

"O credulity, thou hast as many ears as fame has tongues."—Harvard.

CAMPAIGN MOMENTUM

The campaign is on in full swing this week, with speakers parading the nation and political prognosticators busy trying to figure out how the voters will cast their ballots in November. Both President Roosevelt and Gov. Landon are carefully weighing the strategic value of their personal appearances, anxious to make their addresses where they will do the most good. Both sides are studying public reaction to campaign events and doing their best to keep things moving smoothly and effectively.

Meanwhile, there is not much real news in Washington for a commentator, although one or two news breaks are liable from the Supreme Court which convened last week and has on its program decisions in regards to a rehearing on two important cases. These will probably be acted upon before the end of the month and one of them may precipitate the court into the limelight again although the political significance of the Court's opinions can be discounted to a large degree.

EXPERTS DISAGREE

Readers of newspapers all over the country are anxious for Washington correspondents to give them the right dope on how the nation will vote but, almost without exception, they want to hear good news for their candidate. If the writer is sending out his stuff to Democratic newspapers he can play the tune that will suit the New Dealers and all will be well. If he is sending his dispatches to Republican newspapers he can call the music to a turn and know that those who read what he has to say will be satisfied. These two sentences account for much of what is being read on the present campaign.

The writer of this weekly feature article, which appears in hundreds of newspapers, scattered all over the United States, lists among his publishers Democratic and Republican journals. Consequently, he is read each week by thousands of Democrats and thousands of Republicans. Facing this situation there is nothing to be gained by trying to please either group but much to be acquired by giving an honest, unbiased and impartial survey of the situation as he sees it, from week to week. In the long run the reputation of this feature is worth more to the author than the failure or success of any candidate or the triumph of either party in an election.

PUZZLING FACTORS

There are a number of very interesting factors that combine to make predictions somewhat risky in the present campaign. There is, of course, the personal popularity of the President, his unusually acute political sense and the power that he has to dramatize his position. Against him, we have an able and honest man, with a record as governor that has been capitalized by his backers but, withal, nothing like the advertising that has accompanied the President and certainly nothing like his popular acclaim in the past few years during a great national crisis. Who knows which type the voters will favor? Who can tell when the bulk of our citizens will tire of the Roosevelt legend and prefer a business-like figure on the order of the man from Kansas.

Calvin Coolidge, it is said, before the campaign of 1928, expressed the opinion that the people of the nation would not prefer his type much longer. He seemed to sense a change in the mood of the people and did not prefer to attempt to fit in with the sentiment that he expected to dominate the electorate. Certainly these drifts to and from certain types exist but it is hard to say when they start and when they end, and mid-campaign weeks are not the occasion for passing on such a question.

BUSINESS SITUATION

We face an unusual situation in the business world, where conditions are greatly improved, with something like an approach to real prosperity, spotted as our recovery is at this stage, but with business generally proclaimed in enemy against the administration. Of course, this is denied in some quarters, but in the higher circles of business and finance, there can be little doubt of the opposition to the President and, consequently, support of Governor Landon. How many votes will this affect? The answer is not on any blackboard and the situation can only be set down as one of the factors to be considered.

Sparta Epworth League Union Has Meeting Sun.

Annual Rally Program Held At Cox's Chapel Church. Joe B. Cox, President, Presides

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Rev. A. B. Bruton Is Present And Makes Inspiring Talk. Next Rally To Be At Shiloh

On Sunday, October 11, the Sparta charge Methodist Epworth League union met at Cox's Chapel church for the fourth annual rally. Three of the five Epworth leagues on the Sparta charge were well represented and a very interesting program was given.

Following the opening song, "Give of Your Best to the Master," Joe B. Cox, union president, made a brief speech of welcome and Wilma Crouse, union secretary, conducted the devotional. The contests, in which the various leagues participated, were evidence of the splendid training the young people have received from this organization. A picnic lunch was served and greatly enjoyed by everyone present.

