

## LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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### Republicans Jubilant Over Gains

In the House, Senate and the States the results of the election last week catapulted the Republican Party back into the thick of the national political fight. While the party failed to come any where close to control of the House of Representatives, it scored notable gains in membership, both in the House and the Senate, and made distinct progress toward reclaiming state governments, G. O. P. Jubilant.

The Republicans have good cause to be jubilant. Their gains exceeded the expectations of practically all Democratic politicians and measured up to the maximum forecasts of newspaper writers. In the House, Republican strength was almost doubled, moving up from 88 to nearly 170. In the Senate, the Republicans at the next session will have at least eight new senators to add to the fifteen of the present Congress. In the election of governors, pronounced gains were recorded for the Republican Party. Whereas, the Party could claim only seven of the forty-eight governments before the election, the number will be more than doubled as a result of the vote last week.

Figured another way, the election cut the Democratic majority in the House from around 240 to about 80, and reduced the lead in the Senate from more than 60 to approximately 40. In addition to capturing control of new state governments, the Republicans also acquired innumerable local offices throughout the nation. These will help in strengthening of the Party machinery for the test that is certain to come in 1940.

### Trend Is Reversed

Moreover, Republican satisfaction is based upon the definite arrest of a trend to the Democratic Party which began in 1930 and culminated in the astonishing sweep of 1936. The next Congress will have fewer Democrats in the House than at any time since 1933. In the Senate, while the Democrats stay above the 1933 figure, it may be attributed to the fact that only one-third of the Senate was up for election.

Thus, reason the Republicans, the long overdue reaction to the Democratic triumphs of the past few years has arrived and, in its coming, has exhibited a force stronger than was expected. This is the solace that the Republicans get out of the election last week and the basis of some rosy hopes for 1940.

### Democrats In Power

On the Democratic side, it is pointed out that the country, on the basis of the election of members of the House of Representatives, remains safely Democratic. Realizing that their top-heavy strength for the past three congresses has been reduced, they assert that only once, in the last twenty-five congresses, has the Party possessed greater strength. Emphasizing their Party strength in the new Congress, they point out that in the last fifty years the Republicans, in their long control of the national government, could boast of a greater strength in the House in only three congresses.

Regardless of this reasoning on the part of the Democrats, however, the election disclosed a reversal of the trend which sent the Democratic Party to new highs. Once a trend is demonstrated by the voters, the presumption is that the trend continues. If the present trend, reflected in the election last Tuesday, continues for the next few years, it will inevitably mean the election of a Republican Congress and possibly a Republican President in 1940. This is what makes the Republicans feel so well and the Democrats a little anxious as they look to the future.

### Open Question

As stated earlier, the main issue in the election was whether President Roosevelt would retain the support of a majority of the members of Congress. This remains to be seen. Already it is apparent that independent action on the part of both houses of Congress has been greatly accelerated. Undoubtedly, conservative Democrats, if united with a solid Republican vote, can curb the President's leadership. If the President and his Party unite on a program, then the control of the Congress is certain and nothing that the Republican minority can do will be effective.

It will be interesting to watch the next session of Congress to observe whether there will be a division among the members of both parties on basis of the Liberal vs. Conservative fight. Both parties have this problem. Each is divided into what might be called two factions, with the one leaning toward liberalism and the other towards conservative principles. It is conceivable that an issue may arise, in line with the President's recent political leadership, that will cause the parties to divide on the basis of fundamental liberal-conservative issue. This would mean that conservative Democrats and conservative Republicans would be on one side, and liberal Democrats and liberal Republicans on the other. Just what strength such a vote would have no one can say at this time.

The election last week was a mid-term election and should be judged on its own merits. The results of 1938.

every mid-term election since 1870 has registered a loss for the party in control. That the Democrats expected some losses is a fact; that their losses exceeded their expectations is also true. The Republicans, on their part, expected strong gains but are delightfully surprised at the extent of their realizations.

The President and his New Deal, to some extent, was the general issue in the national elections. Apparently, the voters, or at least a majority of them, continue to look to the Democrats for national leadership. Nor is there any room to dispute the conclusion that the Democratic Party, as a whole, lost distinct ground last week.

