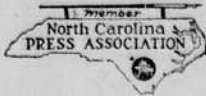


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The People Have Spoken!

The people have spoken. Indications are that when final tabulations are in more than 55,000,000 Americans will have had a choice through the ballot box of choosing the national leaders for the next four years. Of the electoral votes Eisenhower will receive a great majority. The popular vote was closer.

Be that as it may, whether we like it or not, the people have elected Eisenhower and he will be inaugurated as President on Jan. 20.

The two candidates, Eisenhower and Stevenson are two of the highest type men to run for the Presidency in many years, but the campaign, through no fault of their own, developed into a dog-eat-dog match with nothing barred, not even the strangle hold and gouging.

It was the dirtiest campaign, with more mud slinging than has been seen in many years.

How much effect did this type of campaigning have on the outcome?

The NEWS believes very little. We have yet to find a person who believed, truly, that either man was a Communist, that he had set out to wreck the country, that he stood for or approved of Reds in government, or would like to make the United States subservient to a foreign power.

All of these arguments may have influenced a few voters, but they were mighty scarce around Black Mountain.

What, then, is the answer? How much effect did the support of Truman have on bringing about Stevenson's defeat? What about corruption in government? Korea? High taxes? Charges of waste in government? The five percenters? And dozens of other subjects we heard discussed and rediscovered?

This Could Be Their Last!

Black Mountain and Swannanoa will meet here Friday afternoon for what may well be the most important game of the year for both schools.

Each will be trying to keep alive a winning streak and claim a share of the county crown. Both the Warriors and Darkhorses have run over some of the best teams in this section during the season, and will be attempting to keep the record clean.

But the game has another very great significance which many may not realize. Since the teams play on a home and home basis next year's game will be played at Swannanoa. By 1954, according to present

plans, the new consolidated high school will be ready and the two teams will become one. Thus, this could be the final game to be played here between Black Mountain and Swannanoa on the football field.

For this final game it is fitting that both teams should rank with the best fielded by either school for many years. It'll be homecoming for Black Mountain and graduates and former students are expected back from far and near to help in the observance.

Win, lose, or draw, in this final game it has been a wonderful season for both schools. Congratulations.

at least a 50-50 chance; and so he has been plugged vigorously by the speechmakers. More Money — As a usual thing, the big money tossed around in political maneuverings in North Carolina comes during the spring as the Democrats square off for the primary. Every four years—and sometimes in between—we do everything we can to kill off each other in the Democratic Party here in this state. The blasts which Hubert Olive's camp threw at Good Democrat William F. Umstead, and vice versa, were something to behold and much worse than anything the Republicans have said about Mr. Umstead. We don't recall, however, when as much money was available on both sides as this fall. First and last, and including the primary which led up to the General Election, those million votes expected Tuesday cost upwards of \$1.00 per vote. Another Christmas — In one of his books, Thomas Wolfe wrote something about how October Rooms The Land. Christmas is a lot that way; or is getting that way. According to a survey completed last week by the N. C. Merchants association, we find that the Christmas season begins in Morehead City on Nov. 3. The season roams from town to town up the state, beginning in most places on Nov. 23. In Forest City, for instance, the Christmas season opens on Nov. 20; in Raleigh on Nov. 20; in Roanoke Rapids on Dec. 3; in Taylorsville on Dec. 5; in Albemarle on Dec. 1, etc. Christmas is a local thing; and there is no effort at uniformity, except that the day falls on Dec. 25. Other-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Star Route, Black Mountain, N. C. Broad River Township. Mrs. Ann Hubbard, Membership Chairman Elementary School P.T.A.

Dear Mrs. Hubbard: As an ex-Teacher of the Rural schools of Broad River Township, am enclosing 25c to show my interest in the children of my community. I am old, past 70. It would not be physically possible for me to

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Adopting Child Is Complicated Matter For You

By Ed Rankin

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 1.—Have you been thinking about adopting a child? Maybe you have relatives and friends who have been giving this serious consideration.

If so, you or your friends are in need of expert advice, because the adoption of a child is a complicated matter these days. A sensible approach to adoption can result in unbounded happiness for new parents and the child given into their care. Hasty or ill-considered adoption methods often bring heartache and distress to both parties.

Take the word of an expert, Harriet L. Tynes, executive director of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, you should deal only with a qualified adoption agency in taking such an important step. The Children's Home Society is a volunteer, non-governmental agency which has served over 5,000 homeless children in North Carolina since 1917. Miss Tynes, a soft-spoken social worker who has directed the activities of the agency since 1944, has shared in hundreds of these adoption cases. She has advised, assisted and encouraged childless couples across North Carolina in their efforts to have their own family.

