

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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F. D. R. HOLDS UP THE RACE. HITTING THE NEW DEAL. THE REPUBLICAN JOB TWO SIDES PRESENTED. ROOSEVELT MIGHT RUN FORCASTERS AT WORK. WELLES IN EUROPE PANAMA CANAL DEFENSE.

The political situation in the United States, some eight months before the presidential election of 1940, is dominated by the uncertainty which revolves around the intentions of President Roosevelt. Not only are prospective Democratic candidates baffled, but even the Republicans find it difficult to chart their course until they know what the President intends to do.

In about three months, the Republican Convention begins in Philadelphia and the present prospect is that the Party will gather without having accurate information as to the President's plans. The election of a candidate and the framing of a Party platform must be undertaken, unless something happens in the meantime, without knowing whether President Roosevelt will attempt to break tradition and secure a third term and without too much information as to exactly what will be the campaign position of the Democrats.

For the present, the aspirants for the Republican presidential nomination are making their views known to the voters and are liberally canonizing the New Deal in general. In fact, this strategy on the part of the GOP hopefuls tends to make the New Deal the issue of the campaign regardless of what the Democrats may do. These tactics, however, are pretty sound because it is almost an inevitable conclusion that the Democrats will have to stand on the record of the New Deal. For the Democrats to do otherwise would be to commit political hari-kari.

From a political standpoint, the Republicans must convince the voters of the country that the New Deal has been a failure, that the condition of the country today is worse because of Roosevelt's policies, and that such recovery as has been recorded is much less than the country had a right to expect from a capable and efficiently administered government. Unless these arguments can be put over convincingly, all that the Democrats would have to do is to nominate a New Dealer and let him ride to the White House on the record of the present Administration.

Republican attacks upon the New Deal have stressed the present unemployment and the problems besetting the nation in 1940. Instead of comparing present statistics with those for 1933, the Republicans present comparisons designed to show that seven years of the Roosevelt Administration have not been as beneficial for the nation as the preceding seven years of Republican rule. Naturally, defendants of the Administration speak lightly about the pressing problems of today, including employment and the continued need for farm aid, preferring to stress the progress made by the nation since it hit the bottom of the depression.

It is generally assumed that President Roosevelt can have the Democratic nomination if he will take it. There are two conditions which, it is believed, would lead him to accept the nomination and become a candidate again.

If there is a conviction in the minds of Democratic leaders that the Republicans are making progress in their attacks upon the Administration's accomplishments and that the Party faces probable defeat with a lesser figure heading the ticket, President Roosevelt would lead the fight for the retention of the reforms and policies which he has inaugurated.

The other condition relates to foreign affairs and the situation in Europe. With nearly four months to go before the Democrats meet in Chicago, it is impossible at this time to know what the situation will be in the outside world, but it is generally believed that the President might be persuaded to run again in order to protect the interests of this country in the midst of world turmoil and to prevent, if possible, our involvement in the struggle.

Between now and the election, politicians, newspaper men and candidates, together with millions of citizens of this country, will eagerly watch developments and attempt to forecast the outcome of the voting. The Party managers will attempt to frame issues to win votes and there will be amazing activity on the part of those who "point with pride" and others who "view with alarm." This is characteristic of American political campaigns which generally show little moderation in passing judgment upon public issues but often exhibit considerable fence-straddling, buck-passing and issue-dodging on the part of active candidates.

Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, last week continued his pilgrimage through Europe and should wind up his series of conferences during the present week, unless developments lead him to prolong his stay in the hope of securing some

decided gain in the interest of peace. While no official information is available, it is probable that Mr. Welles was sent abroad as a scout, to feel out the contending forces and to test the accuracy of peace rumors and other reports received in this country.

It may be presumed that there was some reason for his trip abroad regardless of how little the public may know about the facts which led to his journey. There may be reasons to expect definite results, but so far as this writer is concerned, they will remain in the realm of imagination until definite announcement is made.

President Roosevelt, upon his return to the capital after his vacation cruise, stressed the necessity for the construction of a third set of locks at the Panama Canal. He expressed belief that the additional facilities would be needed to handle Canal traffic if and when the establishment of peace is followed by increased world commerce.

The President denied that his proposal to double defenses of the Canal would entail the use of territory that is not now under jurisdiction of this country, but explained that in the event of war, there is a complete understanding between all American republics on the joint defense of the waterway, through such instruments as the Lima and Panama Conference declarations.

