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"The secret of success
is constancy of purpose."
—Disraeli.

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NEW DEAL ENEMIES

Many months ago, in these columns, we pointed out the hanging political scene that was following the reform efforts of President Roosevelt. The New Deal program had then, and has now, bitter enemies within the ranks of the Democratic party who will not hesitate at any manoeuvre which promises to wreck the Roosevelt machine. That much was certain long before the Supreme Court fight and the wages and hours battle in congress and there is no reason or any amazement when the opposition rears its head.

ROOSEVELT'S STRATEGY

The President long ago determined that the Democratic party, so long as he was in control, could be the liberal political organization of the United States. He was willing then, and he is willing now, to give up the conservative group of Democrats in exchange for the acquisition of republican and independent liberals. His strategy has been eminently successful as the recent elections attest.

REVIEWING THE PAST

For a number of years, following the administration of President Wilson, the Democrats were hopelessly in the minority. In fact, the first election of Wilson was made possible when Teddy Roosevelt, out for President on the Progressive ticket, cut the liberal throat of President Taft, seeking reelection as a Republican. Wilson was a minority President during his first term and the possessor of a small majority during his second term. Then came the deluge that covered the Democrats, massive majorities that elected three Republican Presidents in a row, Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. The nation seemed ever Republican.

When Wilson was reelected in 1916 he polled 9,129,606 votes. It is worth noting that when Cox was beaten by Harding in 1920 by the unprecedented majority of 600,000, the Ohio Democrat actually polled more votes than the war-time President. Four years later Coolidge, beat Davis by a greater number, and although Al Smith polled more votes in 1928 than Coolidge got in 1924, Hoover ran him across the line by more than 6,000,000 ballots. Then, in 1932, came the amazing reversal, with Hoover dropping more than 6,000,000 votes and Roosevelt picking up 7,000,000 more than Smith, to almost equal the record set scored by Coolidge in 1924 when he beat Davis by 7,340,000 votes.

This was the situation when the resident went into office in the dark days of the 1933 panic, with his strategy already aimed at winning the support of labor and the farmers. Plainly the hope of the Roosevelt regime was to effect a political coalition between the progressives of the West and the East and to retain the Solid South as the Democratic game-bird. How well this was accomplished is to be seen in the figures of the 1936 election. Landon polled nearly a billion more votes than did President Hoover in his race for reelection but Roosevelt added nearly five million to his previous total, to beat his Republican rival by more than 11,000,000 votes.

REALIGNMENT UNDERWAY

Of course, the balloting was influenced by economic conditions. Roosevelt cashed in on national recovery just as Hoover cashed on the depression, and some political observers predict that now, with the nation approaching normal conditions, there will be a realignment of votes along the old revision. This remains to be seen but there is persistent talk of a third party to challenge the long supremacy of the two old-line political organizations. Common conversation always includes the possibility that John L. Lewis will attempt to set up a Labor party and he may do so, but the writer thinks that he is too smart for such a manoeuvre unless there develop other splits within the two major parties.

THIRD PARTY OUTLOOK

What we mean is this: The experience of Teddy Roosevelt in 1912 amply demonstrates that a third party cannot beat both old parties in any election. It can prevent the success of the organization from which it comes and that is about all. However, if

Many Plan To Have Exhibits At Sparta Fair

Sparta H. S. Faculty Members To Give Comedy Play In Auditorium On Friday Night Of Event

Many persons throughout Alleghany county have signified their intentions of entering exhibits in various departments at the annual Alleghany fair to be held here on the grounds of Sparta high school Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25. Ample space to take care of all exhibits is being provided.

Fair officials expressed the desire recently that many more will cooperate in making the fair a success, by having some of their various farm products on exhibits, since the success of an agricultural fair is determined, they say, by the number of exhibits on display and not by the number of side shows.

Among added attractions, other than the athletic contests, will be music to be rendered by the Fries brass band and a wood-chopping contest. Three prizes, two axes and \$1, will be awarded the three winners in the wood-chopping contest by Sparta Supply company.

Sparta Women Visit Oak Hill W. M. U. Recently

In response to a special invitation of Mrs. C. W. Fields, a large delegation of local women attended the regular meeting of Oak Hill W. M. U. held recently at her home, which is located a short distance above the point where Wilson creek empties into New river, and also near the beautiful falls of the Fields power plant, where electricity is produced for the surrounding communities.

