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Concerning the Closing Hours of the Contest

Suggestions For Contestants to Follow in Order to Assure a Speedy Final Count—A Prize List That Is Worth While, and Only Two More Days in Which to Earn One of Them —Workers Will Do Well to Grasp the Opportunities These Last Two Days Bring

CAMPAIGN ENDS SATURDAY AT 2 O'CLOCK

Mrs. E. L. Hignutt	700,300
Mrs. Earl White	700,200
Miss Sadie Garrett	700,000
Mrs. C. E. Bright	699,000
Mrs. Gladys E. Roe	698,600
Arthur McDaniel	690,000
Miss Margaret Thawley	690,000
Mrs. T. Alda Montague	626,000
Noble W. Kelley	530,000

On Saturday ,November 5th, the American Union Contest will END. The time left in which real workers can WORK is growing short; and the time left in which subscribers can renew their subscription, or in which prospective subscribers can get their home paper, and at the same time lend a hand to a friend who is standing on the brink of success is almost gone.

There are justtwo more days and THIS BIG OPPORTUNITY to show somebody that you are a friend and at the same time to become o reader of your representative home paper, would really and truly help another in a very material way, subscribe for The American Union to day, and on next Saturday your friend will probably win a Chevrolet Touring car, a check for $150 or a talking machine, a gold watch, or a big cash commission.

This campaign will end promptly at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, November 5th. Every candidate must have every subscription PAID IN BY THAT HOUR. Absolutely no money will be received on subscriptions after 2:00 p. m. So please be sure and be on time.

Please Remember

in on Saturday, all stubs MUST be properly filled out, as there will be no time to fill out receipts or voting certificates on the last day.

If possible make a preliminary report on all business on hand by ten a. m. Saturday morning and turn in any subscriptions, names and cash taken in up to that time. This will avoid a rush at 2:00 o'clock. Then be sure and be in The American Union office early with your FINAL REPORT of such business as you may have secured after your preliminary report in the morning. few rules they will greatly assist in securing a speedy count of the votes.

HOW TO VOTE?

To the Editor The American Union:

Mrs. Fuller, "the most eloquent female political speaker in the country," addressed a fair-sized audience Wednesday afternoon in the Palace Theatre, which, being unheated, gave the good Democrats assembled a little foretaste of the freezeout they will experience next Tuesday.

Many Republicans helped to swell the size of the audience, but the speech was so soothing that not a few were seen noddnig and, indeed, some even tumbled off their seats.

Mrs. Fuller, an attractive woman in a beautiful Parisian gown and Titian hair dressed in the latest style, proved to be a very versatile talker, with the affairs of the nation at her tongue's end. She is also a mud-slinger of no mean calibre.

She told her listeners of the marvelous achievements of the Democratic party. How the Democrats raised money and troops to send across the ocean to end the awful struggle there. How they finally did end the war. She also enlightened them as to the kind of people who compose the Republican party, classing them as foreigners, especially Germans, who were peeved because of something that had not gone their way, or Italians who had their special grievances. She said the country was preparing to expect the "Republican soup-kitchens" this winter, but failed to refer to the soup-kitchens that were prevalent during Cleveland's administration, although the Republicans were undoubtedly responsible for that.

Lastly she instructed her hearers how to vote. Intelligence is in io way essential in selecting one's candidates. All that one needs to do is to glance at the ballot. It is not even necessary to look at the names, but wherever is written "Democrat," there to place a cross, and by this means all the rascals will be turned out of office and the country again will be run by the only people who know how to run it—the Democrats.

HOBBS

Mrs. Cooper from Bethlehem visited her daughter Mrs. Ray Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Thomas and son motored to Harrington and Greenwood on Sunday afternoon last.

Mrs. S. R. Porter, Mr. Harvey Porter and Miss Edith Roe visited Mrs. J. Robert Starkey last Sunday.

The Hallowe'en Social held at the school house Friday evening was a great success.

The folks of Hobbs gave Mr. Billie Stafford a surprise party, on his birthday.

