

...like an over-ripe apple, but there is a little bit of life in the 12 months to the end of the year with the bleak winter days and long nights. The voice of politics can be heard from the big town main street to the very upper reaches of the creeks where the "branch-head boys" roost.

There is every evidence that the boys on the main drag and the "secondary roads" will have much to chew the fat about between now and primary time next May. Much is on tap for the '50 primary and one of the liveliest and perhaps most bitter campaigns ever held can be seen from hills no higher than a potato bank.

Governor Scott — unless he changes his mind as he has been known to on occasion — has a man-sized purge facing him. He has threatened from numerous platforms and one-horse cart

Winter May Be Cold But Spring Will Be Warm With All The Politics That There Will Be Going On In The State

bodies to get rid of some of the "unprogressive" legislators who didn't see every little thing with the same broad vision and desire to do good that have inspired the present administration in some of its activities.

In Lenoir and Jones Counties there are no Scott supporters, at this stage of the game, who could get elected against opposition. Lenoir's Jessie Jones is too busy and too big a cog in the Scott machine to take a job in the legislature and outside him there is no other potential Scott color bearer. In Jones County the situation is much the same with Highway Commissioner

Guy Hargett in too responsible a position for the next four years to sacrifice it for a few months tour of duty in the Assembly.

After the sound and fury of the Scott purge is forgotten — and it may be forgotten before the registration books are opened — there is also to consider another state-wide proposition that most assuredly will NOT be forgotten — Liquor. The successes of the past months that "dry" forces have enjoyed in their zeal to make this state an oasis of pink tea and red lemonade will spur them ever onward toward total prohibition.

WCTU, the Methodists and several thousand bootleggers in every part of the State.

From this district both Senators "Libby" Ward of New Bern and John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton were anything but Scott pawns in the 1949 Assembly and so they would not have the Haw River Valley blessings. Yet if the majorities they rolled up in the 1948 elections can be taken as any measure of their popularity at the polls there is small chance that any potential Scott candidates will beat them.

Add the Scott threatened purge, the liquor muddle, 100 Sheriff elections, fights for County Commission berths, Clerk of Court seats, United States representatives, township constables and county school boards and you have something that totals a mighty interesting series of fights when the dogwood blossoms in '50.

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