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LET US ENJOY OUR

The tumult and the shouting will have died, before another issue of The Mercury—will have died for a brief breathing spell at least—if results of Saturday's balloting are not conclusive. In which event, Democrats of two opposite camps will gird their loins for an even fiercer fray during the humid, drowsing days of August. Every man's hand will be against his fellow, so to speak, until we shall have decided the issue of who is to represent the heilcon Democrats in November. And then comes the regular election, the real, if proper time for Democrats to bury their pruning hooks into cowrie—to pick a nettle—and strike the Republicans hip and thigh. Lord help us! It gives promise of being a heated summer and an equally feverish fall.

We are prone to forget, we Democrats, as the thermometer soars and our tempers rise in it, as our nerves become frayed and every other man carries a political chip on his shoulder, that after it is all over, the problems of life will remain. We shall return at length to the eternal strife. There will be marriage and giving in marriage; there will be bills to be met, insurance premiums to keep up, interest on the mortgage, worry about the winter's coal supply and clothes to be bought for the children. There will be the same old taxes to be paid, whoever sits in the seats of the political mighty. There will be the same old crafting of whatever man is elected Governor, after about a year of his term has gone by. Existing stuff you are reading in the newspapers, emanating from the political camps of the rampaging frays June days, will seem flat, stale and unprofitable about the time the first snow flies.

But we are having the political fare your Kentuckian loves dished up to us. It is hot and we like it hot, as we do our biscuits. So let's enjoy it, without attributing all the sins in the category of total depravity to the present Democratic State Administration.

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Away back in the allegedly gay nineties as bitter a primary race as ever disturbed the digestion of a sizzling Democrats was fought to a finish in the old Ashland District. Col. Breckinridge and Bill Owens snarled and threw in out-barbering each other during a long and stifling summer. Friendships of long standing were weaken; neighbors stopped speaking to each other; characters were slandered. The race developed into a wild free-for-all before it ended and Mr. Owens went to Congress. That the successful gentleman ever returned to those who sacrificed friendship and suffered wounds in his cause any reward commensurate with their issues in h a behalf we could never learn. We take it, he didn't.

The writer was quite young when that bitter race was run, but we remember that we were not a little frightened and greatly amazed by the intensity of emotion shown by the grown-ups. All of a sudden some inseparable boy friend thumbed his nose at you and jeered you about your daddy's politics. All at once there were folk who didn't drop in to visit friends' houses to which we were welcome any more. It opened a little foolish and it was very trying to a youngster (who didn't realize that the fate of the universe, evidently, hung upon the outcome of a Congressional race in a Kentucky district) to witness these antics of the grown-ups.

We seem to remember that the world warped on much the same the following fall and winter, sorghum tasted just as good and but biscuits were much more satisfactory than hot politics. Times were no better, even if the champion of more than half the people of the Ashland District had lied himself to Washington. The fever of the grown-ups went down suddenly and when they did suffer an attack they took it out on the children—after the accepted Victorian manner—rather than on each other. Which was better, one supposes. At least there was no eye-gouging and eye-blacking of the children. They had taken all of that out on each other during the primary.

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Again we are in the throes of "an old fashioned primary." Feeling is high and fever heat; the fare is hot and to the Kentucky taste. Let there be no casualties at the feast, no broken friendships, no wounds that won't heal. Let us look to our table manners and butter our biscuit. It may be—the Lord help us!—that ere the summer wanes, we shall have to take two of 'em and butter 'em while they're hot. Hoham!

A UNIVERSAL WISH

Kentuckians, regardless of political leanings, regret the illness of Governor Ruby Laffoon, will rejoice in the good news of his steady convalescence. Included in the wishes of all of us for a speedy recovery is his estimable wife who suffered a collapse through anxiety over the Governor's illness.

Ruby Laffoon is a man of kind heart and a man of courage and calmness. The valiant spirit he exhibited as he faced an operation that might easily have proved fatal with the administration of an anesthetic, has profoundly impressed not now, are we sure in accord in wishing their Governor and Mrs. Laffoon a speedy recovery.

OUR STATE DEBT.

