

THIS WEEK In Washington

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt's speech before the Farm Bureau Federation has served to focus attention sharply upon the clear-cut fact that the battle-ground of the Presidential campaign of 1936 will be in the agricultural West. Mr. Roosevelt, in effect, challenged the Republicans to offer a substitute for the AAA which would be equally satisfactory to the farmers between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains. No one qualified to speak for the Opposition has yet offered any such program. The feeling grows here however, that the Republican's answer to Mr. Roosevelt's challenge will come from the West and not from the East, when it does come.

Senator's Borah's radio speech, in which he criticized sharply the conservative Eastern wing of the Party, is regarded as not so much an expression of the Senator's own desire to be the Republican candidate as it was an effort to rally the progressive thought of the West into a solid front, which can dictate the Party's agricultural policies. It is also interpreted as a backhanded slap at Mr. Hoover's leadership.

G. O. P. Strategy

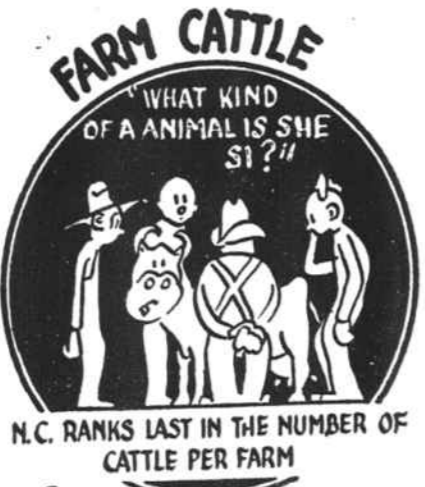
Whether or not the line of cleavage between Eastern and Western wings of the Republican Party will amount to anything more serious than the customary fight for organization control remains to be seen. Experienced political observers here, however, are swinging strongly to the opinion that considerations of political strategy will force the Party to pick its candidate from somewhere west of the Mississippi and east of the Rockies.

That would eliminate Mr. Hoover on the West, and Col. Knox and Senator Vandenberg on the East, leaving the contest, so far as visible candidates now in the field are concerned, to Senator Borah, Gov. Landon, and Senator Dickinson of Iowa. Few are found who believe that Mr. Borah seriously expects to be the nominee. That leaves Governor Landon as the rising star of the moment.

Congress A Factor

There is no end to the possible complications affecting next year's campaign which may develop from the action of Congress, which meets now in the matter of only a couple of weeks. The temper ex-

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N.C. RANKS LAST IN THE NUMBER OF CATTLE PER FARM

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?



WILMINGTON WAS THE LAST CONFEDERATE PORT TO FALL

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PRESIDENT WASHINGTON ONCE DINED AT A TRIFLING PLACE CALLED GREENVILLE, N.C.

YOU PROBABLY KNEW THAT WILLIAM SIDNEY PORTER, BETTER KNOWN AS O. HENRY, WAS BORN IN GREENSBORO, 1862, AND WAS BURIED AT ASHEVILLE

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hibited by returning Senators and Members can best be described as "rambunctious." They are going to put up a fight for every measure that has votes in it.

Out of the 531 Legislators on whose terms don't expire in 1936, Capitol Hill there are only 64. Those are the 64 Senators whose terms run to 1938 and 1940. One third of the Senators and all of the Representatives must run for reelection next November if they want to come back. That makes for a situation in which every organized raid on the Treasury which has important voting strength behind it will find support. Veterans' Bonus, Townsend Plan, "Soak-the-Rich" tax schemes, the Frazier-Lemke Farm Mortgage Refinancing bill, and almost anything that organized labor is solidly behind, will provide at least a chance for the boys to go on record, whether or not they succeed in enacting any of these and other projects into law.

The signs are that opposition from the White House to all such drafts on the public purse will be more stubborn than in the past. There is no inclination here to question the genuineness of Mr. Roosevelt's desire to cut Government expenses and make at least a step towards balancing the budget. He will have to meet, however, not

only demands emanating from Congress, but the desires of many of his own official family for money to spend.

Manufacturer's Stand

It can be stated definitely that the President's plan to place Frank C. Walker in the Cabinet, as Postmaster General, will not be carried through. Members of the Cabinet must divest themselves of all private business connections. Mr. Walker was in a position to do that, until the death, a few days ago, of his uncle, Michael Comerford, the management of whose very extensive motion picture interests now devolves upon Mr. Walker.

