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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Crop Prices Go Skyward As Grain Surpluses Vanish

Washington, August 12.—How important a political issue can be made of the falling off in exports of agricultural products and the increase in reports of staple food supplies is the latest question on which observers here are focusing their attention. How much of the present situation is due to natural causes or conditions outside of governmental control and how much to political measures, is the root of the argument.

The facts as Washington gets them are somewhat like this: The oversupply of surplus wheat which has been depressing the world market for several years, has been practically consumed, resulting in higher prices. The world's normal carryover of surplus wheat is about 100,000,000 bushels. All the reports which the Department of Agriculture regards as reliable indicate that the surplus for the year to come will be about this normal carryover. Of the United States crop of 1936, amounting to 600,000,000 bushels, and the surplus of old wheat carried over, 250,000,000 bushels, will leave an American surplus of about 100,000,000 bushels.

That consumption is increasing over the world and this fact, coupled with the world-wide shortage, will keep the price up. Of course, the surplus is not so early to forecast American and Australian crops, where some mid-water or early spring. In the meantime, American wheat exports are up this year over last year. These exports are for special grades of wheat in demand by millers and are normally grown in the United States and of which the crop has not for the past six years. In the first six months of this year of 1936, wheat exports show that 19,805,560 bushels of wheat were imported from abroad, compared with 12,839,047 bushels in the corresponding period of 1935.

Washington is more concerned with the corn crop than with the wheat crop. If the drought continues to the middle of this month, the Department of Agriculture's estimate is that the corn crop will be less than half of the normal, 2,500,000,000 bushels, and even with good weather and plenty of rain, the corn crop will be about 800,000,000 bushels short of the normal 2,500,000,000.

So far this year imports of corn have been less than one-third of what they were in the first half of 1935; 6,802,215 bushels against 17,620,195 in the same period last year. There has been a sharp decline in the importation of oats and barley. On the other side of the scale, exports of wheat have dropped to practically nothing, though cotton exports have been higher on the average in 1936 than in 1935.

It is this falling off of agricultural exports and the rise in agricultural prices which gives the politicians of both parties concern. The opponents of the Administration assert that reports have fallen because the Government has created an artificial commodity and an artificial price level, while imports are rising not only because of this scarcity but because of the Administration's reciprocal tariff policies.

Administration supporters say that so far as tariff influence goes the policy of the previous administrations made it difficult for foreign customers to get dollars with which to buy American products, and that the increase in importation is due to the destruction by drought of crops which the Government had sought to adjust to the situation caused by the loss of foreign markets.

TODAY and TOMORROW

HABITS hard to break
Man is a creature of habit. Most of our actions and most so-called thinking are what they are because we have acquired the habit of going through a fixed routine and don't have initiative enough to change our habits of work and thinking.

I think this inherent trait of human nature lies at the bottom of most of the failures to change the world overnight. Reformers of all types are prone to overlook the hold which habit has on the human animal. It would not be difficult to make the world a much better place to live in for every body, if only enough people could be jarred out of their habits of living and made to see that there are better ways of doing things than those to which they are accustomed.

RUTS go deep
Most of the world runs in ruts. We stay in ruts because it is easier than to try to get out of them, or because our fathers before us traveled in the same ruts. The deeper the rut, the harder it is to get out of it.

The only really free individuals are those who succeed in getting out of ruts in which their fellows are moving. Once in the rut, the individual is merely one of the crowd. He is not free to move in any direction except that in which the crowd is moving.

No man is entirely free from some sort of restraints. The worst slaves, however, are the ones who could be free but who prefer to stay in the rut and revile the more enterprising ones who have succeeded in climbing out of it. It is human nature never to shoulder the blame for one's own condition, but to try to find a scapegoat who is responsible for all of one's individual troubles.

STUPIDITY an obstacle
Nobody can watch the world go by for as many years as I have been permitted to do so without coming to the conclusion that the chief obstacle in the way of human progress is not greed or tyranny but stupidity. Show me a man who prides himself on being conservative, and nine times out of ten, I will show you that his so-called conservatism is merely stupidity.

He has been taught, or has taught himself, certain fixed rules which, to his stupid mind, chart the only perfect course of life. He refuses to listen to any suggestion that a new way or a different way of doing things might be better for everybody, including himself.

