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## POLL RESULTS DRAW INTEREST

### Surveys of Public Opinion Indicate Close Race In 1936

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Official Washington is displaying great interest in Presidential polls these days. The one that has attracted the most attention is the poll recently completed by newspapers served by Publishers Autocaster Service, which, reflecting as it does rural and small-town opinion exclusively, is regarded as highly significant. If there were a wide variation between the results shown by the different efforts to get at a cross-section of national political views at this time, Washington might not be so interested. But when the Autocaster poll, the Literary Digest poll, so far as its preliminary results have been disclosed, the Gallup poll, and the poll taken a short time ago by Robert J. Lucas, all agree within a fraction of one per cent, and every one of them shows a marked decline in the strength of President Roosevelt's support, the total effect is impressive.

All the polls agree in giving Mr. Roosevelt still the best of it, by approximately 53 per cent to 47 per cent. Even the most optimistic of the Administration's political soothsayers are now conceding more or less openly that it looks as if it would be a close election in 1936. However, a lot of things can happen in a year.

#### From Here On

Some of the things which the President's friends are hoping will happen are a strong up-swing in business conditions, the failure of the Opposition to develop real leadership and a subsidence of the third party agitation. The latter contingency, as things look now, can probably be dismissed as unlikely to be strongly enough concentrated anywhere to affect the electoral vote.

As to leadership in the Republican Party, something may develop at the annual meeting of the Republican National Committee to be held here this month, which will clarify the issues upon which the Opposition will make its stand. The man who succeeds in putting forward a program on which all Republicans can unite will certainly show evidence of leadership. How to overcome the political effect of the AAA without losing great blocks of farm votes is a puzzle to which no Republican political leader has so far given the answer.

The strongest element in Mr. Roosevelt's favor, as matters now stand, is that business is definitely improving and that all the signs point to further improvement. The stock market boom is not regarded here as dangerous. Governor Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board pointed out the other day that it

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## 'Over the Top'

### Legion Post Wins Award In Membership Drive

The Macon county post of the American Legion is the proud possessor of a service certificate awarded to it for "going over the top" in a membership drive launched October 1.

Receipt of the certificate was announced this week by A. R. Higdon, post adjutant. G. A. Jones is post commander. The citation was sent to the local post by J. M. Caldwell, North Carolina department adjutant.

A quota of 32 memberships, new and renewals, had been set for the post, and it turned in 33. Sixteen of the memberships were reported by Boise Hall, who thereby qualified for an American Legion fountain pen award.

The local post, which several months ago purchased the Allman building on West Main street, has fixed up a room on the second floor for a meeting hall.

## GOAL REACHED BY RED CROSS

### 200 Members Reported In Annual Macon County Drive

The Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross this week reached the goal of 200 memberships set for its 1935 roll call, it was announced Wednesday by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, chairman of the chapter.

Reports by roll call workers during the week brought to an even 200 the number of memberships turned in since the drive started on Armistice Day. A few reports are still to be received and it is hoped the number of memberships will climb still further. The roll call, however, officially ended on Thanksgiving Day. The Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of the Episcopal churches in Highlands and Franklin, was chairman of the membership campaign this year.

#### \$216 Raised

Of the 200 memberships reported, 76 were from Highlands and 124 from Franklin and rural communities in the county. Most of the memberships were at \$1 each, but a few were for larger sums. The total amount of cash raised was reported as \$216. Fifty cents of each membership fee will be retained by the local Red Cross Chapter for use in the county, while the balance will be sent to the national organization.

#### New Members

Following is a list of new Red Cross memberships reported during the past week:

**HIGHLANDS**—C. F. Redden, Mrs. C. F. Redden, Frazier Redden, the Rev. C. R. McCarty, Mrs. C. R. McCarty, Mrs. Lyman Zachary, J. E. Hicks.