The action of the recent Convention of the National Association of Manufacturers in uniting upon a definite declaration of opposition to the Administration widens the breach between the Government and business beyond any likelihood of its being bridged over. Democratic leaders are inclined to halt this as providing good campaign material, while Republican wheel-horses look upon it as at least assuring an ample campaign fund for 1936.

Is anything worse than a vase of dusty artificial roses?—Imperial Type Metal Magazine.

All Farmers Need To Keep Records

Farmers who do not keep records are unable to tell just where they stand.

They may think they are making a profit when, actually, they are losing money, said R. E. L. Greene, assistant in farm management research for the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Running a business without records, it has been said, is like running a clock without hands. In either case, the thing is running—but where and how?

Farm records, Greene pointed out, are a basis for an intelligent study of the business, they give the information necessary to make an accurate credit statement, they show the results of the year's work, they indicate weak spots which need improvement.

Although records may be started at any time, it is usually more convenient to start them early in January. At this time feed and crop supplies are low and it is easy to take inventory. Also, most farmers are not as busy at this time as they are later on.

Green suggested that growers who are not already keeping records should plan now to start them

the first of the year. N.C. State College has designed a record book especially for the North Carolina farmer and it will be an aid to keeping the proper kind of records, he added.

Copies of the book may be secured from the Department of Agricultural Economics, at State College, by those persons keeping records as a demonstration with that department.

County agents or high school agricultural teachers will be glad to assist farmers get their records started.

Thin Out Pines To Speed Tree Growth

Thinning out an overcrowded stand of pine trees will pay big dividends in the long run.

Removing the dead, crippled, and overcrowded trees leaves the potential timber to develop properly in the shortest possible time.

Rufus H. Page, Jr., assistant extension forester at State College, has pointed out a stand of pine on the farm of K. C. Woodard in Johnston County as a good example of what thinning will do for a timber tract.

The trees in Woodard's stand are of approximately the same age. Five years ago he thinned one-third of his stand. Two years ago he thinned another third, leaving the remaining third untouched.

In the area first thinned are many trees 10 inches in diameter at breast height, Page said. In the second area are only a few trees which will measure that size.

In the untouched part of the timber stand, none of the trees have attained a diameter of 10 inches at breast height, and many of them are less than half the average diameter of the trees in the two stands which have been thinned.

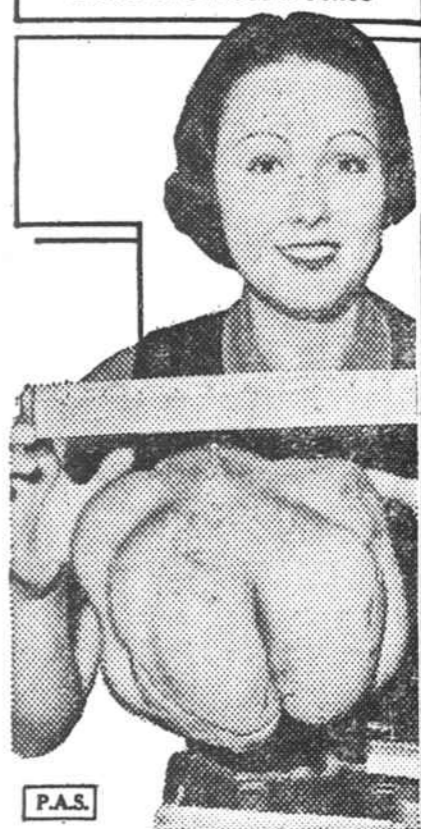
The inferior trees removed from the stand in the thinning process were cut into cordwood which was worth far more than the cost of the work, Page said.

And the better trees were left to grow into valuable timber which will bring Woodard a good profit in a few years.

"If you don't think that thinning pays," Page remarked, "just ask any of the Johnston County farmers who have seen Woodard's pines."

Many of the new winter dresses call attention to the hip lines. Buttons placed below the belt, fullness

Record Sweet Potato



P.A.S.

SAN GABRIEL, Calif. . . "Speaking of sweet potatoes," say agricultural experts in this district, "here's the largest ever grown, weighing 14 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 11 inches in diameter." It is exhibited by Miss Gwen Steel

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