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OUR ONLY CANDIDATE

Nicholas county has one candidate on the ticket in the Democratic primary in the person of Mr. William D. Smart, who is making the race for State Representative from Sixth-Seventh District. Naturally, it is expected that all good Nicholas county Democrats will want to support their local boy.

In the past Nicholas county has been in the district with Robertson county, but the last Legislature placed Nicholas in the district with Bourbon county during the redistricting program at Frankfort. It is generally conceded that where more than one county composes a district, rotation is the only fair method of electing the Representatives.

We do not know much about Mr. Prichard, of Paris, but it takes a man of gentleman stand he is a type of gentleman who would make a good representative from every standpoint, and we would be expecting his friends and neighbors to rally around him in this campaign and he expects Nicholas countians to support Mr. Smart.

Mr. Smart is a farmer, school man, has been a life-long member of the Democratic party, was educated in the Paris schools being graduated from the Paris High School, moved to Nicholas county over sixteen years ago. He is a graduate of Nicholas county grade, and Carlisle high schools, president and valedictorian of his class; attended both Morehead State Teachers College and Transylvania university of Kentucky, graduating with distinction as president of his class, and he is a high type young man for whom any Nicholas county voter should feel that it is a privilege to vote for.

Mr. Smart

PICK YOUR CANDIDATE

The primary election is just a little over a week off and it is time voters were making up their minds. In this issue of The Mercury is to be found a reproduction of the ballots, both Democratic and Republican, and it would be a good suggestion that this Educational Ballot be carefully studied and also study the advertising that has been carried in The Mercury. Select your candidates from this ballot and be prepared to go to the polls early Saturday morning, August 7, and cast your vote for your choice. The Mercury is not attempting to tell any voter how he or she should vote, but we do urge all voters to vote.

There are four candidates on the Democratic ticket for Governor, listed in the order named, John J. Thobe, J. Lyter Donaldson, Ben Kilgore, and Rodes Kirby Myers. But few in this section know that there were more than three candidates for Governor since no active campaign has been made here in the interest of Thobe.

The Republicans have no race on for Governor since Judge W.J. Iis, of Ashland, is the nominee without opposition. Both tickets furnish some interesting campaign study and we say study your candidate and vote as you please, but vote.

WHY NOT APPLY TO GOVERNMENT?

(Lexington Leader)

Mr. Daniel J. Tobin, one of the most prominent of labor leaders, in a recent article criticizes those unions which have gone into the insurance business and have been paying their members benefits which in many instances have drained their treasuries and made it difficult for them to survive financially. One or two unions, he notes, which 20 years ago were financially strong, today have almost empty treasuries because of the demands upon them for sick benefits.

He says: "It was never intended that we should go into the insurance business and I have always opposed such a procedure, where the members could get their own insurance outside, from a regular insurance company at a reasonable rate." It is true, he says, that at one time rates were exorbitant, but these in most cases have been substantially lowered, and "all workers should now carry some kind of insurance."

Why doesn't this judgment apply equally to government? Why should it undertake to insure everybody "from the cradle to the grave"? Why isn't it wiser, more expedient and less dangerous to take advantage of insurance which is offered by private enterprise based primarily actuarial experience and perfectly sound?

It is true that the government doesn't have to depend upon dues, but it has to rely upon taxes. It is true that as long as it can levy taxes it can maintain an army, but in the process, as benefits increase under political pressure, it can, to all intents and purposes, bankrupt itself. It can gravely damage the national economy by placing unbearable burdens upon it. It can destroy the nation by and lower its productive powers and dissipate its accumulations of capital.

The proposed social security extensions would bring about the passing of self-reliance and the nerve of endeavor, destroy thrift, eat up capital, and break down slowly but irresistibly the only sound foundations on which a free economy can rest.

THEY DIE BY TWOS AND THREES

Fire losers for the nation during the first five months of this year are estimated at $65,564,000, a total of $13,573,000 over the same period in 1942.

When anything less than a billion dollars is a small potato, many people will scarcely notice these figures—unless they happen to be insurance underwriters, like Robert Rankin, Secretary. Norwood Austin, Treasurer.

Tuesday, August 3 these officers plan to make a tour of inspection of the county and Fiscal Court is to put meet with the Fleming Board of Supervisors at Flemingsburg in September, tentative plans call for their regular meeting the first Saturday night of each month.