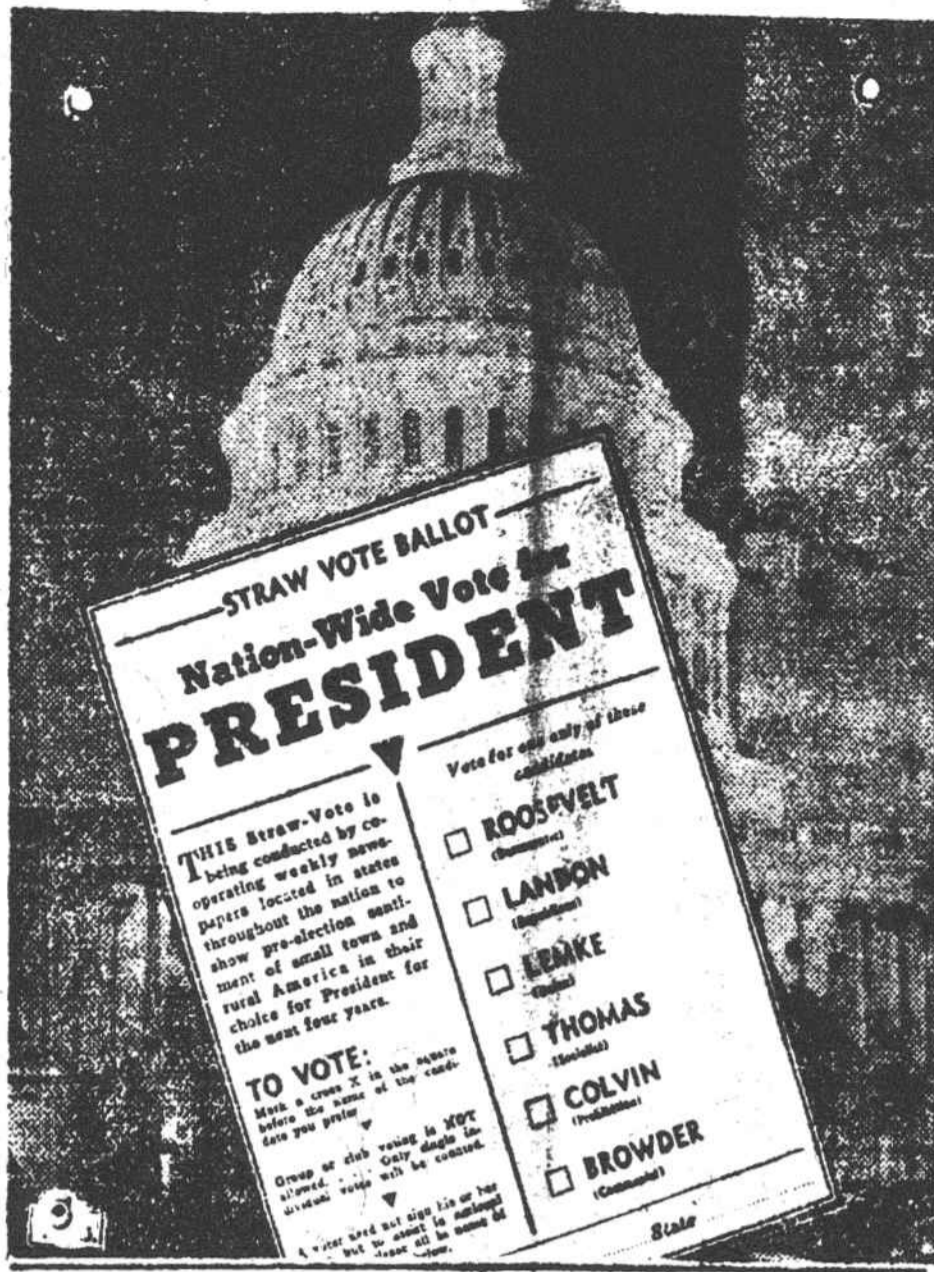
I do not mean to suggest that the new way or the different way is always the better way. What I am trying to say is that the true conservative, if he is intelligent, will look at any new ideas with an open mind and an impartial eye, instead of dismissing them from all consideration merely because they do not conform to his preconceived ideas.

LEADERSHIP scarce
The only way the mass of mankind gets out of the old ruts and the habits which handicap it is when some forceful character who has set himself free from the inhibitions which bind most of us to the old ways points out a new way so persuasively that first a few and then the many are induced to try it.

Such leaders are rare. Not very many of them are born in any generation. When they do arise they change the world.

I have in mind particularly one young man who has achieved the presidency of a great business enterprise because he was not afraid to try new ways of doing things, and has been successful in persuading huge numbers of people to accept new ideas, while his competitors in the same line of business have been content to stay in the rut and follow the patterns which their predecessors laid down for them. While they were losing money he started new ventures at the bottom of the depression and made them pay.