Judges for the occasion were: Miss Nina Cornett, Comers Rock, Va., Mrs. Braek Phipps, Bridle Creek, Va., and Mrs. Alice Roberts, Comers Rock, Va.

Winners of the various contests were:

Recitation, Barbara Phipps, Walnut branch league; declamation, Charles Robert Walls, Cox's Chapel league; quartet number, Miss Ruth Wooten, Miss Emolene Finney, J. T. Finney and Joe Finney, Jr., Shiloh league; choir number, Cox's Chapel league, and extemporaneous talk, Muncy Cox, Cox's Chapel league.

Rev. A. B. Bruton, pastor of the Sparta charge, was present and made a very inspiring talk.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Joe B. Cox; vice president, Miss Mollie Hampton, and secretary-treasurer, Miss Wilma Crouse.

Doughton Now Busy In His Campaign For Reelection

Congressman Robert L. Doughton has launched his campaign for reelection and will speak in every county of his District before the November 3rd election.

Much favorable comment is being heard from those who have heard Mr. Doughton speak, this fall, and many are heard to say that he is making the most able and forceful speeches yet heard in the campaign. In every instance he praised the record of President Roosevelt and the New Deal, and predicts the re-election of President Roosevelt by an overwhelming majority.

"President Roosevelt has almost sufficient states certain to elect him, while Gov. Landon has a tremendous fight to carry any states," said Mr. Doughton.

"The outcome in Maine is nothing for the Republicans to boast about," said Mr. Doughton, "For this is one of the six states that Hoover carried in 1932. In 1932 Hoover's majority in Maine was more than 37,000, while in the recent election, in the statewide contest, they could only get a majority of less than 6,000, after all the money the Duponts, the Morgans, and Rockefellers, and other men of wealth sent to that state."

Congressman Doughton predicts his majority in the Ninth District to be greater than he has ever received heretofore. He says he has never seen the Democrats, especially in the lower counties of his district, more enthusiastic and working harder.

TO HOLD FREE CLINIC HERE FOR MOTHERS, CHILDREN

A free clinic, held by Miss Virginia Ashley, State nurse for Alleghany county, for mothers and for children up to 16 years of age will be held at Miss Ashley's office every third Friday afternoon in each month from 3 to 4 o'clock.

Roosevelt Takes Fight Into Home State Of Landon

Kansas City, Oct. 13.—President Roosevelt cut across the home state of Governor Landon and into Missouri tonight with declarations that he did not believe Kansas could have "pulled through" the last four years without federal cooperation and assistance and that the school "is the last expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize."

Cox Speaks Fri. Night In Behalf Of Roosevelt

Democratic Nominee For President In 1920 Raps Republicans In Dayton Radio Address

Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 13.—"We would have a leaderless government" if President Roosevelt is defeated for reelection, former Governor James M. Cox declared in an address here Friday night in behalf of the president's campaign for reelection.

"The Republican party and candidate, attacking President Roosevelt for his leadership, commit themselves to a president who will make no effort to lead, but will make his recommendations and stop with that," Cox said in a speech delivered at a Democratic rally, and broadcast over a national network.

Ohio's former chief executive also described William Randolph Hearst, publisher, as the "trumpeter of terror."

It was the former presidential candidate's first 1936 campaign address on behalf of Mr. Roosevelt, who ran for vice president with Cox 16 years ago. The Dayton newspaper publisher did not mention by name Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas, the Republican presidential candidate.

"The Republican candidate would turn social security over to the states," Cox declared, a move he described as "a favorite Tory barrier to all progress." Other results of Republican victory, Cox said, would be "mass discontent," a government "divided against itself," and unsound tariff policies.

Youth Instantly Killed By Dynamite Explosion Wed.

William Dean Caudill, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cleve Caudill, Whitehead, was killed instantly last Wednesday by a dynamite explosion.

