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The returns from Pennsylvania created the greatest interest. Both parties were engaged in bitter fights. In the Republican camp, Judge Arthur H. James, backed by the conservative faction, battled Gifford Pinchot, former Governor, identified as a Progressive. The Democrats staged a struggle between John L. Lewis and Senator Earle and State Chairman Lawrence on the other side. On the day before the voting, Jim Farley urged the election of one candidate on each side, advocating votes for Governor Earle and Thomas Kennedy, the CIO candidate for Governor.

Republicans Lead

The Pennsylvania electorate turned out in surprising force, more than sixty per cent. of the registered voters going to the polls. The Republican candidates polled approximately 140,000 votes more than the combined total of about 1,300,000 votes and the Republican total of more than 1,400,000 votes were contrasted with the results in 1936, when President Roosevelt beat Governor Landon by a little more than 600,000 votes, 2,253,000 against 1,690,000.

Taken on its face, the results of the primary indicated that if both parties continued united, the election in November will be close. However, there are factors to be considered. Democrats point out that their total primary vote was more than twice as large as the next highest in Democratic history, in 1934, when 569,744 Democrats went to the polls. The Democrats, moreover, insist that steady increases in Democratic registration in the last few years is evidence that Republicans by the thousands are changing to the Democratic party.

Lewis and C. I. O. Lose

Considerable interest in the Pennsylvania primary was based on the fact that one of the candidates for Governor on the Democratic ticket was an active member of the CIO and the candidate of John L. Lewis. Mr. Kennedy the Lewis candidate failed to win the nomination for Governor but polled sufficient strength to indicate that the CIO organization, at least can defeat the successful Democratic nominee if the half million CIO members in Pennsylvania turn against the Democratic party.

The likelihood of such a step is less probable when one realizes that Judge James, the successful Republican candidate, made Mr. Lewis and his CIO a major issue against Gifford Pinchot, attacking Pinchot as a "New Dealer" and "pro-Lewis" candidate. The CIO strength will not be thrown to Judge James. It might, under some conditions, go to an independent Labor candidate or follow the new tactics of the economic struggle and "sit-down" during the Fall election.

Is G. O. P. Gaining?

The Pennsylvania vote was hailed by John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican National Committee, as a definite indication of a Republican victory in November. Alf M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee in 1936, expressed practically the same opinion. Republicans generally seem to take the primary results as proof that a united party can win the state from the Democratic candidates.

That Republicans get encouragement from the prospect of winning control of Pennsylvania, a state that for decades has been a foundation of Republican strength, indicates the havoc which the New Deal has made in political alignment in this country. Whether the election this Fall will show that the Pennsylvanians have swung back to their normal Republican preferences remains to be seen.

A Florida Effect

Aside from the failure of John L. Lewis and the CIO to demonstrate domination of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, the primary results carry another reflection. It comforts the Republicans in much the same way that the Florida results encouraged the New Dealers. The Florida primary came after considerable debate as to the President's loss of popularity and prestige and the results bolstered New Deal morale by exhibiting the strength of President Roosevelt. In Pennsylvania, the primary comes after discouraging defeats to the Republicans and gives them hope and courage by strengthening their belief that after all, it is possible to beat the Democrats. **New Deal Scores** (Turn to page five, please).

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You Will Profit If You Always Read Times' Advertisements

S. R. Nichols is to be in Sparta on three days

—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, during the regular office hours of 8:30 to 4:30

o'clock. Mr. Nichols is a representative of the North Carolina State Employment service, and will be at the court house on his days in Sparta.

For some time, this office has been maintained here only on Wednesdays, but on account of extra projects being undertaken in the county, it is now necessary to keep it open three days a week.

Mr. Nichols announces that more able-bodied men are needed on the rock quarry project and in building the two overhead passes now under construction, one near Roaring Gap and the other beyond Laurel Springs. In the first project mentioned, crushed stone will be furnished for surfacing sixty miles of the Scenic highway.

Mr. Nichols points out the fact that the N. C. S. E. S. makes private as well as public placements. For instance, if a farmer needs a laborer, he can call on Mr. Nichols to help him locate a man. This service is furnished by the state at no cost to the employer.

Frank Hancock made a speech Tuesday night

—in Elizabeth City in the interest of his candidacy for the United States Senate seat now held by Senator

Robert R. Reynolds. In his Elizabeth City address, the Oxford congressman told an Albemarle Sound region audience that Senator Reynolds was afraid and ashamed of his record as a senator and was trying to "dodge" his way into another term.

"But he can't do that with me," the congressman said. "He has got to explain himself or else go before the people next Saturday without any explanation.

"Where there is no denial, and where excuses are too weak for utterance, there is ordinarily only one course to pursue, and that is to change the subject."

Renewing seven contentions he said Reynolds had "religiously avoided" answering, Hancock said the junior senator's "opening gun" had failed to fire five times and had, on the subject of aliens, "merely fizzled."

"When I charged that contrary to all promises and precedents, he had employed as his secretary a citizen of Virginia instead of turning to his native state for such assistance as he needed," the congressman said, "the 'opening gun' actually went off. He entered his defense on this sole charge."