Egg Supply Up With Last Year

The Office of War Information said in a statement today that, "with consumer and trade co-operation we have proved that equitable distribution of eggs to civilians and equitable and nation-wide consumption can be maintained at about last year's level."

"The physical quantity of eggs which will be available to civilians during the next 12 months will be at least equal to the amount available in the last 12 months," OWI said.

"Because consumer demand is rising sharply, however, the record supply for civilians may not be adequate to meet all demands. This is the sort of situation that gives rise to black markets, and if consumers and the trade do not actively co-operate to prevent them, civilians in some areas will have more than enough eggs while shortages may be experienced in others."

There is also overlapping of authority in small towns; one fellow attending to the other's business.

Thinks F. D. R. Will Run Again

An associated Press dispatch from Washington says Senator Hatch (D-N.M.) has predicted that President Roosevelt will be the Democratic party's nominee for a fourth term unless the war ends and peace negotiations are concluded in the next few months —a series of events he regards as improbable.

Twas adding his name to the list of legislators who have come to regard the President's renomination as almost inevitable. Hatch told an interviewer:

"If we are in the midst of war or even in the midst of peace conferences the Democratic party cannot and will not nominate anybody but Roosevelt. Under those circumstances I would support the President and a fourth term."

This latest pronouncement for a fourth term was considered by many another development generally interpreted as having political implications.

At Detroit, Vice President Wallace told reporters that he intends to spend the time he formerly devoted to the Board of Economic Warfare in "getting acquainted with the folks in Washington and throughout the country." His presence in Detroit apparently was the beginning of his program to get acquainted with the folks throughout the country—and to acquaint them with objectives of the Roosevelt administration.

Norman Thomas, leader of the Socialist party, said a press conference he believed the President is committed to seeking a fourth term and that "every reason exists for him to seek a fourth term now that events seem to be ripe for a third term."

"After all," observed Thomas, "he's got his hands to the plow, and while I might not like the figure of speech, I'm sure we like he wants to see it through."

SOIL CONSERVATION MEET

Members of the board of supervisors of the Nicholas Conservation district will meet with the district Monday to build a plan of work for the year. Reports of activities of all the agricultural educational and other agencies that have been called in the discussion are being requested to be present. Mr. Sow, to make suggestions and express their views on the needs of the district. Mr. Sowards would assist in carrying out the recommendations brought out in the meeting.

Those present besides the Board of Supervisors were: William Smart, representing the Lexington Herald; Jim Smith of S. C. S. Extension Services, Edwin Jessup, District Conservationist of Flemingsburg; Jno. Zachery, F. S. A. Supervisor; Jno. Bertie Smith; Hughes Teacher and principle of the Headquarters school; J. Berry Burrus, Chief Clerk of the Nicholas A. C. A.; Ben Caldwell, Secretary Carlisle Farm Loan Association and Howard Irvin, Field Agent of the P. C. A.

After opening remarks by M. P. Nichols, work unit leader Frank Bramblett, Agricultural Chairman called for a round table discussion when he hereby extended invitations to all those present. Each made a valuable contribution, reporting the general lay of the land soils and water control problems in the Hinkston area.

In the afternoon session the members and their wives made a comprehensive plan of work for this district which will be published in the near future, copies of which will be sent to each member of their own group. Officers elected were: Jno. E. Wilson, Chairman; Alter Rose, Vice Chairman; Frank Perry, Secretary; Lieutenant Jno. Rankin, Secretary. Norwood Austin, Treasurer.

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Visiting Methodist Caravan Will Aid Youth in Building Four-fold Program

TOBACCO HARVESTING LOANS AVAILABLE NOW

Mr. A. V. Allison, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office, Farm Credit Administration, announced today that loans are available to farmers for the purchase of feed for livestock, the production of feed for livestock, the harvesting of tobacco, housing and stripping, and the production of winter grains in Harrison, Bourbon, Nicholas and adjoining counties.

Applications for these loans are being received at the Crop Loan Office, Room No. 5 in the basement of the Post Office in Paris.

Loans are available to all farmers who can establish eligibility.

Such loans are made to small farmers either owners or tenants who cannot obtain credit from commercial bank sources.