

ASK GOVERNMENT AID TO DESTROY "BLACK LEGION"

Big Registration Shows Interest In Hoey For Governor

Friends And Supporters Plan To Give Him Largest Vote Ever Cast In His Native County

Reflecting a keen interest in Clyde R. Hoey's candidacy for Governor of North Carolina, there was a rush to register Saturday, the like of which has never been seen in Cleveland county.

The registrars at the several polling places in Shelby were busy enrolling names and when the day's work was over, the reported largest registration in the history of local elections.

It is understood that the registration was heavy in the other precincts of the county, indicating a keen interest in Mr. Hoey's candidacy for Governor as well as a keen interest in several hotly contested local races for county offices.

Mr. Hoey Hopeful.

Mr. Hoey was at home for only a few hours Sunday, radiant with hope and confident that he is growing stronger every day. He is holding up well under the physical strain of delivering from 10 to 15 campaign speeches each week. His stay in Shelby was hardly long enough to catch up with his correspondence before leaving for his Raleigh headquarters Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, accompanied by Bob Thompson, in charge of publicity.

Local friends assured him that Cleveland will do much better than 10,000 plurality for Governor on Saturday June 6th. Hundreds of women who have not heretofore bothered themselves to go to the polls, put their names on the books for the first time. Young people to whom Mr. Hoey has an especial appeal are working for Mr. Hoey's success.

No local citizen could command the united support of Cleveland county people like Mr. Hoey. He holds the esteem and respect of men and women in every walk of life and wherever one goes, there is talk of politics and especially of

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County Needs Masons For PWA Projects

There is so much construction work going on in Cleveland county that there is a shortage of masons. The local re-employment service has made requisition for 12 brick masons from Gaston county to work on school houses being constructed under WPA projects in Cleveland county.

It is understood that the best masons are commanding 80 to 90 cents per hour for their work in Cleveland county.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, May 25.—The July position closed the week 6 points higher than preceding week, while new crops were irregular, with October 2 lower, Dec. 5 lower and Jan. 7 lower. Near month strength which was maintained through to final trading in May contracts has continued in July which has gained about 5 points since May went off the board. The AAA announced that of May 22 the pool held 248,500 bales of spot cotton and 442,700 futures. The New York Cotton Exchange service reports cotton manufacturing here and abroad much higher than a year ago, pointing out that domestic mill activity has been lifted materially by broader movement of heavy fabrics going into industrial uses. More confidence appears in the market for new crops at present levels and while near term trend may be undefined owing to irregularity in crop progress the long term trend appears higher.—E. A. Pierce & Co.

THE MARKETS Cotton, spot, 11 1/2 to 12 1/4 Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$27.00 Cotton seed, car lot, ton \$30.00

Close on New York cotton for today: Jan. 10.39, Mar. 10.44, May 10.43, July 11.46, Oct. 10.46, Dec. 10.40.

Get Instructions For Handling Vets Bonus Payments

Cleveland To Receive \$351,734.00

To Give Bonds In Person And May Get Cash Mailed Later.

Instructions were received at the Shelby post office today for the handling of the \$350,000 in baby bonds which will be delivered in person to the some 650 World War veterans within one week of June 15. Orders were issued direct from Postmaster General James A. Farley and similar instructions are going to 45,000 in the United States.

The bonds will be mailed out from the eleven main Federal Reserve centers in the nation (Atlanta for this district) and nearly all the vets will get their bonds at the same time.

650 Veterans.

Everett Houser, legion post commander said today there are from 600 to 650 veterans in the county, and if they receive the average for the state figures, their check will be for \$541.13 which will mean the sum of \$351,734.50 will come to the county. Some veterans will get more and some less, he said.

In commenting on how it will be spent a number of leaders and business men said they believed the huge sums will be spent wisely here. Most of the vets have families and will be able to invest the money to good advantage.

Instructions.

