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Registration Comes First, Then Voting

Saturday is the last day of registration. Any person who expects to vote for Harry Truman, Tom Dewey, Strom Thurmond, or Henry Wallace for president, as a matter of fact, anybody who expects to vote for anybody first has to register.

Requirements for registration are that the person be 21 years of age, a resident of this state for one year, and a resident of four months in the county and precinct in which he lives.

All those who voted in the May primaries this year are registered and need not register again. Once a voter is listed in the registrar's book in his precinct, he is eligible to vote in that county, in a county, state, or national election until death. Being registered to vote in a town election does not constitute registration for the coming Nov. 2 election.

Tomorrow is the last day registrars will be at the polling places in the various precincts. Names of prospective voters, can, however, be taken any time up through Friday, Oct. 20.

Morehead City Jaycees are undertaking a commendable project in their effort to see that everyone in Morehead township is registered.

Post No. 46 of the American Legion has also taken action regarding the coming election in urging all of us to vote. Their comment follows:

"Since the days of the Constitutional Convention, Valley Forge, Bunker Hill, Kings Mountain and Yorktown, Americans have fought and bled and died for a democratic way of life. One of the blessings of a Democracy is the right vested in the people to elect the representatives of their choosing. It is a right of free men—it is a right not to be ignored, or to be complacent about. A right treated so lightly may be taken away. Americans are becoming increasingly lax in appreciation of their democracy, where freedom is of reality, not just a coined word or an expression. Americans must be eternally vigilant to keep the light of democracy burning. Freedom has been snuffed out in other parts of the world—it must not happen here.

"Post 46 of the American Legion puts itself squarely on record on the proposition that the tenets of Americanism can be best served by every eligible voter registering, and voting on ELECTION DAY. Vote for the Candidate of your choice—V O T E."

Salute to the Airline

As Piedmont Airline's season for operation into the Carteret coastal area nears its end, we find ourselves looking forward immediately to May when, we hope, Piedmont will find it desirable to resume its flights here during the summer months.

The airline, like a contracting rubber band, draws us into the closely-knit circle of the nation's business and communication system. No longer did businessmen and weekend vacationists shake their heads and dismiss the Carteret coast as "hopeless," as the "end of nowhere," and "too inaccessible to consider for any purpose."

For the first time, sending letters by airmail actually meant getting them to their destination faster. Before there was direct service from here, it was our experience to have air mail travel at the same rate of speed as regular service.

Air service was a boon to commercial flower growers in this section, as well as other business places which had rush orders to fill or needed shipments in a hurry.

Our compliments to Piedmont on a job well done. Their personnel at the local office have always been more than obliging and courteous and from every viewpoint their operation has been most satisfactory.

Thoughts for an open mind...

Let no man turn aside, ever so slightly, from the broad path of honor, on the plausible pretense that he is justified by the goodness of his end. All good ends can be worked out by good means.

The talkative listen to no one, for they are ever speaking. He who knows not to be silent hears nothing. Hence the old proverb—silence is golden.

Happiness comes from striving, doing, loving, achieving, conquering, always something positive.

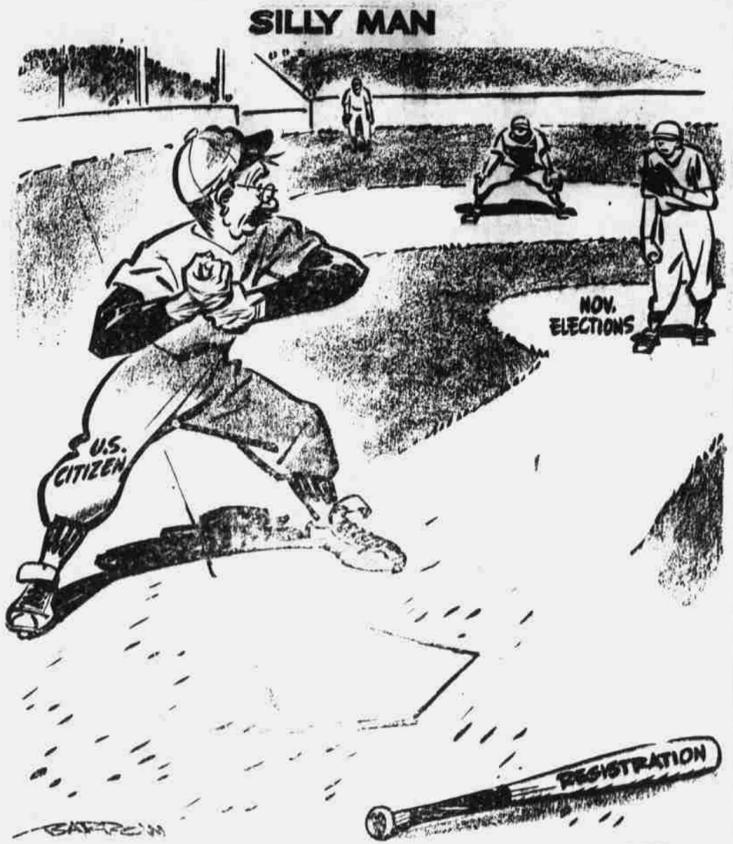
Our business in life is not to get ahead of others but to get ahead of ourselves. To break our own record, to outstrip our yesterday by our today, to do our work with more force and finer finish than ever; this is the true idea, to get ahead of ourselves.

