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REPRESENTATIVE IS ASKING QUESTIONS

Questionnaire Has Been Submitted To Voters In November Election

CHANGES SUGGESTED FOR COUNTY BOARDS

Lloyd J. Lawrence, member-elect to the next General Assembly, is seeking to ascertain the sentiment of his constituents on matters of legislation affecting Hertford County and North Carolina. To sound out the people, he has mailed questionnaires to those who voted in the general election on November 7, propounding a few questions, with the request that they be answered and returned to him, as confidential expressions of belief.

There are eleven questions submitted, these being those that have been brought to Mr Lawrence's attention, according to the letter accompanying. Taken in the order in which arranged in the questionnaire, they are as follows:

1. Do you favor, at the next election, changing the number of County Commissioners from six to three? (A majority of the counties of the State have only three.)

2. Do you favor the present law providing for a Board of Road Com. and transferring their duties to the Board of County Commissioners, or repealing the law and creating a township board in each township, so that each township may look after its roads?

3. What in your opinion should be the method of paying the next Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds and County Superintendent of Public Instruction—salaries or fees?

4. What do you think a fair and reasonable compensation to each of these officers, per annum?

5. Is there any office in Hertford County that involves so much greater expense that the public good received that it should be abolished—if so, what is it?

6. Would you favor a change in our court procedure that would enable two out of every three cases to be tried within sixty days after the suit has been brought.

7. Do you favor electing a tax collector in each township as now provided by law? If so, should they be appointed by County Commissioners or elected by the people?

8. If so, what commissions should they be allowed for collecting taxes, 2 per cent, 3 per cent, or 5 per cent?

9. Do you favor the present primary laws?

10. Do you favor the present sanitary laws?

11. Have you any suggestions to offer as to legislation, of any other character, for the good of Hertford County?

Mr. Lawrence wants these questions answered and returned to him not later than December 10. In the meantime, the modicum of taxpayers who evince any interest in county affairs is putting its brain to work in an effort to tell the next Representative what will be expected of him as the county's messenger to Raleigh. And, brains alone are not doing all the working; tongues are getting in their share of exercise.

The questionnaire method of finding out the wishes of voters is no novelty, but in Hertford County it is something rather new and untried within recent years. It will doubtless provide meat for thought and talk for the weeks to come, or until the legislature meets in January.

MANEYS NECK GETS MEMBER OF BOARD

G. C. Picot of Como was appointed member of the County Board of Education to succeed Dr. J. H. Mitchell, who on Monday qualified as county commissioner. Mr. Picot is one Hertford County's most substantial citizens, and is known to be vitally interested in educational affairs. He is well able to handle the administration of the new office to which appointed.

B. G. Williams of Cofield has succeeded to the chairmanship of the board which was formerly held by Doctor Mitchell. The other member of the board is Jno. E. Vann of Winton.

MANEYS NECK WANTS THAT COMMISSIONER

Will Petition General Assembly To Make Appointment Of Member

Maneys Neck Township is not satisfied with the test vote, November 7, on the appointment of an additional commissioner from that bailiwick, to represent its interests on the new board of County Commissioners. With less than half of the voters in the County taking part in the election, there was a majority of five votes against the appointment.

In order to gain representation on the board, the Maneys Neck voters are making one last pull for a commissioner. This time they are going to petition the General Assembly to make the appointment. A petition is now being circulated in that township, and, according to Jno. C. Taylor who was at Winton Monday, the Maneys Neck people are going to sign it 100 per cent strong.

In the same petition request is made for legislation to offset another occurrence of like nature. The Legislature is sought to make it impossible for one township to have more than one commissioner serving at the same time.

