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Many Names Linked With Race Of 1932

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Washington, D. C., November 25. Looking for the honor of being named the Democratic nominee for President next summer has been under way for several weeks. The race resembles the start of a campaign more than anything to be seen here. Those who have been trying to line up the field for a big race will recall the false starts before the final rising of the barrier, and especially the number left at the post when the water failed to measure up to its duties.

In the convention next summer the main object of the party will be to see that one of the candidates is "left at the post," a condition that would tend to destroy party harmony in the canvass for votes later. At the present moment political observers here frankly assert there are at least nine candidates of major rank. They are in the order in which they are now considered by most politicians, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York; Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War in Wilson's Cabinet; former Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York; Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland; Owen D. Young, father of the Young plan that superseded the Dawes' reparations plan; Melvin A. Traylor, Chicago banker with pronounced ideas on economics; former Governor Harry Byrd, of Virginia; James Hamilton Lewis, Illinois Senator; and ex-Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri.

All nine of these men are strong potential candidates. Only two of them have expressed openly any reluctance to running for President, Baker and Traylor, and practically nobody takes their attitude seriously. Mr. Coolidge will probably rest in history as the only man who refused the office when he could have had it. If any of these nine men is chosen to run, he cannot be classed as a dark horse. They are all regular entries.

Mr. Roosevelt is clearly the leading contender at the present writing, the wisecracker admit, although they hint that he has shot his bolt already by having the spotlight centered on him so powerfully and long, ahead of the actual campaigning. He is committed to public ownership of public utilities, although not in a radical way, will probably favor the wets, if elected and is known as a fearless, able and honest man. In addition he carries the prestige of an honored name. His main weakness is that Tammany helped elect him governor of his state and his main strength is that he has dared to challenge the fishes of the Union Square Tiger.

Newton D. Baker, who has been back pedaling on his boom for the nomination, is easily the most powerful name openly and campaign there is no telling how strong he would grow. The American Legion is strong for him because of his support of the A. E. F. at a time when the politicians were trying to run the war instead of letting the general staff do it. He has a long record of accomplishment without a single blot on his slate. If he will announce his candidacy, politicians agree that he will pass Roosevelt as the leading candidate.

Al Smith is generally considered the most popular man, personally, in the whole Democratic Party and will have a powerful voice when it comes to naming the next candidate. His chances are not considered great, the same reasons that militated against his election in the last race being the ones used to frown on his being named the standard-bearer. His political record is one of the best ever established by any politician in the history of the country and he is known to be a man who gets things done.

Governor Ritchie is popular in his own state and a fine candidate with whom to attract the women's vote. He is one of the most willing candidates but is classed as a possibility only in case of a deadlock. Ex-Governor Byrd, across the Potomac from Ritchie, ranks about on even terms with his neighbor, except that he is stronger with the "Solid South." Owen D. Young passes all tests and his main handicap is that he is felt

Will One of These Men Be the Democratic Nominee for President?



From present indications, one of the above nine men will be selected to oppose President Hoover, when the Democrats hold their national convention next summer.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat, Nov. 24, 1891

Rev. Wm. Franklin left for his new work, at Murphy, Thursday.

Mrs. Daniel Snider and children returned Saturday from a visit to Haywood.

Miss Lela Potts returned from Raleigh today, having spent several days at the Exposition.

We had a pleasant visit from Prof. R. J. Madison and Mrs. C. W. Wallace, of Cullowhee, on Monday.

Capt. J. W. Terrell, who has had charge of Jackson County's exhibit at Raleigh, returned Thursday.

After a visit of several weeks to his parents, Rev. J. S. Burnett left on Thursday to take charge of his church at Winston.

Mr. W. M. Burns returned from Tennessee Saturday, whither he had been called to the bedside of his father, who was seriously ill.

Mr. Thos. A. Cox, of the Glen Farm, Cullowhee, was here during the week superintending the loading of a car with walnut logs for shipment to Baltimore and thence to cross the water. It was quite a fine lot of logs for these days when good walnut is so scarce.

The paint brush is being judiciously used at Dillsboro and the appearance of things considerably brightened up in consequence. The storehouses of Enloe & Chace and J. C. Watkins have each received a handsome coating, while the finishing touches are now being applied to the new and handsome residence of J. J. Mason.

Another rise in the river during the past week brought down another fine lot of logs, which were safely tucked away in the boom of the Blue Ridge Lumber Company, at Dillsboro

to be tied up with Wall Street too strongly to be a popular candidate in agrarian districts. Melvin Traylor has all Young's good points and in addition is known to favor the "common people" in financial matters. His birth in Kentucky, early manhood in Texas and business career in Chicago will win him millions of votes, if chosen.