In the home, which was decorated with lovely cut flowers, Mrs. J. F. Fletcher, president of the W. M. U., welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Following a most helpful and interesting program, short talks were made by a number of the visitors from Sparta and West Jefferson.

During the social hour, the hostess invited her guests into the dining room, where the dining table, with its cloth of lace, was laden with bountiful refreshments, consisting of ice cream, angel food and pink layer cake, grapes, peaches, apples and lemons.

Among those from Sparta enjoying Mrs. Fields' hospitality were: Mrs. C. A. Reeves, Mrs. Lola White, Mrs. R. V. Thompson, Mrs. J. M. Cheek, Mrs. W. B. Estep, Mrs. Jones Waddell, Mrs. R. A. Wagoner, Mrs. Ruth Hackler, Mrs. Fred Richardson, Mrs. W. B. Reeves and Mrs. A. O. Joines.

BAPTIST W. M. U. TO HOLD MEETING TODAY

The Women's Missionary union of the Sparta Baptist church will hold its regular monthly meeting today (Thursday), at two o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Jones Waddell, Scottville.

Alleghany Baptist Association Meet Is Well Attended

The Alleghany Baptist association meeting held at Pine Fork church on September 10, 11 and 12 was well attended.

Friday morning the Rev. Beach delivered an address on "Religious Literature." M. A. Adams gave a temperance lecture in the afternoon. Rev. H. H. McMillan, Thomasville, editor of "Charity and Children," spoke Saturday morning on orphanage work. On Saturday afternoon, Rev. W. T. Whittington, West Jefferson, preached, and on Sunday morning Rev. Howard J. Ford, Sparta, delivered the sermon.

Much Building Activity Under Way In Sparta

In recent months Sparta has been expanding in both the residential and business sections. Among the buildings being erected in the latter group are A. L. Rector's two-story store building on Whitehead street and Sam L. Porter's roller mill west of town. This three-story structure will be leased by T. L. Duncan, who has been operating the Duncan roller mill about two miles out of town. Both of these buildings will be ready for occupancy within a month, it is thought.

Another addition to the business life of the town is Green Gables, which was opened in the early spring. Also, Cleve Reeves is enlarging his place of business by erecting a brick building, enclosing the temporary structure he has been using.

Among the dwellings recently completed are R. E. Black's stone residence Dr. Odell Richardson's, Howard Hopper's, and Sam L. Porter's, all of brick, west of Sparta, east of town is R. L. Joines' new brick residence.

The following have houses now in process of construction: James Hoppers and Albert Richardson, their homes being built of brick and stone, respectively. On Whitehead street the brick dwelling of George Jones is practically completed. On the Elkin road, Clennel Richardson and Duke Bledsoe have begun construction on new dwellings.

On Whitehead street a lot has been bought adjoining the residence of D. C. Duncan, on which a modern six-room brick veneer bungalow is being erected to be used as the Baptist parsonage. The Presbyterian church also is nearly completed.

Gov. Hoey Sees Federal Hand In Schools Of Future

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 14.—Governors of twenty states met in a penthouse overlooking the Atlantic ocean today and spoke their minds about the possibility of Uncle Sam's long arm reaching into the little red schoolhouse.

Most of the governors expressed fear that very thing would happen when the states began accepting from the federal government financial aid for their schools.

Already before Congress is a bill to appropriate \$100,000,000 for the aid of community schools. Governor Clyde R. Hoey, of North Carolina, said that would call for some federal regulation. He predicted that within ten years the amount would be raised to \$500,000,000 and asked: "Then what?"

HOEY DECLINES INVITATION OF LOWELL THOMAS

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey yesterday declined an invitation from Lowell Thomas, president of the New York Advertising club and noted commentator and writer, to attend a governors' dinner in New York city September 28.

MISS BETTE COOPER WINS "MISS AMERICA" TITLE

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 14.—Miss Bette Cooper, Hacktstown, N. J., as "Miss Bertrand Island, N. J.," Saturday night here won the title, "Miss America, 1937" from 48 other contestants.

Five Generations Pictured



Pictured above are representatives of five generations of the Caudill family, in Alleghany county. Seated is Mrs. Caroline Caudill, 84. Others in the picture are (left to right), Mrs. Caudill's son, S. G. Caudill; her granddaughter, Mrs. Mamie Brawley, daughter of Mr. Caudill; her great-grandson, Frank Brawley, and the latter's small daughter, great-great-granddaughter of Mrs. Caudill. On Sunday, July 25, twenty-four of S. G. Caudill's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at his home, together with Mr. Caudill's mother, for a family reunion.