Young Caudill, who was employed on the scenic highway force by the Perry McGlone Construction company, was assisting in dynamiting a heavy obstruction of rock. Forty holes had been drilled and the loads were set off by electricity. Reports stated that only two went off and, after disconnecting the electric battery, the men walked up to investigate the reason for the lack of further explosions. Caudill was standing directly over one loaded hole when the powder foreman, seeing a slight smoke arising from the hole, warned Caudill that there might be danger. However, no sooner had he spoken than the dynamite exploded, hurling Caudill about fifteen feet into the air, and breaking almost all his bones. Death was thought to have been instantaneous.

Funeral services were conducted for the deceased on Friday, October 9, at the home by Rev. Albert Poole, Rev. Coy Walker and Rev. Mack Brooks.

Interment followed in the Caudill cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, five sisters, Mrs. Oscar Richardson and Mrs. Odell Andrews, Sparta; Miss Ella Caudill, High Point, and Misses Muriel and Alma Caudill, Whitehead, and five brothers: Charlie Caudill, Boiesvain, Va., Sherman Caudill, Glada Valley, and Kemp, Kyle and Clay Caudill, Whitehead.

Liberal Relief Program Proposed By Gov. Landon

Speaks To Cheering Throng Monday Night In Large Auditorium At Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 13.—Monday night, in a speech delivered here, Governor Alf M. Landon proposed a "liberal" relief program, founded on federal money grants and state rule, to supplant the new deal system he said had built a "shameless political machine" by "debauching" relief funds.

"I am dedicated to the proposition," the presidential nominee said, "that no American citizen shall ever again be put in the position where he has to sell his vote for bread."

The Kansas faced a cheering throng that overflowed 15,000 seats on the spacious floor and lofty horseshoe galleries of the huge public auditorium where, four months ago, the Republican convention nominated him for the presidency. Behind him a music hall with capacity for more than 7,000 held more of the crowd unable to find seats in the main hall.

It was Landon's second major speech of his late-states campaign. In emphatic tones which loud speakers carried to far corners of the auditorium and radio through the country, the candidate said that, if elected, the jobless would be released "from the grip of their political exploiters."

He said millions had been "deprived of hope and opportunity" by new deal relief policies which he described as a "national scandal," "a disgrace to the administration," and "a humiliation to the American people."

The governor asserted recovery and re-employment had been delayed because "honest business" had been "forced to tip-toe through a series of breathing spells."

The relief program he presented was built on a return of relief administration to the states, with federal grants-in-aid and a determination of the form of relief, whether work relief projects be begun or continued—vested in the communities themselves.

The Kansas was introduced by Representative Chester C. Bolton, of Cleveland, chairman of the Republican national congressional committee, as a man of "ability, sincerity, fundamental integrity, and sound common sense."

"No matter what other states may do," Bolton said, "let us assure him tonight that Ohio will give him its 26 electoral votes November 3."

As Landon stepped to the brilliantly-lighted speakers' stand to a place just below a huge sunflower bearing his picture, the crowd arose and for five minutes cheered, applauded and waved thousands of American flags.

"Tonight I want to talk about the most urgent human problems that face the American people at this hour," Landon began.

He was interrupted immediately by more applause.

He attributed "flagrant mismanagement" and "tragic neglect" to the conduct of relief by the Roosevelt administration. He said the new deal's record in "duties that go beyond mere dollars"—protection of "human values" and assistance of "real recovery"—was a "miserable failure."

"The first thing is to get rid of waste, extravagance and politics in the administration of relief," Landon said. "We must have a common sense, workable solution."

Knox Pleads For Republican Votes Tues. In Asheville

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 13.—Col. Frank Knox, Republican vice-presidential nominee, wound up his southern penetration tonight by telling North Carolina that a Democratic vote this year is one for "more boondoggling" and "government by guess."

KNOX AT CHAPEL HILL

Col. Frank Knox spoke Tuesday morning at Chapel Hill and made brief stops in Burlington, Greensboro, Salisbury, Statesville, Hickory and Marion.