The demand for adoptive children is so great today that an actual "black market in babies" exists, Miss Tynes warns, and there is evidence that operators of so-called adoption agencies are doing business in North Carolina. These unscrupulous people have found that there is big money in "selling" babies to unwary couples who let their fervent and honest desire for a child run away with their judgement and common sense. Then there is always the well-meaning but uninformed "amateur" who frequently tries to do a good turn for a childless couple by handling the "arrangements" between the mother of a child born out of wedlock, for example, and the new parents. Both sources for babies can be dangerous, the Children's Home director asserted. "If you are seriously interested in adopting a child, go to a thoroughly qualified children's agency and tell them of your desire," she declared. "Choose an adoption agency with the same care that you choose a family doctor or family lawyer."

Is the agency fully licensed? (A qualified agency always complies with all state, federal and local laws.) Does it place children near blood relatives? (This is NEVER done by a good agency.) Does it do a considerable volume of adoption work? Has it an established background in the field of adoption? (Make sure the agency is not a fly-by-night.) Will it permit trial placements of children previously unknown to the adoptive parents? (This violates every sound principle of modern adoption procedures.) Does it maintain complete records on each case? (Every reputable agency does.) These are all tests to apply to prospective adoption agencies.

POET'S CORNER

Conducted by Anne K. Sharp, Chairman, Creative Writing Club

KNOWLEDGE
I only know the robin brings
A breath of spring
When first he sings.

I only know a tulip bright
From winter's grey,
A lovely sight.

I only know the first green tree
A wealth of joy
Enriches me.

I only know a baby's kiss,
I'd poorer be
Were I to miss.

For knowledge more, I do not
care,
But such as this
I gladly share.

—Peggy Kyle, New Bern
branch, Pen Women.

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The Children's Home executive pointed out that a qualified children's agency will have a working arrangement with competent pediatricians and lawyers who can advise on medical and legal problems involved in every adoption case. This is your guarantee that you will know the exact state of the child's health and that the adoption complies in full with all legal requirements. These are factors which you can never be sure about when you deal with unqualified adoption agencies or bumbling friends or acquaintances who have no knowledge or training in this field.

"Once your decision is made, and you have selected your agency," she continued, "be guided by their advice in how to adopt a child. You and the agency need to know each other extremely well. The agency will want to know your background, your health, your attitudes toward the child, your ability to support a growth and development of the sound child, and many other details. All of this information is necessary in finding the right child for the right parents."

At the Children's Home, where the aim is "a home for the child who needs a home and a child for the home which needs a child," the trained and experienced social workers take a personal interest in the application of every couple for a child. A case worker is assigned to get to know each applicant and to follow through in all the details of the adoption. Meanwhile, every incoming infant receives a complete physical ex-

amination and is tested by skilled psychologists to find whether the child has normal average intelligence for its age. A complete case history is prepared, giving all available information on family background and possible hereditary traits.

By the time the Children's Home Society decides that it has the right child for the right parents, the couple selected is asked to come to Greensboro where the Children's Home Society nursery is located in a large, rambling home. This is a tense and exciting moment for the prospective parents. To some extent, they show the same anxiety, the same trembling eagerness and the same tenderness as natural parents when shown their first infant at the hospital. It is always a policy of the Children's Home Society to leave the prospective parents and the child in a room alone when they first meet so that the couple can decide for themselves under no pressure or outside influence whether this will be their own child. It is extremely rare to find a couple deciding against taking the child they are shown. This is a tribute to the meticulous and personal care with which the Society workers have studied the background of the infant and the background of the couple. It is also a tribute to the thousands of young couples throughout North Carolina, unable for one reason or another to have children, who long with all their hearts to give their loving care and attention to someone else's homeless or orphaned child.

When the couple accepts the child, the baby's layette is ready and the new parents can take their little boy or little girl home immediately. It generally takes 12 to 15 months for formal and legal adoption procedures to be completed in North Carolina. The Children's Home case workers keep in close touch with the parents during this period and are always available for advice and assistance in any problems that may arise. Since the Children's Home is a licensed and fully authorized adoption agency, there is never a question of losing the infant through legal action of the natural relatives. The Children's Home Society never releases an infant until it has full legal custody of the child. This is one of the pitfalls of hasty adoption procedures. Miss Tynes pointed out that in North Carolina the laws allow the natural mother of a child to change her mind in the matter of whether or not she wants to keep her child anytime within the first six months after the birth of the child. Regardless what agreement the mother may have signed before or after birth of the child, this would be null and void if the mother decided to take her child back within the first six months. In the case of the Children's Home Society, its charter from the Legislature enables it to keep the child only one month before it can have full legal custody of the infant. The demand for adoptive children in North Carolina continues to grow. At the present time there

Tryon Lowers Seasonal Barriers And Attracts Vacationists Year Around

Tryon, resort community in North Carolina's mountain-ringed Thermal Belt, is pushing back the barriers between "seasons" and attracting vacationists in the turn, mid-winter and summer as well as during its traditionally popular spring.

The Thermal Belt is a peculiar atmospheric condition that tempers both winter and summer, and makes autumn and spring very long. Scenery around Tryon, near the southernmost Appalachians, includes rolling farm and hunt country, bubbling mountains streams and waterfalls, and sharp blue peaks such as those of Tryon and Warrior Mountains. The autumn coloring is later than in areas of comparable altitude, frequently lasting until mid-November, when the sourwoods, dogwoods, oaks, maples, and hickories blanket the slopes with red and yellow. Giant white pines, boxwoods, spruce, and red-berried holly provide green for the winter.

