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**Analysis of Election Statistics Produce Highly Interesting Facts**

An analysis of the election statistics produces some highly interesting facts. Most obvious of those facts is that Mr. Roosevelt's tremendous Electoral College majority gives no indication whatsoever of the closeness of the contest. Measured in popular votes, this was the closest election since 1916, when Wilson and Hughes were the standard bearers. With a total vote of close to 50,000,000, the President's plurality was under 5,000,000. The vote cast for Mr. Willkie was the largest ever given a Republican candidate. The President's percentage of the total vote was about 54.5 per cent — which is a comparatively slim margin, inasmuch as he needed 52 per cent to win, because of the excessively heavy majorities the Democratic ticket always rolls up in the south.

What this means is that for the first time the President met real opposition. As Time puts it, "Beside a great victory, Roosevelt also had the greatest vote of no confidence that any President ever received." That is not a carping, spoil-sport observation — it is simply the fact. The President won a clean-cut victory, but he didn't win in anything resembling a landslide. Indeed, if only about one million votes had been cast the other way in the big key states it would have been possible for Mr. Willkie to have obtained a two-vote Electoral college majority, even though the President would still have had a popular majority.

The big cities of the country did much to give the President his win. He carried New York State by less than 250,000 votes — yet his plurality in New York city was 730,000. He carried Illinois by a margin of 95,000, while Chicago gave him almost a 300,000 lead. While he had an edge of 73,000 in Milwaukee, his net majority in Wisconsin was but 20,000. Mr. Willkie ran very well in the rural districts and the small towns all over the country, except for the south. On the other hand, Mr. Roosevelt's strength in some England areas which are die-hard Republican, by tradition, was greater than before.

Mr. Roosevelt's tremendous majorities in the big industrial towns indicates that labor was pretty close to solid behind him, and that John L. Lewis' endorsement of Willkie did little if any good for the Republican candidate. The farm vote went Republican by a considerable majority, which indicates that Mr. Wallace was less effective as a campaigner than Senator McNary. The two vice-presidential candidates did most of the campaigning in the farm belt.

What effect Mr. Willkie's total of almost 22,000,000 votes will have on Congress is now a subject of great discussion. The Republicans lost seats in the House, and made small gains in the Senate, and the set-up in both branches will be a little different next January than it is now. However, it may be that some of the old line Democrats who have disapproved of part of the New Deal program will become more aggressive. And the Republicans have certainly been cheered by the size of their vote and, despite the smallness of their numbers in Congress, are in the best position in eight years to form an intelligent and effective opposition.

In the meantime, few look for any surprises. There will probably be some cabinet changes before long — Stimson and Perkins are supposed to be on the way out. Foreign policy will very likely involve still more aid to Britain. Next session there may be a movement to repeal the Johnson Act, which forbids this country giving credit to nations which are behind in war debt payments to us. If England starts to run short of cash, and obviously is in need of credit, it is probably that a majority can be found in favor of letting the bars down.

The arms program will be pushed hard. Reports have it that business or labor groups which are slow to cooperate will be given sharp prodding. Ordinary needs will be secondary to military needs, but steps will be taken, most think, to make necessary adjustments as easy to swallow as possible.

One of the worst problems Britain faces is her mounting loss of merchant shipping. Axis surface raiders and submarines are doing a tremendous amount of damage, as Churchill recently admitted in Parliament, and the convoy system is not working well. Reasons for that is lack of warships to use as convoys, inasmuch as England must keep great forces in the Mediterranean and in home waters. Also, German destruction of British destroyers has been exceedingly great.

Some think that before long Britain may appeal to this country for still more ships — principally destroyers and small cruisers of modern, high speed types. Whether we'd agree is anybody's guess. Certainly public opinion developed with incredible speed in favor of more and more help to Britain during the last year. There is no apparent reason why it should not continue to do so, particularly in the light of Mr. Roosevelt's extremely pro-British stand.