In the heat of a political campaign many people accept statements blindly that are not true. This is the case in the matter of many charges being made against the present State administration—after taking into consideration the tax receipts for June—is slightly over 19 millions.

"In other words, OUR STATE DEBT IS LESS THAN ONE PER CENT OF OUR ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUATION."

"As a comparative example of the true condition of our State affairs, would you consider an individual who has accumulated one hundred thousand dollars in property at the assessed valuation and only owes one thousand dollars to be considered in an unsound financial condition?

"The cost of relief only to the State of Kentucky for the one fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, was over three million dollars, which necessary emergency expense was not required of the preceding Republican Administration. Yet they expended nine million dollars more during the first two years of their administration than has the present Democratic State Administration.

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INSURANCE OF BANK DEPOSITS PAYS

More than half the deposits in six thousand banks in receivership in the United States remained unpaid on December 31, 1933, it is disclosed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as the result of a recently completed survey of bank receiverships.

Total deposits tied up with the failure of 6,352 banks for which figures were available were more than 4.7 billion dollars, of which 87½ per cent was realized in full by depositors at the year-end. Almost half of all the banks had been closed for at least a year, many of them for much longer periods, the report revealed.

Included in the figures are nine insured banks, all of which suspended during the first six months of the F. D. I. C. to show that practically every depositor of these banks had received full payment of his claim by December 31st.

The survey of receiverships was made with the cooperation of the state banking commissioners throughout the country and the office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Here is an outstanding accomplishment of the Roosevelt administration. Only nine insured banks failed in the last six months of 1934, and all paid in full.

Who Is Holding Up The Pay Of Highway Employees?

Some employees of the State Highway Department in this and other counties have not received their pay for weeks. A false whispering campaign is attempting to place the blame where it does not belong.

Here are the facts: The Auditor of Kentucky is Dan Talbott, manager of Chandler's campaign. No check may be issued by the Treasurer's office until a voucher comes from the Auditor. When the Auditor issues the voucher the State Treasurer may issue a check and the road worker gets his pay.

It may be that the State Treasurer, who is running for Governor, has received the Auditor's vouchers and has not issued the checks. It may be that the Auditor, who is Happy Chandler's manager of political strategy, has not issued the vouchers at all. It is bound to be one or the other. No one else could be holding up your pay.

Nicholas County Rhea Campaign Committee

Political Adv.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 6, 1885

John R. Conley advertises that he will buy 3,000 bushels of blackberries.

Prof. Lockhart, of Carlisle, to take charge of Female Academy at Cynthiana this fall.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Silas Mathers at their home near Carlisle on the 4th, a daughter.

In election held Saturday, Carlisle votes to abolish saloons by 81 majority and Blue Licks votes dry by 114 majority.

At a meeting of the city council Monday night, the members voted to pay themselves $2 for each regular meeting.

Frank Carr who has been connected with local railroad offices for past year, leaves for Lexington to take charge of an office.

Charles Dunnell, Jesse Norton, Bob Tilton and other Nicholas county gentlemen exhibited horses at the Sharpsburg fair this week.

Judge L. F. Mann, Democrat, of Carlisle, defeats Judge Dunning Redmon, of Mt. Olivet, for Representative by majority of 113 votes.

Died—Mrs. Kate Ratliff, 36, at her home near Ritter on July 31st—Carrie D. McGinley, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGinley, of this county, at Nepton on July 7th.

SNAPSHOTS OF KENTUCKY GEOLOGY

By Dr. A. C. McFarlin
University Of Kentucky

GEOLOGY AND POLITICS

The writer has always had considerable interest in discussions among his scientific associates concerning relative importance of their respective fields. From time to time he has heard that Physics is the fundamental science, that, in turn, science is only applied Mathematics, that Chemistry is the guiding star of human progress, that Physiology was studied before the others were known, that Zoology and Botany, dealing with life, were of greatest importance to humanity, and so without end. There has been omitted any reference to the contributions of his fellow geologists.

However, even though not new, this geological contribution, originated with Nathaniel Shaler, is possibly in order. It is taken bodily from Professor Arthur M. Miller's "Geology of Kentucky."

