

G. O. P. AT CLEVELAND

Naturally the eyes of those interested in political events are turned this week to Cleveland where Republican delegates start the initial advance of the presidential campaign. As the convention got underway it seemed apparent that Governor Landon, of Kansas, would be the nominee and that, despite suggestions of a Democrat as his running mate, a Republican would complete the national ticket.

PLATFORM IMPORTANT

The Republican platform will be studied throughout the nation in order to ascertain just exactly what the party intends to do, if it wins the election. The voters will look for positive statements to indicate where the New Deal is condemned and what legislation the Republicans will sponsor if they take control of the nation next January. Of course, the Democrats will retain control of the Senate, regardless of any possible landslide, but the Republicans have an opportunity to capture the House as well as the Presidency.

PRE-ELECTION GUESSES

It is not the business of the writer, in this column, to make guesses as to the outcome of the election, but it will be a good thing for the country if the Republican party makes itself a real party of opposition, thus giving the people a direct opportunity to select its course. Naturally, because of many Republican votes cast in support of some of the New Deal's measures a severe castigation of everything is not to be expected, although such a development is not an impossibility.

For the benefit of those readers who are interested we call attention to one of the clearest pre-election analyses that we have come across, taken from The New York Times. According to this survey, based on polls, party divisions and various factors, the writer observes that party leaders generally agree that 27 states, with 232 electoral votes, are safely Democratic and that 12 states, with 128 votes, are reasonably classed as Republican. Nine states, with 171 votes are put in the doubtful column, including Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, New York and West Virginia. The commonwealths given to the G. O. P. by the arm-chair strategists are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Colorado, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

In 1932, Mr. Roosevelt polled \$8,821,857 votes, just 7,060,016 more than Mr. Hoover, whose address to the Republican convention this week was a significant feature. In the nine pivotal States of this estimate, he got 9,279,191 votes, or 1,942,586 more than the former President. Next November therefore the Republicans must manage to reclaim about a million voters in these States or turn back the New Deal leader.

COURT CREATED DILEMMA

Many weeks ago in these columns we pointed to a twilight zone, created by decisions of the Supreme Court, wherein neither the States nor the Federal Government would be allowed to legislate. Barring Federal legislation because it interferes with State's rights and setting aside State legislation because it conflicts with the due process clause or interstate commerce the Supreme Court moves to set up a zone in which no governmental authority is able to regulate anything. This danger has been emphasized by the recent five-to-four decision voiding the New York State Minimum Wage Law for Women.

Once again we see the same division of the supreme judicial body of the nation, with five conservative members backing the dictum of Justice Butler that neither the State nor the Federal government has authority to fix wages for women workers. A vigorous dissent by Chief Justice Hughes was supported by three liberal members, who also put in their own opinion attacking the majority attitude as an expression of "personal economic predilection." As seven-tenths States have minimum wage legislation, several had asked the Supreme Court to sustain the New York law.

The President was among those who called attention to the "no man's land" that exists so long as there is a void between Federal

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"It is not what man does which exalts him, but what man would do."—Browning.

Steiner Savagely Attacks New Deal In Keynote Speech

Calls For United Front In Campaign To "Restore America To The American People." Ovation Great

VICTORY IS FORECAST

Arrival in Cleveland Of Miss Peggy Landon Adds Color To Convention. Is Given Great Welcome

Convention Hall, Cleveland, Ohio, June 9.—"There are no party lines when human liberty is at stake," thundered Senator Frederick Steiner, of Oregon, keynote speaker before the Republican national convention here tonight as he stood in a hot pool of light on the platform and trumpeted the G. O. P. battle cry for 1936.

Republicans raided into the ranks of dissatisfied Democrats tonight and invited them to desert the standards of the "new deal Caesar" in November. Senator Steiner's attack on the new deal—a broad and savage offensive on all fronts—came at the second session of the convention at a time when jubilant supporters of Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, were so sure of victory that they were looking around for a vice-presidential running mate.

