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CAMPAIGN OPENS UP

The campaign for the Presidency is getting under steam through out the country. Governor Landon has begun a series of trips that will afford him the opportunity of presenting himself to the people by expounding his position on public questions. For the most part, it seems that political strategy will not call for any great elucidation of his personal views and that his speeches will, in the early stages of the campaign, be confined to convincing the voters that he is solid, substantial and dependable.

LANDON'S PRESENT COURSE

It is apparent that while Gov. Landon's record in Kansas may or may not be important to the present campaign is going to be settled on the basis of voter reaction to the incumbent in the White House. In other words, the average for or against President Roosevelt. If one is against the Chief Executive, he will be for Landon because the Republican nominee is the logical beneficiary of the voter's wrath and the only effective instrument available to strafe the administration. Under the circumstances, it is G. O. P. strategy to prevent the alienation of any faction that is against Roosevelt—if Landon is certain to get the disgruntled citizen's support, why jeopardize it by injecting the governor's views on some issues that might not suit the man or woman ready to vote for him?

ROOSEVELT'S STRATEGY

Naturally, there are two sides to such a campaign procedure. Mr. Roosevelt is no babe in the woods and, while for the present disclaims political speeches, it is well known that in about a month he will open up. When he does he may be depended upon to raise certain issues and stir up questions that will seem very important. The strategy will be aimed at making Landon talk, forcing him to take sides and to state his position with greater positiveness. The economy pledge of the Republicans will be attacked, no doubt, and Mr. Landon will be asked to specify what cuts he will make in the budget to seek the highly-touted balancing that business interests are demanding. Other matters will be brought up, some by the President and some by his workers, but all of them will be designed to force the Kansan to particularize. How it will work out remains to be seen.

TWO 1936 FACTORS

Several factors in the present campaign deserve attention. One is the deep-seated antagonism to the President on the part of so many business men, including almost all of the big shots and many of the smaller business group. In some states this is bitter indeed and the talk is of "chaos" if Roosevelt wins. Another interesting factor is the apparent drive of both parties to win the Negro vote in the States where this is a factor....While for years the Negroes were counted upon to vote Republican, out of gratitude to Lincoln for freeing their people, the Democrats have been cutting into this asset of the Republican party and think they have a chance this year to annex the benefits that accrue from Negro support in doubtful States, where the balance of power may rest with the group.

THE "PEACE" VOTE

It is likely, before the campaign ends, that the public will hear more of the international questions that confront this country. Mr. Roosevelt, in a recent speech, outlined his views and recounted aptly his qualifications for handling the delicate problems that may mean peace or war. The sentiment of the American people for peace is overwhelming. Those who remember the support that came to President Wilson in 1916 when his supporters paraded him as the man able to keep America out of the great European war are able to gauge its vote-getting power if any candidate can convince Americans that he is the man of peace. It will not be surprising if such an effort is made on behalf of the President.

CANDIDATES ON TOUR

President Roosevelt will wind up his tour of the drought area this week and return to Hyde Park before going to Washington. Outstanding events of his trip included the conference with the Governors of the "Dust Bowl" states, held at Des Moines. While no public address was scheduled as the tour began, it was

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Hear both sides and all will be clear."—Haliburton.

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Son Of The Late Dr. H. T. Smith Instantly Killed

Tommy Tucker Smith, of Independence, loses life when car in which he was riding overturns

OTHERS ARE INJURED

Former Sparta Pastor Assists In Last Rites For Deceased At Home Burial In Alleghany

Tommy Tucker Smith, 14-year-old son of Mrs. Ada Bryant Smith, Independence, and the late Dr. Harrison Talmadge Smith, of Independence, was instantly killed on Wednesday night, August 26, about nine o'clock, when an automobile in which he was riding with four other persons overturned three times on a sharp curve in the Independence-Galax highway, just below the new Independence high school building.

The three other persons in the car at the time of the accident were Miss Mary Elizabeth Bryant, daughter of Mrs. Stella Bryant, Independence, and the late J. Paul Bryant; Miss Melba Gambill, 15, sister of the wife of Dr. Mont Cox, Independence, and daughter of Dr. J. C. Gambill, West Jefferson, Mack Cox, Jr., 15, of Independence, who was driving the car, and R. J. Rudolph, Jr., also of Independence.

