

TODAY'S THOUGHT
"Upon the heat and flame of thy distemper sprinkle cool patience." — Shakespeare.

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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

In just about two months the Republicans will gather in Cleveland, and what the 1,001 delegates will do is the main topic of speculation at the national capital. With presidential preferential primaries already under way, a bitter battle is being waged for control of the convention, the delegates not being bound by the votes cast in the primaries of some States.

GROUPS NOW IN ACTION

Several groups, or factions, are involved, including (1) the Borah backers, (2) the Hoover supporters dedicated to ratifying the party behind denunciation of the New Deal; and (3) the so-called Old Guard, operating behind the banners of various favorite sons but really anxious for an unfettered flock of delegates and an opportunity to repeat ancient tactics of the conference rooms.

HOOVER LEADS ATTACK

The situation revolves mainly around four men at this writing, although lesser stars walk the boards of the drama as the curtain prepares to ascend. Former President Herbert Hoover, who delivered his seventh attack on the New Deal at Fort Wayne, Ind., recently, is not now considered a possible choice of the delegates although, as the titular leader of the party, he has made effective speeches and delivered some advice to his fellow Republicans.

Recently breaking his silence to deny published reports that he was backing Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan. Mr. Hoover, through his secretary, declared he had encouraged no particular candidate, being engaged "solely in fighting the New Deal." He advocated lambasting the administration policies, the framing of a "courageous and constructive" program, the nomination of the "best qualified" man and the united effort of all Republicans to win the election.

There are some Republicans who would like to see Mr. Hoover lead the attack against Roosevelt next fall and, human nature being what it is, the chances are that the former President would welcome the opportunity. Certainly, there is some logic in the idea but, at the same time, many party leaders candidly admit that the obstacles are too many. Besides, his renomination would be certain to alienate some of the so-called liberal element, including Senator Borah, whose help the nominee must have, if possible.

LONDON APPEARS AHEAD

Gov. Landon, of Kansas, is generally considered to have the lead position at this time, with delegates assured in Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. He has not personally taken part in any primary and neither approved nor repudiated any delegate who chooses to run under his name. Declining to enter upon a campaign, the governor holds that party unity and harmony are paramount but his supporters may push him forward in several tests. He has gained support in the East where his Kansas record is held up to admiration, has the approval of Hearts and his newspapers over the nation and the backing of substantial Republicans, in the business and political sense.

BORAH, THE PUZZLE

Senator Borah, actively campaigning for the favor of voters in a number of States, is the enigma of the party and probably the key to its prospects in the fall. Reasonably certain of delegates from five or six Western States the Idahoan, facing hostile control of party machinery, has surprised everybody by waging a vigorous attack upon the "old leaders" of the party. His idea, apparently, is to acquire a rank-and-file mandate to make a convention fight to purge the party of old-line bosses, star-chamber manipulations and the adoption of a liberal platform.

KNOX AND THE TARIFF

Col. Frank Knox, Chicago publisher, has been pushing his candidacy in Illinois, where he faces a Borah challenge at the polls next week. The newspaper man has made aggressive speeches; but his prospects, sagging a bit already, will be utterly demoralized unless he captures the delegates from his own State. The Colonel has been making orthodox Republican addresses but he worried the Old Guard a bit the other day when he suggested scientific tariff reduction to gain "the largest possible foreign

Hauptmann Dies Fri. Night In Electric Chair Without Confessing; Is Calm To End

Convicted Murderer Of Lindbergh Baby Walks To His Death Silently And Bravely. Cremated Mon.

ANXIETY MARKS SCENE

Doubt Exists In Minds Of Many Persons In Regard To His Connection With Case. Files Closed

Trenton, N. J., April 7.—With a penny's worth of electricity, the state of New Jersey, which spent \$1,200,000 to capture and bring about the conviction of Bruno Richard Hauptmann for the kidnap-murder of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., executed him Friday night.

