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The Return of President Truman

A disappointed Republican party realized Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. that the 16-year lease Democrats have held on the White House would be continued for another four years.

A predicted landslide vote for Tom Dewey, the valiant carrier of the Republican presidency pennant, turned into a hotly-contested fight which put the American public in a state of political suspense Tuesday night the like of which we have not experienced in many a year.

Poll-takers' faces turned a deeper and deeper crimson as Truman's votes continued to keep one jump ahead of Dewey's. The roster pollsters several weeks ago officially stated that they had stopped sampling opinion because it was an affirmed fact, according to their calculations, that it would be Dewey all the way.

Dr. Gallup, the more famous sampler of public opinion, who knowingly has predicted the outcome of numerous other less important elections, took no defense behind excuses for his Dewey prediction. He did, however, compare his estimates with those of the Literary Digest, a magazine which went out of existence after a mis-prediction on the Roosevelt-Landon contest in 1936. Gallup's predictions in this fight showed an error per centage of 52 while the Literary Digest's per centage of error in 1932 was 19 per cent.

Although, on the surface, this is quite a blow to the scientific polling of public opinion business, it only proves more conclusively that after all, man is human, and human beings are, in the final analysis, unpredictable.

The chemist can take two parts of hydrogen and one part of oxygen in combination and the resulting product will always be water. This is unalterably true. A pollster can take two businessmen and a housewife at 10:25 a.m. and record their opinions on a certain issue and who can be sure that at 10:26 a.m. the same day the businessmen and housewife have not changed their minds? Considering the trend in governments throughout the world, it is not surprising that United States continued on the pathway of liberalism. Extreme reaction to the long years of Roosevelt, on which the Republican party counted, has not set in. We are beginning to wonder if it ever will.

There are more "average citizens" in this country than any other type and as long as Mr. Average Citizen goes to the polls he's going to vote for the party that has always had his interests uppermost in its platform. He'll listen to the stories of other parties, might have even thought at some time during the past few weeks that a change in the White House would be the best thing, but in the final moment he casts his lot with the party "of the common man."

Thomas Dewey would have been a good president. With Franklin Roosevelt out of the picture, his election seemed assured, but he, like Landon and Wilkie, was encumbered by the record left by our last Republican administration. Until those years from 1928 to 1932 fade farther from memory of voting generations, a Republican candidate will have tough sledding.

It's not easy to say specifically what made voters return Harry S. Truman to the White House. He is not a man comparable in any manner to his predecessor and he has made mistakes repeatedly during his presidential career. This leads one to believe, then, that the people were voting, not for a man, but for the principles his party stands for.

A dissenter to this line of thinking will cite that few voters cast ballots on the basis of political philosophy. Voters are swayed, the dissenter says, by pat phrases, slogans, golden promises—and fail to think for themselves.

Could it be then, that in the subconscious minds of the people "democracy, democracy, democracy" has been so deeply imbedded by recent years of patriotic fervor that our people have come to believe that it is only with DEMOCRATS that DEMOCRACY can be retained? Perhaps a psychologist could determine whether in the minds of the masses these two have become inseparable.

Considering the why's of President Truman's victories, one can't help but turn to the publications which supported both candidates. Life magazine made no bones about who it wanted as President. It showed Dewey in the most complimentary light (to put it mildly), and continually pointed up the blunders of Truman. Not only Life, but The New York Times and other influential publications beat the drum for Dewey, Dewey, Dewey. And the American public answered, "We don't, we don't, we don't."

Less influential publications carried the banner for Truman, but in the face of the big boys it was almost like a voice in the wilderness. Could it be that the American people simply don't like to be told, with a big stick, how to vote?

For years to come historians will be puzzling over Tuesday's turn of events, and future candidates may toy with the idea that all they have to do to get elected is to have the pollsters predict a victory for their opponent.

Although the reasons for President Truman's victory may be varied and numberless, his return to the White House was a decision made by the people—an element unpredictable.

Smile a While

"Ten million francs," he was told. Rossini, the Italian composer, while visiting in France, learned that a group of wealthy admirers planned to have a statue erected in his honor. "How much will it cost?" inquired the composer. "Ohio still has more than 500 covered bridges."

Poverty-stricken at the time, Rossini chuckled: "How extravagant. For five million I'll stand on the pedestal myself."

—The Crusader

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LET'S GIVE HIM A HAND



Raleigh Round up

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

BETTER BUSINESS — Merchants throughout North Carolina have within the past few days received reports on a survey just completed on prospects for Christmas business this year.

