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A GOOD WORD

When in Raleigh Monday our friend Chas. Ruffin of the Capital Printing Co. asked us what was the good word. We replied: "The election will be over after tomorrow." And he agreed that was a good word.

For the last two or three months all the politicians and most of the lawyers have been kept pretty busy campaigning, so the people have not been troubled much by them except by the unusual amount of noise they made. Even a hot political campaign has its compensations.

ONE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DICTATOR AND DEMOCRAT

The associate editor likes, we might say loves, to juggle with words. The other night she asked what is the difference between dictator and democrat? Other than a book of definition, we did not know the answer. Here is what she offered: Take "it" out of dictator and put "me" in and you have the difference between the two, or at least between the letters composing them. Try it by eliminating letters that appear in both words.

SCRATCHED

On election evening a friend said: "I voted against my convictions today. I wanted to vote for a certain man who is not a democrat, for I believe he is the better man, but I just could not vote against a democrat."

Down in Wilson county a democrat who was ousted some time ago for drunkenness is running for sheriff. Against him is a clean republican. What ought a good citizen, or even a good democrat do, under such circumstances?

This leads us to say that we believe the vot-

er, regardless of party, may well consider the personal character of the candidate rather than his political affiliations in most state offices and in every county office. Twenty years ago we scratched our first ballot in an eastern county when we voted for a republican of good character against a democrat of bad reputation. And almost without exception we have scratched our ballot each election since and have done it without remorse or a feeling of being traitor to our party or convictions.

The sheriff, clerk of the court, or register of deeds in this county is the servant of the people and his duty is peculiarly one of non-political service. It is impossible for his views on politics to affect the service he may render as an official. A good citizen may at his pleasure scratch his ticket for personal characteristics that disqualify a candidate for office and still be a good democrat.

We asked two friends on election day to vote our way and when we explained it to them they readily agreed to do so. Here it is: Vote exactly like you want to, remembering that it is primarily nobody's business quite so much as it is your own.

THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

Now that the democratic national administration is assured for the next four years no doubt many people believe all the public works and relief agencies will continue as they have for the last administration. They might as well disillusion their minds of this hope or belief. It will be impossible for the government to continue spending money as it has been doing even if it were necessary. The pinch of taxes will be felt more and more, no doubt.

The depression has been over for some time. Every man in this community who wants work can get it. But many have been depending on relief for so long that it has become a chronic matter. They prefer \$5.00 relief money to \$10.00 made by honest work. We still have millions of unemployed in this country. It is a long cry from their indolence and thriftlessness to the depression. Many unnecessary employees and officers will soon have to begin making an independent living.

We are glad that the election is over so the government may turn loose much of its relief work that has been continued largely for political reasons. We believe better and healthier times are ahead for this country. If the democratic party will give the country an economical government for four years, they will be entrenched for four years following. Otherwise the landslide of this year will be repeated, only it will be the republicans who will slide into power.

Here is hoping for peace and prosperity to this nation upon which God has smiled with favor and partiality from its beginning. As democrats and republicans, let us remember that our first duty to our country is to be good citizens, and remember that each of us is his brother's keeper.

and more than doubled the normal Republican vote in Wake county, he was not able to materially reduce the size of the Democratic majority. Mr. Hoey goes into the office of governor with a majority equal to the usual Democratic vote.

THE ELECTION

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voted the straight ticket. Cooley's 901 votes indicate that some Republicans preferred him.

On the county ticket Hunter Ellington received the highest Democratic vote with 889, the lowest being 871 for Pittman for state senator.

Highest Republican vote was 30 for Todd as coroner. Lowest Republican, 22 for Sorrell as commissioner.

Pittman Stell, G. C. Massey, J. M. Whitley and W. H. Rhodes were unopposed for the offices which they hold.

In a veritable landslide of ballots, unparalleled in the history of this country, the Democratic party swept all opposition before it in Tuesday's election and returned to power in state and nation with tremendous majorities.

President Roosevelt and his running mate Garner, carried the electoral votes of forty six of the forty eight states, leaving Landon and Knox only Maine and Vermont with four votes each. Of the total of 531 electoral votes, Roosevelt got 523 and Landon 8. The popular vote has not yet been completely tabulated but it exceeded by more than five million the vote of four years ago which was a record breaker up to that time. In round figures it was 44,000,000.

Not since James Monroe, more than a hundred years ago received all but one electoral vote has any president had such an overwhelming majority. In 1912 President Taft received only eight electoral votes, from Vermont and Utah, but the others were divided between Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt. That was the big Bull Moose year.

Reports from all sections of the country indicate that people voted for Roosevelt, not for the Democratic party, although in many instances he carried along majorities for the whole ticket.

Although Republicans claimed a chance to gain control of the house of representatives, and hoped to reduce the senate majority, as a matter of fact they lost strength in both houses of congress. The Democrats gained eight senators for a total of 79, 30 more than the number needed for control. Democratic majority in the house was also materially increased. Senator Borah, Republican, but supporting Roosevelt, was re-elected from Idaho; and Senator Norris, Republican running as an independent in Nebraska was also elected.

