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The Word of God

A GLORIOUS BLESSING: Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.—2 Cor. 1:3-5

No Surprise

Formal announcement of candidacy by Commissioner of Agriculture Kerr Scott that he will be a candidate to succeed himself occasions no surprise anywhere. It was taken for granted. All that was necessary was a mere statement of purposes.

Mr. Scott will be hard to beat. He has been in office only one term, but has a substantial record to point to and to rely upon to furnish argument in his favor. He certainly has put new life into the department over which he has presided. Scott went into office on a host of promises as to what he would do if entrusted with the office, and he has either made good or made at least a beginning on most of them.

Perhaps the outstanding point in his program is that of the drive for better marketing facilities for the farmers. There may be excess baggage in the department, but from our limited knowledge of his purposes, it would appear to be maybe the most outstanding. This is not to say that the commissioner has operated for four years without a flaw in his record. If there is none, he is a curiosity and a rarity, being human as he is. But he has a great deal to commend him. He may have a fight on his hands, but his record and his friends will be strong bulwarks in his bid for re-election.

"No New Taxes"

Gubernatorial Candidate Horton is on record as being opposed to imposition of any new taxes by the 1941 General Assembly. And that's that. Now if we can get a similar pledge from the other eight Democratic seekers after the office, and also from all candidates who are asking seats in the Senate or the House, the outlook would be hopeful.

True enough, campaign pledges on the one hand and actions while in office on the other are two entirely different things. The public all too well knows that. And old John Q., who has to foot the bills for the errors and mistakes of the law-makers, is a bit leary of campaign promises of this kind.

Whatever the people at large may think or wish about taxes, minority pressure groups don't know the language of ease and desire, and too often prevail with legislators after they meet together to write statutes and to provide revenue with which to operate the many and varied activities of a great State.

Perhaps the surest way for avoiding added tax burdens would be for a solemn pledge to be exacted of every candidate that he will resist this kind of demands, unless by chance some genuine emergency should arise that would require extra financing. That doesn't happen often.

In the past couple of decades few legislatures have met in North Carolina without creating some new commission or bureau and making way for a horde of additional job-holders, until today the State capital is honeycombed with myriads of public employees carrying on numerous endeavors in the name

and by the authority of the State. All of them cost money, and there is only one place to get that money—the pockets of the people.

We are glad Mr. Horton has dared to take a stand on the taxing question. It is perhaps too much to expect that all the others will follow his good example, but the people can exact the pledge from them if they are sufficiently in earnest about it. That is where the trouble lies. We say little about it during the campaign, but fume and fuss when fresh burdens are laid by the General Assembly.

The Way Through

Rumors for some time has had it that President Roosevelt is willing to confer his blessing on Cordell Hull as crown prince and heir to the throne in Washington, and, though this has not been flatly confirmed, neither has it been definitely denied from the White House.

Now comes along "Cotton Ed" Smith, South Carolina solon, with the announcement that he would support Hull, and urging his nomination.

If any one cares to see the lion and the lamb—or maybe it is two lions—lie down together, there is no need to look further. Here is the perfect example. With these arch enemies in agreement on a candidate for the presidency, the party could scarcely do better than to accept that man.

Moreover, Cordell Hull has abilities of his own to commend him. He has steadfastly refused to allow his name to be used in convention speculation, so that the office would appear to be seeking the man. Which is as it should be, and another reason commending the white-haired secretary of state from Tennessee.

Mr. Hull is about as well posted on problems of the government as any man next to the President, certainly more so than a lot of the political upstarts who have been mentioned for the place. He has the poise, the stability, the level-headedness, and practically every other qualification, save only that his age is a bit against him. Yet other countries do not hesitate to put old men into high position, albeit the foreign countries have not had the concerted effort to discredit elderly officials as has been tried here.

Quite conceivably Mr. Hull's acceptance all around might be the way out of the dilemma the Democratic party finds itself in. It would eliminate the dissension that inevitably would be caused by Mr. Roosevelt seeking a third term. It would provide the man on which both sides could agree. The President would have to approve or else repudiate his own selection and support of Hull as his cabinet premier for eight years. Hull is a sort of middle-of-the-roader. He hasn't boxed in the New Deal controversies on either side and has made no enemies in that regard.