Senator Lewis is another with a fine geographical background. Born in Virginia, a lumberyard worker in the State of Washington and Congressman from that State years ago, he is now an Illinois Senator. Added to that, he is sincerely admired by millions of voters of foreign blood whose various languages he speaks fluently.

CLAY COUNTY GIRL KILLED WHEN CAR OVERTURNS

Miss Annie Lou Martin, 18, daughter of Tom Martin, who lives on Sweetwater in Clay County on the old Murphy-Hayesville road, was killed at 12:30 Saturday night when the automobile in which she and a Miss Yates, 20, were riding struck the corner of the bridge over Brasstown creek on the Cherokee-Clay county line, and turned over into the creek, crushing her in. Miss Yates was not injured and was able to get out from under the car.

The body of Miss Martin was taken to Seroggs' store just over the line in Cherokee county, and Dr. Sullivan, of Hayesville, Clay county coroner, and Dr. S. C. Heighway, of Murphy, Cherokee county coronor, were called.

There is a very sharp turn in the road entering a narrow bridge from the Clay county side, and several accidents have occurred at this point—Cherokee Scout.

REVIVAL AT BETA

A great revival is in progress at Scott's Creek Baptist church. Rev. K. Allen is assisting T. F. Deitz in the meeting. Large crowds are in attendance and much interest is being manifested. Many are dedicating themselves to the religious life, and several have been converted; and the church unified in fellowship.

BALSAM

Right many Balsamites were on hand when Lake Junaluska was drained last week, and brought home many bushels of balsam. Mr. W. M. Quiett of Whittier was guest of his daughter Mrs. E. O. Queen, this week.

Mr. Chester Ensley and wife motored down from Philadelphia last week and are guests of Mrs. Maybelle Ensley and other relatives here.

THANKSGIVING DAY -- 1931

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

We approach the season when, according to custom dating from the garnering of the first harvest by our forefathers in the New World, a day is set apart to give thanks even amid hardships to Almighty God for our temporal and spiritual blessings. It has become a hallowed tradition for the Chief Magistrate to proclaim annually a national day of thanksgiving.

Our country has cause for gratitude to the Almighty. We have been widely blessed with abundant harvests. We have been spared from pestilence and calamities. Our institutions have served the people. Knowledge has multiplied and our lives are enriched with its application. Education has advanced, the health of our people has increased. We have dwelt in peace with all men. The measure of passing adversity which has come upon us should deepen the spiritual life of the people, quicken their sympathies and spirit of sacrifice for others, and strengthen their courage. Many of our neighbors are in need from causes beyond their control and the compassion of the people throughout the nation should so assure their security over this winter that they too may have full cause to participate in this day of gratitude to the Almighty.

Now, therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, November 26, 1931, as a National Day of Thanksgiving, and do recommend that our people rest from their daily labors and in their homes and accustomed places of worship give devout thanks for the blessings which a merciful Father has bestowed upon us.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 3rd day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-sixth.

HERBERT HOOVER.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

Happyland

If I were asked to name the spot in the United States where the general industrial and business depression has been felt least, I would say, at a guess, that it is Leonardtown, Maryland. There may be, and probably are other communities as happily situated but I don't know their names.

A young man who has been working in New York, and consequently has his head full of nothing but hard times talk, visited his old home in Leonardtown recently. He asked folks there how severely the depression had hit them and the unanimous response was "what depression?" They had not heard about it in Leonardtown.

When I knew Leonardtown as a boy, there wasn't any railroad, and there isn't now. But there were a lot of contented farmers, raising watermelons and oysters and tobacco.

Everybody had enough to eat and to wear, and most had a surplus besides, and my young friend tells me that that is exactly the situation of Leonardtown today.

These Maryland country people never bothered about industries, never tried to make their county seat a second Baltimore or Philadelphia, never got the idea that money brings happiness. I think they are pretty sensible people.

Game

In a good many parts of the country the effort to restock fields and forests with game birds and animals in order to provide sport for hunters is meeting with considerable success. It has been going on for a long time. I saw the other day a letter written in 1920, from a town in Vermont, saying that red foxes were beginning to be seen in that territory. All the red foxes in America originated with a few that were brought from England late in the 1700's and turned loose on Long Island to furnish sport for huntsmen. Today the red fox outnumbered the native American gray fox in most of the Atlantic Coast states.