**FRANKLIN**—Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr.; Mrs. L. T. Sloan, Gordon Moore, George Carpenter, T. W. Porter, Sr., Miss Elizabeth Slagle, Mrs. H. O. Cozad, Miss Margaret Cozad, Dr. Gillespie, Mrs. Pearl Franks, Philip H. Bryan, Mrs. Philip H. Bryan, Ralph Womack, Carl Slagle, Will Waldroop, Ben Harrison, Miss Amanda Slagle, William Reeves, J. L. Beshears, L. O. Cope, Mrs. Jack Sanders, Mrs. T. W. Porter, Sr., Mrs. Joseph Ashear, Mrs. M. A. Rogers, Harold Sloan, Lester Henderson, Mrs. C. S. Brown, Sr., Moses Blumenthal, Troy Horn, Harley Cabe, Mrs. Elizabeth Guffey, Miss Florence Stalcup, Dr. W. E. Furr, E. E. Sypher, Gilmer A. Jones, R. S. Jones, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson.

**COUNTY**—Mrs. Matt Limer, Otto; Mrs. Dave Howard, Aquone; C. N. West, West's Mill; A. L. McLean, West's Mill; Dr. J. L. West, Jr., West's Mill; Carl Sorrell's Sunday school class, West's Mill.

## Warm Springs Greet Their Illustrious Guest



WARM SPRINGS, Ga. . . Patients in the Warm Spring Foundation here, look forward through the year to the arrival of their illustrious toastmaster, President Roosevelt, for their Thanksgiving Day dinner. Photo shows the joyful greetings of the little folks upon the arrival of the President last week, for his annual sojourn with them over Thanksgiving.

## Ashe Named

### Town Fire Chief Succeeding John Cunningham

Derald Ashe was elected chief of Franklin's volunteer fire department Tuesday night by the town council following the resignation earlier in the day of John L. Cunningham, who had held the position since June 1. The job carries a salary of \$10 a month, firemen's insurance benefits and payment of telephone rental by the town.

Prior to Mr. Cunningham's appointment to the job Mr. Ashe had been fire chief for four years.

## TWO CONVICTS MAKE ESCAPE

Two convicts who escaped from the state convict camp near here Sunday were reported still at large today.

The escaped men were Dorus Sisk, 25, of Cherryville, and Olin Ferguson, 31, of Rocky Mount, Va. Sisk, who was reported to have escaped twice before, was originally sentenced to three to five years for burglary, but the sentence had been increased to 10 years. Ferguson had served all but a few months of a five-year term for burglary.

The two men were missed when prisoners were checked into their quarters Sunday night. The prisoners, both of Grade B rank, are believed to have obtained Grade A uniforms and "walked off." Grade A uniforms are not striped.

Two men answering the descriptions of the escaped convicts were reported to have had breakfast with a farmer in the Cartoogechaye section Monday morning. Later they were tracked south to the Skeenah section, and it is thought possible that they fled to Georgia.

## Dorothy Blumenthal, 14, Struck by Automobile

Struck by a car while on her way to school Wednesday morning, Dorothy Blumenthal, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Blumenthal, was knocked down and suffered a cut on her forehead. The wound was treated at the hospital and the child returned to school. Mrs. F. M. Tessier was reported to have been driving the car. The accident occurred at Porter and Palmer streets.

## WPA WORKERS HAVE PAY-DAY

### 139 Men on 4 Projects Get Checks; Others To Be Paid Soon

Today was pay-day for 135 laborers and four foremen on Works Progress Administration projects in Macon county. The payroll, the first received here since the WPA program was launched about the middle of October, was estimated by Frank I. Murray, manager of the Macon county reemployment office, at \$2,757. Another payroll, for workers on other WPA projects, Mr. Murray said, is expected about Monday.

With 883 men and women now employed on 19 WPA projects in the county, the full monthly payroll will amount to more than seventeen thousand dollars.

