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For President:

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
of New York

For Vice-President

JOHN N. GARNER
of Texas

ACHIEVEMENT

There is no deadline on achievement, but it pays to start young.

Martin Luther was twenty-nine when he wrote the manifesto that led to the Reformation.

John Calvin was twenty-six when he wrote "The Institutes of Theology."

Patrick Henry was twenty-seven when he made his speech against the Stamp Act.

Thomas Jefferson was thirty-three when he drafted the Declaration of Independence.

Alexander Hamilton was aid-de-camp of Washington at twenty, and at thirty-two first Secretary of the Treasury.

Danton, probably the greatest figure in the French Revolution, was thirty when it began and thirty-five when he was beheaded.

Napoleon was twenty-seven when he was appointed to the command of the Army of Italy, and thirty-five when he crowned himself Emperor of the French.

BUDGET BALANCING THE LANDON WAY

"Economical administration of government is always desirable and commendable—unless carried to an extreme," remarks the Parsons Sun, one of the substantial Republican newspapers of Kansas.

"We pass that limit when our state hospitals are unable to care for the unfortunate insane and tubercular patients," continues this former staunch supporter of Gov. Alf M. Landon. "We are in such a situation. When Labette County asked to send two women insane patients to Osamatomie, at different times, we were told that the only way we could do that would be for our county to take back men patents—which we did. We have no place to put the men except in the county jail or on the county farm—where they are now. We think that is not good government—even though credit may be claimed for saving money. Economy at the expense of humanity does not appeal to this newspaper.

"This condition is becoming notorious in Kansas and the special session of the legislature now convened could correct it but it probably will not be encouraged to do so. (Editor's note—this prediction proved true.) This situation, also will have to wait until the next regular session in January and then wait for the necessary buildings to be erected."

Commenting on the Parsons paper's criticism of Gov. Landon's administration, The Oswego, Kansas, Democrat, comments:

"Gov. Landon has sacrificed the counties, the schools, the unfortunates in our state institutions, the highways, all for a record of economy so he could be named a candidate for president. The state has shoved the relief burden off on the federal government and the counties. It is nearly two years behind on the Old Age Pension legislation which would enable the state to participate in federal funds for this purpose.

"Where would the country have been in the crisis that confronted President Roosevelt three years ago had this policy been adopted? Every one knows the answer. Where would this country be if Gov. Landon's opposition to the Federal Deposit Guarantee law had been successful? The foundation upon which recovery was built was the Roosevelt administration's banking legislation that so quickly restored confidence and made safe the savings of individuals. Without it the panic which was upon the nation in the spring of 1933 would have blocked all efforts towards recovery.

"The best way to judge a man's actions in the future is by his record in the past. If by the wildest stretch of the imagination Landon were to be elected President, judging from his past record we could look for a balanced budget, but without heed to further recovery or to suffering humanity. His entire political career has been built around his frugality, his pitiful penny-pinching demand for a balanced budget, without regard to the need for restoration of normal conditions in industry and on the farm.

"Applying Landon's attitude, can any one imagine such government aid as the Home Owners' Loan administration, the government farm and crop loan agencies, the WPA and other federal aids for the unemployed?

"It was plainly the government's job to lead the way and make recovery possible. President Roosevelt shouldered the responsibility fearlessly, in spite of heaping criticism. It has cost billions but not the billions the depression cost. It has paid and will pay big dividends. Through its use and utilization, the nation's stupendous credit has been vastly improved and strengthened to its highest point in our history."

AT GRETNA GREEN

Gretna Green marriages still prevail in Scotland, a fact which in proved by evidence given in Edinburgh the other day before the committee of inquiry into Scottish marriage law. Gretna Green is a village of Dumfriesshire, nine miles from Carlisle, across the River Sark, which divides England from Scotland. Because of its location it has long been a favorite spot for runaway marriages, another reason being that in Scotland marriage laws are much more liberal, or lax, as some have it, than in England. The marriages are celebrated in the village smithy that was, for, according to the testimony recently given in Edinburgh, the smith is no longer a blacksmith, but a farmer who profits by more than growing kale or broccoli, not to mention oats.

