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TWINKLES

The thumb tourists are heading South. Winter cannot be far away.

Anyway, give Hoover credit for appealing to more voters, in his Iowa speech, than any other candidate has ever done heretofore. He said that his major aim was to help those in debt, and just how few hundredths of one percent, does that lack of including the entire electorate?

THE BATTLE BEGINS

Locally there has been very little political activity since the Democratic run-off primary in July, but tonight and tomorrow Cleveland county Democrats begin their drive which they hope will result in an overwhelming victory in November. Tonight two speakers will be on a program at Fallston which is sponsored by the county organization of Young Democrats, and tomorrow, Saturday, in Shelby party leaders, meaning precinct chairmen and committeemen, are scheduled to gather to lay plans for the complete campaign. That means that this section is to hear very little other than politics for the next four weeks. The Republicans seldom ever do much public campaigning in this county, perhaps realizing that it would be wasted effort. A G. O. P. rally was held, however last week in the Three County Corners section, and the likelihood is that Chas. A. Jonas and perhaps Jake Newell will speak in the county before the November balloting, as leaders believe they have the best chance of what little chance the Republican party has this fall. But the Democrats seemingly intend to make up for whatever activity the Republicans do not help with. Bob Reynolds and J. C. B. Ehringhaus, both speakers of a type that draw and entertain the crowds, are scheduled to come to Cleveland, and naturally there will be numerous lesser lights. Anyway, beginning today, and with the rally tomorrow and the opening of the registration books adding more interest, we will during the month ahead be hearing much of politics—too much for some citizens who have been weaned of the habit of becoming overly aroused over such matters.

A "FORTY-LEVENTH" COUSIN

Names once meant something in politics, as in other walks of life, but that day, in this era of startling transformations, appears to be passing. In the nation we have a Roosevelt, a mighty word in Republican ranks, running for office on the Democratic ticket; and in North Carolina we have a Tillett, a name for a half century connected with fighting Tar Heel Democracy, running on the Republican ticket for lieutenant governor.

This development brings from the pen of Charles W. Tillett, veteran Charlotte barrister, writer and gentleman, a communication in which he would disassociate his branch of the Tillett family from that of the Republican Tillett. The communication, which appears in today's Star, packs the typical Tillett touch of satire and humor. It is doubtful if there is among the professional writing craft in North Carolina—and that we mean those of us who write for a livelihood as well as for entertainment—any one person who can hold a candle to the writing of North Carolina's 75-year-old Grand Old Man when he decides to deliver himself of views on a topic which, if he will pardon the late-day slang, is right down his alley. He makes it clear, in this particular instance, that this Republican Tillett is a cousin fifty-one degrees removed, or, in other words, a "forty-leventh cousin" to the Tillett who has battled for Democratic candidates and policies through fifty years and down through Al Smith and on to Roosevelt. But why say more about it? Let Mr. Tillett speak for himself in a column to the right on this page. And somehow we're hoping that circumstances will necessitate the usage of his conditional "aufwiedersehn" and that he will be "seeing us again."

WRITE YOUR OWN TICKET

In a new department recently inaugurated, under the heading of "Letters to the Editor," The Star is making it possible for readers to write their own ticket, if that phrase of the moderns may be employed in the sense of saying readers may there express their own views. Some of the views which may be expressed will perhaps differ with those of The Star, but they will be welcomed. The erudite editor of one of those numerous Shelby papers which was born to go the way of all things after a few months once invited his readers to express themselves in the open forum department, and his advice was that "if you care, you may say that the pope breakfasts thrice weekly on roasted Protestant babies; and if you are of the opposite school, you may say the present-day Protestants are even more intolerant than the puritanical pioneers who burned at the stake every person they believed touched by the black magic of witchcraft." The Star, however, does not go that

far. We desire no communications of a personal nature, or any of the type that will reflect upon the religion, morality and character of any other, and we reserve the right not to publish such. But views which contradict and oppose each other can be expressed in proper language, with the "both sides" to all questions presented forcefully without employing epithets and dirty digs.

With that understanding, what issue of the day, local or otherwise, do you desire to discuss? What do you think of the Shelby-Polkville road and the proposed routes? What chance will an independent candidate have in Cleveland county this year? Will Bob Reynolds run ahead or behind the ticket because he favors prohibition repeal? Should farmers hold or sell their cotton—that is, if they can hold? Who will be the next county accountant, and why? There are numerous questions of similar interest which are talked along the street and across the cotton rows. If you care to express those views publicly, The Star's letter-box is open. Write legibly and on one side of the paper and be brief.

Go head; write your own ticket!

IS AL COMING THROUGH?

"How are you, old potato?"

Over America there are thousands and thousands of Al Smith Democrats who are hoping that the greeting quoted above means the reuniting of a political friendship of the Damon-Pythias type which could mean much to the Democratic party—and would have meant much more had it come several months ago.

