



Governor Ellis, Seeking Re-election. Waged a "Pots and Pans" Campaign in 1860 . . .

The hand that rocks the cradle and makes the bread has been marking the ballot since 1820, for that is the date the woman's suffrage amendment was added to the Constitution. Since the wife, who takes care of the kitchen, is a voter today, it is wise for a candidate to carry his campaign into the cooking department.

Only an unusual circumstance could cause a gubernatorial candidate to walk into the cook room with his political propaganda in 1860. Governor Ellis was seeking re-election and found it necessary to include the "kitchen" in his political controversy. He was a candidate for the Democratic party which had been liberal, had overthrown the whigs, and had turned conservative after gaining control of the state politically. The whigs forced Governor Ellis to resort to his "cook room" strategy. That was unusual in 1860, when only men went to the ballot box.

The whig leaders were making their last stand. Only an important issue that would appeal to a large number of voters could win the election for them. They chose the faithful old platform plank, "taxation," for their victory effort.

At that time it was a dormant issue, inflammable in character. "Taxation" was a plank that might be used to raise the non-slaveholding whites against the slavocracy; and the number of men without slaves was a much larger group. The whigs nominated John Pool, of Pasquotank County, for governor. They demanded a property tax that would be levied according to the value of a man's possessions. This was a direct effort to tax the larger farmer's slave property. At that time nothing more than a fifty-cent capitation tax was paid for slaves whose value averaged \$800 each. Land was taxed at a much higher rate. Mechanics working in competition with slave labor paid the fifty cents poll tax and an additional five dollars. The small farmer owning poor land paid as much per acre as the large planter whose soil was fertile and valuable. The 1860 plan of taxation favored the large land owner. The whigs offered a reform by favoring in their platform

THE LETTER-BOX

"Farm people of North Carolina and other states were recently asked by the United States Government to answer three questions, so that programs could be devised to meet the impact of war."

"The questions are: 1. How can agriculture contribute its share to general preparedness and National unity?"

"2. How can agriculture utilize the benefits resulting from the defense program to bring about the adjustments needed in farming, forestry, and rural living, and thereby place the whole agricultural industry in a much stronger economic and social position?"

"3. How can unfavorable effects of the war and defense activities upon agriculture be held to a minimum without sacrificing or interfering with National efforts toward preparedness?"

Before reading the article further, I yielded to an inclination to jot down my ponderous thoughts relative to these momentous questions, and which centralized into a formula of one sentence, namely:

For our National Government to ascertain and establish the producer's just percentage of equity in the consumer's dollar, for all raw materials, as per grade, and SEE THAT HE GETS IT.

It seems to me that this would be a sample of true Democracy never handed out to the wheelhorse of existence so far, and if handed out NOW, would create a unified class of Americanism unapproachable by any "ism" the devil ever concocted; nor would Brother John's employment by Industry, the Army, or Cantonment at dollars-per-hour interfere with Brother Jim's contentment or security in staying at home and dig-

ging up the doughnuts so necessary to Brother John's existence; and which is just as true as is the fact that the 21 dollar a month human target is entitled to the services of his mechanical brother to make weapons for soldier defense.

The foundation of our Beautiful Mansion (to quote "by the people, of the people, for the people") lies buried in the mud, built there during the days when manhood, not dollars, counted; now long subjected to microbes and quicksands of non-content and unfair returns.

How many pounds of cotton does a farmer have to "sell" to enable him to buy a shirt weighing six ounces at two dollars per, and manufactured 98 per cent mechanically?

I was much over the state of Louisiana during Huey Long's reign as "King-Fish."

Not one "easy liver" can I recall who claimed ever to have voted for Huey, except it be of his political henchmen, living "fat" as Huey did. But the "mud-turtles" of the bayous, and the "hill-billies" of the higher lands had listened to Huey's persuasions, that his was unlike other political cure-alls; that if they would put him in power, he would put them on their feet. And Huey was a salesman. They did, and he did, that is, to a greater extent than they could see had ever been done for them before, and how long a natural life is possible for a "King-Fish" to enjoy—Huey's untimely demise still cloaks.

Huey was "crooked", no doubt, but he sucked the sap of the sap-suck-

MANPOWER NOT SO GOOD



Out of the nine selectees sent to camp last week from this county, Uncle Sam would have only four of them. The induction center even rejected Doc Perkins, lower left, despite his apparent readiness to scrap. The group is identified as follows: left to right, Ben Bennett, Doc Perkins, S. T. Jenkins, J. E. Clark, J. T. Wilson, L. Rodgers, Lonnie Woolard, Wilson Williams and Woodard Collier. Clark, Wilson, Rodgers and Collier "stuck".

Storage Space For Wheat Farmers Available Soon

Storage space soon will be available to North Carolina wheat farmers for use under the 1941 loan program, reports E. Y. Floyd, state AAA executive officer at State College.

Wheat farmers who had sucked the sap of the humble, he kept faith with the "turtles" and "billies" and they in turn hatched the first "King-Fish" this Nation ever heard of. But there has been another hatchery at work, and though the name "King-Fish" was scorned, all the Nations now know him by another, and I am so thoroughly patriotic for the lasting welfare of my country that I dare point out that which I think is the note in this eye, oh Greed.

The recommendations of the North Carolina committee on these questions read fine, but their path leads a long way around.

Chas. Smallwood, Washington, N. C.

NOTICE OF SALE North Carolina, Martin County.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by Sheppard Rice, and wife, on the 14th day of May, 1937, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book P-3, at page 305 the undersigned trustee will on Monday, the 21st day of July, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land beginning at a ditch on Church Street; thence a line about fifty-seven feet to a tree; thence a line southward about 210 feet; thence Eastward along the back line of Henry

Reddick's house and lot about 57 feet; thence a line along Knight property about 210 feet to the beginning and being the Henry Reddick house and lot, situated in the Town of Williamston, N. C., Martin

County. For further reference, see public records of Martin County Registry. This the 18th day of June, 1941. L. R. EVERETT, Trustee.



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EYE IT - TRY IT - BUY IT!

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Advertisement for Primrose One-Pint Whiskey, 2 Years Old, priced at 75c and 1.10.

Advertisement for Sinclair HC Gasoline featuring a car and the slogan 'You'll like the way you SWING with SINCLAIR HC GASOLINE TRY IT!'.

Large advertisement for electricity with the headline 'Heat too much to BEAR?' and an illustration of a bear.

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SUMMER'S fun, but it's no fun to simmer in the summer. And there's no reason to. Here's a HOT weather TIP: Electricity, your lowest-priced servant, is ready to provide all-summer comfort at low cost.

or has ideal models for every room in your home and office. Your favorite movie, store, and restaurant is as cool as the ole oaken bucket, thanks to electric air conditioning.

cubes for frosty, cooling beverages. You probably have an electric range there too, and you know what cool cooking really is: An electric range cooks the food—not the cook. The oven is heavily insulated to keep the heat inside where it should be.

you cool as the proverbial cucumber, and gives the sultriest heat wave a mighty cool reception. Millions of Americans know that it provides all this comfort every summer at a cost absurdly low when measured by the enjoyment it provides. So when temperature takes the spotlight, ask your dealer for electrical appliances for summer comfort.

First, Electric Fans are swell when it's sweltering. Your deal-

Back in your kitchen, now, as always, an electric refrigerator protects your food, guards the health of your family, and provides a plentiful supply of ice

Yes, when the heat is too much to bear, Electricity keeps

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N. C. GREEN, Agent