"The Eastern Kentucky Mountains have been strongly Republican since the Civil War in contrast with the Blue Grass counties which in the same period have been just as strongly Democratic. An explanation of this must be sought primarily in the physiographic differences between the two regions which underlie the surface of the latter. It is stated that the one would be Northern and the other Southern in its sympathies.

"It was Nathaniel S. Shaler who first commented upon these differences, and finding an explanation of them apparently in the geological history of the States, uttered his celebrated aphorism, 'there is such a thing as the geological distribution of politics.' He found the explanation in the 'History of Kentucky' by Lewis Collins, in connection, somewhat as follows: The dwellers on true grass (bovinian) limestone land, with its deep rich soil suitable for cultivation in large plantations by slave labor, were naturally pro-slavery in their sentiments. The dwellers on the Carboniferous sandstone land of the mountains with its thin soils, not suitable for cultivation on a large scale by slave labor, were generally anti-slavery, or at least had no particular motive in fighting for the perpetuation of that institution. Therefore, during the Civil War when it came to voting Kentucky in or out of the Union, 'the dwellers on the limestone formation gave heavy pro-slavery majorities while those living on the poorer sandstone soils were generally anti-slavery.' The majorities if the people of the State—the political power—decided the fate in preventing the withdrawal of the State from the Union. Professor Shaler also went on to speculate on some of the political 'might-have-beens' had the geological history of the State been different. A ballot stating as to be Cincinnati would go to the greater enduring opinion have existed more. Covington-Burlington Pro-Slavery and correspondingly reduced in area the Anti-Measure-Statistics. And this might have given which it came to the voting district for Civil War a majority on the side of withdrawing Kentucky from the Union. One-third State added to the Southern cause might have made the difference between failure and success. The South might have won and we might have two countries instead of one; and for it all geology would be primarily responsible.

SPIKING A VICIOUS CAMPAIGN LIE

LOGAN CO BAR ASSOCIATION
Russellville, Ky.

J. W. Liston, President
J. C. Lyne, Secretary
July 26, 1935

Mr. I. B. Ross.
Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Mr. Ross:

On 22nd day of May, 1935, the Logan County Bar unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Ben Hancock Thomas B. Rhea for the Democratic Nomination for Governor.

Since that time it has been called to the attention of the members of our Association that numerous speeches have been made and letters and circulars issued reflecting upon the integrity of our fellow countian in connection with the bank failure here.

Due to the depressing effect the Hornet Panic had upon the financial structure of our nation, the Bank of Russellville closed because it was not strong enough to stand the pressure brought about from this colossal of finances. Mr. Rhea was not in active charge of the Bank. When the Bank closed he lost his home, farm and gave up all property that he had. No one here has ever questioned his honesty or integrity. No indictment of any kind was ever returned against him or any officer of the Bank. The officers of the Bank were under bond for the faithful performance of their duty and no action was ever instituted on these bonds. A lawyer would readily see that if the statements contained in these circulars were true that the officers of the Bank would be liable upon their bonds.

Mr. Rhea is a sober, Christian gentleman. He never drank liquor in any form. He is loved and respected by his home people, who on July 19, 1924, erected a memorial to him on the Court House Lawn in Russellville, as an expression of their love and esteem. This celebration was attended by some five thousand people and in their presence, Mr. Hubert Meredith, who is now making a stark upon Mr. Rhea, advocated the election of Mr. Rhea as Governor in which he said Mr. Rhea was an honest, upright, worthy public servant.

Every civic organization in Logan County endorsed Mr. Rhea, including the Woman's Club, the Democratic Woman's Club the City Council of Russellville, the Fiscal Court of Logan County, the Bankers Association of Logan County, the teachers of Logan County, the Merchants' Association of Logan County and Logan County will give Mr. Rhea the largest majority that was ever given any candidate.

Mr. Rhea made his opening address in Bowling Green, out of respect to him all of the stores in Russellville closed on Saturday afternoon, and five thousand citizens from this County attended his opening.