The entire Democratic ticket in North Carolina was elected with big majorities, ranging from 300,000 downward. On the basis of unofficial returns from about two-thirds of the precincts Mr. Hoey has a lead of 290-odd thousand over Grissom, while Senator Bailey has an even greater lead over Mr. Patton his Republican opponent. All Democratic state officers were elected. Republicans even lost half of their already meager representation in the legislature.

Gilliam Grissom, Republican gubernatorial candidate, led his party ticket by several thousand. He polled double the usual Republican strength in Wake county, but most of those votes were also for Roosevelt.

Summary of the figures as counted up to Wednesday night will be found in another column.

Apparently all five of the pro-

posed amendments to the State constitution were adopted.

The vote in Wake, as all over the country was unprecedented. More than 21,000 votes were cast here. Roosevelt led the voting in Wake with Senator Bailey running next. Mr. Grissom's personal popularity gathered some 2,000 more votes for him in Wake county than was cast for the general Republican ticket, his vote approaching 6,000. Grissom carried one precinct, that at the Fairgrounds, by a vote of 159 to 149. At the same box Roosevelt got 258 to Landon's 65.

All of the county and township Democratic nominees were elected by normal majorities.

APPRECIATED LETTER

Chalybeate Springs, N. C.
Oct. 30, '36.

Dear Bro. Davis:

In compliance with your recent request I am enclosing my check for \$1.50. I enjoy reading the Record. The locals do not interest me because I do not know the people, but I enjoy the editorials and your and Mrs. Davis' special columns very much. With kindest regards to you and all, I am,

Yours very truly,
D. H. SENTER.

Seen and Heard

BETTER TIMES, OR BETTER JUDGMENT?

Miss Matoka Pace in Baer's store remarked that the better grades of print sell faster than a cheaper quality. Is this because times are better, or because home dressmakers have learned that in the long run it is less expensive to pay 76 cents for four yards of cloth guaranteed not to fade than to pay 60 cents with the risk of soon having a faded garment which cannot be satisfactory?

Zebulon's merchants have bought yards and yards of the prettiest prints ever seen in town for the fall trade.

WHAT'S A CENSUS, ANYWAY?

More than one delegate to the federation meeting here last week was heard to say: "Why, I didn't know Zebulon was so large. It's larger than Wendell, isn't it? The reply brought the consoling remark "O, well, it looks larger anyway."

THAT WHICH IS DUE

The thanks of all concerned should go to A. V. Medlin for the work he had done on the Baptist church grounds last week. This real service added much to the appearance of the property when the visitors arrived on Wednesday.

WHY NOT?

Miss Baer, who recently moved to Zebulon from Alabama, wanted on Tuesday to know why women voters in this state are not required to pay poll tax as they are where she came from. The ones she asked were able to think of no good reason. Can you give one?

Farm Bureau To Hold Fish Fry

The Mount Pleasant local of the Farm Bureau will hold a fish fry at Privett's pond Friday November 6, at 3 P. M. Several speakers are to be present, among which will be a representative from the state headquarters at Greenville, announce the committee on arrangements.

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Zebulon

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(BY GILLYNNIS)

Well, that was some election! But I haven't been elated over the result. The situation is potentially dangerous; it is not a wholesome condition when one man has too much power. The vote Tuesday was a tremendous personal triumph for the man Roosevelt. This column predicted some time ago that folks were going to vote not for the Democratic nominee or the Republican nominee, but for or against Roosevelt. The president waged a personal campaign. He ignored party lines, begging his friends in Nebraska to vote for an independent Republican, and in Minnesota to vote for the Farmer-Labor ticket. So it was not a Democratic victory, but distinctly a personal victory.

Such a vote as Roosevelt got imposes upon him a terrific load of responsibility. I think he will make good; I think he will put the good of his country above his personal ambition for power; but he is in position to become a menace and a threat to our form of government.

It is hard to see how the Republican party can survive such a blow. For that matter the Democratic party is gone, too. Some of the political writers are saying that Roosevelt is the first man to make the Democratic party a real national rather than a sectional party. With everyone of the states, except two little ones in New England voting for the Democratic nominee that is apparently true. But the fact is that little remains of the Democratic party except the name. I

am not alarmed; this country is bigger than any party. It existed before the Democratic party was born and it prospered and developed for a century and a half before the New Deal was conceived. It will continue as a great nation after the donkey and the elephant have joined the bull moose in the valhalla of party animals. After all, whatever of power Roosevelt has was given him by the people; it was theirs to do with as they pleased. In that fact lies the vital difference between European dictatorships and our governmental set-up.

In North Carolina Mr. Grissom did not develop the strength which had been anticipated. The tremendous increase in the vote operated against him. Although he ran far ahead of his ticket in nearly all sections of the state,