Before his body even hung loose and heavy against the straps of the electric chair, officials collected from witnesses a dozen affidavits, swearing that Hauptmann had died in the place, time and manner prescribed by law. Then they closed their four-year file on the murder of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

Hauptmann died without confessing.

Not a word passed his lips as he entered the electrocution chamber and he needed no assistance when he sat down in the chair.

Hauptmann died at 8:47 1/2 p. m.

His failure to confess left a trail of doubt around the world. Millions, including the governor of New Jersey, believe no one man could have committed the crime, and that the law did only part of its work on this spring evening—four years and a month from the night when the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped.

For these millions, a murdered child still cries out for vengeance, and they will believe through all their years that sometime and somewhere a frightened man is going to whisper from his death bed that he, too, had a part in the bloody business on the Sourland Mountains.

But when Hauptmann walked to his death he did so in the knowledge that his lawyers and his wife, Anna, had tried and tested every safeguard of the law, and that he still stood convicted and guilty.

New York, April 6.—Bruno Richard Hauptmann's body was given to a crematory's flames today, but events stemming from efforts to disprove his guilt in the Lindbergh baby's murder continued their course.

The widow, Mrs. Anna Hauptmann, stood before his opened casket and vowed to make someone "pay" for his death.

It was a strange funeral they gave Hauptmann in the stone crematory building overlooking a Lutheran cemetery. Hundreds of neighbors and children pressed excitedly against the tall iron fence, and a score of police rushed them back from locked gates.

Mrs. Hauptmann spent an hour with the body. "Richard, some day your name will be cleared and those responsible will pay. For they murdered—murdered—you, my Richard," she said slowly.

Then she plucked a carnation from the huge floral cross that

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Tenn. Minister To Hold Easter Services In Alleghany Sunday

Rev. Sam Edwards, of Cookeville, Tenn., will hold an Easter service on Sunday, April 12, at the Sparta Baptist church at 11 a. m. and also one at the Laurel Springs Baptist church at 2:30 P. m.

The Rev. Mr. Edwards, who is reported to be originally from an exceptionally good speaker and to possess great capabilities in his field of work. He was formerly an attorney and judge in the state of Tennessee. Recently, he has been engaged in writing religious tracts and articles.

The public is cordially invited to be present at these services.



ROYALTY TO FRONT
BOME, Italy... Crown Princess Marie Jose (above), sharing the lot of all nurses, is now aboard the hospital ship, Cesare, off the East African coast, where she is ministering to the wounded from the front.

Eleven Killed As Big Plane Crashes In Pennsylvania

Giant Air Liner Falls In "Graveyard Of The Alleghanies," Region Of Terror For Many Pilots

Uniontown, Pa., April 7.—Plowing through a heavy thicket on an isolated mountain side today, a giant Transcontinental and Western air liner turned over and burned, plunging eleven persons to their deaths.

By emergency lighting apparatus, rescuers worked until after dark tonight removing the bodies from the wreckage and carrying them to an improvised morgue on Western Pennsylvania's highest mountain peak. To add to the difficulties of the treacherous terrain, a driving snowstorm broke before the rescue work was completed.

Through deep and thick underbrush the bodies—some of them burned—were transported over a narrow lumber road, hardly more than a trail.

There a horse-drawn wagon and a truck formed the cortege which moved slowly along the muddy, tortuous path to the summit atop the mountain. The bodies

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Red Cross Fund Contributions Acknowledged

A list of contributions to the Red Cross from individuals and schools of Alleghany county has recently been submitted by T. J. Carson, who has long been a worker for this relief agency, and to whom, it has been said, much commendation is due, since there is no organized chapter in the county at present. Contributions now made will automatically make the donors members if a chapter is reorganized in Alleghany in the future, and a portion of the sum obtained will be used for the relief of storm and flood sufferers.