Consensus is that retail sales will be higher this holiday season than last—particularly in communities and stores which adequately prepare for Christmas trade with attractive displays and unusual and regular advertising.

HEADACHES — Bill Sharpe is having his headache this year. With words, pictures, and anything else at his disposal he strives to give the rest of the United States a favorable view of North Carolina. Although most of the states have their press agents, Sharpe is now something of a pioneer in the business and succeeds in placing favorable publicity in the national magazines and in the large newspapers and is recognized as one of the best in the business. . . . It is sometimes difficult to get the play he wants on his articles.

However, when polls hit North Carolina again this year, the news spread like wildfire. The papers snapped it up and the radio had a big time with it. Just as this epidemic was subsiding, along came the snake-handlers of Durham. Chesterfield is running in four-color ads a picture of its new factory in the Bull City, Duke University is still near the top as an educational institution and as a football powerhouse, but Durham, N. C., this fall is better known for its snake-handling than anything else.

GOOD BUY — Each school library and each home in North Carolina should have a copy of Bill Sharpe's new book, "North Carolina—A Description by Counties." Recently released by the Warren Publishing Co., Raleigh, N. C., it can be purchased at \$5.

Virtually every day in the year some State departments here receive a request from a school kid like this: "Please send me at once all the information you have on Caldwell County." No one county has a corner on these big orders. They come from all the 100 in almost direct proportion to the number of school children in the various counties. When term paper time rolls around in this spring, Raleigh is flooded with these "at once" requests and it requires much time and effort to answer them.

Now, in one volume, all the information desired is supplied: population, industries, average weekly wage, history, crops grown, etc., etc., and each school treasury—now bursting at the seams from the Halloween carnival last Friday night—should be dipped into for a few dollars to purchase one or more of these books. Parents who want to get their children real worthwhile Christmas presents should order this book.

TAXES — The question being asked these days relative to the new administration which will take over in January in this: "How does Kerr Scott plan to get the money for all those road and school improvements he has talked about so much?" Well, several revenue-raising

NEWPORT

Nov. 3 — Mrs. Sam D. Edwards returned home Monday from Raleigh. Her daughter, Mrs. Bob Montague, came with her and returned to Raleigh Tuesday.

J. D. Moore, of North Wilkesboro, and Lyman Mills, of Greenville, are spending a few days here hunting.

Rev. J. M. Jolliff is attending the Methodist conference in Greenville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Heath, Jr. were in New Bern on business Monday.

Mrs. Jack Howard accompanied Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Garner to Durham Monday to carry their little son, Ray, for treatment at Duke hospital.

Mrs. Sallie Dudley is attending the Methodist conference this week. While in Greenville she will be the guest of Mrs. Lyman Mills.

The Woman's Society of Christian service met with Mrs. I. N. Howard Tuesday evening.

The devotional was led by Mrs. J. I. Mizelle and several ladies assisted with interesting readings. Lemonade and sandwiches were served at the conclusion of the program.

been managing the Good Health magazine for two years now, is resigning to take up residence in Florida. . . . This periodical is the most beautiful printed in North Carolina. . . .

The Republicans weren't kidding when they reported that most of their funds spent in North Carolina went into western counties. Harriet County Republicans, for instance, got \$700 in 1944 . . . not a cent this year.

A few months ago a group of Negroes from up North purchased a big lot in one of Raleigh's most exclusive sections. A large apartment house was planned for Negroes. The white folks of the community—around 150 in all—held a meeting and raised sufficient money to purchase the lot, at a substantial profit to the colored operators. Now it is understood they are negotiating for a large building site in what might be regarded — at least by the folks living in it—as a more exclusive section.

NOTES — Ben Patrick, who has

measures are being discussed by Scott and his advisors. You may expect an attempt to raise the taxes on banks. There is a State tax on them now, but various exemptions and exceptions may be tightened. Look for a fight on this project.

A proposal that insurance companies be more heavily taxed has been discussed. Unless changes in the overall Scott revenue plans have been made within the past month, you may look for a sharp increase in this channel.

Remember that neither of these matters can be settled overnight, but they are being discussed. Once Scott decides that they are necessary and right, he will fight to the last ditch to carry his point on them. If you don't know that, you don't know Kerr Scott.

REALISTIC — Scott made it clear in a speech last week that he expects an uphill battle with the Legislature on portions of his program. Consequently you will find him calling on the people to help him by contacting their representatives and senators. He has already done this in several talks.