In the spring, Tryon's dogwood and laurel turn the hillsides to pink and white, and wildflowers bloom in great profusion along the bridle paths which extend for many miles south and east of the village. Lake Lanier, with a surrounding cottage colony, is ideal for boating and swimming in summer.

George Cooksey, president of the Tryon Chamber of Commerce, says that increasing numbers of Tryon's seasonal visitors are either staying the year around or spending as much time as possible at their homes here no matter what the time of year. Cooksey, who with Miss Clara Edwards is co-owner and manager of the 85-year-old Oak Hall hotel, put the big white inn on a year-around basis of operation four years ago. Today the hotel attracts "American plan" guests all year, together with dining room patronage from business, club and social groups from the cities of Rutherfordton, Spartanburg, Greenville and a n d Shelby.

Described as a place "where people retire to do things" Tryon has none of the inertia sometimes associated with communities attracting retired people. Its colony of retired executives have turned their energies to equestrian sports, hobbies, community betterment and small local businesses. And their homes and farms, from simple cottages to elaborate estates, reflect their interest in landscape design, horticulture, and animal husbandry.

Many year-around residents of Tryon work in Rutherfordton or Spartanburg; others are associated with the thriving industrial plants located in and around the village. There are still others who are officially "in residence" at Tryon most of the year and commute by plane or train to their offices in northern or mid-western cities.

Late autumn finds the Tryon Riding and Hunt club and the famous Tryon Hounds beginning a season of sport which extends through the winter and officially closes with a round of horse shows, gymkhanas and the famous Block House steeplechase in April. Herbert S. Thatcher, retired textile executive who has been secretary of the Riding and Hunt club for 10 years, points out that Tryon appeals to those who like leisurely rides along scenic trails as well as fox hunters who enjoy the challenge of Tryon's incomparable hunting country. There are three good stables operated by the well known horseman J. Arthur Reynolds, as well as many privately owned pleasure horses and hunters. Even those who follow the hounds can ride around the big jumps if they wish.

The Tryon Country club is open all year, its nine hole golf course and tennis courts kept in excellent condition at every season and its swimming pool popular in summer. Many of the inns and cottages

William Gillette and Donald Culross Peattie are but a few of the famous personalities who have discovered Tryon as a place for both work and relaxation.

Tryon grapes, famous the world over, are still grown on the sunny slopes of Big and Little Warrior Mountains, but at present the supply scarcely meets the demand for table grapes, and the old wineries are not being commercially operated.

The village of Tryon has unusually varied shops and goods for a community of 2,000. You can buy everything from today's New York Times to tweeds leather goods direct from England; from imported herbs to

baskets woven by the mountain people. There are many beautiful churches, good schools, the Lane Library, a hospital, and a variety of civic clubs. Seth Vining has successfully published the Daily Bulletin as the "world's smallest daily" since 1928.

Transportation to and from Tryon is facilitated by good highways and direct rail service to northern and southern points. Within a few hours' drive are the rugged peaks of the Great Smokies, the mountain metropolis of Asheville, the neighboring summer resorts of Flat Rock, Saluda and Hendersonville, and the winter resorts of Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Swannanoa Residents

The students of the Swannanoa school will begin next week a circulation campaign to raise funds for use of the individual residents.

Watch the News next week for further and more detailed information.



RALEIGH Round-up

Predictions — Now that the election is over, let's take a look at some predictions which were made on the outcome in North Carolina. These have been served up to us during the past few days—and should make interesting conversation as they are compared with the actual vote.

First of all, there is Lynn Nisbet, pipe-smoking Raleigh reporter for the afternoon newspapers. He was one of the few scribes in North Carolina, or anywhere else for that matter, who predicted that Harry Truman would win in 1948.

Size — Here was his forecast last Friday as to the size of the vote:

"First of all, there will be the biggest vote ever cast in a state election, going well above the record of 839,435 in 1936 and far beyond the 793,209 of four years ago. The heavy registration reported during the past month and interest manifested at political meetings throughout the state indicate a total vote in excess of 900,000. It will be nearer a million, if the physical facilities at the 2,036 voting precincts can accommodate all the people who want to vote."

So said Nisbet with regard to the SIZE of the vote. Now check with your paper and see how his prediction stands up against the facts.

Another Nisbet statement: "Chances are there will be many precincts with unreserved waiting lines when the polls close at 6:30 Tuesday night."

125,000 To 150,000 — Nisbet said that Stevenson would win over Eisenhower for President by about 15 per cent of the total vote, the margin to be 125,000 to 150,000.

State Auditor Henry Bridges guessed last week that Stevenson would carry the state by 300,000 votes. With that statement, Bridges put himself out in front as to the margin of Adlai Stevenson's victory in North Carolina.

Attorney General Harry McMullan figured the Stevenson lead