

## LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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**CAMPAIGN NEARS END. RESULTS DISCUSSED. F. D. R. TALKS THE STUMP. PREDICTIONS CONFLICT. MINORITY PATRIOTISM. MORE AID TO CHINA. FAR EAST IS QUIET. JAPAN'S BLUFF FAILS. TOKYO PONDERERS U. S.**

With the entry of President Roosevelt into the ranks of active campaigners last week, the political campaign has reached a new intensity. Until the voting is completed next week, and the results made known, there is every likelihood that the bitter intensity will equal anything that we have seen in American politics for many years.

It appears that considerable effort is being made, on both sides, to convince the people of this country that the election of one candidate, or the other, will mean peace and the success of his opponent will mean war. This is interesting in view of the fact, that in general terms, the foreign policy of each candidate is about the same. Consequently, the question of war or peace for the United States will be decided by the reaction of Germany, Italy and Japan to the assistance that this country renders to Great Britain and China.

While President Roosevelt continues to have the superior position insofar as it is reflected by the consensus of polls, there is no way to tell whether any groundswell exists in favor of either candidate. The radio addresses and the newspaper headlines give us the highlights of political activity, but they do not plumb popular feeling.

It is impossible to know, for example, just how effective the speeches of Mr. Willkie have been. Whether they have convinced millions of Americans that his election is necessary is an unknown factor that will not clear up until after the voting.

In much the same way, there is no accurate method of determining whether the President has managed to retain the immense popularity that swept him into office in 1932 and 1936. This unknown, likewise, will remain uncertain until after the voting.

Republicans generally hailed with glee the announcement that President Roosevelt would make a series of political speeches, asserting that the President recognized the drift to Willkie and found it necessary to take measures to offset the drive of the Republican candidate. Democratic supporters, on the other hand, relied upon the statement that the President followed an early announcement and that his action was designed only to answer systematic and deliberate "falsification of facts" that have appeared in the campaign.

As the campaign comes to a close, there is hardly any way for the non-partisan observer to predict the result with any positive assurance. While the present odds continue to favor the President's re-election, the possibility exists that dissatisfaction among certain elements of our population, affected by the European War situation, may exert considerable influence upon the outcome.

Last minute reports from political observers in the fields usually reflect the views of the reporters. This is the case with newspaper writers whose reports are usually in line with the editorial opinions of the newspaper they represent. This is the case with political workers, especially so far as any public pronouncement is concerned.

Of course, inside reports that are kept confidential may differ, but few Americans are naive enough to expect any politician to admit that his opponent has a chance. Before this column appears again, the election will be over and the people of the United States will know who will be their Chief Executive next January.

In spite of the recriminations which have marked the campaign and the ill-feeling which has undoubtedly been aroused, there is no reason to suspect that permanent injury has been done to the American Republic. After all, our political battles are hard-fought, but when the balloting is over, the vast majority of Americans can be counted upon to accept the results.

This is the sole justification of a democracy. The minority, beaten in the election, must patriotically accept the will of the majority and cooperate in behalf of the common good. Unless the minority is willing to do this, democratic government is inevitably perish from the face of the earth.

Federal Loan Administrator Jesse Jones recently conferred with T. Soong, president of the Bank of China, in order to facilitate further loans to China in exchange for deerskin products needed by the United States. Mr. Jones made it clear that financial aid will be increased if the Japanese-harried Chinese nation would be obtained. Mr. Soong did not disclose what China intends to do but pointed out that his country needed no trucks. The probability is that the money will be used to secure gasoline, munitions and equipment. China, it is thought,

can handle the problem of small arms and small arms ammunition.

The general situation in the Far East apparently reflects Japanese apprehension over American rearmament and something like consternation over possible counter strokes which might be taken if Japanese militarism advances in the South Pacific. While it is possible that the ruling group in Japan may be unable to accept a policy of retreat and thus abandon their extremist expansionist plan, the military and naval factors involved seem to demand caution in Tokyo.