Many of them thought that the man they wanted stood before them—tall, broad-shouldered Steiner from the Pacific coast who has strength in the Far West and is acceptable in the East. As he stood there, rolling out words over the heads of the delegates, he moved into the favorite's position in the vice-presidential race. He got the convention off to a fighting start, for he found nothing good in the new deal and said it was pushing America down the road toward communism.

He even lashed away at the civilian conservation corps, one new deal project of which many Republicans approve. Steiner said the idea of putting young men in forest camps at a salary of \$30 a month deprived them of a traditional American privilege—the right to hope for wealth and dream of power. By so doing he set the tone of the convention, which on Thursday will hear candidates put into nomination for president and then will begin balloting.

As Steiner spoke, the "stop-Landon" forces were a broken, beaten army, and Kansas leaders said they would be unable to prevent the governor's nomination on the first ballot, even if they wanted to do so. Only the old campaigner from Idaho, Senator William E. Borah, carried the fight to the Landon camp. Frank Knox, of Chicago, came into town tonight to take personal command of his fight for the presidential nomination before the battle was lost. Borah's chief interest seemed to be in the platform. He continued to press the Landon camp for a clear-cut statement of its

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Coy Richardson Is Painfully Injured Monday Afternoon

Coy Richardson received a very serious and painful injury to his left arm Monday afternoon when he attempted to place a belt on a pulley on his planing machine at his shop in Sparta.

The arm was caught in the pulley and the bone and flesh below the elbow was broken and crushed severely. Mr. Richardson was taken to the Wilkesboro hospital, where an operation was necessary to attempt to repair the crushed bone. It was reported that the hospital doctors hope to save the arm if no complications arise to prevent its healing.

RAINS BRING RELIEF

N. Wilkesboro, June 9.—Rains last night and today brought relief to this drought-stricken section.

Tiniest Baby Thrives



CHICAGO . . . Little Miss Jacqueline Jean Benson, above in the arms of her mother, is now 5 months old and weighs 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces. When she was born, January 14, she weighed a mere 12 ounces, the tiniest baby ever to be born. Photo was taken as Jacqueline arrived "at home."

Annual Whitetop Festival Expected To Be Big Affair

Plans Are Being Made For Attendance Of 1,000 Mountain Musicians And Dancers. To Be In August

Richmond, Va., June 9.—Leading authorities on folk music, art, lore, and dancing recently announced that the largest gathering of American folk authorities ever held in the country is being planned for Marion, August 8 to 13, winding up August 14 and 15 with the sixth annual White Top Folk Music Festival. The festival, held on next to the highest mountain in Virginia, miles away from the nearest telephone or railway, annually has attracted several hundred mountaineers from many states in the South. Plans are being made this year for an attendance of 1,000 mountain musicians and dancers and displays of folk products. Mrs. Annabel M. Buchanan, author, poet, and composer, will direct the festival and the folk authorities

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Governor Nice, Of Md., Bids For Vice Presidency

Cleveland, Ohio, June 9.—Declaring that he thought the vice-presidential nominee of the Republican national convention, in session here, should come from the East, Governor Harry W. Nice, of Maryland, made his first formal bid for the vice presidency today.

Saying he was speaking for the Maryland delegation, Nice said:

"I've talked with leaders from a large number of states. Although anti-new deal sentiment is strong in the East, I cannot believe it is so strong as to bear up under the affront which would result from giving both nominations to the West."

Nice declined to say which leaders he had consulted. One of his associates, however, said privately a representative of the Landon camp had assured Nice that the Kansas governor had not settled on a running mate.

William P. Lawson, state chairman, was selected at the opening convention session today to offer the resolution calling for appointment of the committee on permanent organization.

First 1936 Tobacco Brings 20c Per Lb.

Florence, S. C., June 9.—The first load of the 1936 crop of tobacco was sold today to Hardy Brothers Mullins warehousemen, for 20 cents a pound.