Mrs. Maggie Willey of Seaford spent the week end wwith relatives here.

Mrs. Ella Merriken spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Willey.

Watch the Classified Ad Column grow. wh? It Pays!

REPLY TO THE ARTICLE SENT OUT BY DEMOCRATS BY "REPUBLICAN OBSERVER"

This week all white Republican voters in the county received ni an unmarked envelope a clipping signed by "Republican Observer" and marked as reprinted from The American Union of October 20. This article appeared in this paper as a paid political advertisement, but these slips were not sent out by this office as some people have thought. When The American Union sends anything out it is plainly marked from The American Union. This is but another of the Democratic ways of trying to belittle a candidate and also a paper.

Mr. Towers, as head of the Republican State Central Committee is doing all in his power to elect the whole ticket, having sent out practically all the literature that has been sent out for the party at his own expense. He as a candidate, has a right to ask for support for himself in the printed matter sent out. The other members of either party are not talking ticket, they are talking for themselves for whom they have a right to speak.

It therefore appears.

If Mr. Towers saw fit to see that Democrats got to the polls to register, it seems to me that he did more than the Democratic candidates would do and therefore should be thanked.

All thinking voters of the county will feel the same way about this slip which the mud-slinging Democrats have sent out and will know that their is nothing in it except another attempt to belittle a candidate who is working for the interests of the people and who should be elected at the coming election.

FARMER WRITES ABOUT DEMOCRATIC VIEWS OF REPUBLICANS

To the Farmers of Caroline County:

I am going to vote for Lawrence B. Towers. I hadn't intended to do so at first, but now I thing he is the right man for the job. I have learned that whenever a man, who stands for the interests of the people, is running for office, there is always mud-slinging.

The different anonymous articles show on their face that they are not honest criticisms, but are prompted by malice, directed against a man who evidently declines to be controlled except by the interests of the people.

That reasoning decided me to vote for him. Since then I have read his own denials of these reports, and have taken the trouble to satisfy myself of their truth. It then occurred to me to write this letter, and say to the farmers in particular, and all other voters who are interested in getting some return for the taxes they are compelled to pay, that this seems to me a chance for us to get some of the things done for US that WE want and have a right to expect from those we elect, but never get.

Now for once, let's get together, and refuse to be fooled any longer. Let's forget party, the politicians' grip on our political throats, and vote for our own interests this time, by electing Towers.

OTTO STEENKEN
Independent Voter

P. S. I have just heard it said that if Pepper hadn't been Towers' tenant he wouldn't have written that letter for him. Now I wonder what I'll be accused of for writing this letter? Probably that Towers is paying me for writing it. Auything could be said, for truth seems to hold no restriction for those making the accusations. However, I want to make myself clear in this matter, by asserting that I have no connection, whatever, with Mr. Towers, also that I am not personally interested in Mr. Towers. I am a farmer, and I am solely interested in better conditions for farmers, and all other workers; and in my own neighborhood, near Harmony, I am so known. But, since it is my right to help employ a man for the job of senator, I want a man who will remember, after election, that he is an employee, and not assume to be our boss. —Political advt. NOTE—This advertisement was refused by the Denton Journal.

TALBOT COUNTY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ford Morgan and son visited Mrs. W. C. Morgan, near Denton.

Mrs. F. E. Leaverton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. Howard Smith.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Muldee, who has been quite ill, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Knotts of Easton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Knotts.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Porter of Pennsylvania are spending some time with Mr. Porter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porter.

A REVIEW OF THE REP. CANDIDATES

In this last issue of The American Union before the election, we wish to call the attentio of the voters again to the Republican candidates. We take pleasure in doing this, for they are all men of integrity and unusual ability, men who will conduct themselves with honor and dignity and fill their respective positions, if elected, in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to Caroline County, and to the State.

Oliver Metzerott, of Prince George's County, candidate for Comptroller, has served through four sessions of the General Assembly, two in the House and two in the Senate, and always with marked ability. He stands on his own feet, judges issues on their merits, and has always fought with the moral forces of the state. He is nobody's lackey, and has never City or elsewhere before acting or voting.