The group, it is understood, was enroute to a party at the home of Beal Kirk, near D. P. Poole's store.

Mack Cox, Jr., suffered rather severe back injuries, and Miss Gambill sustained a badly lacerated hand and other body bruises. They received treatment in Galax hospital. Young Cox has been removed to his home.

Miss Bryant and R. J. Rudolph, Jr., suffered minor cuts and bruises and were treated by an Independence physician.

Young Smith was riding in the rear seat of the car and was thrown out onto the hard surface of the road, the impact crushing his head.

The deceased was the younger son of Mrs. Smith and the late prominent Grayson county physician. He attended high school last winter in Greensboro.

Republican Clubs To Be Organized In Alleghany Co.

Meetings in the townships of Alleghany county are to be held in the near future for the purpose of organizing Republican clubs.

The schedule follows: Cherrylane township, at Cherrylane, Thursday, September 10, at 7:30 p. m.; Glade Creek township, at Blevins school house, Friday, September 11, at 7:30 p. m.; Whitehead township, at Whitehead academy, Saturday, September 12, at 7:30 p. m.; Cranberry township, at Laurel Springs academy, Monday September 14, at 7:30 p. m.; Prathers Creek township, at New Hope school house, Tuesday, September 15, at 7:30 p. m.; and Piney Creek township, at Turkey Knob school house, Wednesday, September 16, at 7:30 p. m.

These meetings will be held promptly as scheduled and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

FOX HUNTERS URGED TO PURCHASE LICENSES

Under an act of the 1935 legislature of North Carolina, it was made illegal to chase foxes without a license.

R. D. Gentry, Alleghany game warden, warns fox hunters to obtain their licenses before hunting.

COUNTY FAIR OFFICIALS TO BE NAMED AT MEET TONIGHT

A meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in Sparta for the purpose of electing officers for the Alleghany County fair.

All persons in the county who are interested in the fair are requested to be present.

Opens Campaign Today



Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, who is to formally launch his campaign for reelection today at a big Democratic rally in Taylorsville.

Sunday Schools Of Alleghany To Hold Meet Sunday

Program For Gathering At Cox's Chapel Church Announced. Interesting Event Is Expected

Next Sunday, September 6, is expected to be a big day at Cox's Chapel Methodist church, for on that day the Alleghany County Sunday School convention is to be held there.

Rev. A. B. Bruton is pastor of the Sparta circuit, of which Cox's Chapel church is a part. "A New Church For The New Day" is the theme for the convention.

The program follows: Morning session, Miss Wilma Crouse presiding—9:45, song service, Elze Cox, song leader; 10:00 devotions, "The Power-Filled Church," Rev. Roscoe Billings; 10:10, address; "The New Church And Its Message," Frank J. Watson, Athens, Ga.; 10:30 discussion groups: "Problems," Rev. Shuford Peeler, Salisbury, and "The Church And Its Teaching," Frank J. Watson; 11:15, reassembling: business, attendance, reports, committees; 11:20,

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Doughton Family Reunion Is Held Sun. Near Sparta

On last Sunday, the Doughton family held its annual reunion at the residence of Mr. and T. J. Carson, near Sparta.

A picnic dinner was served, after which short speeches were made by Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes, Dr. Sherrill, Secretary of the Western North Carolina conference, Judge J. C. Padgett, Independence, Virginia, and others.

There were more than one hundred persons present and several generations were represented. Two of the relatives of the family came from western states and quite a number from Virginia. The Jones family and the Reeves family, intimately connected by marriage and blood ties with the Doughton family, had a number of persons present.

It was a great occasion and it seemed to be the purpose of those present to continue these meetings each year, that members of the family living in different sections of the country may get together, meet and greet each other.

The meeting closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Those people, it has been said, showed a disposition of great appreciation of the labors and lives of their ancestors. The speeches did honor to the valiant and gallant forefathers who, in their day and generation, with poor and scarce materials of progress, laid the foundation for schools, built churches, and otherwise constructed the essential groundwork for the benefits now enjoyed and the advancement of modern civilization.

Big Democratic Rally Today At Taylorsville To Mark The Start of Doughton Campaign

Under-Secretary Of The Interior Charles West To Be Principal Speaker. Band Concert To Be Given

R. F. CROUSE, SPARTA, ON RALLY COMMITTEE

Alleghany Congressman To Precede Mr. West With Short Address Formally Opening His Campaign

Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, veteran North Carolina member of the national House of Representatives, is scheduled to launch his campaign for reelection at a Ninth district Democratic rally to be held at Taylorsville, in Alexander county today (Thursday).

