



WORDS barrage
It is discouraging to contemplate the barrage of high-sounding but meaningless words which will soon jam the airways and crowd the daily newspapers as the presidential election of 1944 gets under way.

In connection with the primaries there was plenty of oratorical warming up, but that was nothing compared with the deluge which is to come and which will push every thing but the most momentous war events into the background.

In wartime it seems almost sacrilegious that the men who run or hope to run our country should spend months of their valuable time preparing and delivering campaign speeches—but it is extremely doubtful, unless the people show genuine resentment, that the candidates, whoever they are, will let a mere war interfere with the fanfare which has accompanied every election since the beginning of our democracy.

It is vitally important to all of us that we become thoroughly familiar with the aims, the abilities, and the philosophies of the various candidates—and to that extent a certain amount of speech-making is essential—but if the ballgame could somehow be squeezed out of the coming campaign it would be a blessing to our nation and a decided contribution to the war program.

REASON plan

In a recent talk before a thousand publishers of daily newspapers, Eric Johnson, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, offered blueprints for the kind of an election which, it seems to me, we should aim to have this year. He said:

"We should make this a campaign of calm reason rather than blind prejudice, a campaign of high principles rather than hollow slogans. The stakes are too high, the decisions are too vital, to be endangered by the smear-words and bitterness and unscrupulous vote-grabbing.

"Mind you, I am not asking for the surface unanimity all too familiar under the totalitarian dispensation. The last thing I would recommend is a namby-panby, punch-pulling campaign that reveals nothing and decides nothing. Honest men must be fortified and unafraid in defending their convictions and principled opinions. But we can live up to the best tradition of American sports—the code of the baseball diamond—the football field. There must be no wounds or sources of class struggle left to fester after the election."

Mr. Johnson, who has himself been mentioned as a candidate for the presidency, may be over-optimistic in imagining that such an election as he outlines could be carried on in this country. Certainly the only way it is possible is if the people raise their voices now to make it clear to all politicians that this is the only kind of election they will tolerate in 1944.

EVASION politicians

The politicians of the 1944 campaign are not only promising to us being a democratic, anti-totalitarian contest. For it is obvious that practically all leading candidates are jockeying for position, closely following the advice of their political advisers, saying only those things which it is safe to say and refusing to reveal their stances on vital subjects until they consider it the appropriate time from the political viewpoint.

Thomas Dewey, the leading Republican candidate, has never repudiated his original statement that that he would not run although Republican leaders all over the country seem to take it for granted that he will. President Roosevelt has so far been unwilling to let the people know whether he will run for a fourth term; Wendell Willkie has apparently dropped out of the race but is rumored to have something "up his sleeve"; Eric Johnson has said he is not interested in being a presidential candidate, although many people close to him feel he would be very much interested if he thought he had a fair chance.

So, as matters stand now, when it is time the people know the opinions and convictions of all candidates, we are actually put in the dangerous position of not officially knowing who the candidates are.

If there is any chance that this campaign will be the kind Mr. Johnson proposes, it would seem that the first immediate step would be for all candidates who are going to run to lift their hats off the fence and throw them into the middle of the ring.

COTTON

From August through February cottonseed oil production was more than one billion pounds; soy bean oil, 663 million; peanut oil, 93 million; and corn oil, 139 million. Cotton is still king.

FEED SHORTAGE

The quickest and cheapest way to do something about the feed problem is to provide more grazing, silage and hay, says John Arey, Extension dairyman at N. C. State College.

REGISTER! REGISTER!

GET READY TO VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MAY 27th FOR

Gaston County's Own Gregg Cherry For Governor of North Carolina

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME in ITS HISTORY OF 98 YEARS THAT GASTON COUNTY HAS OFFERED ONE OF ITS SONS FOR THIS HIGH OFFICE.

If you are 21 years old or will be 21 before November 7, 1944, and are not sure that you are properly registered; do these things at once:

- 1—Go to your voting place and ascertain definitely from your registrar if you are properly enrolled. If not, have him to register you.
2—If you have moved into a different precinct from that in which you lived at the time of the last election, get a certificate from your registrar and present it to the registrar of your new precinct and he will record your name as a legally registered voter.
3—If for any reason you have not registered, do so Saturday, Saturday, May 13, last registration day. Be sure you are registered.
4—Remember that, if you have been a resident of the State for one year, and of the county for four months you are entitled to register and vote in the coming primary and in the general election in November.
5—Speak to your friends and neighbors and urge them to see that they are properly registered.



A VOTE FOR

Gregg Cherry For Governor

IS A VOTE FOR

- Clean Government
Honest Government
Economical Government
Progressive Government
Better Schools

Improved State Institutions
An All-Round Progressive Administration.

Gregg Cherry is:

- Courageous, Straightforward,
Incorruptible, Trustworthy,
Dependable, Experienced,
Progressive, Impartial,
Sound, Kindly, Ethical.