The petition follows:

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA, SESSION OF 1923:

WHEREAS, by virtue of chapter 222, Public-local Laws of 1915, it was provided that members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hertford County should be nominated in each of the six townships of said county; and

WHEREAS, said chapter 222, Public-local Laws of 1915 was repealed by chapter 564, Public-local Laws of 1921, which repealing act provided for the nomination of members of the said Board of County Commissioners by the county at large instead of by townships;

WHEREAS, under the then existing law, at the primary and general election held in the year 1922 there were two members of said Board of Commissioners nominated and elected who are residents of the same township, to-wit: Ahoskie Township; thereby leaving one township, to-wit: Maneys Neck Township, unrepresented on said Board; and

WHEREAS, Maneys Neck Township is cut off from the other part of Hertford County by the Meherrin River, thereby justifying and necessitating the representation of the interests of that part of the county by a resident of said Maneys Neck Township being a member of said Board of County Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE the undersigned voters of Maneys Neck Township, Hertford County, North Carolina, petition and request the appointment of a resident of Maneys Neck Township as a member of the Board of County Commissioners of said county until the term of office of the members of the present Board expires. And we further petition and request that an act be passed providing that in the primary and general elections hereafter held that not more than one member of the Board of County Commissioners shall be nominated and elected in each township.

FINE CONTRIBUTION THANKSGIVING DAY

Parent-Teachers' Association Will Meet At Colerain Friday Night

Colerain, Dec. 6.—Thanksgiving was a great day with Pastor R. B. Lineberry. Services were held at Colerain at 10:30 o'clock a. m., with an offering of \$387.44; at Christian Harbor 1 p. m., with an offering of \$170; at Harrellsville 3 o'clock, offering \$175, making a total of \$732 or enough to support three orphans a year.

When the pastor came out of the church at Christian Harbor he found his car loaded with provisions—40 pounds sugar with coffee, flour, potatoes, canned goods, etc. "Goods laid up for many days." The pastor's son said "Someone put their things in the wrong car." Reverend Lineberry was dumb with gratitude.

The Parent-Teachers Association of Colerain will meet at the school building Friday night, December 8. Special exercises will be given by the

John And George Haleges Will Donate Day's Sales to Sufferers

John and George Haleges, popular young Greek proprietors of the Manhattan Cafe, will donate one day's net proceeds from the sale of food and drinks to the New Bern (N. C.) fire sufferers and the Near East Relief. The revenue from all sales will be equally divided between the two, Saturday, December 9, and has been selected as the day upon which the offering will be made.

The restaurant men are asking several young ladies of Ahoskie to assist them in receiving the cash sales and in serving the foods, which will be cooked by George Haleges. John will also assist in serving, and promises to offer every needed assistance to the young lady volunteers.

Appetizing foods, all furnished and prepared by Haleges Brothers will be served, beginning at eleven o'clock Saturday morning and continuing until nine at night. The menu which is published below includes everything usually served at this popular eating place. In addition to the regular menu, roast turkey with dressing and cranberry sauce will be served.

The two Greek brothers are asking a full house for dinner and supper, and announce that there will be no restrictions upon the number that can and will be fed. In fact, they have requested the HERALD to urge upon the people in town to visit the restaurant that day and help swell the total proceeds.

MENU

SOUPS Home made vegetable soup 15c
SALADS Potatotoe salad 20c. Heart of celery 20c
FRESH OYSTERS Fried or stewed oysters 35c
COLD MEATS Cold boiled ham 40c Cold Boiled chicken 60c.
Cold Roast beef with salad 50c
ENTRESE Roast beef with gravy 50c. Baked beef with sweet potatoe 40c. Hamburger steak with gravy 40c.
Pork sausages with mashed potatoe 40c. Roast Turkey with dressing and Cranberry sauce \$1.00.
Porterhouse steak 80c.
EGGS Fried eggs, two 25c. Egg omelet 35c
POTATOE French fried potato 15c. Sweet potato 10c
DESSERTS Pie per cut 15c. Bananas and cream 20c
DRINKS Coffee 5c. Milk per glass 10c. Coca Cola 10c.
Bevo 20c. Ginger ale 25c

MISS VINSON BECOMES BRIDE OF REV. CARTER

Marriage Of Populer Couple At Ahoskie Last Friday Evening

Friday afternoon at half past four o'clock at the Ahoskie Baptist church the wedding of Rev. June Franklin Carter, pastor of the Wauhton Baptist church, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Ursula Vinson, of Ahoskie was solemnized.

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns, the color scheme of green and white being carried out. Promptly at 4:30 Miss Mattie Maecon Norman, of Chowan college, took her place at the organ and played Mendelssohn's Spring Song. Following this Mrs. J. Stanley Leary sang very beautifully "At Dawning."

At the first strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, the officiating minister, Rev. A. G. Carter, brother of the bridegroom, of Rosemary and Rev. E. J. Isenhower, pastor of the bride, took their places at the altar.