It was the manner in which Al Smith, 1928 Democratic presidential nominee, greeted Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 1932 nominee, when they met at the New York State convention. The two men shook hands a few minutes later and as they posed with their hands clasped while the photographers snapped them, Roosevelt said, "Al, this is from the heart," and the Man of the 1928 Brown Derby was quoted as endorsing the sentiment. The incident was typical of the Roosevelt sincerity which is fast winning the affection of American voters. Roosevelt insofar as the public knows has never held anything against his old friend Smith. They were rival candidates for the nomination, but Roosevelt at no time made any remark which reflected on his former colleague and later rival. But with the Roosevelt nomination and the Smith defeat, the latter seemed to hold ill-will against the victor. In the months that have passed, up until the incident referred to above, he has had nothing to say of or for Roosevelt. He did predict a victory for the Democratic party and declared it to be necessary to save the nation, but he did not mention Roosevelt by name. Now that they have shaken hands smilingly and expressed what they classed as sentiments from the heart, we, along with others who moved Smith lower in our scale of estimation than we ever hoped to, are more than ever hopeful that Al's pout is over. For the sake of a Democracy marching on to victory we would like to see Al putting his shoulder to the wheel of the friend he designates as "old potato" as the latter moves to the White House which was denied to the former. Roosevelt has meant much to Smith and Smith can mean much to Roosevelt if he will rekindle the old loyalty and zeal he exhibited four years ago.

SPREAD THE ROADS AROUND

Three different routings out of Shelby for the Polkville road have been submitted to the citizens to select between. Wednesday's issue of The Star carried an outline of these routings and the estimated cost of each. To branch off of No. 20 at the Dover mill is by far the cheapest route of the three proposed, for this route uses about two miles of No. 20 and shortens the distance to be constructed between the two terminals. There is another very important fact in favor of the cheaper route off of No. 20. It would serve more people. We have always contended that local roads should be constructed with due regard to the rights of the people who have built homes along roads that have been used for travel since our forefathers blazed them. True, the curves should be taken out, but all local roads should be built to conveniently serve the people who have settled along the route. We do not want to see the repetition of such foolish routing as was witnessed when No. 18 south was built.

Highway officials, when they visited Shelby and had a conference several weeks ago, stated that the route out Lee street by the pump station (present Polkville) road was more expensive than the Hopper's Park route; a straight route to Polkville. The basis of that statement was predicated, no doubt, on a new bridge and on relocating the road from Lee Street to the Dover Gin. The estimate of costs on this route as now proposed, is based on following the present road bed, maintaining the railroad crossings, etc. Hence it is unfair to compare the cost of the pump station route over the present road bed with the cost of an entirely new road out the Hopper's Park way.

Mr. Jeffress in his letter states that if the cheaper route (off of No. 20 at Dover and following the present road except for the elimination of curves) is accepted, he will use what money is saved toward the construction of the road from Fallston through Lawndale to Polkville and the road from Zoar through Sharon to Boiling Springs and possibly Cliffside. He stops here.

The business men of Shelby are intensely interested in seeing a road constructed to Grover via Patterson Springs and Earl if possible. These two thickly populated communities were ignored in the routing of No. 18 south and the business men of Shelby sympathize with them in their claims. If we should accept the cheapest route to Polkville, it should be specially understood that we will not only get the Lawndale road, the Boiling Springs road, but the Grover road as well. It is better to serve the several communities than spend all the road money on one or two projects.

LETTERS to the Editor

TILLET VS. TILLET;
DONKEY AND ELEPHANT.

To The Star:

"I see by the papers," as Mr. Dooley was wont to say, that the family of the late Teddy Roosevelt, whom president of the United States is angered that our democratic candidate is running for president under the name of Roosevelt, and they appear to think that he has no right to run for high office under that alluring name. They haven't suggested a remedy, but I assume that they either wish Franklin to withdraw as a candidate or to change his name pro hac vice (as the lawyers say) and campaign under the name of Franklin Delano Smith or perhaps Franklin Delano Brown.

Now, strange to say, I sympathize with the family of Teddy, him of the Big Stick. If you ask me "where fore?" I'll tell you.

I have been before the public here in North Carolina for nigh on to 50 years, assuming the role of supporter and defender of every democratic candidate since I carried Richmond county democratic for the first time in its history in 1884 when we elected Grover Cleveland president. I have ever since been a pestiferous democratic publicist even advocating Al Smith in the columns of every newspaper in the state that would publish my "stuff." By my writings as well as by political speeches too numerous to mention, I thought I had made the name of Tillett a synonym of the purest form of Jeffersonian democracy, in the state of North Carolina, at least.