Contributions have been made as follows: Vox school, Sparta high school, Laurel Springs school, Cherry Lane school, Glade Valley high school, Gap Civil school, Whitehead school, Airbells school, Pine Swamp school, C. R. Roe, R. A. Doughton, R. E. Black, C. W. Irwin, T. J. Carson, Mrs. J. T. Inskip, J. T. Inskip, Rex Mitchell, M. A. Goodman, A. B. Richardson, G. P. Crutchfield, J. T. Miles, D. F. Sturdivant, Amos Wagoner, T. R. Burgess, John Walker Inskip, W. R. Skaggs, Arthur Hanks, Earl Royal, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver, R. F. Crouse, E. L. Williams, Bill Chester, Mr. Wells, W. V. Blevins, G. G. Nichols, R. E. Nichols, J. Kerr Wagoner and W. F. Doughton.

Senior Class Of Sparta H. S. To Give Play Soon

"Funny Phinnie," 3-Act Production, To Be Given In Auditorium Saturday Night, April 18

"Funny Phinnie," a three-act farce play, is to be presented by the Senior class of Sparta high school on Saturday night, April 18, at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium. This play was written by Howard Reed and runs a full evening, it is said.

The play comprises a cast of ten strong characters, including clowning Ruby, played by Carolyn Maxwell, wise-cracking Ella, played by Grace York, hot-tempered Millicent, played by Florence Warren, hen-pecked Amos, played by Dwayne Irwin, a domineering wife, played by Lorraine Reeves, the great garter inventor, played by Woodrow Richardson, the dashing Richard, played by Paul Higgins, Madalyn Wagoner and Nan Reid, as dancing teachers, and funny, foolish Phinnie, played by Junior Wagoner.

According to advance information, the story of the play runs as follows:

Amos, against his will, runs his wife's laundry business, but his heart is set upon entering the garter business. Phinnie, who has a record of failing in every job he has ever tackled, drops like the much-needed rain from heaven, into the office of the laundry and inspires Amos with a grand idea. He hires Phinnie to run—and ruin—the business for him. Surprising things happen. A mean trick is "pulled." Phinnie's first success is filled with bitter dregs. Throughout, it is said, the play is screamingly funny, and, yet, all ends shining as a newly laundered shirt.

The cast of characters follows: Ruby Schaeffer—a sorter, Miss Carolyn Maxwell; Genevieve MacGoosh—a marker, Miss Nancy Reid; Clara Titterbaum—a polisher, Miss Madalyn Wagoner; Ella Flynn—a mangler, Miss Grace York; Millicent Murray—the counter girl, Miss Florence Warren; Amos Plummer—manager of Banner Laundry, Dwayne Irwin; Mr. Glucksman—an inventor, Woodrow Richardson; Richard Kendall—agent of Laundry Workers union, Paul Higgins; Mrs. Plummer—owner of Banner Laundry, Miss Lorraine Reeves, and Phineas Pike—himself, Amos Wagoner, Jr.

Elder Hanks, Of Georgia, To Preach In Alleghany County

Elder Lee Hanks, of Atlanta, Ga., Primitive Baptist minister; is scheduled to hold preaching services in the near future in Alleghany, Ashe and Grayson counties and nearby territory, as follows:

Tuesday, April 14, Meadow Fork; Wednesday, April 15, Union; Thursday, April 16, Crab Creek; Friday, April 17, Zion; Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, Little River; Monday, April 20, Antioch; Tuesday, April 21, Senter; Wednesday, April 22, Northfork.

Thursday, April 23, Big Helton; Friday, April 24, Troutdale; Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26, St. Clair's Bottom; Monday, April 27, Rush Creek; Tuesday, April 28, Hopkinsville; Wednesday, April 29, Fox Creek; Thursday, April 30, Saddle Creek.

Friday, May 1, Peach Bottom; Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, Rock Creek; Monday, May 4, Baywood, and Tuesday, May 5, Galax (night included).

State Game Board Passes Resolutions For Trout Fishing

The North Carolina State Board of Inland Game and Fisheries, at a recent meeting, passed some new resolutions concerning the open season for trout fishing.

