

## Governor Hoey may take a neutral stand

—judging from persistent rumors in Raleigh—in North Carolina's Democratic gubernatorial campaign. It is indicated that the chief executive will issue a statement soon proclaiming his strict neutrality in the matter.

Such a declaration, superseding the Governor's hold-your-hats suggestion, probably would lift automatically an unofficial ban on gubernatorial announcements.

The hold-your-hats suggestion was a broad hint to would-be chief executives, dropped early last spring, when Hoey said he believed a prolonged political campaign would be unwise, and added that he thought no hats should be tossed into the political ring until about the first of the year.

The unofficial ban resulted. Consequently, the gubernatorial campaign to date has had many of the aspects of an undeclared war, since at least six men are fighting for the post, but none has declared himself formally as a candidate.

The six who have told friends repeatedly that they are running are J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh; Mayor T. Cooper, of Wilmington; Lee Gravelly, of Rocky Mount; Lieut. Governor W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro; Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh; and Willis Smith, of Raleigh.

Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, editor and farm leader, said recently that he had received many letters urging him to enter the unofficial race. Other possible candidates include H. E. Stacy, of Lumberton, and D. L. Ward, of New Bern, speaker of the state house of representatives.

During the last month, political leaders who supported Dr. Ralph W. McDonald in the 1936 gubernatorial campaign have had several conferences, and it is believed that they considered the possibility of backing Broughton, Willie Lee Lumpkin, of Franklin, or Paul Grady, of Kenly.

Dr. McDonald, now connected with the extension department of the University of North Carolina, was defeated in the second Democratic primary of 1936 by Governor Hoey. Lumpkin, a state senator, managed his campaign.

Grady was defeated in a close race for lieutenant governor in 1936 by Horton. He was defeated for utilities commissioner in 1938 by Stanley Winborne.

Even if Governor Hoey issues his neutrality statement, he has made it plain he would defend his administration against any attacks by candidates. The neutrality, of course, would end after

## The hunting season on quail, turkey, grouse

—and rabbit in North Carolina opens today (North Carolina's Thanksgiving Day), it has been pointed out by the State Department of Conservation and Development, in Raleigh.

Most hunters who take to the fields and woods today, the game division believes, will be in quest of quail, and reports indicate a good crop this year.

Here's some facts about the seasons that hunters ought to know before they oil up their guns.

Quail—The season ends February 15, except in Union County, where it opens December 10 and closes January 10. Quail shooting will be allowed only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in nine counties—Lenoir, Duplin, Craven, Carteret, Pitt, Greene, Jones, Onslow and Pender.

In all other counties bird shooting will be permitted every day except Sunday.

The bag limit is 10 a day and 150 for the season, and the possession limit is 20—meaning that a hunter may keep as many as 20 quail in his refrigerator or may put that many in cold storage for his personal use until 10 days after the close of the season. After 10 days, he may not have any in his possession.

Wild turkey—The season is the same as that for quail. However, (Turn to page six, please)

Think back three hundred and eighteen years ago . . . to 1621 . . . when our Pilgrim forefathers completed their first harvest! They had no luxuries: their humble gratefulness was for adequate provisions, for crude homesteads, for refuge against winter's bitter cold and hurling snows. Their gratefulness was for the chance to be free; to fight for liberty; to pursue that happiness which is the birthright of every individual. It was in Plymouth that this first Thanksgiving Day was observed, more meaningfully than any Thanksgiving Day since!

Today, in the well-heated comfort of modern homes, we observe Thanksgiving anew. The physical comforts we enjoy are immeasurably greater than those of our forebears; and we must still be thankful for the freedom with which we have been endowed; for the liberty which distinguishes our nation among all nations; for the happiness which we can pursue, and which we may pass on as the heritage of our own descendants. These are troubled times, and in their darkness we find all the more reason for a full measure of Thanksgiving, in the happy company of our loved ones, on this day.

## Funeral services for E. Lee Trinkle were held Monday

—November 27, at 11 a. m., at the Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, and the body of the former Virginia governor was taken to Wytheville for burial. Following the services in Roanoke, the funeral cortege left Roanoke, at 11:30 o'clock, escorted by members of the state police force.

The procession, divided into three groups to facilitate traffic, arrived in Wytheville at 2 p. m., where the body lay in state at the home of Mrs. C. A. Spence until 3 p. m., when the cortege proceeded to the Wytheville cemetery for brief ceremonies and burial.