Now comes upon the scene one Boone Tillett who is closer kin to Daniel Boone than he is to me; that is to say, he is my cousin fifty-one degrees removed, or in other words, my "forty-leventh" cousin. Everywhere I turn in North Carolina people are asking me the question: "What kin to you is this candidate for lieutenant-governor on the republican ticket?" You can see how annoying that is to an "old war-horse of democracy" as I call myself.

Soon after he was nominated, the aforesaid Boone stated to a reporter in Charlotte that both he and Frazier, their candidate for governor, were both in favor of a substantial modification of the Turlington act, and the bone-dry republicans forthwith jumped on him with both feet. At first he hesitated, then affirmed like a Quaker (which I understand he is) that he would stand by what he had said; but when he was informed that if those were his real sentiments he would have to retire as candidate, without delay he adapted his position to the requirements of the occasion. He promptly announced: "Oh, upon reflection I find the reporter in Charlotte got me down wrong; I never said it." When that occurred I wrote my excellent and highly esteemed friend, Frazier, a confidential note, now given to the public, in words and figures as follows, viz: "Clifford: When you republicans had so little sense as to nominate for high office a republican named Tillett you should have had sense enough at least to know that he would make an ass of himself. You got exactly what was coming to you." In reply Clifford "have not spoke yet."

And here comes Hon. Jake F. Newell, clearly seeing that Boone is about to break up his tea-party, and announces in no Sunday school language that Boone must get off the republican ticket as unworthy of the support of any decent republican; and later, when the bogie check and consequent extradition warrant came to light, Jake was even more vociferous in his demand and I understand (though I can't prove it) that Jake used some near cuss-words Sunday school or no Sunday school. If he did, I hope St. Peter dropped a tear and blotted out his transgression. Well, Jake, strength to your arm! I am with you on this point only, and I hope and expect that "Our Bob" will defeat you by at least 100,000 majority. But I want Boone to come off the ticket or change his name. Let the battle-cry be "Down with a republican ticket that bears the name of a Tillett!"; and if he persists in running, let us lick the stuffin' out'n him."

In conclusion: If Boone doesn't resign then "aufwiedersehn" which being interpreted is, "I'll see you again."

CHARLES W. TILLET.
Charlotte, Oct. 5, 32.

NO. DEMOCRATS
WOULD BE TOO LATE.

To The Star:

A headline in the papers the morning after the Hoover-address in Iowa read:

"Hoover Says Democrats Would Ruin U. S."

If that be the case, will Herbert please tell us what in the name of goodness is wrong with us now, if we're not already ruined?

Yours for electing an ex-president to sit with Coolidge.

C. H. REINHARDT.

Shelby, N. C.

Double Springs News Of Interest

Senior B. Y. P. U. Elects Officers.
Birthday Dinner For Mr. Bridges. Personal.

(Special to The Star.)

Double Springs, Oct. 6.—The senior B. Y. P. U. is doing splendid work. The following officers were elected Sunday evening: President, Woodrow Humphries; vice president, Shannon Hamrick; recording secretary, Susan Brooks; corresponding secretary, Reba Davis; treasurer, Mary Lee Harrill; quiz leader, Gailan Willis; chorister, Grady Davis; pianist, Etta Jones; group captains, Mrs. Dufaye Bridges, Blooma Wright, Maude Willis, Willbur Cabanis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bridges entertained with a birthday dinner on last Sunday honoring the former's father, Mr. Franklin Bridges. A large crowd was present and a bountiful dinner was served picnic style. Mr. Bridges is 79 years of age.

Mr. Emmaline McSwain of Shelby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Schieman McSwain of Beaver Dam community spent Sunday with Mrs. McSwain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brooks.

Those calling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Horne Sunday were: Mrs. Anna Bridges, Miss Ethel Bridges and Mrs. George Dover of Shelby.

Mr. M. D. Harrill of Double Shoals spent Friday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Rixie Harrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hawkins of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hawkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brooks are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Owens and children, Mrs. Francis Malone and son, Jack, of Shelby spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis.

Miss Faith Davis of Charlotte spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis.

Messrs. Woodrow and J. C. Humphries spent last week-end with Mr. Arthur Neal of Kings Creek, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Van McKinney of Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tate of Dover spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hamrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Navy of Dover spent the week-end with Mrs. Navy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Bridges.

Miss Annie Davis of Shelby and Miss Vela Covington spent Sunday

with Mrs. C. B. Greene.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hembree visited at the home of Catoon Hoopough of Lattimore Sunday.
Mr. W. W. Washburn spent Wednesday in Charlotte.
Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Edwards and son of Rockingham spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hamrick.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parker and

family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kate Parker of Casar.
Mrs. D. G. Washburn has been sick for several days.
Little Haroldine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McSwain, has been right sick.
Mrs. Yates Harrill and Mrs. Alford Falls visited Mrs. A. C. Edwards of Lawndale one day recently.

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