"You know, a Governor can do only so much by himself," said Scott to the State Grangers at their convention in Wilson last Thursday night. "I want you people to help me out. Talk to your folks in the Legislature."

At the same time he said the rural roads program he has in mind — the "all-weathering" of around 12,000 miles of bus routes — has never been attempted by any other State in the Nation.

The people who heard him agreed that the new Governor plans to carry through a program which will attract attention throughout the entire United States. However, a conservative Legislature may see it otherwise.

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SAVE THE SOIL

By Roy R. Beck
Soil Conservationist

Archie Hardesty cut his Sericea meadow for the third time this year getting over 150 bales of hay from the five acre field. This meadow is part of a complete soil conservation farm plan worked out in cooperation with the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District.

The drainage ditch being dug on Hugh Swan's North River farm is designed to remove surface water rapidly at low tide from the cultivated land. This farm has very poorly drained soils and bedding of fields to the center, shallow V-type ditches, with a large lead ditch out through the marsh are expected to give the best possible drainage for these soils.

Linwood Fulcher has obtained an excellent stand of ladino clover-fescue for permanent pasture. Mr. Fulcher is developing a fine grazing program on his farm with four acres of permanent pasture, two acres of kudzu for supplementary summer grazing and a two acre sericea meadow.

Floyd Garner, of Newport has seeded an acre of poorly drained land to Caley Peas for demonstration purposes. The Caley peas are used as a winter cover and green manure crop which, when allowed to go to seed every other spring, will reseed itself, coming up in the fall for two years after a mature seed crop has been disked into the land. Mr. Garner has also seeded several acres of very poorly drained land adjacent to the Deep Creek Canal to permanent pasture.

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Town Of Beaufort, North Carolina
FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JUNE 30, 1948

ASSETS:	
Cash in Bank and on Hand	\$ 12,126.46
Uncollected Taxes	47,195.32
Street Assessments Receivable	19,103.82
Deposit with Local Government Commission	175.18
Due from Debt Service Fund to General Fund	5,763.47
Fixed Properties	464,780.57
Total Assets	\$567,144.80
LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND SURPLUS:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,938.81
Advance Collections on 1948 Taxes	10,184.22
Undistributed Collections on Foreclosed Property	111.38
Bonded Debt	468,336.06
Due to General Fund from Debt Service Fund	3,763.47
Reserve for Taxes Receivable	47,195.32
Reserve for Paving Assessments Receivable	19,103.82
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$552,833.80
Surplus	14,311.00
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CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1948

RECEIPTS:	
Taxes and Penalties Collected	\$ 41,110.42
Intangible Property Taxes Collected	821.95
Beer and Wine Tax	1,687.73
Paving Assessments and Interest Collected	664.96
Privilege and Auto Licenses	3,168.12
Fines and Costs	3,477.70
Profit from A.B.C. Store	11,151.98
Sales of Property	432.10
Insurance Refunds	83.30
Sewer Lines and Taps	132.00
Account Receivable Collected	1,550.62
Bond Interest Refund	6,977.80
Bond and Interest Collected	197.00
Cemetery Fund and Cemetery Lots Sold	1,867.88
Parking Meter Receipts	1,708.02
Withholding Tax Collected	517.70
Total Receipts	\$ 74,497.38
Balance, July 1, 1947	10,062.70
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 84,560.08

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Administrative Salaries and General Expense	\$14,866.47
Police Department	8,921.58
Street Department	19,407.77
Fire Department	6,542.90
Bonds Retired	9,828.72
Interest and Service Charges	9,483.42
Maintenance of Tomb	59.70
Maintenance of Cemetery	213.80
Installing Parking Meters	733.90
Paid on Cost of Parking Meters	178.42
Total Disbursements	72,433.48
BALANCE—CASH ON HAND AND ON DEPOSIT, JUNE 30, 1948	\$ 12,126.46

CERTIFICATE:
We hereby certify that we have made an audit of the books of account, and records of the Town of Beaufort, North Carolina, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1948, and have filed a complete report thereon.

We further certify that we have prepared the above statements from the detail of our general report, and that the above information is in agreement with our report, and the books of account.

Therefore, we certify that, in our opinion, the above statements present the true financial position of the Town of Beaufort at June 30, 1948.

Raleigh, North Carolina, Oct. 15, 1948.
WILLIAMS & WALL
By: Frank P. Wall
Certified Public Accountant

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