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Election Postscript

GOOD citizens of the county generally will join in offering congratulations to the Macon County candidates who won in last week's general election

Congratulations are due, too, to those who were unsuccessful. Usually it takes both courage and patriotism to stand for a local political office

To all who are interested in good government, and in the democratic way of attaining it, the really significant thing is that last week, in an "off-year" election, the biggest vote in the county's history was cast.

One of this newspaper's ambitions for Macon County is for this county to win the distinction of casting the largest proportionate vote of any area in the United States.

The results here no doubt came as a shock to Republicans, but the Democrats had a rude awakening as the returns came in over the nation

While they did not win control of either the house or the senate, the Republicans gained five senate members and 33 in the house of representatives.

As always, some of the results in the congressional races strain thoughtful people's faith in the wisdom of the people.

The choice, by California voters, of Mr. Nixon for their senator is one such case. Mr. Nixon, as a member of the house, was co-author of a so-called security bill that betrayed a cynical contempt for both the letter and the spirit of the Bill of Rights.

Even more depressing was the result in Maryland, where Democratic Senator Tydings, veteran lawmaker, was defeated. Because Senator Tydings is perhaps more conservative than many right wing Republicans, the result in Maryland could not be attributed to an anti-Fair Deal trend.

But there were a lot of encouraging results. For one thing, the vote, nation-wide as well as here, was heavy.

And the election shows that we still have something Americans have always considered essential—two strong parties. The Democrats have held the Presidency for 18 years; and after the Democratic sweep in 1948, there was a question in many minds as to whether the Republican party ever would recover.

There were some individual results that stand out, too. The senatorial race in Ohio is an example; many Democrats, many persons who do not admire Mr. Taft, welcomed his overwhelming reelection to the senate.

For Mr. Taft's election seems to indicate that while the labor unions might be able to "lead the horse to water", by getting out the vote, they could

not "make him drink", by telling people how to vote. In view of the seemingly increasing danger of political control by some powerful pressure group, the Ohio result is a good sign.

Thinking members of both parties will look at the heavy vote, indicating, as it does, an increasing sense of responsibility on the part of the voters. Then they will ask themselves this question: What course will the Republican party now follow?

Will the Republican leaders exploit the beachhead they have established by aggressive action in the form of a concrete program of positive action to solve both our domestic and foreign problems? Failure to do this may lead them to much the same fate they suffered in 1948.

There is a mandate in this election, although perhaps difficult to uncover, because of the many different issues. It is a mandate which calls for action. There is little doubt that the Republican party made its gains because of the uneasiness of the people.

We Respectfully Suggest

To those political leaders, Democratic as well as Republican, who are shouting themselves hoarse that "Acheson must resign", we would respectfully suggest a moment's pause—time enough for them to outline the foreign policy they would substitute for Mr. Acheson's.

And to those ordinary citizens whose thinking makes up American public opinion, we suggest a question: Which of the men who are demanding Acheson's scalp would you want for Secretary of State? Senator McCarthy, perhaps?

They Did

We constantly hear the question, "Can Democracy and Communism live in the same world?" and the tone usually suggests that the answer is "no".

But it is an historical fact that, for a quarter of a century, they did.

Letters

SAYS ELECTION BACKFIRED

Editor, The Press:

The national election last Tuesday reminds me of a little funny story I heard about a man who operated a corn mill powered by an old-fashioned gasoline engine.

So it was with Harry Truman. He cranked and he cranked and he cranked, and last Tuesday his machine back-fired and unlaid a lot of his plans.

