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"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness," these rights are the bought heritage of all Americans. They are not only a priceless heritage, they are also a sacred trust, to be handed down, unblemished and undimmed, to those who shall come after us.

Free speech, free press, free assembly, free worship, and the right to keep and bear arms, all these are guaranteed to us in the Bill of Rights, and belong to Americans and freemen everywhere. But in Holland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark, France, Poland, every nation that has fallen under the iron heel of the Nazis, has witnessed a blackout of every one of these cardinal principles of liberty. In France today, France that has held to "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," there is no longer any freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of worship, or the right to keep and bear arms. Every Frenchman must now lay down these liberties, and work for Nazi Germany, even in the manufacture of arms and munitions with which to attempt to destroy England, who cradled our liberties, and gave us the Magna Charta and the Bill of Rights, upon penalty of death. In this country, we ative. sometimes take these liberties as a matter of course, like we take the air we breathe. We sometimes forget that they were bought for us with blood, and toil and suffering, through the ages, as men struggled toward the light of Liberty. They are ours, and by all that is holy, they shall remain ours, amidst the crash of worlds about us.

#### WILKIE'S NOMINATION

It was a happy thing, that after the adoption of a platform that was wholly inadequate and somewhat ambiguous on the foreign situation, the Republican Party in convention assembled in Fridadelphia, nominated Wendell Wilkie for the Presidency of the United States.

For, Wilkie having already given utterance to words that show he has a clear understanding of the situation, and sees eye to eye with President Roosevelt and Secretary Cordell Hull on these allimportant matters, it divorces our vital foreign policy from partisan politics. This is a thing that was greatly and urgently to be desired. With Knox and Simpson in the Cabinet of President Roosevelt, and Wilkie the Republican Presidential candidate, all the world is put on notice that while we are Democrats and Republicans, we are first of all Americans, and that we are a unit when it comes to the matter of defending our system of government, our rights under the Constitution, and the sacred principles of human liberty as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and incorporated in the Bill of Rights.

When these things are challenged as they have not been for centuries, the world now knows that America is not a house divided against itself.

By the nomination of Wilkie, the Republican Party made a distinct contribution to the welfare of the nation in this time of national and world-wide emergency.

#### JOHNSTON VOTES THEM OUT

Johnston county, way down east of Raleigh, in the supposedly stronghold of the ABC stores, tried the liquor control business for a few years. They were established by a vote of the people, in an election that gave a large majority for the control plan. This year the people decided to hold another election. They presented the proper petition. The authorities called the election; and Johnston reversed herself, and gave a very large majority for the return to absolute prohibition.

Observers generally have been of the opinion that public sentiment in this state has been running strongly toward prohibition, and that the trend in that direction continues to grow.

We were talking, one day this week, with a gentleman who is unusually well informed along these lines. In fact he is recognized as one of the most astute politicians in the State. His belief is that the people of North Carolina are going to insist that liquor again be outlawed. In fact, he thinks that there is not a single county in the west that would not vote "dry," if the opportunity presented itself, and that the opinion of the people down east is gathering momentum in the same direction.

He stated to us that he has been unable to see any harm that beer and wine sales have done in the larger centers of population, where there is adequate police protection and safeguards; but, he believes that the gathering storm in the public mind against liquor may sweep the lighter beverages from the entire State.

## Wilkie, McNary Are Nominated

that might easily have become the principal issue in the coming campaign, he seems to be in complete accord with President

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Roosevelt and Cordell Hull, thus eliminating foreign policy from being fought over by the speakers and writers as the campaign progresses. Observers generally are of the opinion that this is most fortunate under the present circumstances, as they believe that a campaign fight over foreign policies might not be for the best interests of the country, and might easily be mistaken as a division in the ranks of the American people. But, the nomination of Wilkie is generally believed to have S. C., Mr. and Mrs. John Bureliminated our foreign policy from the political campaign; and Lauderdale, Fla., Mr. C. C. Murit is the opinion of those who observe moving events most Virginia Arnold, from Miami, closely, that some of the domes- | Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Reany Fries, tic policies of the New Deal

Even there, some observers assert, there is not a great deal of room for contention, since the views of Mr. Wilkie could not be, by the widest stretch of the imagination, considered as conserv-

will be the bones of contention

between the two parties.

Thus, with both parties having candidates agreed on foreign policies, and with both parties having candidates who are progressive, we enter a campaign. Of course, that last statement is based upon the assumption that the Democratic Convention, when it meets this month, will nominate President Roosevelt Cordali Land, or some other Democrat who sees eye to eye with them on both foreign and do-

mestic matters. "The New Deal is dealt, and there is no likelihood that the cards will be shuffled again and there be a return to the old way," your women. Tru it!

is the way most observers sum up the situation.

But, it is generally agreed that with Wilkie the progressive heading the Republican ticket, he constitutes a threat to demo-By Republicans cratic control of the affairs of the government for the next

#### BALSAM

Mr. Hebe Bryson returned home ast week, from a government hospital in Savannah, Georgia, and has greatly imprived.

Mrs. O. E. Horton, of Atlanta, Georgia, and two nieces, Misses Betty and Rachel Hamilton, of Dalton, Georgia, have arrived at 'Green Pastures," the Horton's attractive summer home Mr. Oze Horton and other friends will arrive soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe Wilkins and Mrs. F. N. Holley and young daughter, of Coral Gables, Florida, have arrived and will be here a month, in a cottage.

Guests at Balsam Lodge: Mr. A. R. Cronenburg, of Columbia, well and son, Harry, of Fort phy, of New Orleans, La., Miss of Miami, Fla., and Miss Zeon Osteen, of Miami, Fla. Mr. Burwell is a member of the Florida State Legislature. He has a hobby of taking scenic pictures and has made some very beautiful ones around Balsam.

Mr. Parson, of Miami, Fla., who owns and operates the Lodge, owns a cabin on the bank of Jones Creek, in Ballough Hills, and gave his guests a picnic supper there, one night last week.

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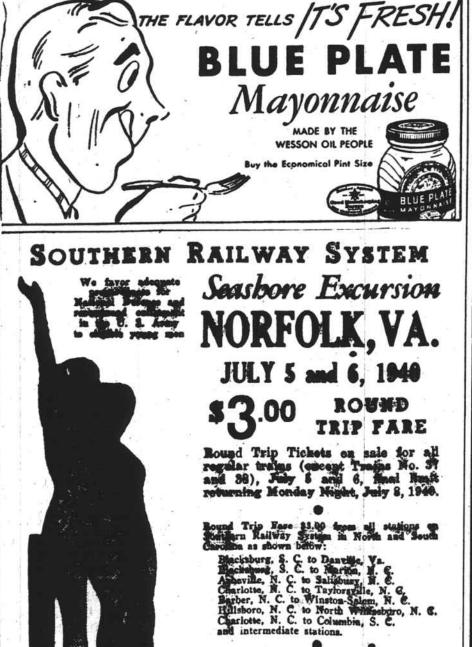
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