Active pallbearers were Governor James H. Price and these members of the State Board of Education: Dr. Sidney B. Hall, Richmond; Virginius R. Shackelford, Orange; Joseph H. Saunders, Newport News; W. N. Neff, Abingdon, and Blake T. Newton, Westmoreland County.

The former governor's death came Saturday morning, November 25, at eight o'clock, in Hotel John Marshall, Richmond, after a busy day. On Friday he presided at a meeting of the state board of education on Capitol Hill and then attended the reception given by Governor and Mrs. Price for delegates to the Virginia Education Association's convention. He spent a sociable evening with friends at the hotel.

As he came to retire he complained of a cold in the chest and an attending physician did not at first believe his condition to be serious. Later the physician summoned a colleague and the two of them had not been long at the bedside before Mr. Trinkle died.

Mr. Trinkle preceded United States Senator Harry Flood Byrd in the governorship. As the Democratic candidate, he defeated Colonel Henry W. Anderson, Republican standard-bearer, at the polls in November, 1921, by a majority of 75,000. He had defeated his primary opponent by 23,000 votes.

He was born at Wytheville March 12, 1876, the youngest son of Elbert S. and Letitia M. Sexton Trinkle. His stock was that of the pioneers who moved to southwestern Virginia from Pennsylvania. (Turn to page 6, please)

## EDITORIAL

### Give Thanks Today

Millions of right-thinking and grateful Americans will pause for just a minute on this Thanksgiving day and reverently give thanks that they are fortunate enough to be citizens of this great America of ours.

Since the first settlers hewed out their homes in the wilderness of this continent, it has been a distinct privilege to be an American. They came to these shores seeking liberty, equality and justice and they were rewarded for their efforts. Our forefathers fought, bled and died for our inheritance of freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the right to worship as our individual consciences dictate has been bequeathed to us by men who were willing to give, and in many instances gave, their lives that American citizenship would be prized by their descendants. Upon this Thanksgiving Day, we give thanks, therefore to the Supreme Being for these men of foresight and vision who gave us freedom and opportunity.

This year, probably as never before, the sentence "I thank God that I am an American," will really mean something definite to millions of American citizens who have taken their heritage of citizenship as a matter of course and have uttered the words without understanding their real meaning. With several of the nations of Europe at war, we should be thankful that we are at peace with all nations, and that there exists in this country of ours a public desire that we as a nation shall continue at peace. We should be grateful, in a definite sense, for our system of representative democracy, which guarantees that no one man's desire for power shall cause the flower of youth of our country to be sacrificed on the battlefield for the benefit of those who would profit financially and otherwise thereby; and for the guarantee that this public desire for peace will be heeded. We sympathize with our fellowmen in countries at war, whose children and womenfolk are in mortal danger of death each hour of the day, but each of us will most fervently repeat—"I thank God that I am an American," and that the American way is different.

Of course, it is absolutely right and proper that we should be thankful for our inheritance of freedom and opportunity. Nevertheless, this year, as never before, we should keep strictly in mind that it is our duty and obligation as American citizens that this inheritance shall be preserved. There are men and organizations of men in this America of ours who are working unceasingly to undermine and trample into dust that inheritance. Whether these men or groups of men are teaching, preaching and upholding Nazism, Fascism, Communism or any other "ism," we as true Americans should, as we give thanks for our American inheritance on this Thanksgiving Day, resolve to do our utmost in seeing to it that if these persons or groups are not satisfied with our American way of life and of doing things, that they be forced to go back to the countries from which they came. Let us all resolve to be increasingly on the alert to aid in (turn to page 6, please)

## Students of Rich Hill School who attained

—an average grade of 90 for the third month of the present school term are as follows:

First Grade: Irene Lyons and Alma Lee Crouse.

Second Grade: Junior Johnson, Alfojean Johnson and Nella Mae Shaw.

Fifth Grade: Guy Dickinson.

Sixth Grade: Virginia Edwards.

Seventh Grade: Lyla Dickinson and Helen Spurlin.

## A short delay in holding the 1940 conventions

—of both the Republican and Democratic parties, for the nomination of candidates for the presidency were proposed directly to President Roosevelt in several discussions during the chief executive's Thanksgiving visit in Warm Springs, Ga.

Presenting no intimation that the proposals had any bearing on the possibility Mr. Roosevelt might seek a third term, the sources said several recent White House callers had talked over the subject with the president.

Under the plan, the 1940 conventions by which Republicans and Democrats nominate presidential candidates would be postponed a month or a month and one-half. The conventions, normally held in June would not be held until July or later next year.