The general rally committee has been rapidly getting plans in shape and making elaborate preparations to welcome and entertain the many visitors expected from every county in the district. This is expected to be one of the largest and most important political meetings in the western section of the state during the current campaign. The committee includes Harry Miller of Stony Point, Chairman, Sloane W. Payne, G. C. Watts, A. B. Carter, Dr. C. C. Munday, Paul Lackey, Dick Watts, Taylorsville, R. F. Crouse, Sparta, Ira T. Johnson, C. A. Isenhour, Concord, A. R. Crisp, Lenoir, John L. Millholland, Statesville, Walter H. Woodson, Jr., Salisbury, R. R. Ingram, Albemarle, and J. L. Wilson, Zionville.

Charles West, of Washington, D. C., Under-Secretary of Interior, and former congressman from Ohio and member of House Ways and Means Committee of which Mr. Doughton is chairman, will be the principal speaker at the general session, which begins at 2 o'clock. The Interior Department Under-Secretary is a brilliant young man and is regarded as an unusually effective speaker.

Mr. Doughton will precede Mr. West, but will deliver only a short address to open his campaign. He has represented this district in the House of Representatives for the past twenty-six years and for the past four years has served as chairman of the powerful Ways and Means com-

Man Dies At Wheel Of Car In Alleghany After Heart Attack

Albert Myers, 69, of Covington, Kentucky, died at the wheel of his automobile while driving along the highway near Twin Oaks last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Myers, accompanied by his wife, was traveling through the mountains, vacationing, and suffered a heart attack which is said to have killed him instantly. The automobile left the road when Myers collapsed, going over a slight embankment but stopped before it drifted over a greater one. Mrs. Myers received a cut on the forehead and suffered from bruises and shock.

A short time after Myers collapsed, passers-by stopped to assist Mrs. Myers and a doctor, ambulance, and wrecker were sent to the scene. The body was removed to the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral home and prepared for burial. Mrs. Myers remained in Sparta overnight and left Saturday with the body for Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers had left their home in Kentucky on Tuesday, previous to the death of Mr. Myers and had visited Asheville, the Smoky mountains, and other points and were continuing their itinerary.

Miss Reba Doughton In Sparta After Visiting In Europe

Miss Reba Doughton is now in Sparta with her parents after spending the greater part of the summer in Europe.

Miss Doughton sailed from New York July 1, on the S. S. California, and visited France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, and England.

The return trip was made on the S. S. Manhattan, which sailed from Southampton on August 6.

New Rock Quarry To Be Opened Near Glendale Springs

A new rock quarry will be opened within the next few days near Glendale Springs on section E. of the Blue Ridge parkway, it has been announced by officials. About 75 additional men will be employed, and will be selected, in so far as is possible, from the counties of Alleghany and Ashe.

A camp will be erected to take care of the group of workers. It is suggested that anyone who desires work at this time, get in touch with J. B. Hash, of the North Wilkesboro Reemployment office.

Landon Prepares To Meet Roosevelt Thursday In Iowa

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 1.—Drought and conservation studies, including a talk with a former new deal official, occupied Governor Alf M. Landon today as he prepared for Thursday's drought conference with President Roosevelt.

J. N. (Ding) Darling, who served as chief of the Agriculture Department's biological survey, discussed conservation policies with the Republican nominee and pledged his support.

Woodruff-Thompson Reunion To Be Held Sept. 13 Near Elkin

The annual Woodruff-Thompson reunion is to be held this year on September 13, at Friendship church, near Elkin.

Relatives and friends of the families are invited to attend and are requested to carry well-filled baskets.

To Speak At Rally



Charles West, of Washington, D. C., Under-Secretary of the Interior, who will speak today at the big Democratic rally at Taylorsville in behalf of Congressman Robert L. Doughton.

Sept. 10 Expected To Be Red Letter Day In Charlotte

Visit Of Roosevelt To Be High Light Of Green Pastures Rally. 100,000 Persons Expected

Charlotte, Sept. 3.—Many thousands of representatives of industry, commerce, agriculture and labor in the New South, of which Henry Grady, the illustrious Georgian, spoke years ago, will join here Thursday, September 10 at the Green Pastures rally to celebrate what sponsors term "the return of happier days and the beginning of a new period of progress."