We trust that you will use this information to correct the scurrilous untrue and false statements that have been issued against Mr. Rhea.

Very truly,
J. W. Liston,
President, Logan County Bar Assn.
J. C. Lyne, Secretary.

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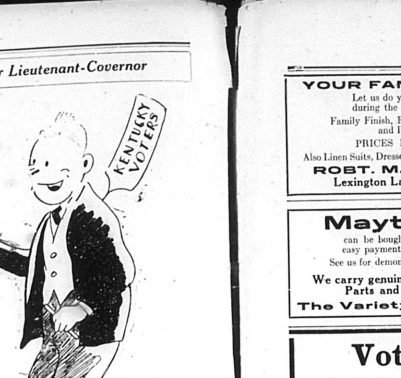
Picking A Winner For Lieutenant-Covernor



KNOW THE TRUTH!

Democrats of Nicholas

Democrats of Nicholas County will not be moved to accept abuse of a political opponent, abuse of a Democratic administration, abuse of the Governor of Kentucky by any candidate as sensible reasons to justify their support of him in the Primary next August.

Take away abuse of the Governor, abuse of Mr. Rhea, abuse of the Democratic administration, of which he is a part, from any speech made by Mr. Chandler in this campaign, and there is nothing left. He offers no constructive program, no plan to keep Kentucky abreast of the times, but only condemns criticism, without a suggestion of a remedy for the conditions with which he finds fault—only wild promises, which Mr. Chandler delayed until late in the session and would not be effective until July, when the law dies anyhow, automatically. So what is all the shouting about? If Mr. Chandler is honest in his opposition to the sales tax, why let he had wished so sincerely to repeal the sales tax, why did he not introduce resolutions of that issue in his special session call? He could have done it. The repealing the sales tax was a pet plank in his platform, which votes, when you consider that the tax will automatically expire in less than four months after the next session of the Legislature ends.

WILL CHANDLER PUT THE TAX BACK ON FARM LAND?

Let us look at the facts: Suppose the sales tax is not re-enacted, what then? If relief of the unemployed, the hungry, the unfortunate poor is to be provided for, Federal funds must be matched, or they will not be forthcoming. Nicholas County will have to care for its poor. Where will we get the funds?

If Relief of the needy is to continue in Kentucky the money will have to be raised by some form of taxation, and that is the only way the State can raise money. How will that be? He does not tell you, but judging from a plan he advanced, when he was making his campaign considered by the Legislature, to RAISE THE TAX ON MORE TAKES ON TOBACCO. He certainly would be forced to ask the Legislature to RAISE THE TAX ON FARM LAND. The poor farmer! Once he paid 50 cents, then 20 cents, now 5 cents. And don't believe for a minute that it won't be necessary to find some way of raising the revenue, unless Mr. Chandler intends to ABOLISH RELIEF and to REDUCE THE SCHOOL PER CAPITA, and very likely the poor farmer will be the goat again.

MORE "SUCKER BAIT"

Mr. Chandler's statement that he can save 10 million dollars a year by abolishing State offices and by "economy" will not fool anyone. How will he do it? Kentucky collected $19,068,889 last year to support the general expenditure fund. Take away Harry's 10 million and there will be left a trifle over 9 millions. Subtract from this the $8,238,561 that goes to maintain our free schools—unless Mr. Chandler intends to close them—and there is left $840,328. That is only half enough to maintain the courts of Kentucky. Mr. Chandler could close the University of Kentucky, wipe out the courts, close the penitentiaries, refuse to pay salaries of county officers, abolish Relief, do away with the State Health Department and stop the salary of every State employee and even then not make good a promise to "save 10 million dollars" in the operation of the State Government. This is simply another "sucker bait."

FOR CONVENTION IN 1931

Mr. Chandler boasts that he "gave the people a primary." In 1931 he fought with even more concern for a convention. In 1931, in a primary, he would not have had the slightest chance of nomination, but in a convention he had the backing of the Ben Johnson-Dan Talbott machine. Rumor had always favored a convention, so Mr. Chandler was all for a convention. This year, he had no chance in a convention, he thought, so he is all in favor—again a candidate—he is for a primary. It is not because he loves a convention any less, but because he realized that he is backing the sales a Governor who refused to take its orders more.

