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A TOUGH JOB, THE PRESIDENCY

One of the toughest jobs in the world is the Presidency of the United States. It's bad enough in normal times. Right now we cannot envisage a more difficult assignment.

The next President, from the moment he takes office, will be called upon to deal with changes and trends which menace all that the United States has created since the Revolution, and which threaten the very foundations of our system of government.

His most immediate problem will be that of national defense. It is apparent that we will be able to produce little that is tangible, so far as defense is concerned, this year. It takes time for a great nation to switch from a peace economy to a war economy. The groundwork for a workable program is being laid now, but difficult bottlenecks exist. And we start the defense program under the definite handicap of a \$45,000,000,000 national debt largely built up during the last eight years. There is a possibility that the debt will reach and perhaps pass the \$70,000,000,000 mark before we are done.

Even so the defense problem, vital as it is, is perhaps the simplest of the next president's jobs—few question that we will find some way to produce and pay for the guns and airplanes and battleships we must have. Before him will be other problems, far-reaching and immensely difficult, which must eventually be solved. And here are a few of them:

There is the problem of trade. Today Hitler dominates the continent—tomorrow he may dominate all Europe. And Hitler does not deal in money, which means dealing in gold. He deals, instead, in barter. His economy goes back to the most primitive of economic systems. He says, in effect, "I have coal that you need—you have machines that I need—so we will trade them." The task of the United States will be to either meet Hitler's terms, which would involve a veritable economic revolution here, or to force him to meet our traditional trade policy—which few economists believe he will be willing or able to do.

There is the problem of agriculture, which is related to the problem of trade. We have spent immense sums in the name of farm relief, and it is apparent that we have gotten little of durable worth in return. Today the problem grows graver, as our foreign markets disappear. There is a certainty that Europe will want and need more of the produce of our farms and ranches—but there is also the certainty that Europe will be unable to pay for it. The next president, sitting in his ornate office, will have to seek a way out, and whichever way he turns there will be gigantic barriers between him and success.

There is the problem of unemployment, coupled with the problem of relief. The defense program will make many jobs, but it does not look as if it will take care of the millions of unskilled and little-skilled men and women who today are supported in one way or another by government. In some important lines there is a serious shortage of workmen—many willing hands reach out for jobs, but they are not adequate to perform the tasks. Training people for highly skilled work takes a long time, and it also takes facilities which do not now exist in sufficient quantity.

There is the problem of the

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American standard of living. Whatever we spend for national defense—fifteen billion, twenty billion, thirty billion—must eventually come out of the people's pockets. Perhaps fifteen percent of the national income will now be devoted to armament, in addition to possible debt increases. That means that we will have fifteen per cent to spend for housing, food, clothing, entertainment—all the luxuries and necessities. The net president will undoubtedly attempt to increase our national income sufficiently to make up for this—but, so far as we can see now, he is foredoomed to at least partial failure. It is almost universally agreed that the standard of living must suffer—that Americans will eat cheaper food, live in cheaper homes, spend less for subsistence and for pleasure.

There is the long-range problem of the effects of war and war preparedness on the entire economic structure. The factory that is built to make shells is either worthless when the emergency is over, or must undergo a costly revamping process. War-time booms in other words, produce peace-time depressions—and the bigger the boom the longer and deeper the depression.

These are but a few of the problems the next president must face. It isn't an enviable job.

CORRESPONDENCE

FAVORS MAIL BOXES

Editor, The Pilot:

I would like to add my approval to the suggestion of "Subscriber" in last week's Pilot about mail boxes. We are all proud of our beautiful new postoffice and very glad to have it. But since it is permanently located at our side of town, would not some mail boxes be a great convenience and especially to those living in the eastern part or near No. 1 Highway? To some I know it is a day's work to go to the postoffice.

I know of one town that has two mail boxes at the railroad station, one for north going mail and one for south. When the train comes in, the mail clerk on the train collects from the boxes.

It is a great convenience to the public. Could we not try it?
—MRS. LUELLA C. SMILEY.

RECORDER'S COURT

Clarence Goins, colored, of Eastwood was given four months on the road in Recorder's Court Monday for breaking into a trunk in the home of Frank Goins, Sr., and stealing a watch.

Arthur Marr, white, of Hemp was found not guilty of skipping a board bill.

CARD OF THANKS

Caroline Martin and family wish to extend their thanks to their many friends for the many nice things and deeds of kindness shown them during the illness and death of their daughter and sister, Hannah Martin, and for the lovely floral tributes.

Grains of Sand

Where's the fellow that told us last winter we were going to have a cool summer

In case you're interested, there's a big fur coat sale on in Charlotte. The Observer had a page ad Wednesday.

Speaking of incongruities, the Southern Pines postoffice has the architecture of dignity and repose. The newly painted Parking Zone out front smacks of Ringling Brothers.

A fellow just dropped in the office with real news.

He said he had actually driven five miles without seeing a smashed watermelon in the road.

The only trouble about living near Fort Bragg these days is you can't tell whether its thunder or gunfire.

Painting the railroad station reminds us that we haven't seen anything in Charley Macauley's "The Passing Years" column about the time the boys from the neighborhood put up the "Tinehurst Junction" sign on the Southern Pines depot. We weren't around then but we understand it didn't stay long.

Why didn't they get Willkie and Wallace on the same ticket? A former Democrat who's now a Republican and a former Republican who's now a Democrat would have made things much more complicated for the dyed-in-the-wool party man.

America's newest, largest U. S. built liner, the America, was delivered to its owners, the United States Lines, last week in New York Harbor. It was accepted by John M. Franklin, president of the company, a frequent visitor to The Paddock, Southern Pines. The boat cost \$17,500,000.