AIR Germany
Col. Lindbergh, who has just been looking over Germany's aircraft development, was surprised at what he found there. Germany is far ahead



Big Vote Predicted As New Papers Launch Poll

CROWD ATTENDS FARMERS' PICNIC

A large crowd of farmers and their families from various parts of the county gathered at the high school grounds in Sylva, Tuesday for the annual picnic, sponsored by the Farmers' Federation.

The "tall-story" contest, held at 10:30, was won by C. C. Poindexter. The Addie choir, the Jones quartet and the Hooper sisters duet were winners in the singing contests. They will go to Swannanoa next Thursday to compete in the grand contest.

Addresses were made by R. W. Graeber, H. Allen Coggins, and J. G. K. McClure.

Various athletic events and contests were enjoyed and prizes awarded. Ralph Ward was given a prize for bringing the largest truck load of people. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Cowan of East Fork were the oldest married couple present, having been married 58 years. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hyatt, who had been married 5 days, were the youngest married couple. The largest family present was that of Walter Hooper of Cowarts.

FIREMEN RETURN FROM STATE CONVENTION

Chief E. O. Mashburn, D. M. Talbot, Theo. Mashburn, David Dills, and Felix Picklesimer of the Sylva Volunteer Fire Department returned today from the State Firemen's Convention in Raleigh.

The firemen express gratitude to the following people and businesses for making possible the attendance of their representatives at Raleigh:

Harris Clay Co., Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Light Co., Parson's Tanning Co., Sylva Supply Co., Jackson Furniture Co., Cogdill Motor Co., Jackson County Bank, E. L. McKee, Jackson Motor Co., The Leader, Allison's Service Station, Hotel Carolina, Sylva Feed Co., Blue Ribbon Shoe Shop, Sylva Pharmacy, C. T. Mooly, Ralph Dills (Puroil Station) Velt's Cafe, Hooper's Drug Store, V. V. Hooper, Sol Schulman, Sylva Laundry, Print Shop, Lyric Theater, Cross and Warren, Massie Furniture Co., Dave Karp Shell Service Station, Central Service Station, Moody's Funeral Home, Jackson Hardware Co., J. B. Enslay, Sam Kaye, R. U. Sattton, Cullowhee Club, Sylva Paperboard Company, and Hooper Motor Company.

Z. V. SUMNER DIED SUDDENLY TUESDAY

Funeral services for Zebulon V. Sumner, 73 who died suddenly of a heart attack, at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, at the home of Ben Crisp, near Sylva, were conducted at 10 o'clock, this morning in Andrews.

Mr. Sumner was a retired Asheville merchant, and had been residing at the home of his son, Crawford Sumner, at Sylva. He was visiting at the home of Mr. Crisp, at the time he was taken by a sudden heart attack.

He is survived by his widow, four sons, Floyd and Crawford Sumner, of Sylva, Kenneth Sumner of Detroit, and Liston Sumner of Oteen; three daughters, Mrs. Connie Almond, Andrews, Mrs. Margaret Chastain, of Asheville, and Miss Nina Sumner, of Leicester, by several grand children and other relatives.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS WILL ORGANIZE FRIDAY NIGHT

A meeting for the purpose of organizing the Young Republicans of the county has been called to be held in the court house tomorrow, Friday, evening at 8 o'clock, by Mr. E. B. DeHart, District chairman.

Clyde Jarrett, Republican candidate for Congress will be the principal speaker.

Holland Is Held In Middleton Shooting

Fred Holland, 45, alleged assailant of Alvin Middleton, was taken into custody at the home of relatives in the Yellow Mountain section of Hamburg township, and placed in jail here pending the outcome of the injuries, which he is alleged to have inflicted upon Middleton with a .38 calibre revolver, at Tuckasee, last Wednesday evening.

Midleton, 29 year-old River township man, is in a serious condition, with a gun-shot wound through his right lung; but is somewhat improved.

Holland fled the scene of the shooting, and was taken by Deputy Sheriff Frank Allen.

BAPTIST CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual conference, which was held last Sunday morning, the Baptist church here reelected Claud M. Jones treasurer of the church, J. V. Hall, superintendent of the Sunday School, and Miss Margaret Wilson, Baptist Training Union director, for the next year. Mr. Leonard Allen, who a short time ago was elected church clerk to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. W. W. Bryson, who has moved to Speedwell, was also reelected. In the election of deacons, three

The Side Show by A. B. Chapin

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