Instructions sent to local postal officials which give the veteran advice on what to do indicate that mail carriers have been given instructions to "go out of their way whenever necessary with a view to effecting delivery," Farley said. The bond packets must be delivered to the veteran in person and not to another person or firm at the veteran's address.

"If it is impossible to locate the veteran to whom the bonds are ad-

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Mrs. J. M. Hardin Cleveland Native Dies In Belmont

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at one o'clock at the Patterson Springs Baptist church for Mrs. J. M. Hardin, 64 year old resident of Belmont and for many years a member of the church, who died at her home Sunday at 6:30 following a declining period of illness.

Services will be in charge of Rev. Plato Hicks and interment will be in the Patterson Springs cemetery. Mrs. Hardin is survived by eleven children, 29 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The children are: Mrs. T. G. Howell, of Shelby, Mrs. Q. O. Goforth, of Crumorton; Mrs. Garland Weathers, Mrs. Aldon Helms, Plato, Cicero, Jim, Washburn, Robert and Aaron of Belmont and John of Gastonia. There are also two brothers and two sisters, Perry White of Shelby and Bill White of Blacksburg and Mrs. Ed Philbeck, Mrs. Jeff Runyans of Gaffney, S. C.

She was a native of Cleveland county, having been Miss Cordelia White before her marriage to Mr. Hardon who died about seven years ago.

Night Riders Of Hooded-Legion Blamed For 50 "Mystery Deaths"

DETROIT, May 25.—(AP)—The roundup of "night riders" of the hooded black legion spread today as officials directed their inquiry to reports a membership totaling 185,000 in Michigan alone may be responsible for some 50 deaths.

In Detroit Prosecutor Duncan C. McCrea, said murder warrants would be issued for seven men present at the "execution" of Charles A. Poole, young PWA worker, and said the prosecution would include as many as may be identified of some 50 persons present at a black legion meeting from which Poole, a non-member, was taken to his death.

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Here They Are



Roslyn Rossett One of the \$50 "baby bonds" issued in payment of the soldiers' bonus, one or more of which will be mailed to each of approximately 2,000,000 veterans, is being exhibited by Miss Roslyn Rossett of the federal bureau of engraving and printing.

New Road Between Kings Mtn. And Gastonia Finished

Concrete Pouring Finished And Road Will Be Opened For Traffic In 30 Days.

Workmen on the new Gastonia-Kings Mountain highway have finished pouring concrete on the new road and it is expected to be fully completed and open for use within the next 30 days, it was learned today.

Construction of the new road cost approximately \$245,000. It was financed with federal funds allocated to North Carolina for road construction. The new road was secured through the efforts of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, and Kings Mountain citizens, which four years ago began a campaign to secure its construction. Actual work on building the new highway began about a year and a half ago.

With all concrete work finished, practically all that remains to be done now is to smooth out the shoulders and put them in good shape.

Motorists can now ride over all but about a mile of the highway, which furnishes a beautiful scenic drive and considerably cuts the distance between Gastonia and Kings Mountain, forming an important new link in the state highway system.

Pneumonia Takes Gurlan Walker, 34 At City Hospital

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at the Boiling Springs Baptist church for Gurlan Walker, 34 year old prominent farmer of that community who died early Friday night at the Shelby hospital.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker and is survived by his parents, his wife who was formerly Miss Velma McGinnis, and three children. There are also four brothers and three sisters. They are: M. H. Walker of near Lattimore, Felton, Dulan and Foy J. Walker at home, Mrs. Garland Doty of near Lattimore, Miss Estelle Walker at home and Mrs. James Hamrick of Ellenboro. Death of Mr. Walker came as a sudden shock to the entire community and a large crowd of relatives and friends were present to pay respect and to make floral offerings commensurate with their esteem.

Say 135,000 Men In Michigan Are Members Of Body

Three Investigations Are Conducted

Prosecutor Says Poole Killed Because He Knew Too Much.