RHEA PRESENTS A DEFINITE AND BUSINESS-LIKE PROGRAM

Surely the voters of Nicholas will not be taken in by wild promises, nor be blinded in their judgment by mud-slinging. In the definite platform pledges of Tom Rhea they are offered a sensible and business-like program for the advancement of Kentucky—a program that can and will be accomplished.

Mr. Chandler pledges—in case the sales tax is re-enacted, —to seek to have the Legislature remove the tax from the necessities of life. He pledges himself to support the best in which they were rowing capsized. and sound educational system that can be provided, and to keep the schools free, competent, and well paid teachers. He favors the setting aside of a reasonable per cent of the tax money for the maintenance of county roads. He makes no secret promise to "take over and maintain all county roads." Mr. Rhea is in favor of consolidation. He favors cooperation with the Government to establish old-age pensions. He will seek the passage of legislation granting a $7,500 tax exemption to home-owners and farm owners. His is a business-like program. And his platform is that of a democrat, a humanitarian, and —as Tom Rhea has been always,—in the advancement of his people.

Should Tom Rhea be elected Governor, the people of Nicholas county may rest assured that our road program will go forward; that our schools will remain open; that there will be funds during his administration to feed the hungry, clothe the poor.

A REAL DEMOCRAT— THE ORIGINAL ROOSEVELT MAN IN KENTUCKY

Democrats of Nicholas will recognize in Tom Rhea a real Democrat. For 30 years he has served his party. Never at any time has he been disloyal or failed to fight in the front line trenches for the nominee of his party. He had said repeatedly in his speeches that he will support the nominee of the primary. Mr. Chandler has announced silent on that score.

Any Democrat may enlist with pride under the banner of Thos. B. Rhea, of Russellville, the first man in Kentucky to champion the cause of Franklin D. Roosevelt for President. At Chicago Tom Rhea bore the brunt of the battle for Roosevelt, when the machine now backing Mr. Chandler bitterly fought to turn the Kentucky delegation away from Roosevelt.

Citizens in every section of Kentucky recognize the ability of Tom Rhea, an ability born of experience; they recognize his courage, his devotion, his unfailing loyalty to his party. They will not be turned aside by mud-slinging nor will they be fooled by wild promises. They will vote for Tom Rhea next Saturday.

Rhea Campaign Committee for Nicholas County

J. Clarke Leer, Jr. Chairman

—Political Adv.

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Let us do your family wash
during the summer months
Family Finish, Float Roll, Dry Wash
and Rough Dry
PRICES REASONABLE
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ROBT. MANN, Agent
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easy payment plan
See us for demonstration
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The Variety Store

NEWS of KENTUCKY

The Hazelnock-Wallace show will exhibit at Maysville August 20.

Twenty-four prisoners in the Frankfort reformatory were paroled Saturday.

William M. Quirey, 60, merchant at Morganfield, was killed Friday when his truck was struck by a train.

Cynthiana city commissioners sold a 10-year franchise for electric energy to the Kentucky Utilities Company for $100.

Thomas M. Swetnam, 46, shot and killed himself in his grocery store at Flanagan Station, Clark county, early Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robinson, each 73 years old, died within five hours of each other at their home in Erlanger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poindexter celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Cynthiana last week.

A baby boy weighing 25 pounds was born to Mrs. Wood Lee, of Martin, Ky., Thursday. The baby was dead at birth.

Charles Perry, 22, was shot and seriously wounded by his uncle, John Perry, 60, at Shelby Kelley's home in Whitley county Sunday.

The Kentucky Works Progress Administration has asked federal authorities for funds to employ 25,000 men in productive jobs.

Five persons were shot and wounded, two critically, in Floyd county in an argument over a chicken which got into a neighbor's garden.

The Rebecca Hart home, where the first Methodist services were held in Harrodsburg, will soon be made a shrine for the public.

The Boyle County Citizens League has offered a reward of $25 for evidence leading to conviction of vote buying at the primary Saturday.