### Girls At Woodville Organize Auxiliary

A Junior Girls Auxiliary was organized at Woodville Baptist Church on Sunday, November 6. Miss Beulah Bogue was appointed counselor by the Woman's Missionary Society. The following officers will serve for the year: President, Miss Mildred Bogue; vice president, Miss Marguerite Cooke; secretary, Miss Frances Anne Cooke; treasurer, Miss Nannie Mae Perry; membership chairman, Miss Millicent Willey; program chairman, Miss Daphne Godfrey; personal service chairman, Miss Alpha Bette Godfrey; social chairman, Miss Peggy Cooke; poster chairman, Miss Velma Frances Godfrey; pianist, Miss Daphne Godfrey.

An interesting program was rendered with Misses Mildred Bogue, Daphne Godfrey and Nannie Mae Perry taking part.

Mrs. J. A. Bray dismissed the gathering, which will assemble again on the first Sunday in December.

### COTTON PAYMENTS

Price adjustments and soil conservation payments will bring in more total money to Lenoir County farmers than will the cotton harvested as present yields now indicate an average per acre of only 150 pounds of lint.

### LILY GARDEN

Mrs. M. W. Mackie, of Yadkinville, Yadkin County, is making final preparations for planting a lily garden with a variety of types and colors. She says a variety of beautiful flowering plants afford a much needed diversion for the farm housewife.

### Shame on the History Teacher

The proud mother of a promising son met some friends at a party. "By the way, Mrs. Wendt," inquired one, "how did your boy get on at his last examination?" "Not well at all. They had the nerve to ask him about things that happened before he was born."

A SMALL AD HERE WILL BRING RESULTS

## Red Cross Seeks Cut In Accident Toll

1,725,406 First Aiders Trained Since 1910

Cognizant of tremendous losses in human lives and of permanent injuries resulting from accidents in homes, on farms and highways, and around industrial plants as well as in the basement workshop, officials of the American Red Cross have been directing a systematic fight against what they term "this economic waste."

As part of this nation-wide effort to reduce deaths and permanent injuries from accidents, a recent statement from Red Cross headquarters in Washington reports that during the past 12 months certificates have been granted to 295,028 persons completing courses in the administration of Red Cross first aid.

Holdings of these certificates have followed detailed courses of study and have been taught how to splint fractured limbs, stop flow of blood, treat poison sufferers, care for victims of heat, electric shock, and handle other common emergency situations. The courses emphasize methods of caring for patients until professional medical aid can be summoned to scenes of accidents.

Since 1910, the report reveals, 1,725,406 persons have received this training from qualified Red Cross instructors, and at the present time 20,429 persons are qualified to give such instruction.

Bringing help nearer scenes of possible accident, 2,454 emergency first aid stations have been established to strategic locations on principal highways throughout the nation, operators of the stations receiving the prescribed Red Cross instructions and maintaining full first aid equipment on the spot.

### "PERFECT BOY"

London.—A 9-year-old British boy, hailed as the "most perfect boy" by leading physiologists, weighs 59 pounds and stands 4 feet, 4 inches. The boy eats no meat, fish, eggs, or bread, and walks ten miles daily before breakfast.

### FATAL FIGHT OVER CANDY

Kansas City.—In a scuffle over a piece of candy, William Karnes sustained a broken neck and died and Frank Wilson, 55, was charged with second-degree murder. Both are inmates of the Jackson County Home for the Aged.

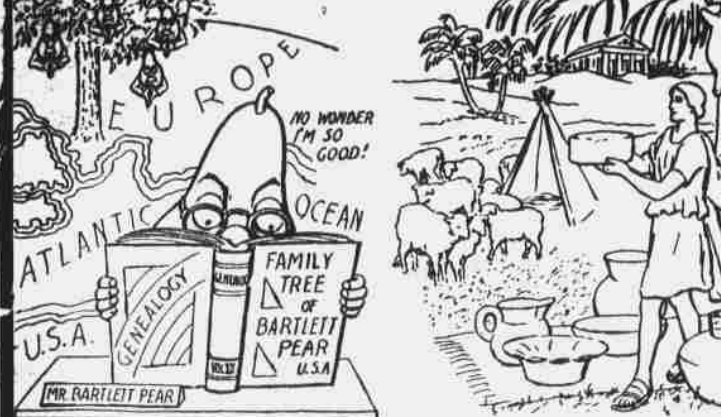
### GOING UP

The U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics expects poultry marketings during 1939 to exceed those of 1938, in the first half of the year because of the heavy 1938 hatch, and in the last half because of the expected further increase in the 1939 hatch.