Lawrence B. Towers is one of us common people. Starting as a poor boy, by industry, initiative and good judgment, he has grown to be one of our most conspicuous successes. His struggles in his early days have given him sympathy with the other fellow, the man who is up against it, and his business activities throughout the county over a continuous stretch of years have put him in a position to know what the "people" want. He will represent al the people.

Ellwood C. Orrell, of the 2d district, comes of one of the county's best-known families. He was carrying on a large farm when called to the service during the late war and compelled to sell out. Since returning he has acted as resident agent of some large and going concerns. He is very closely in touch with conditions in the northern end of the county and can be depended upon to look out for their interests as well as the rest of the county.

Gootee S. Todd was long a farmer of the Eighth district near Harmony but is now living in Preston. Mr. Todd is well and favorably known in the lower part of the county, having a reputation for doing his own thinking and minding his own business. Elect him, making the county business his business, and he will give it the same careful consideration he does his own.

Sherman L. Tribbett is a veteran of the World War, who on his return from "Over Seas" and discharge from the army, landed on both feet and is making a "go" of insurance. He gives everyone a square deal, and all with yhom he has dealings are his friends. He stood up for us in France, send him to stand up for us at Annapolis.

J. Alda Jackson, of the 1st district started with a pair of overalls and a blue shirt, has worked and saved and planned until he is one of the leading farmers of the county. He knows how hard money comes and how easy it goes, so he will be a safe man to administer the Clerk's office economically. And don't bite on the $9000 bait, for the law expressly states that any excess goes to the state treasury instead of to the county. You can put your confidence in Jackson and be sure itw ill not be misplaced.

Willard C. Todd has been tried and found not wanting. Under his chairmanship the affairs of the county have been managed in a businesslike and economical manner. With a debt of nearly $70,000 left by a previous administration, the present commissioners have provided for that debt, spent large sums on needed permanent improvements and taken care of current needs, almost doubling the levy for schools when compelled to do so by the State law (Minimum Teachers' Salary Bill) and yet Caroline tax rate is the lowest on the shore. Give credit where credit is due.

T. Frank Seward of the 7th district has made a most excellent treasurer. A new and complicated system of bookkeeping has been installed by the auditors, practically doubling the work of that office. Why turn out a man who has administered that office to the satisfaction of the county and put in a new man who has had little experience in keeping accounts. If Mr. Seward's handling of the treasurer's office has suited you, vote for him.

Clarence E. Beauchamp is a farmer of the 8th district, who has the confidence of his neighbors. He has always been a law-abiding citizen, with his sympathies in favor of law and order, and can be depended upon to enforce the law.

J. Walter Noble, The "Old Reliable,"—"Nuf sed!"

IN THE INTERESTS OF FAIR PLAY

To the Editor of the American Union:

There appeared in your issue of October 20th an article written by "Republican Observer" (which means a Democrat observing the conduct of a Republican) which has been reprinted by our Democratic friends and mailed to all Republican voters. In his article "Republican Observer" charges Mr. Lawrence B. Towers, the Republican candidate for State Senator, with not only being grossly selfish, but with working against his own party, when he asks Democrats to go to the polls and vote for him.

I am a Republican. I have never voted a Democratic ticket. I would consider it almost an insult if Dr. Stevens, knowwing me to be a Republican, were to ask me to support the DEMOCRATIC TICKET; but for him, and others, to ask me to vote for them INDIVIDUALLY, is only a matter of PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP.

My friend Towers is too much of a GENTLEMAN to request DEMOCRATS to support the REPUBLICAN TICKET as a WHOLE, but to ask them, as a personal favor, to vote for him, he not only is within his RIGHTS, but is doing what his DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS are doing and what all Political Candidates have donef rom time immemorial.

Will our Democratic friends please reprint this and mail to all Republicans?