With the bulk of the Japanese Army fired in its three-year-old war in China, the Japanese nation is hardly in a position to challenge the United States, much less a possible combination of Western nations. Reports from Hongkong disclose that necessary spare parts for American submarines have been shipped to the British port for storage against possible use. Officials, in this country, we understand, declare that Hongkong represents practically the only safe place of storage and that no particular significance attaches to the shipment of spare parts which was made several months ago. Just the same, experts point out that a fleet of submarines, based on Hongkong, might be able to interrupt the Japanese supply line to China and possibly cut off the source of supplies from Japan upon which the Japanese Army of invasion depends.

There is some reason to believe that Japanese officials, in joining hands with Germany and Italy, were resorting to a desperate bluff in the hope that the United States would become alarmed and abandon resistance to Japan's New Order in the Far East. The reaction in the United States was strong enough to convince Japanese that there would be no appeasement and, consequently, the outcome of developments in the Pacific would depend almost entirely upon the future action of Japan. The Japanese know that their bluff has been called. The only consolation that they have managed to get so far is the suspicion, that, perhaps, the United States may be bluffing. This conclusion rests upon the dangerous premise that, upon no condition, would the United States invite a war with Japan.

## Beer Industry Still Continues Clean-up Campaign In State

Continuation of the beer industry's nationally acclaimed self-regulation "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee for another 12-month period has been authorized by the United Brewers Industrial Foundation, the sponsoring organization.

The action followed a progress report to the directors and membership of the foundation at its annual meeting in St. Louis last week by Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, state director in charge of the North Carolina program.

The foundation, sponsor of similar programs in 13 other states, was told of the progress of the action campaign of Director Bain's committee to protect for citizens of North Carolina the social, temperate and economic benefits of the state's \$10,500,000 legal beer industry.

The report cited that 132 objectionable beer dealers in North Carolina had been forced out of the retail beer business as a result of the "clean up or close up" campaign.

The purpose of the Foundation is to bring a greater public knowledge of the social and economic aspects of beer and brewing and a correct interpretation of the industry's activities.

The Foundation's research shows that beer contributes more than a million dollars a day in public revenues—has contributed two and a half billion dollars in seven and a half years since re-legalization; has distributed general business benefits totaling more than twelve billion dollars through the retail sale of beer in all 48 states; and now gives employment to more than a million persons in all branches of the brewing and allied industries. A visual dramatization of this record is shown this week in the exhibit or view at the triennial exposition or brewing materials and machinery at the Municipal Auditorium, held under the auspices of the Master Brewers' Association of America.

## WOODVILLE NEWS

Mrs. S. D. Banks and Mrs. Alonza Barolift, of New Hope, attended services at Woodville Church Sunday. William and Warren Bogue, Misses Beulah and Mildred Bogue attended Miss Helen Davis' birthday party Friday evening at Four Forks. Mrs. Luchatt, of Monticello, at-

tended preaching services at Woodville Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Winslow and son, of Hertford, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bogue. Miss Mildred Bogue returned to Hertford with them and was their overnight guest.

Miss Beulah Bogue spent Friday night with Miss Helen Davis at Four Forks.

Jesse Gurkin and Jason Jackson, of Plymouth, and Miss Beulah Bogue were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heywood Humphries and Miss Gezelda Godfrey, in Norfolk, Va., Sunday.

## Hillside Test Shows Value Of Cover Crop

Winter is approaching and that means the loss of soil on farms where the land is not protected with a cover crop. To prove to farmers the value of a winter cover crop in soil and water conservation, a number of county farm agents of the State College Extension Service are cooperating with other agencies in conducting hillside tests to accurately measure the loss of soil and plant food as a result of erosion.

One such test is being conducted in Franklin County, on the farm of H. F. Fuller of Louisburg, Route 1. A recent Farm Tour, held cooperatively by the Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, Farm Security Administration and other agencies, showed the following results, according to Farm Agent W. C. Boyce.