Enthusiastic support for the elaborate plans for this rally is being given by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He will make a special trip to this city to deliver an address of inspiration and encouragement.

Charlotte committees are arranging for an attendance of 100,000 persons when the Chief Executive delivers his address

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Piney Creek H. S. Opens 25th Term Monday Morning

The twenty-fifth term of Piney Creek high school opened Monday with a large enrollment of students and a large attendance of patrons.

Rev. A. B. Bruton, pastor of the Sparta Methodist circuit, conducted the devotionals at the opening exercises and W. C. Thompson, county superintendent of schools, made the principal address. Short talks were made by a number of the patrons of the school.

The faculty follows: L. K. Hasley, Principal, mathematics; George M. Vanhoy, History and English; Helen Ingraham, English and French; C. H. Landreth, Science; H. D. Quessenberry, Agriculture; Helen Andrews, Home Economics; M. F. Parsons, Seventh Grade; Gladys Robbins, Fifth A and Sixth Grades; Ruby Lee Joines, Fifth B and Fourth Grades; Blanche Gambill, Second and Third Grades, and Joane McMillan, First Grade.

Secretary Dorn Buried Tuesday In Native Utah

Salt Lake City, Sept. 1.—The army buried its chieftan today near the gray mountains he loved.

As President Roosevelt stood with bared head bowed, beside the widow, an army bugler sounded taps—the last farewell to Secretary of War George Henry Dorn.

A few moments later the body was lowered into its grave in beautiful Mount Olivet cemetery.

Sparta H. S. Has Opening Exercises Monday Morning

Rev. Howard J. Ford, Pastor Of Sparta Baptist Church, Is In Charge Of Devotionals And Speaks

ATTENDANCE IS LARGE

Minister Presents Name Of Abraham Lincoln As Example Of Perseverance. Helen Keller Is Cited

The Sparta high school opened Monday morning with a large attendance. C. R. Roe is principal again.

A number of parents and friends attended the opening.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Sparta Baptist church, conducted the devotionals and delivered the principal speech. The Rev. Mr. Ford prefaced his remarks with the statement: "A man who thinks by the inch, speaks by the yard, should be measured by the foot," thus explaining his reason for brevity in speaking.

He called the attention of the teachers to the responsibility they assumed in accepting positions as trustees and patrons on the work they had done in establishing such a successful school in the community, and congratulated the students on possessing that most valuable asset, youth. The speaker urged the students to make the most of the opportunities presented, to concentrate on the work to be done, and to live in and for the present, rather than dwell on past achievements or failures.

Abraham Lincoln was presented as an example of perseverance and Helen Keller as an example of the possibilities of overcoming handicaps and in closing, the Rev. Mr. Ford, urged the students to bear in mind also the value of attention to the spiritual side of life.

R. E. Black, Agriculture teacher in the school, spoke briefly, urging cooperation between parents and teachers.

The school opened with what is said to be the largest enrollment in its history. 622 students were placed Monday.

L. I. Case, Of State College, In Co. This Week

L. I. Case, of State college, Raleigh, is spending this week in Sparta assisting R. E. Black, Alleghany county farm agent, in grading lambs and in grooming the baby beebes which will be entered in various fairs this fall.

These baby beebes are those belonging to 4-H Club boys in the county and the calves will be entered in the Alleghany county Fair, the Galax, Va., Fair, the North Carolina State fair, and finally in the Asheville Stock show which will be held in November.

"CRAZY CAPERS" TO BE GIVEN HERE SEPTEMBER 14

The "Blue Ridge Buddys" will present their show, "Crazy Capers," at the Sparta Court house on Monday, September 14, 8:30 p. m., under the auspices of the local Women's club.

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The greatest of all human faults is to be conscious of none.

- 1—Hendrix's business dictionary New York Reg. 1899.
- 2—Cleveland's American encyclopedia General 1898.
- 3—United States Navy rate to best regular uniform, 1779.
- 4—Sweden's Arnold burns his home town, New London, Conn. 1781.
- 5—Magellan's ship ends three years' round world trip, 1522.
- 6—First issue of the New York Sun is printed, 1809.
- 7—Treaties of New Mexico and Utah established by Congress, 1850.