Highlands, N. C. November 10, 1950. T. C. McCALL

Others' Opinions

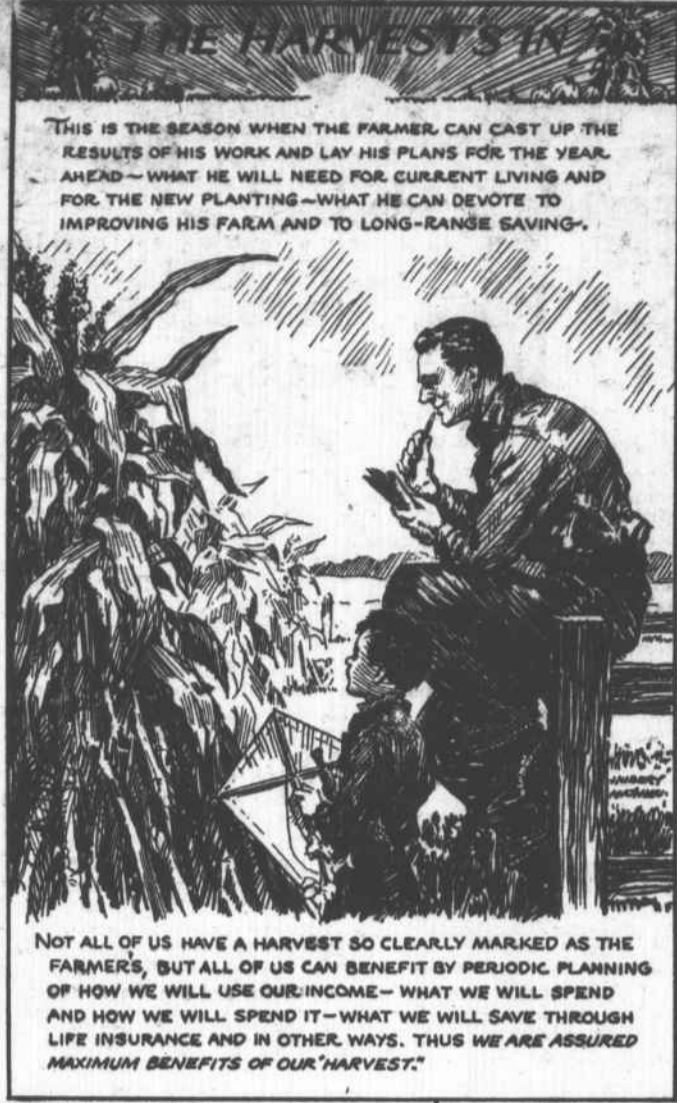
LEAVE IT UNSOLVED

People like mysteries of various kinds (but let me explain that I am not referring to murder mysteries). They seem to enjoy nothing more than arguing about the possible causes and solutions for them.

LETHAL WEAPON

Have you ever been the first to arrive at the scene of a serious automobile accident? Have you ever rushed down a highway embankment to find an overturned sedan, crumpled like an accordion, the smell of hot rubber still strong in the air?

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat



THIS IS THE SEASON WHEN THE FARMER CAN CAST UP THE RESULTS OF HIS WORK AND LAY HIS PLANS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD—WHAT HE WILL NEED FOR CURRENT LIVING AND FOR THE NEW PLANTING—WHAT HE CAN DEVOTE TO IMPROVING HIS FARM AND TO LONG-RANGE SAVING.

NOT ALL OF US HAVE A HARVEST SO CLEARLY MARKED AS THE FARMER'S, BUT ALL OF US CAN BENEFIT BY PERIODIC PLANNING OF HOW WE WILL USE OUR INCOME—WHAT WE WILL SPEND AND HOW WE WILL SPEND IT—WHAT WE WILL SAVE THROUGH LIFE INSURANCE AND IN OTHER WAYS. THUS WE ARE ASSURED MAXIMUM BENEFITS OF OUR HARVEST.

day afternoon on Highway 70, about halfway between Black Mountain and Asheville. It was the product of a sudden head-on collision between two cars.

'THIS MEANS YOU'

That means you. So what are you going to do about it? A land owner has perfect legal right to post his own land against trespass.

Of course you wouldn't do it, but somebody broke down his fence, left his gates open, let his livestock stray. Somebody tramped down his hay, drove through his bottomland and cut up the meadow.

You wouldn't do these things, but somebody did. The land owner doesn't know who because nobody even asked permission to use his land.

So, what can you do about it? There are two things I'd suggest. First, get acquainted with the owner, cultivate his friendship, and behave like a gentleman.

So, if you have access to some public land—like a state forest, a national forest, or federal grazing lands—see that it stays in public ownership. You have an interest in it; it's partly yours.

But above all, hang on to it. It may be your only escape from the private land owner's "NO TRESPASSING—THIS MEANS YOU!"—Outdoor American.

FRENZY OVER FOOTBALL

Most Americans have a fine sense of sportsmanship on the playing field. More often than not they're for the underdog. And they seldom fail to applaud good performance regardless of their partisan leanings.

But in recent years determined little bands of poor sports have turned up here and there about the country to mar the general good record. These people, it seems, are satisfied with nothing less than an almost unbroken string of victories, especially on the college football gridiron.

