

It Happened This Week

Green as Grass
Comparing Crop Values
Power Reductions
Employment Improving

POLITICAL FODDER

"Grass will grow in the streets of a hundred cities," if Democratic tariff policies are adopted, President Hoover told a G. O. Partisan meeting in Madison Square Garden Monday night. Speaking in Boston the same night, Democratic Nominee Franklin DeLano Roosevelt accused Hoover of seeking to undermine reason with fear and attempting to "coerce" the voters in returning him to office with threats of dire economic calamities should the Democrats win. Hoover plans to be in his home town Palo Alto, Calif., to cast his ballot on election day after winding up his transcontinental campaign tour. Roosevelt plans to cast his ballot at Tarrytown, N. Y., then going to Democratic headquarters in New York City to receive returns, which most political forecasters predict will elect him by the largest Democratic majority in a generation or more.

HIDING THE ELEPHANT

Campaigning for Democracy in Greenville Monday night, Governor Gardner recalled that in 1902 Republican Senator Pritchard pushed Locke Craig into the political corner by declaring that the hide of a bull calf was worth more under McKinley than a 1,200 pound steer under Cleveland. Then the governor proceeded to strip the hide off the G. O. Partisan elephant, comparing the difference between agricultural values under Wilson and under Hoover. "Pitt is our greatest agricultural county," he said. "In 1919, under Woodrow Wilson, the crop value of Pitt county, reported by the U. S. Census, was \$21,000,000. In 1931, the crop value of Pitt county, under Herbert Hoover, had fallen to the bankrupting value of slightly more than \$4,000,000. x x x x During the administration of Herbert Hoover the farmers of North Carolina have lost approximately \$150,000,000 in the annual value of their crops—enough to pay the entire bonded debt of the state."

POLITICAL EXPENSES

Campaign expenditures of \$1,454,179 were reported Saturday by the Republican national committee for the period from June 1 to October 26. The party still had a balance of \$120,000 in the treasury. Biggest G. O. Partisan contributors were Andrew Mellon, \$25,000; other Mellons, \$20,000; Ogden Mills, \$25,000; Eldridge R. Johnson phonograph manufacturer, \$50,000. For the same period Democratic receipts were \$1,065,654 and disbursements \$926,208. The Democratic party has been making frantic appeals for donations of any size to help stave off a deficit. In this state, party campaign expense reports show the Republicans have spent \$5,760 and the Democrats \$4,432. Each party had depression bank balances left. Republican Job Holder Gilliam Grissom was the biggest G. O. Partisan contributor with \$500, while Judge Frank A. Daniels, with a \$250 gift, was the Democratic big money giver.

UTILITIES PROPOSE REDUCTIONS

Electric power rate reductions averaging from 5 to 10 per cent were proposed before the state corporation commission last week by the four big utility companies serving North Carolina. The commission estimated the reductions would save \$402,000 per year from power bills to consumers.

500,000 BACK TO WORK

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, estimates that 500,000 have found employment in the past month, although much of the work is seasonal and temporary. Green says 10,900,000 remain idle in the country.

DIVERS HUNT GOLD

Eight suspects are held in New York following the theft of \$50,000 in gold bars from a Brooklyn refining plant. Divers are at work trying to locate the gold at the bottom of East river where the robbers threw it after a false test had led them to believe the metal was brass.

TEXTILE PIONEER DIES

A pioneer in the textile industry of Gaston county and North Carolina, Abel P. Rhyne, 88, died at Mt. Holly on Saturday night.

FLOGGERS ARE ARRESTED

Nine are under arrest at Jacksonville, Fla., charged with a score or more of severe floggings which have recently been given men, women and children.

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Join the Red Cross and Help The Distressed and Needy



NEW ROAD WORK BIDS RECEIVED

Highway Commission To Consider Proposals Friday

OLD BIDS REJECTED
Work on No. 28 To Afford Employment To Many Macon Men

New bids were received by the State Highway commission at Raleigh Thursday on two projects in Macon county and two in Clay county, both on highway No. 28. Earlier bids, opened by the commission October 20, had been rejected. The commission is expected to act on the new bids Friday.

The low bidders today were: 10.37 miles of traffic bound McAdam from Franklin to the foot of the Nantahala mountains, Cobb and Homewood, Chapel Hill, \$100,412.50.

5.8 miles of traffic bound McAdam from the end of the above project to Rainbow Springs, C. Y. Thomason, Greenwood, S. C. \$57,114.40.

7.28 miles of traffic bound McAdam in Clay county, C. Y. Thomason, \$56,960.60.

7.45 miles of traffic bound McAdam in Clay county, \$59,359.90. Thomason was low bidder on both Macon county projects at the first opening of bids. The bridge and structure contract for the Macon county links of No. 28 were let to Hobbs-Peabody company of Charlotte.

To Use Local Labor

After the contracts are let, the work is to be done as far as possible with local labor, as the appropriations for the projects come from the federal emergency relief fund. A minimum wage of 20 cents an hour is to be paid unskilled laborers, and a minimum of 30 cents an hour to skilled laborers. Applicants for work on these projects are urged to apply at the office of Miss Rachel Davis, Macon county welfare worker, in the courthouse, between 9 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Saturday.

