Takes His Life

LITTLE, France, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Roger Salengro, French Minister of the Interior, died today in what his brother, Henri, said was an act of suicide.

The minister's death was caused by gas asphyxiation, his brother declared it followed a short illness from a heart ailment.

Henri Salengro declared his brother's body was found by a maid who entered the minister's bedroom after she smelled a "strong odor of gas."

Salengro had closed the windows, stopped up the cracks in the doors and opened the gas jets, his brother asserted.

CONNOR IS HEAD OF WELFARE CONFERENCE

ASHEVILLE, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The Western District Welfare Conference at its one day session here elected E. E. Connor, Buncombe county superintendent of public welfare, president of the organization and Miss Elizabeth Sneed of Burke county, secretary.

MANCHESTER, Eng.—Delegates to the eighty-third annual conference of the United Kingdom Alliance, famous temperance organization, held here recently, approved a pamphlet by Viscount Snowden and Mr. David Lloyd George, which is being widely distributed over the country.

In the pamphlet, the alliance says, "these two statesmen record their conviction that the diversion of the huge sums at present spent in this country on intoxicating drink to the purchase of useful commodities would promote the economic and financial well being of the nation and would do much to solve the grave problem of unemployment."

The meeting pledged support to the reconstituted National Temperance Federation to which organizations with an estimated membership of fully 3,000,000 have enrolled.

The president of the alliance, Mr. R. Wilson Black, pointed out that the brewers' campaign had not decreased in intensity during the year. For the first time advertisements have been designed to convert women into beer drinkers.

It is difficult, Mr. Black said, to know how far the brewers' efforts are succeeding in attracting young people to the drink habit, but everyone deplores the increase in drinking by young people, as reported by several chief constables. In Birmingham last year out of 2782 convictions for drunkenness 1200 were convictions for first offenders.

By resolution, a public meeting which followed the conference supported local option as being the most democratic and practicable policy for dealing with the licensing question.

The 1936 cotton crop is said to be the best ever grown in Beaufort county (N. C.)

The fur of the Rhesus monkey will grow longer overnight to protect the animal from cold.

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Sharon Mission Society To Meet

SHARON, Nov. 18.—The Woman's Missionary society will meet Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 25 at the home of Mrs. J. N. Wise of Shelby. All members are urged to be present. Officers for the new year will be elected at this meeting.

B. B. Blanton's condition remains about the same. Miss Mary Francis Stamey of Polkville spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dover of Burlington were visitors in the community over the week-end.

Ben Davis, Roy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pettus of Gastonia visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Blanton Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Surratt were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blanton.

Bottlers of State Meet in Raleigh

RALEIGH, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The North Carolina Bottlers Association will open its 23rd annual convention here today.

W. B. Garrison of Gastonia is president. Dr. D. W. Daniel of Clemson College, John J. Riley of Washington, D. C., assistant secretary of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages and Charles Ross, general counsel for the state highway and public works commission, are listed as principal speakers.

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