Pol. advt. REPUBLICAN VOTER

COUNTY FEDERATION MET AT FEDERALSBURG

Representative Women of Caroline Hold all Day Session Candidates on Hand, Too

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Federated Clubs of Caroline County met in an all day session on Tuesday as the guests of the Woman's Club of Federalsburg,

The meeting, held in the Masonic Temple, was well attended, ten clubs being represented. Mrs. D. W. Davis, of Denton, first Vice-President, presided, Mrs. Edith G. Norman, the president, having recently left the county.

During the morning session the need of increasing the finances of the Federation gave rise to the discussion of dues and the advisability of raising them. It was finally turned over to the Parliamentarian, inasmuch as the proposed increase of dues could necessitate changes in the constitution, and the question will be reconsidered at the next meeting.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. Fred Small, of the Denton Community Club.

1st Vice President, Mrs. D. W. Davis, of the Denton Community Club.

2d Vice President, Mrs. N. A. Smith, of the Greensboro Rural Club.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Short, Woman's Club of Federalsburg.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Nuttle, Andersontown and Hobbs Club.

Treasurer, Mrs. O. W. Barton, Greensboro Community Club.

Parliamentarian, Miss Elsie Matthews, Ridgely Community Club.

Mrs. Bell, Extension Agent of the Home Economics Department of the State University, addressed the Federation, speaking of the origin of this work in the rural communities, of the great advantages derived from it and urging its continuance and encouragement.

A lunch of sandwiches, coffee and fruit was served by the entertaining club.

In its afternoon session, in addition to the program scheduled, the Federation graciously admitted for brief speeches the county candidates for election. Not all the candidates were able to be present, but those who were, the Messrs. Towers, Stephens, Jackson, Deakyne, Willard Todd, Seward, Beauchamp, and Charles, were strictly limited to four minutes time. Whether this opportunity to thus appeal to this large feminine body resulted in any individual advantage was not apparent.

Following this came a talk by Mrs. Harriet Brown, Chairman of the Department of Education of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. She urged the county federation to organize such a department also. She spoke of Caroline's relative standing in school matters. It stands thus: 18th in wealth, 5th in tax, 2d in attendance, and 18th in amount of expenses per pupil. Caroline's comparative standing is good except for one regrettable fact; her boys do not remain in high school. Mrs. Brown expressed a hope that the clubs might in some way help better this condition. She said Indifference, Prejudice and Ignorance were the greatest foes to education, and she urged each club to devote one entire meeting to the discussion of the educational matters inviting the state and county superintendents to attend, stating that co-operation and active interest might lead to achieving eventually: standard rural schools (of which there are but 8 in Maryland), school and county libraries, and in the end, better Americans.

Others who spoke were the chairman of the Home Economics Committee, who made a plea that Caroline join with other counties in establishing Home Economics Scholarships for girls; and Miss Lavinia Engle, State Organizer of the League of Women Voters. Miss Engle spoke briefly of the aims and purposes of the League.

A program made up of brief entertainments by some of the individual clubs concluded the day's events. Music by the Andersontown Club, a reading by Choptank Club, a "blackface" dialogue and song by the Williston Club and a pantomime, "The Wooing of Hiawatha," by the Federalsburg club comprised this part of the program. A piano solo by Mrs. Robert Eddington, the Rachmaninoff Prelude in C Sharp Minor, was a feature of the early afternoon program.

WHY GIVE UP A CERTAINTY FOR AN UNCERTAINTY?

Wonderful Record of County Commissioners Under the Chairmanship of Mr. Willard C. Todd

In these days when taxes are so much higher than they used to be in the years when farm produce was selling at the same low prices which we have with us now, and when the inclination locally is to blame the county commissioners every time taxes jump, a comparison of items of the Auditor's reports of disbursements for the years 1916-1917, (the last under Democratic control) and 1919-1920 (the last report under present control), is extraordinarily illuminating.