At the committee of inquiry at Edinburgh, G. B. Mackie, a farmer, said he was manager of the blacksmith shop and museum at Gretna Green. His father turned the shop into museum in 1900, and it contained relics of Gretna marriages. The public was invited to view the relics and could buy souvenirs. The caretaker, a Mr. Rennison, performed the marriages and got a commission on admissions to the museum and the sale of souvenirs. The witness, Farmer Mackie, kept the register, which had started in 1900. From 1929 to 1928 there has been 365 marriages; in 1929, 304; 1930, 331; 1931, 244; 1932, 215; 1933, 210; 1934, 321, and last year, 305. Sometimes, declared the witness, the caretaker got nothing for performing the marriage, and sometimes he got £20. After the ceremony in the now glorified smithy the wedded ones were told to go to the registrar at Dumfries. Caretaker Rennison, who followed Farmer Mackie, in describing the ceremony, said that after the parties had declared before witnesses that they were both single, and that one or other had been resident of Scotland for twenty-one days, he declared them married and gave them a certificate. The marriage was then entered in the register. All very simple and expeditious, and legally binding.

Views Of The Press From Far And Near

ON KEEPING PROMISES

(From the Baltimore Evening Sun)

Former Governor Lowden, one of Governor Landon's chief political advisers, said of the Republican candidate yesterday:

> He has the habit of keeping his promises, even to the point of balancing the budget, the supreme test of a man either in public or private life.

This is probably important, if true; but before it is accepted as gospel, some attention must be given the statement of W. G. Clugston, admittedly the original Landon man, in an article in The Evening Sun last Tuesday. He said:

> In the 1932 campaign Brinkley was getting a lot of support from the people on a pledge that if he was elected he would reduce the cost of automobile license plates to $2.50. The Landon strategy board saw what hay Brinkley was making with his license-tag promise, and so the Landon organization made a pledge to reduce license-tag costs to 60 cents. Of course, Landon did no such thing after he took office because this would barely cover the administrative costs and would leave nothing for highway work. But he did sign a bill which cut the cost of tags nearly in half.

Governor Nice's unhappy experience with $2 tags has shown Marylanders that it is extremely difficult to keep a promise to reduce the price of automobile license plates. Apparently the same difficulty obtains in Kansas; and when it comes to keeping a promise of that kind, Governor Landon is little, if any, more adept than Governor Nice.

LOVELINESS

There's something in the stars they say
That touched her eyes in magic way—
More than the spoken word or two
They, somehow, seem to mean just you.
She waits to greet you with a smile
When all the world becomes worth while—
Her smile which sweetness does impart
That, somehow, steals around your heart.

Back from the shaded winding street,
Aged monarchs mark whose branches meet,
She dwells within old mellowed walls
Of echoes and familiar calls.
Where blinds are drawn in summer's heat
As hearth-fires glow in winter's sleet
And oaken stairs of easy tread
To peaceful slumber surely led.

Trim gardens turn their keyless lock
When, clad in dainty quaint sprigged frock,
She tends Love's trail-forgotten things—
Chaste mignonette that ever springs:
Where woodbine stays and grass is mown,
The sun-dial tells long hours have flown
And here and there some scattered thought
Lies on the path a sunbeam caught.

Pink almond blooms beside the fence,
Wisteria, with proud pretence,
Sends up its purple pendant flare
To foil the strength of noonday glare;
And in and out through trellised bars,
Gay roses move with scented spars;
They guard the fledgling's twig-thatched nest
Till flight shall follow on its quest.

Emotion bears some strange content
That links my soul with dreams unspent,
And in the sunken pool I find
The lengend written LOVE IS BLIND.

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Yes, something in the stars they say,
Has sent her always on my way—
Dear winsome maid in flowered dress
You hold my heart with loveliness!

—Orvilla Adele Gilpin.

Always Belittlin' —By Talburt

Dispelling The Fog

Among the most entertaining features of the political campaign is the jubilation of the Republican High Command at the announced results of what is described as a sample poll of American voters. This poll purports to describe the present status of the voters' opinion as giving President Roosevelt a popular majority of over 2,000,000 and Governor Landon a preponderance of six votes in the Electoral College. The announcement further states that these results were obtained by a canvas of 105,000 voters.