### HYDRAULIC RAM

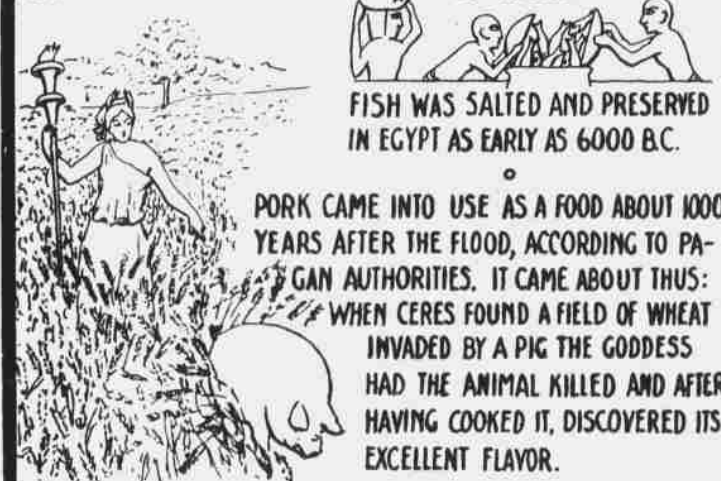
A hydraulic ram installed by Edgar Shields of the Hothouse Community in Cherokee County is delivering a flow of 864 gallons of water every 24 hours to his home 90 feet up a hill and 1300 feet away from the ram. Water from three springs has been consolidated into the flow.

## FOODS, FACTS and FOIBLES



THE BARTLETT PEAR—MOST POPULAR VARIETY IN THIS COUNTRY—HAS AS ITS ANCESTOR, THE "BON-CHRÉTIEN," OR "GOOD CHRISTIAN" PEAR OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

THE GREEKS BELIEVED THAT ARISTAEUS, A DEMI-GOD, SON OF APOLLO AND KING OF ARCADIA, INVENTED CHEESE.



FISH WAS SALTED AND PRESERVED IN EGYPT AS EARLY AS 6000 B.C.

PORK CAME INTO USE AS A FOOD ABOUT 1000 YEARS AFTER THE FLOOD, ACCORDING TO PAGAN AUTHORITIES. IT CAME ABOUT THIS: WHEN CERES FOUND A FIELD OF WHEAT INVADED BY A PIG THE GODDESS HAD THE ANIMAL KILLED AND AFTER HAVING COOKED IT, DISCOVERED ITS EXCELLENT FLAVOR.

### FAMOUS GOURMETS OF HISTORY

THE DUC D'ESCARS, WHO WAS GRAND MAITRE D'HOTEL FOR LOUIS XVIII, IS SAID TO HAVE DIED OF A BROKEN HEART BECAUSE HE HAD NOT GIVEN HIS NAME TO A SINGLE DISH.

### URNS DOWN 25 JOBS

Grand Island, Neb.—G. H. Reis has a hobby—turning down jobs. He has taken many civil service examinations and has declined 25 jobs in the past few years. He is an instructor in a business college.

### SMALL SHEEP CROP

The number of sheep on farms in North Carolina January 1, 1938, estimated at 62,000 was the smallest of any year on record except 1912, reports the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

### 6 PER CENT FOR DOCTOR

Medical services for the farm family represent about 6 percent of the cost of all goods and services required for farm family living, the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics found in a recent survey.

### UNCHANGED

The U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that world consumption of American cotton in the 1938-39 season is expected to show little change from the 10,000,000 bales consumed last year.

## WHO KNOWS?

1. How many persons are eligible to vote in the United States?
2. When did Italy and Great Britain sign their agreement?
3. When was the Nine-Power Treaty signed?
4. What did Czechoslovakia lose in the recent surrender of territory?
5. How many trade treaties have been signed?
6. How does our foreign trade compare with that of 1933?
7. When is "Navy Day"?
8. What will the new navy dirigible cost?
9. What does it cost to take a census, such as that scheduled for 1940?
10. How many people go to the movies?

### THE ANSWERS

1. 54,324,930.
2. On April 16, 1938.
3. At Washington, in 1922.
4. 16,200 of her 55,000 square miles; 4,800,000 of her 15,300,000 population.
5. Eighteen.
6. Is is about twice as much.
7. October 27th.
8. Not more than \$3,000,000.
9. About \$50,000,000.
10. An estimated 85,000,000 persons a week.

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