Work for Hundreds

Work on No. 28 is expected to afford employment to hundreds of Macon county men.

Miss Davis has received the following instructions from the State Department of Welfare as to the placement of applicants for road jobs:

"We suggest that you arrange your list of unemployed in the following order, according to the rules of the State Highway commission, so as to be of the most help to the contractor who will make his selection accordingly: (a) ex-service men with dependents; (b) men other than ex-service men with dependents; (c) unpaired men, either ex-service or non-service men."

A number of Macon county men already have found employment on road work carried out with direct emergency relief funds. Four hundred and fifty dollars was allotted to this county several weeks ago and this has been expended on road work in various sections of the county and on completion of the Franklin athletic field. The road work has been in the following communities; Skenah, with Zeb Shope as supervisor; Cartoogechaye, with John Roan as supervisor; Tellico, with Ed Byrd as supervisor; and Leatherman with E. O. Rickman as supervisor. The supervisors have served voluntarily without pay. New allotments

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Honor Roll

15 Pupils Get on List at Highlands

Fifteen pupils made the honor roll of the Highlands consolidated school during the second month of the school term, it was announced this week by O. F. Summer, principal. The honor roll follows: First grade: Edna Phillips, Bill Moss, Frank Burrell. Second grade: Jessie Anna Potts, Marie Neely, Gertrude Webb. Third grade: James Hunt, Felicia Mae Edwards, Lois Mungler. Fourth grade: Richard Zoellner, Agnes Roper. High school: Mary Keener, John W. Edwards, Eula May Potts, Wendell Cleveland.

Political Situation Tense As General Election Nears; Saturday Is Challenge Day

Roosevelt Gets 41 States And Tremendous Majority In Digest's Straw Vote

Roosevelt, 1,715,789; Hoover 1,150,398—that's the final outcome of The Literary Digest's presidential straw vote, as announced in this week's issue. Roosevelt's majority carried with it 41 states out of the 48. Roosevelt's percentage of the total number of straw ballots cast was 59.9; Hoovers, 37.53. Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president, polled 148,079 votes, 4.48 per cent of the total.

The electoral votes, on the basis of The Digest's poll, would be divided as follows: 474 for Roosevelt and 57 for Hoover.

Democratic Victory Likely

"Unless all signs fail, unless some unexpected, eleventh-hour condition arises to reverse the nation-wide trend disclosed by this great moment of freshly gathered statistics, the complete poll will be interpreted by many practical men and women of all parties as a presage of a Roosevelt victory." Taking up the straw vote returns by states, one finds that

Few Changes Likely

Considerable likelihood is seen that Massachusetts and Rhode Island may prove on election day to be Democratic rather than Republican, despite the Digest's returns. Some possibility is seen also for a change in Connecticut, New Jersey and New Hampshire.

According to a survey made by the Associated Press, 47,000,000 persons have qualified to vote in next Tuesday's election, exceeding by four and a half million the record-shattering registration of 1928.

Local Candidates of Both Parties Stumping County

CHALLENGES MADE

Board Takes Steps To Prevent Election Disagreements

With the election only four days off, the political situation in Macon county is growing tense. Local candidates of both parties are going from township to township stumping the county and making final pre-election pleas for the support of the voters at the polls next Tuesday.

With the view to avoiding any election day disagreements, the county board of elections, of which J. R. Morrison is chairman, has taken precautions to make the polling as orderly as possible. The board has obtained an agreement from the leaders of both parties for a quiet, businesslike system of making challenges. Two representatives of each party are to gather Saturday in each township to go over the registration books with the registrars. All other persons are to be excluded from the place where the challenge procedure is being carried out. This is expected to eliminate a considerable amount of friction.

Challengers Named

Following are the challengers by townships as named by Albert Ramsey, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee, and W. J. West, chairman of the Republican county executive committee:

Millsboro—Jim Raby and Harve C. Cabre, Democrats; Ad-Kinsland and Arvey Seay, Republicans. Ellijay—Tom Bryson and Loren Moses, Democrats; Will Higon and John Corbin, Republicans. Sugar Fork—Olney Moses and Luther Holland, Democrats; Dave McCoy and John Dills, Republicans.

Highlands—Ed Potts and W. S. Davis, Democrats; T. G. Harbison and Ed Picklesimer, Republicans.

Flatts—Earl Dryman, Democrat; J. D. Burnett and Marshal Burnett, Republicans.

Smith's Bridge—W. A. Norton and D. P. Cabre, Democrats; L. M. Henson and John Angel, Republicans.

Cartoogechaye—Carl Slagle and D. B. Lenoir, Democrats; Hex Dills and Al Williams, Republicans.

Nantahala No. 1—Bob Burnett and Bass Baldwin, Democrats; John Wike and Mrs. D. L. Owenby, Republicans.

Nantahala No. 2—John Reighart and W. B. Jones, Democrats; Odell Hall and Craig Stepp, Republicans.

Burnington—Robert Parrish and Robert Ramsey, Democrats; John Dean and Erwin Drenning, Republicans.