Payments To Be Made For Mulching Trees

North Carolina farmers will be allowed a practice payment of \$1.50 under the 1940 agricultural conservation program for mulching their bearing orchards, according to H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College.

Two tons of air-dried straw or an equivalent in mulching material, excluding barnyard and stable manure, will be required per acre. The material must be hauled into the orchard and may consist of straw, hay, leaves, wood shavings, or other organic matter which has a good water-holding capacity.

Payment will not be allowed if any of the mulching material or material produced on the orchard land in 1940 from grasses, legumes, or cover crops is taken from the land.

Niswonger explained that the material should be thick enough to check the growth of grass or other vegetation. Likewise, it should be applied not closer than two feet from the trunk of the tree and as far out as the branches extend.

The quantity of mulch to apply to each tree at the rate of two tons to the acre will depend upon the size of the tree or the spread of its branches. Most North Carolina apple orchards average 50 trees to the acre.

If straw or similar material is used, each tree will require approximately one bale, or 70 to 80 pounds, if the trees are of medium size. Small bearing trees may require less than one bale, and large mature trees may need two to three bales.

Mulching aids bearing fruit trees by maintaining a supply of moisture, preventing erosion, improving the size and color of the fruit, and providing an abundance of humus or organic matter for the soil.

Weekly Market Report

POULTRY AND EGGS

Courtesy Division of Markets

N. C. Dept. of Agriculture

Eggs, per dozen—Hennery whites, 14-18; hennery browns, 14-17; current collections, 12-15.

Live Poultry, per lb.—Rocks, 13-15; reds, 13-15; mixed colors, 13-14; light breeds, 12-13.

R. S. Jordan Moves Appliance Store To Larger Quarters

Fifth In a Series "Reviewing Hertford Businesses"; One of Town's Newest

The electrical appliance business of R. S. Jordan is less than three years old. It is one of the town's younger businesses, yet in that space of time, it has moved from its original location on Market Street to larger, more sumptuous quarters in the Shannonhouse building on Church Street.

Looking back to The Perquimans Weekly's Bridge Opening Edition on August 26, 1938, even then it is noted that Jordan's was one of the most attractive and most complete specialty stores in this section.

Since that time, during which Mr. Jordan moved to the larger place on busier Church Street, the business has enjoyed steady growth and expanded to take in electrical contracting, plumbing and heating. Mr. Jordan is a Winfall young man of considerable electrical genius and experience.

The repair department, as in the Market Street place in days of yore, is located in the rear of the new location where Mr. Jordan and his force of two helpers carry on the business of putting ailing radios and other electrical appliances back in first class condition.

A visit to the store is a treat not only in the number of familiar trade names to be found there, General Electric, Frigidaire, etc., but any ambitious housewife is in heaven among the shiny fixtures, percolators, toasters, heaters, silent refrigerators and other electrical devices. They are all temptingly displayed.

Recently, with the return to popularity of the old-time phonograph, now a modern thing of beauty in spectacle and tone, Jordan's has installed a stock of phonographic recordings, boasting music by the old-masters as well as the newer swing bands.

Jordan's, ultra-modern in every respect, from arrangement to stock, is outstanding in its line of merchandise and service.

Funeral Services Held For B. F. Jordan Last Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for B. F. Jordan, 68, who died at his home last Saturday morning after a short illness, were conducted Sunday afternoon at his home near Bagley Swamp by his pastor, the Reverend J. T. Byrum.

Pallbearers were Alton Winslow, Ray Jordan, Mathas and Othneil Jordan, Johnnie Winslow and Othneil Boyce.