Any person who will do this carefully will note that without question our county has had the most economical business management in the past few years that any county on the Eastern Shore has had, regardless of politics. Of the items which the Commissioners had authority to control it will be noted that the expenditures under "Law and Order" increased only $360 in spite of having been compelled to pay over $1,900 more for supplies than in 1916-1917 due to war time prices. Under "Health and Charities" they reduced the amount spent from $9,000 to $5,000, or a saving of $4,000. Under "General Control" which includes fuel and lighting, county printing, etc., a further saving in round numbers of $4,000 more was made.

But, it will be said, if the County Commissioners were saving money like that on these items why was it the taxes were so high in 1919-1920?

First, Because the legislature laid larger burdens on the county. State taxes were $4,000 more than in 1916-1917. Registration and election expenses have been made very much more indeed. The passage of a Minimum Salary Bill for our teachers added $16,500 to our taxes.

Second. Because of the fact that the Commissioners did not, in the years of 1914-1917 inclusive make the tax rate sufficiently high to meet the need of the county and consequently, while taxes were low, indebtedness was piling up so that in 1916 Harvey L. Cooper, then in the Senate, put through a bond issue of $50,000 to take care of the indebtedness, which is now necessary to pay the interest on and at the same time pay $5,000 on every year to reduce principal. But $50,000 did not take care of the entire indebtedness, leaving $19,500, and to take care of this balance and of current expenses, a higher tax rate was necessary than even war times would have otherwise required.

There are now no outstanding notes against the County.

In spite of all this, Caroline's tax rate was in 1920, the lowest on the Eastern Shore, the different counties running as follows. Dorchester, $1.63; Kent, $2.51; Queen Anne's, $1.62; Worcester, $1.50; Somerset, $1.95; Wicomico, $1.63½; Talbot, $1.55, and Caroline, $1.49. In 1921, it was not only the lowest but was reduced from $1.49 to $1.35, only 13 cents higher than in 1916.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

FOR STATE SENATOR

VOTE FOR

LAWRENCE B. TOWERS

EDITORIAL

Next Tuesday, election day, will end one of the hottest election fights ever experienced in Caroline County when it will be decided whether Lawrence B. Towers or M. Bates Stephens will serve this county as its representative in the State Senate.

Mr. Towers, the Republican candidate, at present is the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County, and as such officer of the people, has performed his duties in a very creditable manner. His office is always open for inspection and the work has been kept right up to date. He has been connected with the county and its happenings for a good many years and knows its needs and its people better than any other candidate now in the field.

Mr. Towers in his many dealings with the people of Caroline County has become a friend to many, and to many a poor man who is in need, and he is always ready and willing to help any one or to take time to hear what they have to say.

Mr. Stephens, who is now in private life, was for many years County and later State Superintendent of Education and for many years the latter position kept him away from the county and he is therefore not as closely in touch with the needs of the county nor in as close harmony and feeling with the people as Mr. Towers.

Candidates on the Republican ticket and the Republican party at large have been running this campaign on a strictly gentlemanly basis, doing their campaigning in person and throwing no mud at their opponents. Clear thinking citizens of this county ought to bear this one fact in mind when they enter the polling booths next Tuesday, that the candidates on the Republican ticket are gentlemen and are desirous of creating no disturbance or injuring the character or good name of any one. We are sorry to say, however, that the opposition has not been so discreet. Mud slinging has seemed to be their strong forte, from the party as a whole berating Mr. Towers, to the candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court belittling the work of the present incumbent of whom he is an employee, and the citizens of one section of the county trying to oust a good commissioner because he refuses to break a contract which they have signed and agreed to. The breaking of this contract would cause more taxes to be laid on the taxpayers of the rest of the county.

Fighting for the Clerkship is the next race which is waxing warm. J. Alda Jackson, a farmer and canneryman, is the Republican candidate, while George A. Deakyne, a deputy in the office under the present incumbent is his Democratic opponent. Mr. Jackson is an upright man and promises a strict accounting of the business of the office if elected. Mr. Deakyne promises a saving of $9,000 by not having a deputy and doing the work himself. He does not go further and explain how $9,000 is to be saved to the county from an office which is paid by fees from the business going through it and which is controlled by State law, limiting the salary to $3,000. All fees over the expenses of the deputies and $3,000 for the clerk himself, go to the State Treasury and not to the County Treasury.