The informed sources termed "pipe dreams" a suggestion that such a postponement might give Mr. Roosevelt firmer control over Congress in an election year. The plan, they said, still was highly tentative. They doubted that it had yet been placed before John D. M. Hamilton or James A. Farley, national chairmen of the Republican and Democratic national committees. The idea behind the proposal, they said, is to make the 1940 campaign "short and sweet," to save money for national committees, and to avoid boring the country with a protracted campaign from June until November during a time of international crisis.

It was pointed out that in both his 1932 and 1936 national campaigns, Mr. Roosevelt did not open his national swings until September—considerably after winning the nomination. In 1932, it was emphasized, Mr. Roosevelt began his campaign tour shortly after September 1, and did not begin his swing in 1936 until September 30.

Chairman John D. M. Hamilton, of the Republican national committee, figuratively told President Roosevelt to mind his own business in Washington, D. C., Tuesday night, after the Chief Executive was reported to have discussed the possibility of postponing the 1940 conventions.

"It seems to me President Roosevelt is arrogating to himself a great deal of authority when he undertakes to direct when the Republican party should hold its national convention," Hamilton said. "That usually has been a function of the Republican national committee. If Democrats are willing to have Mr. Roosevelt dictate all their party affairs, that is their business. But Republicans will not permit him to decree when they shall meet and where."

He said that the President's "deep solicitude about economy (Turn to page six, please)

## When the chant of the tobacco auctioneer opens

—officially Boone's new Mountain Burley Warehouse, on Wednesday, December 6, visiting growers from the dark leaf belt will be given opportunity to inspect a building, the modern convenience of which is said to be second to none in North Carolina and surrounding states.

Constructed by Statesville contractors at a total cost of more than \$25,000, the Mountain warehouse is of frame and sheet metal design, is well lighted by 2,736 square feet of roof glass, and the basement of the building, with dimensions of more than 9,000 square feet, has been divided into two immense prize rooms. These rooms are equipped with modern scales, presses and pumps, and will greatly facilitate the clearance of tobacco from the main warehouse floors.

One of the features of the modern marketing building is a comfort room for visiting farmers. This space is fifty feet square, and is equipped with running water, toilets, bunks and stoves. Boone followers of tobacco markets are of the belief that this room is the most comfortable to be found in the belt.

Communications received from Eastern Carolina within the past few weeks indicate a strong desire on the part of several leading tobaccoists to establish warehouses in Boone. Promoters in Boone are of the belief that at least one more will be built between now and opening of the 1940 season.

## A hope that the war will be over by next Spring

—was voiced Thursday (Thanksgiving) night in Warm Springs, Ga., by President Roosevelt, at a celebration held at the Warm Springs foundation.

Speaking at the annual turkey dinner at the Warm Springs infantile paralysis foundation, the chief executive said that if the war still was going on in the spring he hoped he could get back down there "for a shortened holiday, anyway."

To 350 guests and patients, some on wheel chairs, others on cots, the president recalled that when he left Warm Springs last April he had told persons at the station he would be back in the fall "if we don't have war."

"Well," he asserted, "we had a war. We have a war today. Columns were written about what I meant and I meant just what I said. We have a war, but I managed to get down here this fall."

Then, for a moment the president's listeners caught their breaths and finally gasped with relief, as he added:

"You know, I'm in favor of war, very much in favor of war—the kind of war we've been conducting here at Warm Springs. This kind of war is spreading all over the country—a war against the crippling of men and women and especially children."

The faces of most of the patients were cheerful as they caught and reflected some of the exuberance of the occasion. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt were in informal evening attire, and many of the diners were in dinner dresses.

Pumpkin coaches drawn by miniature turkeys and cornucopias spilling over with fruits and vegetables decorated the tables.

Ten patients sat at the president's table, having won their places by drawing lots, and for them the president carved turkey.

## A number of books were given the public library

—December 2, and also on Monday, December 4, in the room opposite the office of The Alleghany Times, over Richardson's hardware store.

Everyone interested in bargains in clothing of all kinds is invited to attend.

This sale is sponsored by the Young Women's Circle.

## The local Baptist Women's Missionary Union

—will join other W. M. U. women in study and prayer for missions December 4-8, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoons.

On Monday, the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. O. Joines; Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Howard J. Ford; Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Clinton Halsey; Thursday, at the home of Mrs. C. A. Reeves and on Friday, at the Baptist Church, at 7:00 p. m.

Members of the various W. M. U.'s of the county are invited to attend. Visitors are also invited.