Sentimental people look upon hunting as a cruel form of sport. Their imaginations endow animals with the same emotional and reasoning qualities as human beings. Those who know most about wild life say that animals have no fear of death because they are unable to imagine it, that they run when pursued purely from instinct.

Relief

The most amazing results of the nation-wide effort to take care of the unemployed is not the disclosure of large numbers of people who would rather beg than work, although that is surprising enough, but the revelation of human greed furnished by the spectacle of folks who are very far from being poverty stricken, but who unblushingly call upon relief agencies for money.

I saw a paragraph the other day in the Wayne (Neb.) Herald saying that the county commissioners had adopted a resolution that no county aid should be given to paupers who own automobiles or radios, smoke cigars or loaf in poolrooms. In New York City it has been disclosed that hundreds of men holding steady jobs have been drawing regular incomes in addition from the unemployment relief funds, through the connivance of politicians.

We have got to change a good many of our assumptions as a result of the unemployment investigations. One of those assumptions is that everybody would rather earn money than take charity. And another apparently false assumption is the old belief that graft is confined to politicians.

Communism

Beyond doubt one of the powerful reasons behind the reluctance of capital to embark in new enterprises or furnish additional money for established industries in the past two years had been the fear of Communism.

I am convinced that the overwhelming overthrow of the Labor Party in England, and the recent revelations from Russia of the failure of the Soviet program at a dozen different points, have had more to do with restoring confidence among capitalists and industrial leaders

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Macon Youth Inflicted With Knife Wounds

Willard Dean, about 19, son of Gaston Dean, of Etna, a settlement 10 miles northwest of Franklin, lies in Angels' hospital in Franklin with a 12 inch knife wound in the small of his back and lower bowels, his chance of recovery small, while Boyd McGaha, about 18, who is said to have inflicted the wound during a quarrel with Dean at a dance Thursday night, is still at large, with officers having no idea of his whereabouts.

Boyd McGaha is a son of Charlie McGaha, and his reputation was considered good, according to Macon officers, as was also the reputation of Dean. During the quarrel which occurred outside a vacant house near Etna, where a dance was being held, McGaha stabbed Dean in the left kidney with a pocket knife, severing the kidney. The wound circled the youth's body to the center of the lower bowels, partly disemboweling him, and also puncturing the lower lobe of the left lung.

The cutting occurred about ten o'clock Thursday night, and was witnessed by four or five other youths. McGaha immediately fled, and has not been apprehended by officers who searched the vicinity next morning. Dean was rushed to the hospital where he received attention, but where little hope is held for his recovery—Highlands Maconian.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Raleigh.—Governor Max Gardner's automobile, bearing state license 1, was stolen from in front of his mansion on Sunday night. Four hours later it was recovered near Hopewell, Va., three men fleeing.

Greenville.—The 95th North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church closed Sunday with the reading of appointments. The Sunday sermon, heard by 2,500 and preached by Bishop E. D. Mouzon, presiding officer of the conference, was a big event of the annual gathering. Saturday's resolutions urged United States membership in the League of Nations, renewed the church's support of prohibition, made strong expressions against gambling, racial discriminations and other things listed as evils. A total membership of 116,786, professions of faith numbering 3,752, and \$1,125,884 raised for all purposes last year, were reported.

Elon College.—Dr. Leon E. Smith, Norfolk, Va., minister, has accepted the presidency of Elon College to succeed Dr. W. A. Harper, resigned.

West Jefferson.—The whirr of a rising covey of partridges caused Ritter Estep to raise his gun and fire too quickly. The load took effect in the back of Len Greer, 38. He died within a few minutes. The accident was on Saturday morning near Todd.

New Bern.—The plane of Lieut. Joel B. Nott, New York reserve marine pilot, failed on Saturday to make a loop, which five planes were executing at the three-day air meet. Nott was killed and his plane smashed in a 300 foot nosedive. An attack of vertigo is believed to be the cause.

Raleigh.—The constitutional provision against holding more than one public office at a time aroused a furor of interest since the attorney general ruled a notary public is a public officer. Many office holders have hurriedly surrendered their commissions as notaries. Justices of the peace are exempt by special mention from the restriction against holding more than one public office.

Greensboro.—W. F. Crayton was removed from his office as magistrate and was fined \$500 on Saturday upon conviction of extortion and violation of his oath. Charges are pending against four other justices.

WEBSTER BOY INITIATED

Cullowhee, N. C., Nov 23.—Richard Ashe of Webster has been initiated into the Alpha Phi Sigma national honorary scholastic fraternity, at Western Carolina Teachers College.