Boston Girl To Marry Youngest Son Of President

Nahant, Mass., Sept. 14.—Although the principals could not remember where or when it happened, a casual meeting about three years ago yesterday blossomed into the engagement of John Aspinwall Roosevelt, youngest and only unmarried son of President Roosevelt, and Miss Anne Lindsay Clark, pretty blonde Boston debutante.

Announcement of the engagement, which has been kept a secret "some time," John said, came from Anne's mother, Mrs. F. Haven Clark, widow of a wealthy Boston banker, who for several weeks has been evading rumors of a romance between her eldest daughter and young Roosevelt.

John said, "we have been engaged some time."

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt knew about it before he made his recent trip to Europe, he said. "We were engaged," he continued, "at the time of the wedding of my older brother, Franklin, and Miss Ethel du Pont."

"We met about three years ago," his slender fiancée said. "Just when or where I do not remember."

John nodded in agreement.

Neither could they remember who introduced them.

Linked romantically with the tall, handsome 21-year-old son of the president since he escorted her to the Roosevelt-du Pont wedding, Miss Clark has been a frequent visitor at the White House and was one of the first to greet John at Hyde Park on his return last week from an European tour.

"No plans for the wedding have been made yet," Anne's mother said. Of course, it will not be until John has graduated.

The engagement was confirmed from the summer "White House" at Hyde Park, N. Y. Young Roosevelt came to Boston from Hyde Park a few days ago, ostensibly to arrange for his room for the coming fall semester at Harvard, where he is going into his senior year.

METHODIST W. M. S. NOT TO MEET THIS MONTH

The Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church will not hold its regular meeting this month on account of the same meeting, which is to be held in Jefferson tomorrow (Friday). It is hoped that a number from Sparta will be able to attend this same meeting.

Roosevelt Bans Arms Shipments To The Far East

Washington, Sept. 14.—A partial embargo was invoked tonight by President Roosevelt on shipments of arms and munitions to the Far Eastern war zone.

After conferring with Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Joseph Kennedy, chairman of the maritime commission, the Chief executive issued a formal statement announcing that no merchant vessels owned by this government would be permitted to transport such articles to China or Japan "until further notice."

Other American merchant ships carrying arms cargoes to either country, the president said, will do so at their own risk.

His statement was issued a short time after Mr. Roosevelt at his regular press conference had reiterated that he would do everything possible to keep this country out of war.

The action, however, did not formally invoke the Neutrality Act, which would automatically forbid all exports of implements of war to belligerents in addition to clapping an embargo on all American financial assistance to the warring nations.

The president emphasized that the government's policy with respect to application of the Neutrality Act still remains on "a 24-hour basis." He said the question of invoking the act always is under consideration and has been for weeks.

Whether any specific attempt to ship arms on government vessels prompted the president to act today or whether he was motivated only by general apprehension for the future was not made clear.

Roosevelt Denies Knowing Black Was KKK Member

Washington, Sept. 14.—President Roosevelt today took cognizance of the storm of comment which has arisen over disclosure of Justice Hugo Black's former Ku Klux Klan connections by personally dictating at his press conference the following terse and significant statement:

"I know only what I have read in the newspapers. I note the stories are appearing serially and their publication is not complete. Mr. Justice Black is in Europe and undoubtedly he cannot get the full text of these articles. Until such time as he returns, there is no further comment to be made."

Sparta H. S. Closed Until Sept. 27 After Development Of Infantile Paralysis Case

Rev. John Hoyle, Jr. To Hold Methodist Quarterly Meet Sun.

The fourth quarterly conference for the Sparta charge will be held at Walnut Branch Methodist church next Sunday, September 19, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., presiding elder, of the Statesville district, will preach, after which he will conduct the business session.

Young Son Of Bert Edwards Taken To Winston-Salem Hospital Suffering With Disease; Returns Tues.

Sparta high school was closed yesterday (Wednesday) morning until Monday, September 27, following a meeting of quarantine officers, Mrs. Virginia Ashley Greene, county nurse, and school authorities to consider the development of a case of infantile paralysis in Sparta early this week. Tommie Edwards, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Edwards, was taken to a Winston-Salem hospital Monday suffering with the disease, but returned home Tuesday.