If the party can accept him and also a running mate of the same type, its troubles ought to be little ones and victory in November the more certain.

TOO MANY NEPHEWS (Merle Thorpe, in Nation's Business.)

An investigator for the Smith Committee found in the files of the National Labor Relations Board an application by Bernard W. Freund, aged 27, for a job as assistant attorney of the board.

Attached to the application was a regional director's report which read: "His legal training limited almost entirely to minor office matters. In my opinion he would not be worth more than what he has been earning during the last year, which is approximately \$50 a month."

At the bottom of the application, General Counsel Fahy had written four words: "Nephew of Ben Cohen." Mr. Cohen is high in administration councils as a member of the team of Cohan and Cohen. Mr. Freund got the job, at \$2,600 a year, now \$2,800. While this nephew had his economic problem happily solved, 3,000 other young men and women, representing, so they said, some 3,000,000, gathered in Washington to make similar demands upon their Uncle. They, too, wanted someone to help them slip the lower rungs of the ladder.

All roads, it seems, lead to the District of Columbia. Relatives of those already on the federal pay roll demand, as never before, assistance from uncles and aunts. Sensitivity to the question of nepotism is at an all-time low, as the press reports daily new appointees as nephews or cousins of highest officials or subordinates. Transfers from private to official life naturally carry compensation increases, some, as in the case of Mr. Freund, as high as 400 per cent. Which gives point to the Department of Commerce report that the per capita income of Washington is three times as high as that of the rest of the nation.

fied. If, for example, 90 per cent of the able-bodied were suddenly shifted to bureaucratic work, the ten per cent left would be hard driven to produce food, shelter and clothing, autos, radios and rayon for themselves and the 90 per cent. But the effect is no less certain because gradual. That is why, when this inexorable law begins to operate, the State finds it necessary to pass wage and hour laws, and fix prices.

At the present rate of adding to federal pay rolls, in five months the number of employees will reach 1,000,000, more than twice the number of seven years ago. This number does not include the legislative, judicial, Army and Navy, or the millions on WPA and CCC, or war veterans, or state and local officials. When these are included the situation reveals itself as a factor of unemployment. Whereas, ten years ago 11 citizens in gainful employment supported one government agent or ward, today these same eleven support three on the government pay roll.

This, then, is the situation in Washington to which a sober and intelligent Youth Congress might well address itself. For, as Government grows, youth will find it necessary to fight for a government job which too often means pull, or tight harder for place in a private economy where the burden upon each individual is increased because of the increased burden of government overhead. This additional burden can be met only by greater production, longer hours, less return. With hours and wages fixed by law, youth, unable to compete on equal terms with training and experience, is indeed in a quandary. It does not improve its condition by demanding more from Government. Government should demand less and less, which would leave more and more for youth. Such a "march on Washington" would be not only in the interest of ambitious young men and women, but also in the national interest.

What Do You Know About North Carolina?

By FRED H. MAY

- 1. What is the appropriation for this term of public schools? 2. Who was the former mayor of Wadesboro who lost his seat in Congress in a contested election in 1896? 3. What is said to have been the first civil war in America? 4. How long was North Carolina governed without constitution? 5. How does North Carolina rank in Negro population? 6. What were the property requirements of officeholders prior to the constitution of 1835?

ANSWERS.

- 1. The appropriation allowed by the last legislature was \$27,580,000. 2. Former mayor James A. Lockhart who was seated March 4, 1894. Rev. Charles H. Martin, populist candidate from Wake county, contested the election and was seated June 5, 1896. Congressman Martin completed that term and was elected to succeed himself the next term, at the end of which he returned to preaching. 3. The war of the Regulators which culminated in the Battle of Alamance on May 16, 1771. This was the first notable movement in America against constituted authority. 4. From April 1775 when Governor Josiah Martin, lost British governor, fled from New Bern, to December 18, 1776, when the Provincial Congress at Halifax adopted the first State constitution. During that year and one half North Carolina was governed by the Provincial Council which consisted of thirteen men, two from each of the six districts and one selected at large. 5. According to the 1930 census North Carolina is fourth in Negro population with 918,647. Georgia is first with 1,071,125; Mississippi second with 1,069,718 and Alabama third with 944,834. 6. To run for governor a citizen was required to possess a freehold real estate of at least 1000 pounds—about \$5,000. To run for the senate a man had to own 370 acres of land; for the house 100 acres. To be allowed to vote for a senator the voter must have owned 50 acres, however, was necessary to have paid taxes.