Those receiving pay today were: 30 men and foreman on road project at Liberty; 30 men and foreman on road project at Rose Creek; 50 men, foreman and subforeman on quarry project at Riverside, and 25 men and foreman on road project at Clarke's Chapel. These were the first WPA projects to get under way in this county.

#### Wage Scale

Laborers on WPA projects are paid \$19 a month; semi-skilled laborers, including truck drivers, \$27 a month, and foremen, \$48 a month. They are required to work 130 hours a month.

Mr. Murray received a telegram Saturday from Mrs. May Thompson Evans, state supervisor of the National Reemployment Service, stating that Macon county had been one of the first to complete the task of transferring men and women on relief rolls to reemployment lists and to put them to work on Works Progress projects. The task was completed last week and emergency relief virtually stopped by Saturday. A few workers are still at the relief office, however, to handle office matters. Mrs. G. A. Jones, former head of the relief office, is now in charge of women's work under the WPA and has moved her office from the relief headquarters in the Osborne building to the WPA headquarters in the former W. L. Higdon residence on Main street.

#### Relief Ended

In her telegram to Mr. Murray Mrs. Evans complimented him on the prompt and efficient manner in which he organized the reemployment office for launching the WPA program.

## BOARD CHOSEN BY FEDERATION

### Plans for Opening Local Store on Dec. 14 Announced

With Lawrence Ramsey as manager, a store and warehouse will be opened by the Farmers Federation, Inc., in the Franks building on East Main street on Saturday, Dec. 14, it was announced Tuesday by James G. K. McClure, of Asheville, president and general manager of the federation.

Organization of the Macon county branch of the federation took place at a meeting of the stockholders in the courthouse Saturday afternoon. More than 300 persons were present, representing all sections of the county. A board of directors of 10 members was selected at this meeting, being approved unanimously after it had been proposed by a nominating committee consisting of A. L. Ramsey, E. V. Ammons and J. W. Hastings.

#### Board of Directors

Members of the board are Jim Holbrooks, W. D. Barnard, E. B. Byrd, Jim Young, Bill Higdon, J. I. Vinson, Jake Addington, Jerry Franklin, Carl Slagle and E. B. DeHart.

Immediately following the meeting of the stockholders the directors held their organization meeting and elected Carl Slagle as chairman.

Meeting again on Tuesday afternoon, the directors approved a lease of the storeroom in the Franks building formerly occupied by the Ledford Furniture store; elected Lawrence Ramsey as manager of the store and Mr. DeHart as assistant manager.

Mr. Ramsey, a well known farmer of the Iotla section, was until recently superintendent of the Macon county prison camp. Mr. DeHart was formerly a clerk in the local postoffice and for a while operated a feed and grocery store.

The store leased by the federation was vacated by the Ledford Furniture company Tuesday. The Farmers Federation is expected to begin stocking the store during the next week. The federation will sell feeds, fertilizers, seed and staple groceries. It also plans to buy farm products from members.

#### 479 Shares Subscribed

R. Church Crowell, vice president of the federation, who has been in Macon county for two months soliciting members, reported Tuesday that 479 shares of stock, common and preferred, had been subscribed. A goal of 400 shares had been set for the county.

Another meeting of the Macon county stockholders of the federation has been called for 10:30 a. m. the day the store opens in Franklin. The meeting will be held in the store. Mr. McClure urged that all members attend. Before and after the meeting the

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## Ledford Furniture Store In New Quarters

The Ledford Furniture company moved its store Wednesday from the Franks building on East Main street to the Cunningham building on the public square. The store formerly occupied by the furniture company has been leased by the Farmers Federation, Inc., which plans to open a store and warehouse there on Saturday, Dec. 14.

## Dr. Townsend To Speak Saturday in Asheville

A number of Macon county residents are expected to go to Asheville Saturday to hear Dr. Francis E. Townsend, originator of the Townsend plan of old age pensions, speak at the Buncombe county courthouse at 2 p. m. An admission fee will be charged.

Keep smiling . . .



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