Hershel Smith, 12, was killed instantly Monday when he fell on a corn-binder knife attached to a wagon in a wheat field in Hopkins county.

Taylor Cope, 36, was shot and killed near Ludlow, Ky., in the early morning hours Saturday and the negro suspected of the crime was captured.

Ed Vance, 94, one of the oldest citizens and the last surviving Confederate veteran in Scott county, died Wednesday night at his home in Georgetown.

The State Highway Commission, at a meeting last week, approved a project for construction of a viaduct to cost $250,000, connecting Maysville with East Maysville.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, mother of two small children, lost two fingers on each hand while operating a cane punch at the Wald Manufacturing Company in Maysville Thursday.

Theodore Tolle suffered the fracture of two bones in his left leg when a counter fell on him while installing stock in the Kentucky Department Store in Maysville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen McGruder and their two young daughters were seriously injured near Versailles early day when their automobile was sideswiped by a motor truck.

Approximately 500 persons stormed the relief office at Prestonsburg Friday and clamored for relief, in the absence of direct relief orders. The crowd was dispersed without violence.

The farm operated by the Pecks Mill Methodist Institute at Frankfort is the most profitable institutional farm in the state, Nat B. Sewell, farm inspector and Examiner, said in a report to Governor Laffoon.

Harry S. Woodall, 22, proprietor of a beer parlor near Berea, was shot and killed at his place of business Saturday morning by Ed Ritter, 19, of Richmond, who surrendered to the authorities and claimed self defense.

William L. Washburn, 38, of Germantown, Mason county, was fatally injured Saturday morning when he was struck by an ice truck driven by Roy C. Myer, of Brooksville, as Washburn lay on the road near Maysville.

James Parsons, 66, a constable, was shot to death Sunday by Hubert Mauk, 30, as he attempted to arrest Mauk, it was said, at the Sulphur Springs Baptist church in Carter county. Mauk and Barker fled to the hills.

George Marro, Bell county farmer, was arrested Saturday a as fugitive from a North Carolina road gang fourteen years ago. Authorities said he escaped in 1921 after serving a year of a six-to-ten sentence. Marro went to Bell county, married, and has five children.

Rhea Will Win In First Primary Clements Claims

Thomas S. Rhea will be nominated for Governor of Kentucky at the Democratic Primary next August, Saturday, August 3, and he will be elected Governor in November, according to Judge Earle C. Clements, Rhea campaign manager for Mr. Rhea. Judge Clements predicted that Mr. Rhea would be endorsed by every congressional district in the State except one, and in that district he would receive "a 20-50 break." He estimated that 300,000 votes would be cast in the Democratic primary and that of this number Mr. Rhea would receive 165,000 and that the remaining 135,000 would be distributed among the four other primary contenders.

Text of Judge Clements statement follows:

"Thomas S. Rhea of Russellville will be the nominee of the Democratic Party for Governor of Kentucky. He will be elected Governor of the Commonwealth in November. Late estimates of majorities that Mr. Rhea will receive in the various counties of the State at the primary next Saturday, August 3, convince us here at headquarters that one primary will suffice. In this belief, Mr. Rhea will receive Kentucky Democracy's mandate to serve as its standard-bearer in November."

"Claiming the election before votes have had an opportunity to express their will at the ballot-box is an old political custom in which I, personally, do not take much stock. The biggest claimers, as experience has shown again and again, are often 'the sorriest losers.' Such claiming of all the votes in sight is an ancient political device often employed by campaign managers to bolster a losing battle. It is an indefinite sign of known weaknesses, either of the candidate, himself, or the proposals that he espouses."

"Estimated majorities, checked and rechecked, by trusted leaders in every county of Kentucky, indicate that Mr. Rhea's fight is won. He will carry every congressional district in Kentucky with the exception of one and in that district we expect him to get a 50-50 break. It appears that the primary vote will be around 300,000. Mr. Rhea will receive approximately 165,000 votes, the remaining 135,000 being distributees among the non-successful candidates."