Suppose somebody, anxious to assay the political sentiment of a village with a voting population of a thousand, should interview three voters and from their replies should announce how the village was going in the election, how much importance could be attached to that announcement?

Yet that is approximately the proportion on which the absurd conclusion of last Sunday's publication is based. It is about as accurate as would be determining the complexion of a thousand chickens distributed unevenly in 48 coops into which somebody reached a hand and found that the first chicken withdrawn was black, the second white, and the third speckled with a slight preponderance of dark spots, and so should announce gravely that while the results indicated that the white chickens in all the coops were forty more than the black chickens, the reports from 48 coops indicated that the percentage was the other way about. That deduction would be something approaching the conclusions drawn by the recent poll.

According to this calculation, Mr. Landon is safe only in 13 States, with an aggregate of 99 electoral votes, while Mr. Roosevelt is safe in 24 States, with an electoral vote of 229. In order to figure a Republican victory, there had to be included as "probably Republican" 11 of the States styled as doubtful, while allowing the President only three.

A Doubtful Way Of Being Doubtful

Included in the States in which the Republicans are accorded an advantage are every one of the most populous States in the East and all of the most populous States of the Middle West. In all, the calculation gives 173 electoral votes on the doubtful list to the Republicans and only 30 electoral votes on the doubtful list to the Democrats.

Needless to say, the figures do not at all accord with the estimates made from Democratic sources. Those who gamble on elections would be quite willing to bet that the 13 "safely Republican" States will not be in that column on election day, and to give still larger odds that the eight doubtful States classed as "Republican" will not show any such advantage on election day. To put it more bluntly, the Democrats will only have to carry any one of six of these "doubtful" States to win the election—that is, if they win in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, or Minnesota, Mr. Roosevelt goes in for a second term.

The poll that has caused so much Republican jubilation naively presents that it was taken before Governor Lehman to New York had expressed his willingness to run again for the Governorship. In '32, with the same combination of Roosevelt for President and Lehman for Governor, New York State went Democratic by nearly 600,000 majority.

Incidentally, the questionnaires went out on June 16, so they caught the back wash of the Cleveland Convention, and the replies had to be in by July 6, which gave little time for the Democrats. It was admirably timed to get one kind of response.

Of course, these polls are hardly valuable as an index of public sentiment unless we know how they are conducted and how general the representation of all the elements of the population may be.

The particular poll discussed here does not reveal how it was conducted except by the general statement that it was "a cross section of the voting population," admittedly addressed to only 105,000 of some 50 million voters in the United States.

Infinitesimally Small Sampling

As a general rule, perhaps because it is the easiest process, the voters are solicited from telephone directories and those who have automobile permits. Statisticians tell us that only 87 out of each thousand voters has a telephone listed in his or her name, and only 179 out of each thousand have automobiles. They also tell us that the percentage of replies to questionnaires is only one in five. Consequently, the telephone voters in these polls are only 17 out of each thousand of population. If the proportion as between the two candidates is 9 to 8, a change of two votes in a thousand would reverse the result. Which is only another way of saying that the overwhelming mass of voters in the United States are practically unrepresented in such straw balloting as this.

Without questioning the good faith of those who conduct these polls, it might be worthy of attention to note that they are sold to newspapers, which, of course, are looking for startling headlines and sensational stories with which to attract readers. Going back to the old New York Sun designation of news—it was not news if a dog bit a man, but it would be news if a man bit a dog—it might be presented that there would be no sensation in announcing that the President was due for re-election, while a contrary statement would not fail to cause discussion and otherwise help newspaper circulation. It might be a coincidence that a preponderant majority of the newspapers that are buying this service are those distinctly anti-administration. As such, naturally they would be happier in printing that there was some doubt in the November event than simply to repeat what a great majority of the people of the United States accept as a positive fact, that President Roosevelt will still be in the White House next year.

However, this election will not be decided by straw ballots or by statements based thereon, by Republican Party potentates, or duPont Liberty Leaguers. The firm hand in the agricultural belt, who does not figure in the straw votes, counts as much on election day as the Wall Street banker. The ballot of the miner in the depths of the coal mines has exactly the same value when a count is really made as the gentleman who owns the coal deposits. It will be these who make the headline sample ballotings look foolish on election day.