The wreck on "Brantley's Curve" on U. S. Highway 1 south of Sanford Sunday morning in which one person was killed and nine persons injured, was the second fatal accident on the curve this year. Robert C. Eradhurst, salesman of Bronson, Mich., was killed in February when his car overturned on the bend. In addition, there have been three other wrecks on the curve this year, according to Highway Patrolman J. C. Halthcock. The curve is one of the sharpest and most dangerous along No. 1 in this part of the state, and Sunday's accident caused many people to express the opinion that something should be done immediately to eliminate the danger, so far as possible.

Miss Ethel Davis and Miss Bessie McCaskill of Carthage spent last week-end in Raleigh. Miss Davis was the guest of her cousins, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Branch, and Miss McCaskill visited her sister, Miss Myrtle McCaskill.

Three out of every four bicyclists injured last year were violating some traffic law.

From Other Papers

IT'S A GREAT MISTAKE

The Democratic party has made a blunder in the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt for a third term. In our opinion this blunder is going to have lasting influence; it is going to rise up to haunt the Democratic party, it is going to be disastrous to Mr. Roosevelt, and it may be injurious to the country. These effects may be expected without regard to whether Mr. Roosevelt is elected or not.

Mr. Roosevelt was not drafted. He was manipulated in. This manipulation was begun and carried out by office holders with a direct interest in its success. They operated, if not with the aid of the President, with his tacit consent and without his disapproval. It was done by those very methods for which a third term has been always condemned, and which the party has officially pledged itself against.

This does not mean that the people might not have expressed a desire to see Mr. Roosevelt nominated for a third term. It means that no such popular expression was allowed to take place. It is not an assertion that Mr. Roosevelt has not been a good president or will not again be a good president if elected. It means that his nomination has been accomplished by methods which have always been discouraged.

Twelve years is too long for one man to be president. Such a period in a generation is stifling to the energies, ambitions and enthusiasm of too many people. With the President goes for the most part that vast officialdom which revolves around an administration. This has the same effect upon state and local enterprise and ambitions that the long term presidency has upon the national situation.

Democracy cannot endure under such practices. Democracy depends upon a free and ceaseless flow of energy and personality from the bottom up. To cork its stream at the top dries it up. There are always hundreds of excuses and sophistries to argue for third terms and long-lasting officialdom. But these have always proven fallacious, as they are bound to do in this instance.

Lacking the strength or the determination or the willingness to refuse a third nomination, Mr. Roosevelt has proved his own worst enemy. If he is defeated he will go out as a broken and disappointed man. If he is elected his health and spirit will so crack under the coming strain that the political vultures will pick his carcass at the end as they picked Woodrow Wilson. And the Democratic party will be in another one of its long eclipses.

—Moore County News, Carthage.

GEORGE C. EVANS DIES, RESIDENT HERE A YEAR

George C. Evans, 62, a resident of Southern Pines for the past year, died in his home on Orchard Road Saturday. Private funeral services conducted by the Rev. F. Craighill Brown were held at the home on Sunday. Interment will be at Plainfield, N. J., of which city he had been a resident for many years.

Mr. Evans, a retired construction superintendent for the Raritan Copper Company was born at Houghton, Mich., November 7, 1877, the son of William Evans and Amelia Wall Evan. He survived by his widow.

SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSES FIRE

At 6:20 o'clock last Sunday evening the Southern Pines Fire Company responded to an alarm of fire from the home of G. K. Streeter, located at Massachusetts and Bennett street, where a short circuited wire fired a rubber connection causing a dense smoke. No damage.

Doctors Say KEEP BOWELS OPEN During Cold Epidemics

When colds are all around you, don't let weak spots in your defense arise due to constipation. "Keep Regular," many physicians advise. For constipation and its strengthening symptoms; headache, biliousness, sluggishness, dizziness, sour stomach, use a laxative that acts thoroughly but not harshly. An ideal one is Dr. Hitchcock's All-Vegetable Laxative Powder, which acts thoroughly, but usually with gentleness when taken as directed. It contains pleasant-tasting aromatics, carminatives and what is known by medical authorities as a gastro-intestinal tonic-laxative. It helps tone sluggish bowel muscles. Dr. Hitchcock's Laxative Powder costs less than 1c a dose. Get it at any drug counter. 10c, 25c. (adv.)

400,000 GAIN SEEN IN POPULATION OF STATE

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gain assured North Carolina of another congressman.

The five counties losing in population all were in the northeastern coastal region, Camden, Currituck, Gates, Hyde and Werguimans.

Cabarrus county apparently had the biggest percentage increase for the decade, adding an even 15,000 to its 1930 total of 44,331 to make the count 59,331, a gain of more than 34 per cent. The county also claimed the largest unincorporated city in the nation, the census listing Kannapolis with more than 25,000.

Counties with industrial centers and larger cities showed the biggest population gains. These included Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Durham, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Randolph, Rowan and Wake. Best gains in areas which are principally agricultural were in Duplin, Harnett, Haywood, Johnston, Pitt, Sampson and Wayne.

The census bureau has not released any state wide figures yet but county and congressional district tabulations given out were used to figure the state's estimated increase in population.

Miss Marshall Page is attending a house party of Rockingham friends at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. E. M. Medlin is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

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Vienna

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Local Fancy Tomatoes, lb. 5c
Local Peaches, 6 lbs. 25c
Fancy Lemons, doz. 23c
Jumbo Celery, stalk 15c
Golden Ripe Bananas, lb. 5c
Idaho Baking Potatoes, lb. 5c

MEAT DEPT.

Boned and Rolled
Rib Roast, lb. 33c
Lamb Shoulder, lb. 19c
Leg-O-Lamb, lb. 29c
Roil Ham, lb. 43c
Assorted Cold Cuts, lb. 29c
Spiced Ham, lb. 29c