In two plots where cotton and corn have been grown continuously since 1937, with no winter cover crop, the silt boxes at the bottom of the hill collected 44 tons of soil per acre per year. In another plot, where lespedeza has been grown continuously, no soil was lost during the same period.

In two other plots, where corn and cotton have been grown, and crimson clover used as a winter crop, the annual loss of soil per acre from the 7 percent slope was 38 tons. But where a four-year rotation of cotton, corn and barley was planted, with lespedeza, crimson clover and barley as winter cover crops, the annual loss of soil per acre was only 7 tons.

Boyce also reported that in 1939 the corn yielded 31 bushels per acre on the plot where corn has been grown continuously, 51 bushels per acre where it was grown in a two-year rotation, and 53 bushels per acre where it was grown in a four-year rotation. In 1940, barley grown in the four-year rotation yielded 55 bushels per acre.

## Newport News Couple Married By Justice Of Peace T. E. Raper

Wm. C. Phillips and Rose Tyree, white couple of Newport News, Va., were married here Saturday evening by Justice of the Peace T. E. Raper.

## CENTER HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner and children, Robert and Peggy, and T. H. Byrum spent Sunday with relatives in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erskine, Jr., and Mrs. Ralph Erskine, Sr., of Gardiner, Maine, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lane, parents of Mrs. Erskine, Jr.

Mrs. Ray Carter and son, Olan, of Richmond, Va. are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Privott, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Privott and daughter, Frances, of Green Hall, visited Mr.

## TAYLOR THEATRE

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Friday, Nov. 1—Regular Adm. Bing Crosby and Mary Martin in "RHYTHM ON THE RIVER"

Saturday, Nov. 2—Regular Adm. On Our Stage In Person TEX DEAN AND HIS CAREFREE COWBOYS From WSM Grand Old Opry — On the Screen Roy Rogers in "COLORADO"

Sunday, Nov. 3—Regular Adm. Dick Powell and Ellen Drew in "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" Also Latest March of Time

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 4-5—Regular Admission—

Dorothy Lamour and Robert Preston in "MOON OVER BURMA"

Wednesday, Nov. 6—Double Feature—10c and 20c—Rita Hayworth in "ANGELS OVER BROADWAY" "CHARLIE CHAN AT THE WAX MUSEUM"

Coming Nov. 7-9— "DOWN ARGENTINE WAY"

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Byrum, of near Cannons Ferry, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byrum Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. S. Turner and daughter, Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum and son, Alma, visited in Elizabeth City Saturday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copeland, of near Hertford.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Stanford and their nephew, H. Pickett, went to Washington, N. C., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Byrum and daughter, Shirley, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Baker Byrum, at Sunbury, Sunday.

William Belch, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Belch.

Mrs. Edward Byrum and daughter, Doris Jean, Miss Lennie Wilson and Mrs. Herman Lane visited Mrs. J. S. Turner Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotter Bright White and children visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Byrum and Miss Mamie Byrum Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas White, of Cross Roads, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jordan and son, Oliver, Jr., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Turner and daughter, Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byrum and daughter, Doris Jean, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollowell, at Sunbury, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, of Belvidere, dined in the home of C. H. Davis Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Boyce, of Edenton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. W. Belch.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Parker and children, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boyce visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyce Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Charlie McCoy and two children, of Norfolk, Va., spent Saturday with Mrs. J. G. White.

Miss Marjorie Hobbs, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Misses Freda Hobbs and Estella Ward.

Mrs. Hoffer, of Asheville, and relatives, of Suffolk, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hobbs Sunday.

Misses Myrtle and Lois Hope Lane of Fayetteville, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lane.

Mr. Jones—Do your daughters live at home?  
Mrs. Smith—My goodness, no! They aren't married yet.

Michael Ducharme had his home moved 40 feet from Plainfield to Windsor, Mass., because taxes are lower in the latter town.

Youth—Isn't she a beauty?  
Friend—She has more beauty than knowledge, my dear boy.

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