Interment was in the family plot near Ryland. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Think of the Home Over There," and "Goodnight" were sung by friends of the family. The casket was covered with a pall of white Easter lilies, carnations, pink rosebuds and ferns.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Margaret White Jordan, five daughters, Miss Anna Jordan, Mrs. Othneil Boyce, Mrs. Johnnie Winslow, Mrs. Alton Winslow, all of Hertford, and Mrs. T. W. Sanidas, of Norfolk, Va.; three sons, Alvin Jordan, of Hertford, Mathas Jordan, of Newport News, Va., and Othneil Jordan, of Smithfield, Va.; two brothers, N. E. Jordan, of Ryland, and George Jordan, of Baltimore, Md.; 18 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Jordan was a faithful member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

PEANUT REPORT

Virginia-North Carolina Section: The movement of farmers' stock peanuts has been light, but the market has shown little reaction to the downward trend of the market for cleaned and shelled peanuts. Prices can be quoted as follows, delivery point basis:

Virginias, Jumbos, best 3 1/2-4c, few 4 1-8c, medium 3 1/2-3 5-8c; Bunch, best 3 1/2, few 3 7-8c, medium 3 1/2-3 5-8c; shelling stock, best 3.40-3 5-8c, few 3 1/2c, medium 3 1/2-3 3-8c. Spanish farmers' stock \$1.00-1.05 per 30-lb. bushel.

The market for shelled and cleaned peanut shas weakened, apparently in an effort to increase the movement into trade channels, but demand continues quiet on the whole. Some millers are endeavoring to maintain prices, and this results in a wide price range that is irregular because some millers who are lower than other shellers on certain grades are higher on other grades. No. 2 Virginias are so scarce that some mills are withdrawing quotations on them.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Minnie Costen White Missionary Society of New Hope Methodist Church held the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Mattie Simpson on Thursday afternoon, with ten members present. Mrs. C. W. Griffin, the president, presided.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung and Mrs. J. W. Haskett offered prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read; pledge cards were passed and dues amounting to \$5.60 were collected. The leaflet, "Isabella Thoburn, Creator of Ideals," was read.

Mrs. J. E. Sawyer was elected delegate to the Missionary Conference to be held in Henderson on April first, with Miss Vida Banks named as alternate.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Robbins, who also presented Stewardship. The meeting was dismissed with a prayer of benediction by Mrs. Robbins.

The hostess served delicious fruit and sweets.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell, Miss Eunice Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. James Harrell attended services at Hurdletown on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. J. H. Harrell also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benton visited Mr. and Mrs. Smilo Pritchard, of near Elizabeth City, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Benton and son, John Marvin, of Old Neck, Mrs. G. J. Barcliff, Miss Marie Barcliff, Alton and Norman Barcliff, of Nixonton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell.

Mrs. Ralph Harrell attended the funeral of A. W. Stanton, of Nixonton, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sawyer and family, of Old Neck, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Whedbee accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. L.

Harrell, of Norfolk, Va., motored to Durham Monday. They carried the Mr. and Mrs. Whedbee's baby daughter to Duke hospital for examination.

Miss Annie Mae Matthews, of Hertford, Luther Whedbee, of Route Three, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Saunders, of Weeksville Road, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood and Mrs. Sallie B. Wood Sunday evening.

WINFALL CLUB MEETS

The Winfall Home Demonstration Club met last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Sr., at her home near Winfall.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Effie Miller. "A Song of the Open Country" was sung and the Collect was repeated. Mrs. Irvin Trueblood was in charge of the program and the following members took part: Mrs. E. N. Miller, Mrs. Carl Godwin, and Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Sr.

Miss Frances Maness and Miss Bryant gave demonstrations on styles and Farm Home Business Center.

The hostess served delicious refreshments to the following: Meadames E. N. Miller, Kenneth Miller, T. J. Nixon, Sr., Joel Hollowell, Carl Godwin, Carlton Whedbee, Irvin Trueblood Effie Miller, and Harold Hurdle and Misses Esther Perry, Frances Maness and Miss Bryant.

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WHITESTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stallings, of Sandy Cross, and Pentress Winslow were guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Arba Winslow on Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Dale and daughter, Rebecca, of Murfreesboro, were week-end guests of Mrs. Dale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker.

Mrs. Linwood Hobbs and children, of Cumberland; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Winslow, of Winfall, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie E. Winslow Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Moxey Winslow and Sammie Riddick spent Thursday in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Winslow and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lane.

Clyde Lane and Miss Daisy Matthews spent Sunday in Murfreesboro with Mr. and Mrs. Willie White.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lane visited Mr. and Mrs. John Stallings, at Belcross.

BEAUTIFUL EASTER PICTURE IN FULL COLOR

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NOTICE!

MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

The Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County will meet as the Board of Equalization and Review in the Court House on Monday, March 18, 1940, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of the equalization of property values, and said Board will adjourn from day to day until this work is completed.

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