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Every Day Is FLAG DAY



LOCAL POLITICS BEGINNING TO SIMMER

City politics, now that the county and state primaries are over, are beginning to "simmer," and from now on the ground work for next year's election will be mapped out, and the factions may very nearly be defined by their votes from now on. One very wise move was made when James Armstrong was made City Manager, and if given time, and a free run is going to make us a good one. Regardless of criticism Charlotte has a good set-up at the present time, but you cannot tell what will happen between now and next May.

NATIONAL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON ITS WAY

With Wallace as Roosevelt's running mate, and much dissension as to the former, the November election promises to be one of great interest. Charges and counter charges, attacks on the New Deal, personalities, etc., will all be used as ammunition. Everything from near Communism, on one side, and Capitalism on the other, is already as campaign propaganda. But, The Journal believes both the Democrats and Republican nominees are 100 per cent for Americans.

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**Blind Doctor
Is Carrying On**

**Continues Rural Practice
For 25 Years; Wife
Acts as 'Eyes.'**

WADLEY, ALA. — Twenty-five years ago Dr. Thomas Clack, a country doctor, said to his wife:

"We might as well face it. I'm blind."

"What will we do?" she asked.

"Keep on practicing medicine. You'll be my eyes."

Since that time Dr. Clack has slapped the breath of life into hundreds of babies he has never seen, and never will see. He has ministered to hundreds of persons in this east Alabama community, persons who are but voices in the dark.

Today he is in his sixties, and still practicing medicine. Mrs. Clack is his "eyes."

Wife Constant Companion.

In the 25 years he has been blind, she has been away from his side for only one 24-hour period. That was when a relative took him to a medical conference in Montgomery. She is by his side every hour of the day and night. When he gets a call, she goes with him. She sits by the side of the patient's bed, while he talks to the patient and gets the case history.

He has a delicate sense of touch and can diagnose the patient's wounds with his finger tips.

But his "eyes" takes the temperature, tells him the patient's color and how the sick person's eyes look. Then the doctor comes to a conclusion regarding the ailment.

If it's an emergency case, requiring surgery, he tells her what instruments to select and how to use them.

Mrs. Clack's first surgical test came shortly after her husband lost his sight. A four-year-old child had been playing with an ax and suffered a severe laceration of the hand.

"I'm sorry," Dr. Clack said, feeling the wound. "The finger will have to be amputated."

His wife hesitated. Dr. Clack began to tell her what to do.

"Give her this anesthetic. Boil water. Bathe the hand. Pick up this knife. Be sure the water is hot enough to kill all germs. Take the knife, and . . ."

First Amputation Successful.

Mrs. Clack gritted her teeth, swayed slightly, but she obeyed his instructions. The operation was a success.

Determination has been the secret of Dr. Clack's success. He had to have it even when he entered the medical profession. He did not graduate from medical school until he was 35—an age when most physicians are well launched on their careers.

He began practice at Abanda, in Chambers county, and three years later lost his sight. It came suddenly, after a series of hemorrhages. Those were the horse and buggy days, so Mrs. Clack hitched up the horse and drove for him. When the automobile came into use she learned to drive. By now she was his "eyes" all the time, and she had to go with him, night and day.

In the evenings, his "eyes" read to him from magazines and medical journals, thus enabling him to keep pace with the latest trends in medicine.

He was one of the first doctors in the state to use sulfapyridine successfully in the treatment of pneumonia.

**Kodiak, Alaska, Becomes
Rapidly Growing Place**

SEATTLE.—The renaissance of Kodiak, 140-year-old western Alaska town, has more than doubled its population in recent months and produced an embarrassing obstacle to future expansion.

W. J. Erskine, president of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce, explained here that much of the land adjoining present city limits is owned by "squatters," who refuse to give up their property.

Until the problem is solved the town's builders are concentrating on a residential district inside the city limits to the fullest extent.

One firm is building 10 new homes of four to six rooms each. At present Kodiak probably is one of the busiest spots on the North American continent. Construction of the United States naval base sent hundreds of workers there, swelling the population past the 1,000 mark.

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**Tree Planting
Nears 2 Billion**

**CCC Program Far From
Finished, According
To Director.**

WASHINGTON. — More than 2,000,000,000 trees will have been planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps when enrollees complete their 1940 program, according to James J. McEntee, CCC director.

The 1940 program includes the planting of 200,000,000 trees to reforest public lands and 100,000,000 seedlings and young trees on erosion control projects, he said. Most of the CCC's reforestation plantings are planned and supervised by the forestry service, while the soil conservation service supervises plantings on erosion control projects. Interior department agencies supervise planting in other areas.

Michigan in Lead.

About 1,800,000,000 trees already have been planted. Michigan led with 419,000,000 trees, followed by Wisconsin with 328,000,000. Other high states were New York, 171,000,000; Louisiana, 152,000,000; Mississippi, 110,500,000; and Minnesota, 93,000,000.

"The Civilian Conservation Corps, working in co-operation with federal and state conservation agencies, is making a dent in the national tree planting job," McEntee said. "An enormous amount of work remains to be done if the nation is to restore the millions of acres of barren and only partly stocked forest lands primarily suited to the growing of timber."

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Thank you for your very welcome letter just received from Spruce Pine at Kalmie. You also state that you are at Sunnybrook Farms after a week in a Charlotte hospital, trying to recuperate.

Everyone in Charlotte are doing nothing but talking about the weather and doing nothing about it. Oh, where have I heard that one before? But that is practically all the local news. Our official readings give us 96 and 98 degrees. Our thermometer at street level went up to 120 in five minutes and we pulled it to the rear of the office before it would have exploded.

Now you should be able to sit back in your twig arm chair, and enjoy life up in the Skyland, after reading that little piece of news.

Our Central Labor Union President, Brother Scoggins reported that he had visited you in the hospital, the Go-getter, also reported to me, and I promised that young lady I would see you at the hospital. But the usual procrastination overcame my good intentions, as you know I did not get to visit you, and anyway, you know my horror of hospitals. Hospitals and funerals get me down. I can say that, now I know you are

about ready to take up the printing stick again, to try to better your fellow man's bread, butter and new model automobiles.

The Central Labor Union voted to hold their meetings, beginning September first in the new Labor Temple at 309 E. Trade St. With a nice large sign on the outside of this building, straight across the front, 'American Federation of Labor,' the move should be a progressive one for Charlotte's ever-growing conservative branch of the labor movement.

You would have been delighted to hear the honest discussion we had last Wednesday in the meeting of the Central body on the subject—'Prevention of Strikes.' It was wholesome to get the debate from so many different fields where our locals hold jurisdiction, all in apparent agreement as to the subject matter. The arguments all were for prevention of strikes, and means to further this so worth while aim. You would have been proud of your honorary membership in the Central Labor Union, if you could have attended this meeting.

We are waiting for your return with all our hearts. Our best thoughts are with you.

Yours in Comradship,
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