Cowee—John Dalton and C. W. Russell, Democrats; Davis Dean and J. B. Matlock, Republicans.

Franklin—Frank I. Murray and R. S. Jones, Democrats; R. D. Sisk and S. L. Franks, Republicans.

Big Vote Expected

Registration figures have not yet been made available, but it is understood that many new registrations have been made and the vote next Tuesday is expected to be the largest in the history of the county, barring bad weather.

County Ballots

On the county ballots appear the following candidates: For senator, 33rd Senatorial District—K. A. Patton, Democrat; J. C. Herbert, Republican.

For Representative—C. L. Ingram, Democrat; W. J. West, Republican.

For Sheriff—A. B. Slagle, Democrat; R. M. Coffey, Republican.

For Register of Deeds—C. T. Bryson, Democrat; C. B. Stockton, Republican.

For Surveyor—J. H. Dalton, Democrat; Mack Franks, Republican.

For Coroner—C. M. Moore, Democrat; J. M. Corbin, Republican.

For County Commissioners—Walter Gibson, Gus Leach and E. W. Long, Democrats; A. S. Solesbee, J. H. Dean and J. H. Rogers, Republicans.

For the first time in the history (Continued on page four)

BOTH PARTIES PLAN RALLIES

Republican and Democratic Candidates To Speak Here Saturday

Both Republican and Democratic county candidates are scheduled to hold party rallies in the courthouse Saturday afternoon.

W. J. West, Republican county chairman and candidate for representative, has announced that he and other Republican candidates

will speak at the courthouse at 2:30 p. m. The Democratic candidates also had announced they would appear in the courthouse at 2:30, but after their attention had been called to the conflict with the Republican speaking they decided to delay their rally until after the Republican candidates had finished speaking.

The Democratic candidates—C. L. Ingram, for representative; A. B. Slagle, for sheriff, and C. Tom Bryson, for register of deeds—are also scheduled to speak at the following places:

Ellijay—3:30 p. m. Friday. Holly Springs—7:30 p. m. Friday. Higdonville—7:30 p. m. Saturday.

The Republicans have been stumping the county like the Democrats, but have announced no definite schedule of their meetings.

Speakers have been assigned by the Young People's Democratic club of the county to address meeting at 7:30 o'clock Friday night at the following places:

Otto—Dr. W. A. Rogers and Sam (Continued on page four)

Ehringhaus Pays Visit To Franklin, Highlands

J. C. Ehringhaus, Democratic nominee for governor of North Carolina, visited Franklin and Highlands last Friday afternoon while on a final pre-election campaign tour of the western counties. He stopped in Franklin for an hour or so early in the afternoon and made a brief address to a small crowd which gathered in front of the courthouse. In Highlands he was cordially greeted by prominent citizens and spent a short while chatting with business men and women.

Major Harris Prospering In Prosperous Town

Major S. A. Harris, former editor and publisher of The Franklin Press, is prospering well in the prosperous town of Moultrie, Ga., where he is secretary of a progressive chamber of commerce, according to Dr. R. M. Rimmer, who returned several days ago from a visit with the Major.

Major Harris has a beautiful home and many friends in Moultrie, Dr. Rimmer said, but he is as much interested as ever in the goings-on in Franklin and Macon county. Each week, he quoted the Major as saying, the Harris family waits eagerly for The Franklin Press and news of their old friends and acquaintances.

Dr. Rimmer said Major Harris expected to come to Franklin for a visit in about two weeks.

Crowd of Over 1,000 Attend Macon Singing Convention

More than 1,000 persons attended the Macon County Singing convention at the courthouse last Sunday. Several counties and states were represented, and the following classes took part in the singing:

From Swain county, Bryson City quartet, the Cherokee Indian class, duets by Baxter Smiley and others, and duets by the Shelton Brothers; from Clay county, E. L. Ballard quartet, Valley River quartet; from Haywood, Smith and Shelton quartet, Shelton Brothers duet, bass solo, by Rowe Haney; Jackson county, East Sylva quartet, from Bessie, N. C., J. P. Blacklin, solo; Macon county, Smith and Mason quartet, Mason Branch mixed, Liberty class, Ellijay class, Ridgecrest class, Ridgecrest quartet, duet by Mrs. Arlesia Roper and daughter, Jessie, "Just Around the Bend," words and music by Jim and Frank McCravy, radio artists.

Chairman James M. Raby announced there would be another all day singing at the courthouse on January 29, 1933.

Decreased industrial activity in the state last year brought a decrease in the number of workmen injured reported to the N. C. industrial commission. In the year ending June 30, workers injured dropped to 25,886 from 28,750 the year before. Total costs reached \$1,142,502 with medical costs totaling \$431,653 and workers or their families getting \$710,849.

Blinding fog caused the crash of a Charlotte airplane on a country road near Mooresville Monday, with Edward H. Byars, 45, owner and pilot, W. Earle Padgett, 42, Lincoln, and his daughter, Earleen Padgett, 17, dying in the crash. The girl was thrown clear, the two men dying in the wreckage.