Past performance counts for naught. It's the current year that's important. A few losses in a row constitute a great tragedy. The cry goes up: "Get a new coach!"

A few examples: at the University of Minnesota, now in the football doldrums, signs begin appearing which read: "Goodby, Bernie." This is a not-so-gentle way of notifying Coach Bernie Bierman that the victory-lovers want him out of the way.

Minnesota has a long and illustrious record of success in football. And Bierman has contributed mightily to it. But all that matters to these unsportsmanlike citizens is that the Gophers haven't won a Big Ten title since 1941.

Not long ago Harry Stuhldreher, one of the famed Notre Dame "Four Horsemen", was getting the same treatment at Wisconsin. But the win-or-else didn't stop with criticizing Stuhldreher. They harassed his family. His wife received anonymous threatening letters and telephone calls.

Last year, despite a generally successful season that extended with winning a tie for the Big Ten title, Coach Wesley Fessler of Ohio State experienced what Stuhldreher had. When his wife and children felt the barbs of unfriendly fans, he wanted to quit, but when his team won the Rose Bowl game, he was persuaded to stay on.

Now Fessler has a powerhouse winner. But he still has no peace of mind. He's being pestered by irate gamblers who are angered because from week to week his team scores either too much or too little to suit them.

Perhaps all this unreasoning frenzy is an inevitable result of commercializing college football in our major schools. Cast on such a huge scale, the game seems to attract bettors and many others whose only thought is for results—not for the ideals of a sport.

Football is indeed a fascinating game. But it will be a real danger as a genuine sport unless those who love it can somehow protect it from the selfish people who, one way or another, prey upon it.—Asheville Times.

BUSINESS Making NEWS

By BOB SLOAN

More than 130 members of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce missed a very good "No holds barred" discussion of some of Franklin's business problems last Thursday night at the regular quarterly meeting of the organization.

The discussion was precipitated by remarks by Frank L. Henry, Jr., during which he made the observations that Franklin had very little to offer to tourists in both accommodations and the recreational field. He pointed out that one reason for this was to develop both large sums of capital, which the people of Macon County don't have, are needed.

Following these remarks, a lively discussion followed during which Ed McNish, Ed Purdom, and Donald Smith, emphasized the point that Macon County had much more to offer than we realized for the tourists and that our main need was to sell it to the public. Following the expression of the idea by several of those present that there was no conflict and that we should strive to develop both industrially and as a tourist center a motion was made by Horner Stockton that committees be appointed by the president to promote and develop both the tourist and industrial possibilities of Macon County. The motion passed.

The moral of this story is that it pays to speak your mind. Mr. Henry, by saying what he thought, where others might have withheld criticism, started a good lively discussion which if it is followed up can contribute greatly to the growth of this county.

How many Franklin merchants this week lost a sale to an Andrews merchant because there is no paved road from Nantahala to Franklin?

Auto dealers must be doing well. We notice that Macon Motor company is expanding its business to include a new modern 18 x 32 dust proof paint shop.

The saying is, "In time of peace prepare for war", a so farmer mends fences for Spring and Summer pasture in the Winter. With this in mind, we suggest that the time to start thinking about a fair next fall is NOW.

Livestock Quotations

Figures are taken from Nov. 8 sale at Franklin Livestock auction. Prices quoted are per Turn to back page, First Section

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The mercury stood at 24 degrees yesterday morning before sunrise, and there was a heavy frost.

Atty. Dean Sisk and Mr. H. H. Raby went to Asheville last week to attend Federal court. Raby is on the grand jury and Sisk is trying to pull a few moonshiners out of a hole.

For underwear and hose, call at the little red house. Florence Curtis. Adv.

25 YEARS AGO

A few representative farmers met at the office of County Agent Arrendale last Friday morning and perfected an organization to be known as the Macon County Farm Board.

The Dillsboro-Franklin telephone line is being held up by a dispute as to right-of-way with Mrs. Lum Higdon who lives just across the line in Jackson county.

10 YEARS AGO

A \$75,000 fire of undetermined origin, which threatened at times to spread to the entire downtown business district, completely gutted the Bank of Franklin building on Main street here late Sunday afternoon.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Phillip L. Green, several of the more musically-inclined members of the community recently organized the Franklin Glee club, composed of 16 voices which met last week for its first rehearsal.