"Based on the painsaying that much of Mr. Rhea's strength is to be found in the country and the resultant that, has marked his campaign, Mr. Rhea has proved himself a man of gubernatorial stature. His announced platform of 'bedrock' rather than 'tearing down' his party in the government has had the effect of winning for him countless friends and loyal steadfast supporters. He will be the next Governor of Kentucky because of his constructive attitude, his unchallenged sincerity and his splendid qualifications for the high office. Mr. Rhea has proved to Kentucky, for all time that he is a leader of dauntless courage, a real champion of the common man, a true friend of the schools of our state and of needy and distressed citizenship in every section of our Commonwealth."

"Tom Rhea has never failed his friends and never will. His friends will not fail him when they go to the polls on Saturday, August 3.

29 Projects Now Under Way In State, Report

With the examination of public works projects proceeding expeditiously under the new $4,000,000,000 relief program, Col. Harry L. Sager, Jr., Acting State Director of Emergency Conservation Work and PWA now has under consideration 29 projects, totaling $1,000,000 in federal projects costing nearly $1,000,000 more.

Director Sager received from Washington a report of the PWA allotment of $4,000,000 which has not completed a national survey which showed that a total of 13,238 projects costing $685,421,603 have been completed and are in use, 4,614 projects costing $1,787,187,135 are under construction and 4,626 projects costing $321,026,225 have received allotments and are in various stages of progress awaiting actual construction.

Expenditures for materials amount to $1,000,000,000, for wages $485,000,000, miscellaneous expenditures $515,000,000, for a grand total of $1,500,000,000.

Mr. Sager said that in the state of Kentucky 39 projects totaling in the cost $8,547,000 are now under construction. 29 non-federal projects built at an estimated cost of $2,597,000 have been completed and are now in use. 7 projects have received allotments and soon will be under construction.

To date the Acting State Director's office has received applications for 97 applications for loans and grants under the new program. Applications have been forwarded to Washington, 45 of these have been approved by the State Director's office, and 6 found ineligible for P. W. A. consideration have been transferred to the Works Progress Administration.

Mr. Sager again urged municipalities to get their applications for projects into his office with all possible speed as it is the determination of the Administration to end the dole and move 3,500,000 workers off relief rolls as quickly as can be done.

THE GOVERNOR'S ILLNESS

(Lexington Herald)

Under any other circumstances save that of illness, Lexington would welcome the presence here of Governor Ruby Laffoon. The illness that necessitates his presence here will be deeply regretted by all Kentuckians and Lexington joins heartily in that sentiment, yet this city will be pleased if its facilities can assist in bringing to him a restoration to good health.

Most Kentuckians admire and respect their governor and have for him a deep-seated feeling of friendship and personal good will that may rad all all times seem evident, now that a primary election is in full sway and charges and counter-charges of all kinds and descriptions are being hurled. The chief executive has not been spared and, in fact, he would not wish to be sheltered. For Kentucky's governor "has shown at all times a good fighting spirit and a willingness to accept his part of the brunt. In other words, to use the parlance of the day, he can "take it."

In his present illness all will extend to him their best wishes for an immediate recovery. Here he is assured of the best of care and treatment, and surely he is among most friendly neighbors.

Here is an expression of hope for the governor's rapid and complete recovery, both for the friendship all hold for him personally and in order that the state may not long be called upon to spare his able services.

Will McRohan Receives Trainmen's Endorsement

The Brotherhood of Railway Employees in a statement made public at Frankfort Wednesday endorsed a number of candidates who have been friendly to labor. Among those endorsed was Will McRohan, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative from Nicholas and Robertson.

While there are no labor organizations in either Nicholas or Robertson, Mr. McRohan has always thrown his strength on the side of the labering man as a matter of principle.

—Political Adv.

J. S. BASKETT.

As a candidate for State Senator I want the people of the Thirteenth District to know that I am trying to conduct my campaign in a manner that will be an honor to me and to the men and women who support me. I will not, under any circumstances, try to buy my election by the current practice of bering votes.

If elected, I will at all times work diligently for the best interests of the people of my State.