For the benefit of those anglers who wish to take advantage of the Easter holidays, the season was declared open on April 12 and 13. Fishing for trout will then be prohibited until April 16, when the season proper will open, closing September 1.

FFA Federation For Alleghany, Wilkes Formed

Sparta H. S. Girls And Mountain View Boys Win In Basketball Tournament Held Here

Recently the vocational agriculture teachers of Alleghany and Wilkes counties met in Sparta, along with the state supervisor, Tol Stafford, and formulated a federation of Future Farmers in the two counties. A program of work was set up and one of the objectives was athletics.

A basketball tournament, the first of its kind as a result of the organization, was held in Sparta high school gymnasium last week between the schools of Mountain View, Piney Creek and Sparta. It is hoped that more schools will enter into this federation, with the view of its athletic program becoming an annual affair.

Much interest was shown in this event, both by the participants and the local people.

In the pairing, Sparta was to meet Piney Creek in the first game, with the winner of this affair to meet Mountain View for the coveted title of the tournament.

Piney Creek was the loser to Sparta in a game of smooth passing and fine floor work by both teams. The score was 22-14.

In the title game of the evening, the Mountain View boys were too much for the locals and came out a winner by a score of 21-12. Good sportsmanship abounded throughout the entire affair.

Along with the agricultural tournament the girls of the same institutions put on a grand exhibition of basketball, the same method being employed in pairing as were used in the boys' games.

The locals were forced to the utmost to win from Piney Creek by a score of 17-16. Each team missed numerous easy shots that might have caused the score to tilt another story.

Neither team of the Sparta-Mountain View classic were able to score during the first quarter, and it was late in the first half before Sparta broke the ice with a charity shot, and from that point could never be headed. Both teams played brilliant games and the results were in doubt until the final whistle. Very little scoring was done by either team except from the foul line. Close guarding was the main feature of the contest. The game ended with Sparta a winner by a score of 10-6.

Much credit, it is said, must be given to the local officials of the games in making them a success, and it is hoped that the same spirit will be displayed again next year as was shown this year.

RA Applications To Be Received On Tuesdays, Fridays

W. Bryan Oliver, county Resettlement supervisor, and Miss Lenna Gambill, county home supervisor, will be at the court house in Sparta each Tuesday and Friday morning for the purpose of interviewing new applicants for Resettlement administration benefits.

Democrats Will Dance In Memory Of Jefferson

Washington, April 7.—Dining and dancing in the name of Jackson and Jefferson has been adopted by the Democrats as a source of revenue.

Just finished with a nation-wide series of dinners to celebrate the birthday of Andrew Jackson which netted the party \$270,000, plans have been worked out for setting the Democrats of the nation to dancing to the memory of Thomas Jefferson on April 13.

The Jefferson Day festivities will center upon a master dance at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore which President Roosevelt will attend.

Havoc Wrought By Storms Mon. In Several Towns Of South; More Than 400 Dead

One From 5,000



CHICAGO... Tom Lee Brown (above), realtor, 38, and father of 8 children, was the man selected to go to New York and in a nation-wide radio speech outline his ideas on "How to solve the crime problem." His letter was judged best of 5,000.

Hauptmann Case Probe Demanded In New Jersey

Wendel Case Becomes Stranger Than Ever As Grand Jury Fails To Return A "No Bill"

Trenton, N. J., April 7.—Today saw new demands for an investigation of the Bruno Richard Hauptmann case, following the quick defeat by the state legislature of two similar proposals.

Assemblyman Basil B. Bruno, Monmouth Republican, announced he would seek approval next Monday night of a resolution calling for an investigation of the conduct of all officials in the case, including Governor Harold G. Hoffman, the state police, and Attorney General David T. Wilentz.

Almost as he made the announcement, it was disclosed petitions were being circulated in Trenton requesting Governor Hoffman to order a "fair and impartial" investigation of all state officials connected with the case. The governor's stand was praised as "in the interest of society in general."