Hancock denied that Reynolds' secretary worked for the late Senator Overman and added, "then my opponent says his secretary worked for Senator Morrison. . . I will let Senator Morrison himself tell how long he kept in his office anybody except citizens of North Carolina."

The congressman said Reynolds had not answered contentions that he was a playboy, that he conducted a "one-man travel bureau"; that his only contribution to statecraft was sponsorship of a liquor and barroom law for the District of Columbia, and that he had failed to keep campaign promises.

MISS MILDRED McMILLAN GRADUATED ON MAY 19

—from the School of Nursing of Union Memorial hospital, Baltimore, Md. Miss McMillan is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freel McMillan, Street, Md.

Miss McMillan's friends and relatives in Alleghany county will be interested to know that she received a scholarship of \$50 for attaining the highest general average, this being the second successive award of this kind she has received. She also received this year her second successive award of \$20, which is given the student who is voted the most polite, kind and considerate.

The county farm agent has been made the target

—of much undeserved criticism since tobacco and cotton allotments were announced, said Dean I. O.

Schaub, of State college, Raleigh, recently, in an article published in the Extension Farm News.

In a few communities, some disgruntled farmers have been clamoring for the agent's dismissal, basing their argument on apparent "unfairness."

"Thus we have a strange situation," the director of the Extension Service said. "The county agent is put in much the same position as a tax collector. He has orders which he must carry out that were formulated by the Congress of the United States. His duties are purely administrative."

Dean Schaub explained that county committeemen determined acreage allotments for individual farms after a careful study was made of the county and according to a formula set up in the act.

After the allotments were completed they were announced through the office of the county agent, headquarters for the AAA program in each county.

"National goals were set up in Washington, and each state given its proportionate share of acres," Dean Schaub said. "In the case of cotton, even county goals were established in Washington. For tobacco, the State committee set each county's quota, which was approved by the AAA regional office in the nation's capital.

"We think that only a small part of the growers are campaigning actively against the program. Most of the others are still willing to go along with us in order to give control a fair chance. If they don't like it after the marketing season is over, they can vote down the program at the next referendum."

INTERESTED PERSONS ARE TO MEET AT ELK CREEK

—on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7 and 8, to complete work that has been begun on the cemetery.

This Week FEATURES YOU WILL LIKE

Was Jeff Gray really a criminal? Read "To Ride the River With," William MacLeod Raine's important new Western Serial. Pa Piffle shows what it takes to be tough. See "Mescal Ike" in our comic section.

"Serving by Personal Devotion to Christ" is the subject of Rev. Harold L. Lundquist's Sunday School lesson for this week.

Burglar hunting is a thrilling sport, as you'll find if you read "Death by Proxy," Floyd Gibbons' "Adventures" Club" story in this issue.

The story of King Arthur, ruler of the Round Table, is our literary feature this week. Tennyson's classic is given a five-minute condensation by Elizabeth C. James.

An autogiro landing with mail on a Chicago post office roof is one of the interesting pictures shown in our news photo section.

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Mrs. Geo. W. Baker passed away here on Sat., May 28

—at the home of a daughter, Mrs. B. O. Choate, after having been ill for some time.

Mrs. Baker's husband died only a few months ago in Fries, Va. Surviving children are Mrs. Choate, Sparta; E. J. Baker, Fries; Mrs. I. M. Dotson, Charlotte; Dr. C. H. Baker, Chilhowie, Va.; J. E. Baker, Roanoke, Va., and F. G. Baker, Richmond, Va.

Funeral services were conducted in the Fries Methodist church Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. C. F. Watkins.

Pallbearers and flower bearers were nephews, nieces and grandchildren of the deceased. Interment was in Fries cemetery.

A statement was made recently by Dr. G. M. Cooper

—of the North Carolina State Board of Health, that if the Alleghany County Board of Commissioners

does not see fit to appropriate \$1,200 necessary for the county to enter into a district health department, he has decided not to allow Alleghany county to keep the county health nurse, even if the commissioners are willing to appropriate the amount that is necessary for that, which is \$900.

Dr. Cooper pointed out the fact that this county has enjoyed the services of a public health nurse for two years, the first year at not a cent of cost to the county, the nurse being sent here as a compliment to Congressman R. L. Doughton. Last year, the nurse was allowed to remain here in order to give Ashe county a year's time so that these two counties might enter a district health department at the same demonstration of health work.

This year, the State Health department expects Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties to join a district health department. Alleghany's part of the expense of this department would be less than half of that of Ashe. Since Alleghany has had the health program demonstrated for two years at an exceedingly low cost to the county, and since it is being offered this year at one-fifth its actual cost, if the county is not sufficiently appreciative of these services to appropriate the \$1,200, Dr. Cooper favors withdrawing the public health nurse from this county.