(By Associated Press)

DETROIT, Mich., May 25.—The Federal government will be asked to aid in a fight to "uproot and destroy the Black Legion," prosecutor D. C. McCrea said today. He also said those held had admitted Charles A. Poole, young PWA worker "was put to death because he knew too much." McCrea said the two confessed that their earlier statements that Poole was slain because he mistreated his wife were false and that the real reason was that Poole, a non-member had come into possession of secrets of the black-robed society.

Murder and kidnapping warrants were asked by Prosecutor D. C. McCrea today for 13 members of the Black Legion held here in the slaying of Charles A. Poole and for 12 John Does who may have attended the meeting at which Poole's "execution" was planned.

Discovery of Poole's bullet riddled body on a little traveled township road May 13 set in motion investigations which disclosed the existence of a widespread national organization with a reported membership of 135,000 armed men in Michigan alone.

Flogging Victims Much of the information came from flogging victims who responded to a published appeal by McCrea after the prosecutor had promised them protection and details of the night riding organization were obtained from literature seized in several raids.

At least three investigations are being conducted into the Black

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Henry Swink Gets A Prison Parole

Henry Swink has been absolved of any blame for the burning of Azor Pruett's barn in No. 11 township in 1935 and given a parole from state prison.

Swink was one of three convicted in Shelby in October 1935 superior court. He was sentenced for 10 to 15 years for having a part in the barn burning and Charlie Canipe and Raymond York were also given prison sentences for the same offense.

York gave a sworn statement after he was sent to the state prison farm, admitting his part in the crime and declaring that Swink was not guilty. When Sheriff Cline heard of the confession, he took it upon himself to look further into the case in the hope of winning a parole for Swink in the event that Canipe and York would make statements confessing the crime and absolving Swink from having any part in the matter. An affidavit was made here in the county jail from Canipe before he was taken to state prison and all papers submitted to the parole commissioner with the result that Swink is allowed to come home.

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Italy Marches To New Triumphs, This Time In Economics Field

ROME, May 25.—(AP)—Italy, under Premier Mussolini's orders began marching ahead today, aiming at new triumphs—this time in the economic field.

Immediately after Il Duce's latest declaration: "We will march just as straight ahead in the future," the kingdom's guilds and credit institutions marshaled their forces for the advance.

The European situation was still far from clear. There was bad blood between the Italian and English governments over the dum-dum bullet affair in which England charged an attempt was made to fabricate evidence that British firms supplied illegal ammunition to Ethiopia.

GOP Plans Final Drive To Wreck The New Deal

Seek To Replace Guffey Act



Already considering substitute legislation for the invalidated Guffey coal act, Senator Joseph F. Guffey, right, sponsor of the bill, and Representative J. Buell Snyder (both Dem., Pa.), managed to smile after the supreme court had ruled out the attempt to regulate the bituminous coal industry along lines of the defunct NRA. Attitude of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, was expected to be a big factor in determining whether immediate action toward a new law would be sought.

Worksheet Deadline In May 30; Grain Certification To Begin

Socialists Plan To Re-Organize After Downfall

CLEVELAND, May 25.—Within an hour after the national convention of the Socialist party voted down the right-wing "old guard" forces from New York and seated the leftist delegation led by Norman Thomas, the leader of the "old guard" announced yesterday it would organize a new party.

The convention, dominated by a coalition of leftists and the Wisconsin centrist forces, upheld the action of the national executive committee in suspending the charters of the "old guard" organizations before the new York primary, in which the leftists gained control.

The "old guard" delegation left the convention for a conference at its headquarters and, after a short discussion with rightist leaders from other states participating in the interstate caucus, the delegation leader, Louis Waldman, announced.

"As far as New York is concerned there can be no doubt we will form a new party.

"The organizations in the interstate conference will continue to cooperate with us. There has been no effort to urge them to leave the convention. They must report back to the members they represent."

These delegations, Waldman said, are from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maryland and Washington.