The Type of Man North Carolina Needs
To Guide Her Destinies During
These Perilous Times

Sponsored by Gaston County Friends of Gregg Cherry

Here Is A List Of Polling Places And Registrars:

(The first named individual in each precinct list is the registrar, the second the Democratic judge, and the third named the Republican judge.)

- GASTONIA
Gastonia No. 1, City Hall, Gastonia: C. C. Carpenter, J. H. Workman, T. J. Redmond.
Gastonia No. 2, Central School Gastonia: C. E. Huffstetler, Guy Killian, George Rogers.
Gastonia No. 3, Gastonia Mill Supply, 613 E. Franklin Avenue, Gastonia: R. C. Patrick, E. G. Talley, C. C. Bush.
Gastonia No. 4, East School, Gastonia: P. P. Ragan, R. K. Hancock, Oscar M. Cloninger.
Gastonia No. 5, No. 2 Fire Station, North Falls St., Gastonia: W. M. Morris, Ross Ratchford, Mrs. Jack Poovey.
Gastonia No. 6, Girls' Club, corner of Second and Dalton St. Gastonia: Mrs. Doris Quinn, T. A. Little, Britt Johnson.
Gastonia No. 7, Myrtle School Bessemer City Rd., Gastonia: H. S. Joyner, D. E. Dellinger, M. V. Wiggins.
Gastonia No. 8, Victory School South Gastonia: Brown Baird, Otis Myers, J. T. Greene.
Gastonia No. 9, Ridge Grocery Co., S. Gastonia: A. L. Ferguson, W. H. Falls, W. L. Falls.
Gastonia No. 10, Kendricks Grocery Store, Union Rd., Gastonia: Mrs. J. C. Robinson, Marshall Robinson, Howard Huffstickler.
Gastonia No. 11, Ranlo Grammar School, Spencer Mt. Hwy.: Roy Holcomb, Carl F. Stroupe, Bishop Boulden.
CROWDERS MOUNTAIN
Bessemer City No. 1, City Hall, Bessemer City: W. L. Ornum, J. W. Eury, W. E. Sneed.
Bessemer City No. 2, Mauney's Store, Bessemer City: Walter Oates, John F. Walker, D.V. Matthews.
Bakers Mt. View Mill Store, R.F.D. Gastonia: R. H. Hook, James R. Carson, Lem Crompton.
CHERRYVILLE
Cherryville No. 1, City Hall, Cherryville: W. S. Beam, E. Carr Black, D. Belvia Beam.
Cherryville No. 2, Cherryville High School, Cherryville: R. P. Putnam, E. E. McDowell, Olin Carroll.
Cherryville No. 3, Cherryville Grammar School, Cherryville: Miss Loy Stroupe, Victor Stroup, Bill Fowler.
Kisers, Sunnyside School, R.F. D. Bessemer City: Ed S. Harmon, Fred Lovelace, Walden Weaver.
Carpenters, Leaders Chapel School, R.F.D. Lincoln: L. W. Carpenter, L. A. Kiser, Lawrence Carpenter.
DALLAS
Alexis, Bradshaw's service station, Alexis: T. W. Garrison, F.B. Morris, Kenneth McAlister.
Dallas, Old Court House, Dallas: E. T. W. Cloninger, Lark White, K. F. Lineberger.
High Shoals, High Shoals School High Shoals: Mrs. G. C. Frye, R. L. Friday, J. A. Friday.
SOUTH POINT
Belmont No. 1, City Hall, Belmont: K. J. Hoyle, R. B. Suggs, Jr., H. C. Traywick.
Belmont No. 2, Dixon Motor Co., Belmont: Fred Stone, Curly Pack, W. F. Traywick.
Belmont No. 3, N. Belmont School, Belmont: J. C. White, Jim V. Felt, Floyd Skidmore.
Lowell, Clemmer's School, Lowell: S. J. Hand, Woodrow Roberts, Miss Thelma Titman.
Cramerton, Cramerton Mill Store, Cramerton: J. B. Caldwell, R. L. Leeper, C. O. Young.
McAdenville, Library Bldg., McAdenville: S. R. Nichols, W. B. Roberts, B. H. Waters.
Union, Union Church Hut, Union Rd., Gastonia: Miss Fannie Wilson, W.E. Barnes, R.A. Armstrong.
South Point, School on Smith's Point Road: Mrs. P. H. Smith, Mrs. S. H. Stowe, Lamont Dixon.
RIVERBEND
Mt. Holly No. 1, City Hall, Mt. Holly: G. D. Jenkins, Watts Stillwell, J. W. Clark.
Mt. Holly No. 2, Jenkins Motor Co. Bldg., Mt. Holly: Mrs. W. O. Barrett, J. F. Lunn, A. F. Craig.
Lucia, Abernathy's Store, Lucia: W. T. Connell, Nelson Hall, A. L. Forbes.
Stanley, City Hall, Stanley: Guy Derr, Russell Handsell, Jim Wallace.