The meeting mentioned above was attended by W. C. Thompson, superintendent of Alleghany county schools; C. R. Roe, principal of Sparta high school, and T. R. Burgess, chairman of the local school board.

Those who participated in the meeting agreed with the state board of health that the wisest course to pursue, in view of the development of the infantile paralysis case, would be to close the school for the time being.

The child attended school last week and it is particularly feared that other persons in the community who came in contact with the Edwards child may take the disease. Therefore, it was deemed wise to quarantine students of the Sixth grade, of which the Edwards child is a member, at home for a period of 14 days from time of exposure. This quarantine applies also to those children who were on a camping trip during the past week-end, of which the Edwards child was a member, and those pupils who rode the school bus with the child who developed the disease.

A further announcement will be necessary, it is said, as to whether the Alleghany Agricultural fair scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25, will be postponed.

Royal Family To Hold Annual Reunion Sept. 26

The regular annual reunion of the Royal clan will be held at Liberty Knob church, in Alleghany county, two and one-half miles south of Roaring Gap post office and two miles west of U. S. highway No. 21, on Sunday, September 26, beginning at 10 a. m.

For the first time this family clan will be joined, in the reunion, with the Miles and Brooks families, and will be, in reality, a Royal-Miles-Brooks reunion. Those in charge of arrangements for the occasion have secured in obtaining the services of some noted speakers, as well as singing choirs and quartets, and are looking forward to the day with anticipation of one of the largest gatherings ever to assemble at this church.

Attorney Forest W. Miles, of Winston-Salem, is to be the first speaker on the program, and Rev. C. N. Royal, pastor of the First Baptist church in High Point, N. C., will be the second speaker, according to present plans.

All relatives and friends of the family groups mentioned are cordially invited to attend and take with them well-filled baskets of "eats."

J. A. J. Royal is chairman of the reunion organization, and arrangements for the event are in the hands of a committee comprised of F. W. Royal, J. T. Miles and Brett Cothren.

Unique Game Is Displayed By B. & T. Drug Co.

A very unique and novel game is being displayed by the B. & T. Drug company, and is being offered with a tube of toothpaste at a special price.

The new game, known as the "Streamlined Train Game," is educational as well as entertaining for the children and the grown-ups as it is played on a map of the United States drawn on a piece of cardboard and giving the names of the states and many of the principal cities as well as the names of the bodies of water touching on the United States and the names of the principal rivers.

INCREASED ENROLLMENT AT N. C. STATE COLLEGE SEEN

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—Student registration at N. C. State college will be completed tomorrow with the listing of upperclassmen. Col. J. W. Hargraves, administrative head of the college, said he expected a total enrollment of more than 2,100, an increase of 200 over last year.

BAPTISTS TO HAVE SHORT WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor, announced recently that a short prayer service will be held on each Wednesday night at the Baptist church, from 7 to 7:20 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

Marion, Sept. 14.—Mann Smith, Negro, was sentenced by Judge Alley today to die in the gas chamber October 15 for assaulting a white girl.

Legionnaires Begin To Converge On N. Y. For Meeting

New York, Sept. 14.—The American Legion convention began bearing down on New York in earnest today.

Harry Landsberg, of Milwaukee, was the first ex-service man to register. Stretched out behind him on the nation's highways and railroads was an army of nearly half a million converging on the convention city for first-day events Monday.

Harry W. Colmery, the national commander, is expected tomorrow. General Victor Beauregard, France's official representative will arrive on the liner Washington Thursday.

DOLORES COSTELLO IS RETURNING TO FILMS

Hollywood, Calif., Sept. 14.—Dolores Costello, former wife of John Barrymore, is returning to films again.

ALMANAC

Illustration of a man and a woman with a dog.

"Honor a physician before thou hast need of him."

- 17—C. P. Rogers started the first transcontinental airplane flight, 1911.
- 18—Construction of United States capital laid by Geo. Washington, 1792.
- 19—Failure of Jay Cooke & Co. caused panic on the N. Y. Exchange, 1873.
- 20—First meeting of American Association for the Advancement of Science in Philadelphia, 1847.
- 21—Great Britain, first world power, suspends gold standard, 1931.
- 22—Nathan Hale executed on Revolutionary war, 1776.
- 23—Martin Cory, producing business, honored by a watch in Mass., 1822.