Willard C. Todd, president of the County Commissioners, whose term expires this year is the Republican candidate for the office. His past record in the office should alone bring him a majority for another term. He has kept the rate of taxation as low as possible, but at the same time, has not stinted in the use of the public money where it was needed. Some people are opposed to him because he would not grant more money for a certain school and they are putting out propaganda that he is not in favor of schools. If these same people should go over the auditor's reports for the term just ending, and for the previous Democratic term they would find that under the present Republican administration there was paid out for schools almost three times as much money as the Democratic administration preceding.

T. Frank Seward, whose term as County Treasurer is expiring this year, has performed his duties in a very capable manner and has handled the funds, collected money and otherwise cared for the people's interests and there should be no desire of the people to withdraw a man who has filled such a position of trust for one who is inexperienced and of whose ability to fill the bill they cannot be sure.

. . . . Other candidates on the Republican ticket are of the same calibre as the men named above. True to their trust and worthy the vote of every self-thinking voter in Caroline County —Sherman L. Tribbitt, an ex-soldier, Gootee S. Todd and Ellwood C. Orrell, the Republican candidates for House of Delegates; Clarence E. Beauchamp, for Sheriff; J. Walter Noble, for Surveyor, and for the State ticket, Oliver Metzerott, of Prince George's County, for Comptroller of the Treasury. Mr. Metzerott has served previously for the people in other capacities, while his opponents are rising from the ranks and are inexperienced.

It is the duty of every voter to cast his or her ballot at every election, but this duty implies more than the mere marking of an X after the name of any particular party as the listeners at yesterday's Democratic mass meeting were instructed to do. The party is not the one who will cause just or unjust legislation to be passed, keep accounts straight and do the will of the voters. It is THE MAN representing the party who is the representative of the people, who does or does not do their will, who does or does not give a just accounting of the responsibility placed in him by the voters, and every voter should therefore keep this in mind when the time comes to place an X after a name—not after the name of a party, but after the name of a MAN who, in his or her estimation, will carry on the work desired by the voters, for the term of his office.

YOUR DUTY LIES FIRST, IN SEEING THAT YOU CAST YOUR BALLOT. SECOND. THAT YOU CAST THAT BALLOT FOR A MAN AND NOT FOR A PARTY.

Why was it necessary to raise the taxes at all? First for the extra expenditures made on schools and second, for the extra expenditures made on roads. The inherited indebtedness was all taken care of and more too by economies. It was positively necessary to pay the teachers more salary, the minimum salary bill of 1920 giving the Commissioners no option., and almost 100 per cent. of us want better school buildings and better roads. Let us take the school levy for the years 1914-1917 and the years 1918-1921 and compare them.

1914	$31,000	1918	$50,000
1915	31,000	1919	65,000
1916	38,000	1920	95,750
1917	45,000	1921	95,750

Is it anything less than wonderful that the tax rate has been held down as low as it is, when figures such as these show how much expenses have necessarily increased. As a matter of fact Mr. Todd is sure to lose more votes because his board has been too economically inclined to suit some voters on subjects which they were properly interested in on account of their being near to their hearts, than because it was too extravagant. All voters thoroughly understanding his record will remember him favorably at the polls.—Political Advertisement

GOV. RITCHIE HERE FOR MASS MEETING

With a blare of trumpets and steeds bedecked in evergreens and bunting, the great Democratic pageant parader the streets of Denton this afternoon in a last supreme effort to muster votes for the Democratic party.

The chief attraction of the day was the mass meeting held on the Court House Green for the purpose of giving a last opportunity to the Democratic party to extend its propaganda.

Mr. Henry Lewis as chairman introduced the speaker of the day, Governor Ritchie, a tall, handsome, athletic specimen of man with a commanding appearance and pleasing personality.

The Governor said in part:

"It is a great pleasure for me to be in Caroline County, on the Eastern

(Continued in Supplement)

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