**Boy Scouts Have Good Service Record**

Members of the Boy Scouts of America pride themselves that there are no softies in Scouting. Citing their record as aides to rescue workers, first aid men and message bearers in time of disaster, they are equally proud that they are prepared to serve their community in hundreds of less spectacular ways. Their day-to-day program, Scouts insist, keeps them ready and eager to help in any manner that is needed.

Some idea of the service rendered in the past 30 years is available in the records of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A quick survey shows that the khaki-clad youngsters sold Liberty Bonds worth \$147,000,000 have saved many lives, delivered half a million Thanksgiving baskets to needy families, participated in hundreds of searches for lost persons, guarded school crossings, fought fires, cleaned up unsightly vacant lots, acted as color guards, assisted in controlling traffic, ushered at public and private ceremonies, aided in bring-out the voters campaign, — even helped rescue a parachute jumper caught in a tree. Scouts do not, however, solicit money for anyone.

Between good turns, Scouts keep fit by practice and competition in first aid, signaling and simple engineering, by extensive hiking and camping, and by constant adherence to the fundamentals of Americanism.

Typical of the spectacular side of Scout work is the record of the 1938 New England hurricane. Almost without exception, every damaged community praised the work of the khaki-clad youngsters. They helped clear streets, carried messages for the police and fire departments, rescued half a dozen marooned persons, collected clothes for those left homeless, and when unable to complete rescues themselves, guided better-equipped adults to the scene.

Similar stories have been told repeatedly from every part of the country. Tornadoes in the south, floods in the Mississippi valley,

blizzards in the mountain states, and forest fires in the west have been the occasion for brilliant rescue work by Boy Scouts, whose long training had prepared them for emergency service.

Far less dangerous, but no less useful, was the work done by scout troops in collecting clothes, furniture, food and supplies for needy families during the depression. The job was begun in 1934 in response to a suggestion from President Roosevelt, and it continued for several years.

Only one person in every ten of New York City's 7,649,000 population owns a passenger car as compared with more than one out of every three of Los Angeles' 1,400,000 population.

**SCOUT LEADER SAVES BOY ON HURRICANE JOB**



H. J. DeVautent

H. J. DeVautent, Boy Scout leader of Toledo, Ohio, believes in being ready for emergencies. As a result he was able to save one of his Scouts from electrocution.

DeVautent's troupe was doing rescue work in the wake of a cyclone. The storm hit Toledo with full force. It cut a path 500 feet wide through a densely populated area, uprooting trees and overturning cars. The entire neighborhood was thrown into panic.

"The storm knocked down the power lines," DeVautent said, "and scattered live wires over the ground. That made it dangerous to move about because, of course, all lights were out. The only illumination we had to work with was a flashlight I kept in my car. Scouts are taught to be prepared, and fortunately I'd loaded the light with fresh batteries. As a result, we were able to use it throughout the rescue work."

"That light was the only thing that saved the boy's life. He started off on an errand, and I threw the beam in front of him. It disclosed a high-voltage wire — 5,500 volts — hanging directly in his path. He'd have been burned to death if he'd taken another step. After that none of us went beyond the radius of my light."

DeVautent said his troupe helped a family to escape from a house that was cut in two by a falling tree. Later, the Scouts assisted in other emergency work in the vicinity.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES**

"MORTALS AND IMMORTALS" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, November 17. The Golden Text was, "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal" (John 12:25).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever" (1 Peter 1:24, 25).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "In Science we are children of God; but whatever is of material sense, or mortal, belongs not to His children, for materiality is the inverted image of spirituality (p. 572).

**NEW MILLER SAWMILL TO CUT DOUGLAS FIR STAND**

Negotiations have been completed between the Umpqua National forest and Elton Jackson, operator of a recently installed sawmill at Tiller, whereby the mill will cut Douglas fir from approximately 160 acres of forest land. V. V. Harham, forest supervisor, reported. The mill cut over the land during the summer months, taking out sugar pine, and has a large supply of lumber and logs on hand. Due to the recent increased demand for Douglas fir, Mr. Jackson is arranging to go back over the same area and remove the merchantable fir timber.

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