Race For Governor Is Led By Hoey, Who Fails To Get A Majority; Run-Off July 4

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, Winston-Salem, Is Second In Primary Voting Saturday. To Oppose Hoey In Run-Off

GOOD MARGIN HELD BY HOEY IN ALLEGHANY

Bailey Leads In Fight For Senatorial Renomination. Grady Leads Opponents In Race For Lieut. Governor

With less than fifty precincts not heard from, Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, veteran party campaigner, held a 4,000-vote lead over Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, 33-year old former Salem college professor and militant sales tax repealist, in Saturday's gubernatorial primary, but was far short of a majority. Thus, with Hoey not polling a clear majority in the four-cornered race, a run-off primary on Saturday, July 4, was assured when McDonald's headquarters announced Monday that he would exercise his privilege and call for a second primary.

The Democratic primary in North Carolina is generally considered as being equivalent to election. In Alleghany county, with all seven precincts heard from, the vote for governor was as follows: Hoey, 761; Graham, 644; McDonald, 565, and McRae, 2.

In nearby Ashe, Surry and Wilkes counties the votes for the various gubernatorial candidates were registered as follows:

Ashe: Hoey, 855; Graham, 395; McDonald, 395, and McRae, 2. Surry: Graham, 3,335; Hoey, 1,409; McDonald, 1,276, and McRae, 14. Wilkes: Hoey, 2,820; McDonald, 978; Graham, 279, and McRae, 9.

Each precinct's polling place in this section was the scene Saturday of a hardy, though not inimical, battle among the partisans of each candidate for office. Loyal support by each candidate's followers marked the primary as having an unusual display of enthusiasm.

Interest in the nomination of a candidate for governor of the state had already reached fever heat and many Alleghany county

"Miss Blue Bonnet" Delights Audience Here Friday Night

The play, "Miss Blue Bonnet," presented by a cast of local people Friday night, June 5, under the direction of Miss Helen Alexander, of Atlanta, Georgia, was highly praised by the audience. The play was said to have been one of the best presented here.

All the characters, it is said, deserve credit for giving good performances and a number were outstanding in their renditions. Burton McCann, as "Hickory Stout," a frog farmer, provoked much mirth, as did Jean Honaker, as a deaf old maid.

The play was sponsored by the Methodist Missionary society.

Cemetery At Union, Church, Whitehead, Is To Be Cleaned

The cemetery at Union church, Whitehead, is to be cleaned on Thursday and Friday, June 18 and 19.

Persons who are interested in the care and upkeep of this cemetery are invited to be present on these days and assist in the work of cleaning it.

Further arrangements in regard to the upkeep of the cemetery are also to be made at this time.

Rev. Howard Ford To Preach June 14 In Sparta Church

Rev. Howard Ford is to preach on Sunday morning, June 14, at 11 o'clock in the Sparta Baptist church.

The Rev. Mr. Ford is also expected to deliver a sermon at Laurel Springs on Sunday morning, June 21, at 11 o'clock, and at Scottville at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of the 21st.

Spelling Champion



STUART, Ia. . . . Jean Trowbridge (above), is the happiest girl in Iowa. She just returned from Washington where she won the national spelling championship in the 12th annual national bee.

Solemn Tributes Paid To Memory Of Speaker Byrns

Nashville, Tenn., June 9.—While President Roosevelt joined sorrowing Tennesseans at solemn funeral services for the late Speaker Joseph W. Byrns, of the national house of representatives, who died early Thursday in Washington, the late speaker took his place among Tennessee's immortals.

From all walks of life 40,000 persons came to pay their last respects to the man who served his state with distinction during 40 years of public life. Over his flag-swathed casket such eulogies as have rarely been accorded a Tennessean were spoken while President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Hull and Mrs. Hull, Postmaster General Farley and a number of other dignitaries listened in silence.

With the president's party was a congressional delegation of 60 representatives and 14 senators. Many of the congressmen had worked shoulder to shoulder with

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Dr. Burrus Dies In High Point; Was Surry Native

High Point, June 9.—Death claimed suddenly yesterday Dr. John T. Burrus, state senator from Guilford county in the 1931 and 1935 sessions of the North Carolina state legislature and prominent surgeon, at the age of 59 years.