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By "DIAL"

Frank Crumit, past 40, is one of the best set-up men in radio, being six feet tall and tipping the beam at 200. He has shoulders like a fullback, and, thanks to golf, always carries a rotogravure tan. Phil Lord, author of "Gang Busters," has a collection of 400-odd "blood-and-thunder" dime novels which he keeps under lock and key at home, lest his two small daughters be frightened by gory tales. Bob Hope's graduating class at college voted him "likely to succeed as a professional golfer." Though he considers himself an amateur, the comic has won a dozen tournaments since then.

Frank Crumit

*** Bing Crosby's vacation from the Thursday night Music Hall show has been postponed several weeks. Bing will take a holiday later in the Summer. Bob Ripley also postponed his vacation two weeks to play two engagements on Rudy Vallee's Variety Hour when it was broadcast from the Texas Centennial. He'll return to his Sunday night "Believe It or Not" show on October 4. Ozzie Nelson and Harriet Hilliard will take a vacation cruise during the torrid months. Among those planning no vacation from the air this year are Bandleaders Victor Young, Jimmy Dorsey and Lou Silvers. Leo Carillo gave the Radio Theatre audience a surprise by making a speech after the broadcast performance the other night. There is a visible audience in the Hollywood Boulevard theatre where the program originates. Listeners didn't hear Carrillo's impromptu talk. Frank Fay scared his studio engineer last week. An announcer before the broadcast had told listeners they didn't need to applaud unless they wanted to when a voice came through the control room loudspeaker. "Who'd applaud that guy anyway?" the engineer heard with unbelieving ears. Later he saw the heckler get up, walk to the mike. 'Twas Fay himself.

Bing Crosby

*** So successful has "Pepper Young's Family" been, that it is now being broadcast throughout the middle West, including Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Illinois. It is written by Elaine Sterne Carrington and stars Betty Wragge. It is heard Mondays through Fridays over NBC at 3 p. m., e. d. s. t. Charles Martin, veteran reporter and program creator, is now directing and presenting the "three-minute thrills" on that Tuesday night CBS program with Leo Reisman's orchestra, Phil Duey, Loretta Clemens and Johnny the Call Boy. Almost one-fourth of the fan mail received by Frank Black on his String Symphony programs, comes from listeners under 16. This, Black feels, shows an encouraging increase in school children's interest in classical music.

Betty Wragge

*** The reason why Claudia Barbour of One Man's Family was tripping to Europe as part of the script story is now apparent. Kathleen Wilson, who plays the part of Claudia, has just become the mother of a bouncing seven-pound boy. Actress Wilson's married name is Mrs. Rawson Holmes. Newcomer, who has been named Garrick Holmes, is second baby to be born to a member of the One Man's Family cast since the program started. Radio celebrities who have been made admirals at the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland, include Major Bowes, Fred Allen, Bob Hope, Ed Wynn, Frank Crumit, The Voice of Experience, Uncle Don, Walter Woolf King and Paul Whiteman. Before gaining radio fame, Morton Bowe, featured tenor with Ryan and Noblette, was noted as one of the fastest type setters in the country. Phil Regan, handsome movie-radio tenor, gets over two dozen requests for autographed photos each week from New York kids who worshipped Regan when he was a policeman there, several years ago.

Kathleen Wilson

Chinese Eggs Baked In Oven

An unusual recipe that will find favor with the family on warm days follows: Chinese Eggs—Cook 4 eggs hard, cut lengthwise and remove yolks. Make a paste of yolks, 2 finely chopped pickles, 1-4 cup grated cheese, 1 teaspoon chopped onions, 2 tablespoons green peppers, and 2 tablespoons canned tomato pulp. Season to taste and fill in egg whites.

Place 1-2 cup cooked rice in bottom of shallow baking dish and arrange eggs on rice. Make a sauce of 3-4 heated cup grated cheese and 3-4 cup milk and pour over eggs. Bake in moderate oven until thoroughly heated and eggs begin to brown.

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