Final checking of worksheets for farmers who will share in the new farm program will begin May 30, according to county agent John S. Wilkins today. "I would advise that you see your community committee at his home before then, as that will be the absolute deadline."

The agent said he and the county committee are highly pleased with the response, and believes a large majority of Cleveland acres will be under the new program.

Announcement was also made today that Prof. A. D. Stewart, former assistant agent here, but now with the N. C. Crop Improvement association, will be here this week to begin work on the certification of grain.

Grain will be inspected and checked for (1) trueness to type, (2) freedom from noxious weeds and (3) maturity and care after it is harvested. Several thousand dollars worth of certified seed was grown in the county last year.

Mr. Wilkins said there is still grounds for the fear that all Cleveland crops will be greatly cut, due to the lack of rain the past five weeks.

MORGANTON TEACHERAGE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

MORGANTON, May 25.—Fire destroyed the superintendent's home owned by the Glen Alpine school district at Glen Alpine Friday morning on the day of commencement, with loss estimated at over \$3,000.

The frame building on the school campus occupied by the family of Superintendent Boyce Plaxco and two teachers, was a total loss and practically all contents were destroyed.

There was uncertainty over the attitude of the new French government, coming to power in June with the new chamber of deputies in which the people's front, "of socialists, radical socialists and communists" held a majority.

"Finally there was Italian feeling that the League of Nations might postpone consideration of the Italian-Ethiopian question from the council's June 16 special session until the autumn assembly, meanwhile continuing application of sanctions against Italy. In this case complete Italian withdrawal from Geneva was considered by informed sources as certain.

Democrats Holding Fire Until Later; Conventions Soon

Farley Is Called Good 'Spoils' Man

Civil Service Chief Says Farley Bought Votes With Treasury.

(By Associated Press)

-WASHINGTON, May 25.—Republicans today entered the final fortnight of pre-convention drives designed to obtain decisive support for various contenders for the presidential nomination.

Democrats, with their own political show to come later in June, were holding their fire for a time while the Republican National committee continued to concentrate against the New Deal.

In a statement made public today the committee described what it called the wrecking of the merit system of the civil service under the Roosevelt administration.

A committee pamphlet, written by Claude Babcock, former secretary of the Civil Service Commission, called Postmaster General James A. Farley a "good spoil master general."

Buying Votes

"He has bought a lot of votes with the United States treasury." As for other campaign developments the situation in New York continued to attract attention in view of Governor Lehman's announcement he would not run for re-election. Both President Roosevelt and Farley were in that state

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Carl Newman, 30 Dies At Hospital; Funeral Tuesday

Carl F. Newman, 30-year-old technician died at 12:30 today after a serious illness of five weeks and being gravely ill since Saturday. A series of hemorrhages, caused by stomach ulcers and other complications were said to be the cause of his death.

Funeral services for Mr. Newman had not been completed at 2:30 today, but are expected to take place here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Newman was a native of Black Creek, in the eastern part of the state, but had lived in Shelby most of the time since his marriage seven years ago to Miss Eva Grice of this city. She survives him with one daughter, Bebe, aged six years. Other relatives are Miss Alama Newman, registered nurse, of Shelby, a step-father and a number of step-brothers and sisters of Black Creek.

He was a nephew of Mrs. Bessie Gray who formerly operated a millinery shop in the city.

He was a quiet, unassuming young man and his death came as a shock to many friends made while he lived in Shelby.

Shelby Youth Wins Collegiate Medal

Horace McSwain, Shelby youth, was this week-end named winner of the annual N. C. State college declaration contest, marking the first time a freshman has ever won the coveted honor. The win will entitle him to a medal given for excellence in public speaking.

W. C. Rosser of Olivia took second, and Sam Morris of Albemarle third.

Another honor which came to McSwain was his election as secretary-treasurer of Pi Kappa Delta, national honorary forensic fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McSwain of Shelby.