Highway safety will be one of my chief aims in a businesslike and economical way, for the abolishment of useless commissions and the combining of others, for provisions will be made that will keep the prison population working and thus on a paying basis. This can be accomplished by establishing penal farms and by the manufacture of material used by the State in many of the departments.

The State debt has reached a point above the TWENTY-MILLION mark; a sinking fund should be provided to pay this debt in a specified number of years.

A strict budget system of all State funds should be put in force and every department of the government forced to live within the budgeted amount, thus preventing the State from sinking deeper in debt each year.

These things done, the savings will be enormous and the amount saved to the taxpayers so large the sales tax can be greatly reduced and removed altogether from foodstuff and necessities that we are compelled to buy each week. This can be accomplished, in my opinion, without any additional tax on real estate.

The above is a brief outline of my work as I see it and, if elected, I will do everything in my power to pass the necessary legislation to put these principles into effect. A vote for J. S. Baskett is a vote for clean, economical government and lower taxes.

Vote For Francis M. Burke

Of Prestonsburg

For Attorney General

He has served as Assistant Attorney General for more than three years and is qualified by training and experience to serve the State as Attorney General.

Mr. Tax-Payer

How long will you allow politicians to manage your affairs, heap taxes upon you, and spend your money in a way to do no one good, and give you nothing in return? The extravagance in public affairs in Kentucky during the past four years has gone far beyond anything ever heard of in the state, and growing worse each day as time goes by.

It required twenty two years for Governors Willson, McCreary, Stanley, Morrow, Fields, and Sampson to run the state debt up to $12,637,990.48, and with the sales tax thrown in it has taken a little less than four years for the Laffoon administration to increase the amount to $21,845,691.13, and it is possible that amount will be farther increased by January 1st, 1936. All of this has been done in face of the promises of economy we received four years ago.

Figure the annual interest on the above debt, and you will find $1,092,284.00 at 5%. This increased indebtedness of the state will have to be paid by the taxpayers, and no juggling of the figures by crooked politicians will ever prevent it.

Look at the record of Laffoon and Chandler during the past four years—

Laffoon

All kinds of good promises when elected.—Broken promises.—Increased indebtedness.—Sales Tax income of ten million, and debts still increasing.—No improvement in our penitentiaries, and charitable institutions.—Passage of legislation giving him the power of a dictator.—Removal of honest men from office, and replacing them with others that would do his bidding.—Think of Thos. Rhea, his right hand man in all these things, and ask yourself if you could expect anything better fom him were he elected.

Chandler

Made promises in good faith and kept them.—Repulsed any approach by tricksters wanting him to betray the people.—Vigorously opposed the sales tax.—Not a single vote of his has been questioned, or criticized during his seven years connection with the Senate.—Offers to the people a well balanced and workable program.—Will see that this program is carried out in the interest of the people.—Did more for the Democratic party in twenty-four hours than Laffoon and Rhea did in four years, but they tried to invalidate that, but the primary was held legal by the courts.

Remember they have said Chandler was too young, and not capable of filling the office of Governor. Don't forget if he is elected he will go into office older than Beckham when he came out, and that Beckham was one of the best governors Kentucky has ever had. If you want to do things select young men full of energy and fire, and not old men in their dotage. Any man with any judgment who has heard Chandler's speech in Carlisle on last Wednesday, saw the vim and determination, and the fire in his eye, knows that he is capable of filling the office, and that he will not be led around by a bunch of crooked politicians.

Things to Remember

Chandler's message to the boys working on the highways—"Tell the boys working on the highways there will be weeks to cut when I am Governor, and that they will not have to put two per cent of their salary to hold their jobs."

When the sales tax is a thing of the past the laboring man will not have to pay from three to ten per cent tax on the necessities of life which he has to buy.

The man with a farm should not forget that he is paying more sales tax on what he is compelled to buy than the reduction on real estate tax amounts to.

When you go into the booth at primary and drop the curtain behind you, just remember that Chandler gave you the primary, and the privilege and right to cast your vote for your choice. Then mark that ballot for Chandler and thus aid in breaking the power of the machine.

Respectfully,
Chandler Campaign Committee
By W. T. Stone, Chairman

—Political Adv.