The aim of education is to produce M E N. —Jim Morrill.

:: Smile a While ::
Children Love Teacher
Dad: That boy will be the death of me!
Mom: What's wrong now?
Dad: He wants to know what would happen if he mixed a bottle of ink eradicator with a bottle of ink!
—Sunshine Magazine

ROYALTON, Ill. — (AP) — Royalton's school children knew their new school superintendent was the man for them even before he showed up. He sent word he would be unavoidably late for school—by about a week. So, their school vacation was extended.

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Raleigh Round up

By Eula Nixon Greenwood
SLEPT HERE — And no doubt many years from now one of those large aluminum-colored, three-by-three tablets will be placed at some point on Fayetteville Street near the Sir Walter Hotel. "On October 18, 1948, Harry Truman, President of the United States, slept here."

WHAT HAPPENED? — Two months ago one of the hottest things going in North Carolina was the Dixiecrats. Now they seem to be hardly creating a ripple. There may be a few good Democrats who will vote the way of the States Righters, but mum seems to be the word right now, and reports from the rallies which the No. 1 party leaders have been holding throughout the State are to the effect that the followers of Wright and Thurmond aren't creating even a ripple. If there is strength out there for this camp, it is certainly very, very silent. One thing is true, however: The strong support which the Democrats THOUGHT the Progressives and Dixiecrats and Republicans had has done more to solidify and strengthen the Democrats than anything that has occurred in a long time.

ABSENT — State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson has not participated in any of these Democratic rallies you have heard so much about in the past few weeks. Sour grapes? Well, many are saying so—which is only to be expected. Others who are perhaps closer to the defeated gubernatorial candidate say that he is very busy this fall getting everything in shape in the Treasurer's office and just does not have time to be gadding about. They say further that Johnson knows he is through politically and therefore is not interested in making the arduous rounds.

Johnson has been in the forefront of the party for 20 years or

more. The party has done a lot for him, but he has also done many a good turn for the party. If he now wants to call it even-Stephens, no criticism from this corner, but he is getting plenty of it from elsewhere.

AROUND-THE-WORLD — Miss Beatrice Cobb of Morganton, North Carolina's National Committeewoman, has also been conspicuous by her absence from the meetings. There was some question—in fact, quite a bit of question—as to whether she would be renounced to her high position in the ranks of the Democrats. Mrs. O. Max Gardner was proposed for the place in Philadelphia just prior to the National Convention.

When Mrs. Gardner demurred, there being nobody else interested Miss Cobb was reappointed. Although faced at that time by what appeared to be one of their hardest fights without their National Committeewoman, the Democrats had to bump along. Miss Beatrice took off for a round-the-world flight, has had no part in the

battle, and is not expected even to be in the State on Election Day. Those who know Miss Cobb maintain that she will vote, in absentia, the straight Democratic ticket.

THE BIGGEST HAND — Ask anybody who has attended all the rallies and he will tell you that Sen. W. B. Umstead, day in and day out, has been the most popular figure participating in them. J. M. Broughton, who beat him, has had a better press; but Umstead has received a better hand.

Umstead isn't dead politically by any means. In Raleigh, they are saying he is the most popular defeated candidate since O. Max Gardner in 1920. Another thing: Since his May 29 downfall, Mr. Umstead has written around 15,000 letters thanking those who helped him for their support. That certainly doesn't sound like a whipped man.

Sen. Umstead is a very able man. It is to be regretted that it is impossible for North Carolina to have the services of both Mr. Umstead and J. M. Broughton. At the time of the late J. W. Bailey's death, Senator Umstead was definitely planning to be a candidate for Governor this year. In which event, Kerr Scott would not have run. It is also doubtful that Charles M. Johnson would have.

For several days following the death of Bailey a group of men urged and pleaded with Umstead to accept Gov. R. Gregg Cherry's appointment to fill out the term of the deceased Bailey. But he wanted to be Governor. These calls were wanted Umstead to be Governor, too, but more than that they wanted to keep J. M. Broughton out of the U. S. Senate and felt that Umstead was the only man in the State who could do it. Finally, the anti-Broughtons got their way. As it turned out, not even Umstead could down the popular speaker, Sunday School teacher, and general getter-about, J. M. Broughton.

C&D HEAD — Nobody around Raleigh knows where the rumor that D. S. Coltrane, State Agriculture Commissioner, would become the next head of the Department of Conservation and Development got started. He may be; or he may not be. George L. H. White, Raleigh ice cream manufacturer and a Scott man all the way, is being considered for the post.

Coltrane is an exceptionally able man. Only Kerr Scott and Coltrane know the tremendous amount of work which the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture kept off the shoulders of the Agriculture Commissioner from January, 1937, until last winter when Scott resigned. He could handle the Department of Conservation and Development, but he said Sunday that he knows absolutely nothing about his being given the opportunity to direct it and is not at all certain he would accept the place even if offered it.

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