Roosevelt Makes Farm Speech Sat. Night In Omaha

Urges Reelection Of Senator Norris, Of Nebraska. Attacks G. O. P. Farm Plans

Omaha, Nebr., Oct. 13.—President Roosevelt told the nation here Saturday night that "Republican leadership" had proposed a farm plan to cost possibly \$2,000,000,000 annually, "not to save agriculture but to wreck it." The president advanced a four-point program of his own for future assistance to agriculture.

Speaking to an audience packed into the Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum, the president led off with an open endorsement of veteran George W. Norris, Republican, who is an independent candidate for the senate this year.

"Help this great American to continue an historic career of service," Mr. Roosevelt asked. After asserting that in 1932, the "spectre of foreclosure stalked the farmer's plow" and agriculture was "on the road to pauperism," the president in seven sentences described the administration's farm record, adding that farmers could measure them by "the vast difference between the desperation which was theirs in 1933 and the recovery, which is theirs in 1936."

The long-time policy of the administration, he said, includes:

1. Conservation against land wastage and soil impoverishment.
2. Seeking to increase purchasing power so that people can pay for more and better food, thereby providing a "larger and larger domestic market for the farmer."
3. Attacking the "evil of farm tenancy."
4. Giving the farmer "a sound plan of crop insurance in kind against extreme fluctuations of supply and price."

The chief executive, without mentioning by name his Republican rival for the presidency, Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, referred to the "tariff equivalent" farm program which Landon proposed at Des Moines.

"What about the cost? It would run to one and a half and even possibly two billion dollars every year. This vast sum would be spent not to save agriculture but to wreck it."

A tremendous ovation greeted the president when his open car rolled into the coliseum, and again when he stepped up to the microphone which carried his voice throughout the huge hall by amplifiers and to the nation by radio.

Coliseum attendants said the hall had seats for 12,000 persons. Every one was taken. The crowd jammed into the aisles and overflowed into the surrounding crowds.

Mrs. Gilbert M. Hitchcock, widow of the late former senator from Nebraska and Omaha publisher, had to wave for quiet several times before she could introduce the president.

A roar of applause greeted Mr. Roosevelt's reference to Norris at the outset. Even before he mentioned the senator's name shouts from the crowd proclaimed "we know him."

For twelve years, the president said, the Republican leadership "neglected" an opportunity to help the American farmer.

He put to his audience the question of what that leadership offers now, then gave his own version.

Piney Creek H. S. Young Tar Heel Farmers Hold Meet

The Piney Creek high school Young Tar Heel Farmer chapter held its first meeting for the current year on September 30, and officers were elected as follows: R. L. Gambill, president; Clay Joines, vice president; Chap Hampton, reporter, and Robert Johnson, secretary.

At the initial meeting of the year plans were made for the Piney Creek Y. T. H. F. boys to attend the State fair at Raleigh two days, free tickets being available for the one of the days if they were accompanied by their Agriculture teacher.

Maps Of Route For Proposed Road In County Posted Here

H. E. Noell, of Statesville, Division Engineer for the State Highway and Public Works division, was in Sparta Tuesday for the purpose of posting maps in the courthouse, showing the proposed route for project 506, which is to be a highway between Laurel Springs and Ore Knob.

Land owners along the outlined route will be interested in observing the proposed location.

Any complaints concerning the suggested route will be considered before the route is definitely decided upon and the contracts let.

Al Smith Gives Reasons For "Taking A Walk"

Says Main Reason Was Repudiation Of 1932 Platform By Roosevelt. Speaks In Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Oct. 13.—Setting out in a speech here Thursday night his reasons for "taking a walk," Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, former Democratic candidate for president, declared that the main reason was "repudiation" of the 1932 Democratic platform by the Roosevelt administration.

He made no reference to Governor Alf M. Landon or his declaration last week that he would support the Kansas governor for the presidency.

Almost his entire speech was devoted to an explanation of the 1932 Democratic platform and an attack on the Roosevelt administration for "repudiating" it.

"During the rest of the campaign," he declared, "I propose as far as it is humanly possible to develop my reasons for the walk, and I am going to start tonight in Philadelphia and go as far as I can in the radio time with the chief reason and that is the complete, the almost complete abandonment of the Democratic platform by the so-called Democratic, but really new deal administration."