Then, if the \$1,200 is not appropriated, the county will be deprived not only of the services of the nurse, but the remainder of the health program as well. The clinic for crippled children will no longer be held in this county, for instance. An example of the advantage to the county of having such a clinic is found in Homer Ellis, 14-year-old Piney Creek boy, who is now at home in a body cast, after receiving an 18-day treatment in the Winston-

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Alleghany Can Get A Full Health Service By Making Appropriation Of \$1,200.00

—according to information given out here recently. The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners, which is composed of J. C. Spurlin,

chairman, James McD. Wagoner and Victor Phipps, has been requested by the State Board of Health to decide by Monday, June 6, whether or not it will make the appropriation. By appropriating this amount, the commissioners, it has been pointed out, would obtain for Alleghany county approximately \$5,000 worth of health service for about one-fifth of its actual cost.

Senator Reynolds spoke Tues. night in Winston-Salem

—and declared that his friends are going to send him back to the United States Senate by a tremendous majority. To a capacity crowd that packed the Forsyth county court house to capacity, Reynolds talked for an hour and twenty-three minutes and never mentioned the name of his opponent, Representative Frank W. Hancock, Jr., of Oxford.

The North Carolina Primary is to be held on Saturday of this week (June 4).

"I don't love you just because Saturday is coming," the blond, pugilist-built senator said, "I've loved you all my life and will love you whether you vote for me or not."

Reynolds spoke extemporaneously. He had no notes. But he talked of world problems that concern "we folks here at home." He talked of his record in the U. S. Senate. He discussed social, economic and industrial trends and declared that America has the weakest, poorest immigration laws of any country in the world.

And when he had painted a word picture of the horrors of war, he paused and there was a smile on his face. These were his words:

"I'm glad North Carolina has such a great chief executive, the lovable Clyde R. Hoey. He has brought the government to the people."

There was more applause and more yells.

"I admire Clyde R. Hoey," said Reynolds, "because he has gone about the state, mixing and mingling with the people and finding out what they need, what they want."

And then the senator paid his respects to "Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, who is yonder in a hospital in the mountains and who I am glad to say will be a well man in four months."

Accompanied by his son, Robert R. Reynolds, Jr., the senator was introduced to Forsyth county voters by Alex Pleasants, Southern Railroad conductor, of Winston-Salem, who declared Reynolds "is the greatest statesman North Carolina ever has had."

Rural letter carriers of Alleghany met

—on Saturday night, May 28, at Green Gables, for the annual Alleghany County Rural Letter Carriers association meeting. All ten carriers in the county were present, and all but two were accompanied by their wives. Several visitors were also present as guests of the association.

An outstanding feature of the occasion was a banquet, at which W. C. Irwin, president of the association, acted as toastmaster. Mr. Irwin pointed out the fact that the Alleghany association maintained a 100% membership since its organization ten years ago.

After several shore speeches by various carriers and guests, officers were reelected for the sixth consecutive year as follows: W. C. Irwin, president; Lon McReeves, vice president, and R. G. Taylor, secretary-treasurer.

The Ladies auxiliary, the members of which organization are the wives of the carriers, also held their meeting and reelected officers for the coming year as follows: Mrs. W. C. Irwin, president, and Mrs. Edward Pugh, secretary-treasurer.

The next annual meeting will be held at New Hope church on the fifth Sunday in April, 1939.

The services and conditions under which this service could be obtained for Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, in cooperation with the State Board of Health and Federal agencies, has been outlined by Dr. R. E. Cox, director of the Division of County Health, of the State Board of Health, as follows:

The District Health Department will conduct a public health program in the three counties as outlined and approved by the North Carolina State Board of Health, which would supply the citizens of the three counties the following essential services:

1. School health supervision, including physical examination of school children for defect;

2. Immunization service will be offered by the District Health Department, providing for the control of smallpox, diphtheria, and typhoid fever;

3. The perfection of an organization for the correction of physical defects, such physical defects to be corrected by competent physicians of the District;

4. The department will conduct an organized program to reduce maternal and infant deaths;

5. An adequate Venereal Disease and Tuberculosis program will be carried out with the cooperation of the local medical profession;

6. The health department will conduct an education and supervisory program which will go far toward correcting environmental sanitation, with particular emphasis on safe excreta disposal, malaria control, providing a pure and wholesome water supply, a pure milk supply, and pure food within each county in the district;

7. The department will conduct epidemiological investigations and institute adequate, intelligent, and effective measures for the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases;

8. The Public Health Nurse on the staff will visit homes of school children who are absent because of communicable diseases and in whom physical defects may be found, take such steps as may be

A Baptist S. S. convention was held Sunday

—at Laurel Springs, and inspirational and informative addresses were delivered by Rev. Perry Crouch, secretary of Education of the Baptist Convention, Raleigh, and Rev. J. P. Davis, pastor of the Boonville Baptist church.

All the Sunday schools were represented by delegates or pastors, and local problems were discussed by superintendents, teachers, pastors and Sunday School workers. A choir of Laurel Springs girls rendered special music, and Mrs. H. J. Ford and Mrs. Walter Johnson, Sparta, sang a duet.

A basket lunch was served by the Laurel Springs Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools.

A permanent organization was formed and the following officers were elected: Superintendent, Mrs. A. O. Joines; Associate Superintendent, W. F. Doughton; General Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Reeves; Adult Department, Vann Miller; Young People, Walter Johnson; Intermediate, Mrs. D. J. Jones, and Elementary, Mrs. J. T. Fender.

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