Dr. Burrus became mildly ill Sunday, but no alarm was felt over his condition. He was taken to Burrus Memorial hospital, of which he was chief of staff, and passed away at 3:30 p. m., a heart attack causing his death.

Dr. Burrus was a vigorous opponent of the general sales tax, an issue on which he based his successful campaign for the state Senate in 1934. He was a strong supporter of Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, and not only contributed liberally to the campaign fund but made several speeches in behalf of the Winston-Salem man's candidacy.

Prominent in the medical profession, he served at one time as president of the North Carolina Medical Society, and during the Gardner administration was president of the State Board of Health.

Born in Surry county in 1877, Dr. Burrus attended Yadkin Valley and Fairview institutes before going to Davidson college. He obtained his medical degree from Baltimore Medical college, later took post-graduate work in leading medical institutions of America and at St. Mary's hospital in London.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home at High Point. Interment will be in Oakwood Park Cemetery, that city.

Baptist W. M. S. Meeting Held At Laurel Springs

Mrs. Ruth Choate Is In Charge Of Gathering. To Hold 1937 Meeting Here In Sparta Baptist Church

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Mrs. W. B. Estep Named President For New Year. Miss Ivy Grace Doughton Is Chosen Vice President

The Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Alleghany county held its sixth annual associational meeting Thursday, June 4, at the Laurel Springs Baptist church.

Outstanding visiting speakers were Miss Naomi Shell, missionary to Japan, Miss Mary Currin, State W. M. U. Young Peoples' secretary, and Mrs. J. F. Fletcher, of Mouth of Wilson, Va.

Mrs. Ruth Choate presided and the following program was presented:

Hymn, "O, Zion Haste"; devotional, Rev. J. F. Fletcher; welcome, Miss Jean Reeves; response for visiting ladies, Mrs. C. A. Reeves; "Serving Through Personal Service," Mrs. W. P. Maxwell; "Mission Study," Mrs. W. B. Estep; "Serving Through Stewardship," Mrs. F. Miller; "Echoes of State Meeting," Mrs. George Crutchfield; address on "Missionary Work in Japan," Miss Naomi Shell, and roll call by churches, Mrs. Choate.

During the noon hour a bountiful and delicious dinner was served on the church grounds by the ladies of the Laurel Springs church.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. J. F. Fletcher spoke on "Service" and Miss Mary Currin, of Raleigh, spoke, using as her topic, "Kingdom Builders—Our Young People."

Officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: President, Mrs. W. B. Estep; Vice President, Miss Ivy Grace Doughton; Secretary, Mrs. Clinton Halsey; Personal Service chairman, Mrs. W. P. Maxwell; Mission Study chairman, Miss Jean Reeves; Stewardship chairman, Mrs. George Crutchfield, and Young People's leader, Mrs. Bruce Wagener.

It was decided that the meeting for 1937 will be held at the Sparta Baptist church, the time to be decided upon later.

North Carolina Republicans Active At Cleveland Meet

Cleveland, June 9.—Turning their attention temporarily from presidential candidates, the North Carolina delegation to the Republican convention today took up their tasks there.

Charles A. Jonas, Lincolnton, national committeeman, assumed his duties as a member of the resolutions committee which will draft the party's platform, while other members went about duties assigned to them.

Walter R. Chambers, Asheville, a member of the credentials committee, immediately joined in lengthy hearings into eight delegate contests.

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ALMANAC content including dates and events for June 1936, such as "Confederate dollar now quoted at eight cents, 1863," "New York City incorporated: T. Willet the first mayor, 1655," "Lightning bolt kills twelve men at Quana, Mexico, 1934," "Congress adopts Stars and Stripes as United States flag, 1777," "U. S. General Fremont captures Sonoma, Mexico, 1846," "Ford Motor Company incorporated, 1908," "Misses prevent the national automobile accident, 1935."