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Today's

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 1714—Ephraim Williams, colonial pioneer, whose will established a free school, which became Williams College in 1793, born Newton, Mass., died Sept. 3, 1755. 1730—(210 years ago) Thaddeus Dodd, pioneer Presbyterian clergyman, was the first classical one west of the Alleghenies, virtual founder of Washington College, Pa., born at Newark, N. J. Died May 29, 1793. 1791—Gould Brown, eminent grammarian of his day, born in Providence, R. I. Died at Lynn, Mass., March 31, 1857. 1826—James M. Thoburn, M. E. missionary and bishop in India for 50 years outstanding foreign religious figure there his day, born in Ohio. Died Nov. 29, 1922. 1833—Edward Payson Roe, clergyman, war chaplain, author of 17 best-selling novels, born in Orange county, N. Y. Died at Cornwall, N. Y., July 19, 1908. 1849—Luther Burbank, world-famed California originator of new plants and flowers, born at Lancaster, Mass. Died Santa Rosa, Cal., April 11, 1926. 1850—Champ Clark, Missouri congressman and Speaker, born in Anderson county, Ky. Died March 2, 1921.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1633—Historic Compact of Aquinnack, R. I., by Anne Hutchinson, William Coddington and others, who, unable to secure religious freedom in Boston, set up an Old Testament form of government of judges and elders on the Rhode Island island purchased from the Indians. 1790—(150 years ago) First census shows a population of 3,929,000 in country. 1850—Daniel Webster's famous Senate speech, "to beat down the Northern and Southern follies, now raging in equal extremes." 1369—North Carolina governor declares Alamance county to be in a state of insurrection as a result of Ku Klux Klan activities. 1876—First telephone patent issued Alexander Graham Bell. 1911—20,000 American soldiers ordered to Mexican border. 1919—First American Legion Post organized by E. Lester Jones, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey head. 1931—Henry Ford restores \$5.00 day minimum wage for most of his men.

ANSWERS TO TEN QUESTIONS

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- 1. Spencer Tracy. 2. Sam Rayburn. 3. Havana. 4. Yes. 5. In Germany they are frequently called badge hounds. 6. Public utilities official. 7. French. 8. Eight. 9. At the mints in Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco. 10. Baltimore.

Capital Gossip

By HENRY AVERILL

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, March 7.—Your Raleigh reporter received Wednesday a postcard note from Willis Smith, almost-undate for governor who changed his mind at the eleventh hour and fifty-ninth minute. It read: "We don't know 'nothing' about candidates, do we? Look at Florida!" Enclosed was a clipping from a Florida newspaper which listed the candidates already filed for their Democratic primary—and the end is not yet.

There are an even dozen trying for the governorship seven in the field for U. S. Senator; five for Attorney General; and three for Comptroller; and two for several other offices.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- August Vollmer of California, criminologist, born in New Orleans, 64 years ago. Seawell Ford, novelist, born at South Levant, Maine, 72 years ago. Archbishop Rudolph Gerkert, Catholic prelate of Santa Fe, N. M., born at Dyersville, Iowa, 53 years ago. Mary T. Norton of Jersey City, N. J., congresswoman, born there, 65 years ago. U. S. Senator Charles O. Andrews of Florida, born at Ponce de Leon, Fla., 63 years ago. Dr. Philip Fox, astronomer, director of the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, born at Manhattan, Kans., 62 years ago. Ben Ames Williams of Boston, novelist, born at Macon, Miss., 31 years ago. Dr. J. Edgar Park, president of Wheaton College, Mass., born in Ireland, 61 years ago.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Today is an ambitious one. There is great attachment to friends, and a protective care exercised in guarding them. Failure in undertakings is seldom found, for what is not done by energy is accomplished by patient and intelligent waiting.

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