Meanwhile, the strange case of Paul H. Wendel, former Trenton lawyer, held in Mercer county jail on a charge of murdering Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., became stranger than ever.

The Mercer county grand jury, which voted last Thursday to discontinue its investigation of the Wendel case, met today but failed to vote the expected "no bill" which would have freed him of the murder charge.

Co. Commissioners Name Tax Listers At March Meeting

At its March business meeting, the Alleghany County Board of Commissioners appointed tax listers for the various townships of the county as follows:

Gap Civil, B. F. Wagoner; Piney Creek, Fred Osborne; Prathers Creek, Willie Jones; Whitehead, Meredith Richardson; Cranberry, Hort Miller; Glade Creek, Alex Coomes, and Cherry Lane, Luther Gentry.

T. J. Carson was appointed tax supervisor.

A list of the names of the men appointed as Rabies inspectors in the respective townships has also been made public. There is a Rabies inspector in each township for the purpose of administering rabies vaccine to the dogs as the law now requires. The list follows:

Gap Civil, R. E. Hawthorne; Piney Creek, Guy T. Perry, Prathers Creek, Claude Critcher; Whitehead, Chap Edwards; Cranberry, John Tom Upchurch; Glade Creek, Clyde Wagoner, and Cherry Lane, L. W. Bryan.

Gainesville, Ga., And Tupelo, Miss., Are The Hardest Hit. Property Damage Reaches Millions

FLOODS FOLLOW STORM

Four Trainloads Of Injured Receive Aid In Atlanta, 70 Miles From Gainesville

As the death toll of several tornadoes which struck in various parts of the Southland Monday morning mounted to 400, floods following in the wake of the storms threatened new disaster, and estimates placed property damage from the latest twister at \$25,000,000 in six states.

Gainesville, Ga., and Tupelo, Miss., were the hardest hit by the hurricane.

Gainesville, Ga., April 7.—The storm-lashed south compiled a list of more than 400 known dead today from sporadic spring tornadoes as flooded rivers threatened new disaster over a widespread area.

Torrential rains sent major streams on the rise even before the task of finding and identifying the dead left by tornadic thrusters had been completed.

Contributing the heaviest toll was this textile manufacturing center in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains, where 188 bodies have been found, and Tupelo, Miss., another cotton manufacturing center where 203 died.

A complete estimate of property losses was placed at \$25,000,000 with uncounted thousands homeless and thousands injured. Relief officials expressed belief many more bodies of the dead would be uncovered before all the wreckage is removed.

More than 1,000 relief workers labored in Gainesville and a like number was busy at Tupelo against the threat of pestilence in the wake of the death-dealing twisters.

At Gainesville 2,500 were homeless, upwards of 1,000 homes were in ruins and more than 1,200 were injured. Four trainloads of the injured were hospitalized in Atlanta, 70 miles away.

State health officers hurried to Gainesville, 200 miles from Cordele, south Georgia community hit by a tornado which killed more than 20 there last week.

Chinese Ambassador To Be Speaker At Duke Commencement

Durham, April 7.—Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese ambassador to the United States and Dr. Frederick W. Norwood, pastor of City Temple Congregational Church, London, will be Duke University's commencement speakers.

Announcement that Dr. Norwood will preach in the chapel on Sunday night, June 7, and that Dr. Sze will make the commencement address on Monday morning, June 8, was made today. President W. P. Faw will deliver the baccalaureate address on Sunday morning.

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"Laziness travels so slowly that poverty quickly overtakes him."

9—Jumbo, Barnum's famed elephant, arrives in the United States, 1822.

10—George Arliss, star of stage and screen, born, 1868.

11—Congress declares Revolutionary War at end, 1783.

12—Great dust billiard swings South Dakota, 1900.

13—Gold discovered in Arizona's Grand Canyon, 1863.

14—Actor Booth kills woman President Lincoln, 1865.

15—Short story first published, 1898.