He concluded his speech with an appeal to the audience to "separate the political bunk from the facts."

Plans For Galax Fiddlers Meet Are Now Complete

Final plans have been completed for the third annual Old Fiddlers convention, to be held in the Galax high school auditorium on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24.

Sponsored by the Galax lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, and the Parent-Teacher association, this gathering of old-time musicians, the third annual event, bids fair to be the most successful program of this kind ever to be held in this section.

Thus far, more than one hundred old-time musicians, from four states have registered for the various contests, promising lovers of old-time music and song two evenings of rare entertainment.

More than \$100 in cash prizes will be awarded the participants in the various contests. Also, as an added incentive, a silver loving cup will be awarded the best all-around musician, and appropriate trophies awarded all winners.

As has been true in the past conventions, in case of a tie between any contestant, preference will be given those musicians playing the old tune, as the purpose of these old fiddlers' conventions is to keep alive the memories and sentiments of days gone by, and to make it possible for the public of today to hear and enjoy the tunes of yesterday. However, new tunes are not excluded, preference merely being given the old ones.

Big Democratic Rally To Be Held Here October 24

Congressman Doughton To Be Among Speakers. Other Congressmen Invited To Attend

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

Affair Is To Be Major Democratic Event Of Year For Sparta And Alleghany County

Saturday, October 22, has been set aside as a home-coming day for the Democrats of Alleghany county, when the largest rally ever held in the county is being planned at Sparta.

Arrangements are now being made for an all-day affair, with speeches both in the morning and in the afternoon, and a barbecue lunch sufficient to feed all who come. Every Democrat in the county will be invited, along with many leaders from other counties.

The last address of the day will be delivered by Congressman R. L. Doughton. Invitations have been sent to Congressman Harold L. Cooley and Congressman William B. Umstead, of North Carolina, and Congressman Fred Vinson, of Kentucky, to speak here at the rally. All these men are able speakers, and at least one of them is expected to speak on the morning of the 24th.

This rally will be sponsored by many of the merchants of Sparta, working in connection with the county Democratic Executive committee, led by Attorney R. F. Crouse, chairman. Much interest is being shown in the affair, and thousands are expected to attend, since this will be the major meeting of Democrats of Alleghany county this year.

Child Thrown From Pick-up Sun. Night; Is Instantly Killed

Mabel, the 15-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Richardson, Cherry Lane, was instantly killed early Sunday night when she was thrown from the rear of a pick-up truck on which she was riding.

The driver of the pick-up, Robert Pearce, uncle of the child, also of Cherry Lane, claimed to have been blinded by the lights of an approaching car and drove off the highway, striking a tree. The accident occurred near the Teapot Dome service station.

The impact of the truck against the tree threw Mack Chambers who was holding the child, and the child on the surface of the highway, bursting the child's head open and knocking Chambers unconscious. A number of others were riding on the truck but escaped with bruises and minor injuries.

Pearce was arrested Sunday night and lodged in the Sparta jail. He was released Monday and placed under bond to appear for a preliminary trial Monday morning, October 19, to answer to charges of driving while intoxicated and manslaughter.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 10 a. m. at Woodruff church by Rev. George Miles. The child is survived by a small brother, in addition to its parents and other relatives.

Landon Heard Tues. Night In Detroit Speech

Detroit, Oct. 13.—Gov. Alf Landon told a shivering audience throng tonight that the New Deal by taking "first steps" toward destroying "the rights and liberties of the people," represented a "threat" to American democracy.

Pledging himself, if elected to "recommend repeal of all laws giving automatic powers to the executive," the Republican nominee asserted there was a concentration of power in the hands of President Roosevelt which "America cannot ignore" and which he believed "unnecessary and unwise."

HOEY RIDICULES LANDON

Clyde R. Hoey ridiculed Governor Alf M. Landon, in a speech delivered Tuesday night in Louisville.