The ushers, Messrs. L. C. Williams, J. Roy Parker and J. Stanley Vinson, took their places, followed by the bridesmaids, Misses Vera Blalock, of Winston-Salem, attired in Nile green organdy and carrying an arm spray of white chrysanthemums, and Audrey Newsome, attired in pink organdy and carrying white chrysanthemums. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Thelma Boyette, gowned in peach-bloom organdy and carrying an arm shower of white chrysanthemums. Then came the little flower girls, Misses Dartha Mayes Howard, niece of the bride and Frances Taylor, each carrying a basket of varied sweetpeas, followed by Master Harold Vinson, nephew of the bride, carrying the ring in the heart of a beautiful rose.

The bride came next and she was handsomely gowned in a blue going-away suit of poire tulle with accessories to match and carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses and lillies of the valley. She was given away by her brother-in-law F. L. Howard. They were met at the altar by the bridegroom and the best man, Rev. R. K. Redwine, of Nashville.

The bride and bridegroom left on the evening train immediately after the ceremony for a short bridal trip. Rev. and Mrs. Carter will make their home in Winston-Salem.

grade children. Professor T. B. Atmore of Stonewall will make an address. Mr. Atmore is Superintendent of school of Pamlico County and is one of the most progressive school men in the State. He has put Pamlico on the map, especially in the building of schools.

ITINERANT HEBREWS GET IN DUTCH HERE

Al E. Brodsky, H. W. Samit, and A. S. Sagar, three well dressed, slick tongued young Jews fell into the clutches of the law at Ahoskie Wednesday morning, and were still being detained here Thursday morning, pending further investigation of their activities. Sheriff B. Scull, assisted by other officers, is directing the search for evidence against the trio.

Sagar was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Bill Williford, a negro, who was short-changed \$15, when he purchased some serge goods, out of which he was to have a suit of clothes made. Dr. J. H. Mitchell was the trial justice. Sagar paid back the money, coughed up the costs of the action, and paid a \$75 license fee for peddling. He at first denied all knowledge of the sale and denied having anything to do with it.

The other two men have in their possession several hundred dollars of bolt goods, including silks, cotton goods, woolen goods, serges and practically every other kind of dry goods. They have told so many conflicting tales about where the goods came from until nobody believes their stories, and to narrate the "lines" they have handed out to interviewers would take up reams of paper.

The belief obtains that they are in some way connected with the robbery of the store of Mrs. E. C. Briton last Wednesday night. It is believed they are three members of a well organized gang of robbers.

Samit registered at the Manhattan Hotel from Wilson; Brodsky from Philadelphia; and Sagar from New York City.

MAKING ANOTHER JOB AT FREE MAIL SERVICE

A petition is in circulation here this week requesting the Postoffice Department to inaugurate free village mail delivery in Ahoskie. This is the second or third time this matter has been brought up by Ahoskie patrons. Practically every person receiving mail here has signed the petition.

Advices coming from Congressman Hallet S. Ward says he will do all in his power to see that it goes over this time. The Chamber of Commerce is lending its help to the free delivery, and the city authorities are favorable to the project.

HERMAN GATLING LEAVES

Mr. Herman Gatling, who has been holding a position with the Ahoskie Ice and Coal Company, left Monday for Norfolk, where he has accepted a position with a railroad company.

L. C. WILLIAMS MAYOR; FORMERLY HELD OFFICE

Action Will Be Taken On Building Siding To Municipal Light Plant

L. C. Williams, Ahoskie attorney, has been selected by the town council to fill the unexpired term of W. L. Curtis, resigned, as mayor of the town of Ahoskie. His salary was fixed at twenty-five dollars per month, in addition to the remuneration he now receives as clerk of the city. He was sworn in immediately after acceptance of the office, and is now acting executive head of the town.

Mr. Williams formerly held this office, but resigned before his term expired to enter the U. S. Army service. By reason of his experience and his knowledge of the affairs of the town, he is peculiarly fitted for the office. No other names were considered in the appointment.

R. G. Murchison, representing the interests of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, met with the town officers Monday night, in response to the request made upon the railroad for gates at the Main street crossing. He said the railroad was willing to cooperate fully in eliminating the hazard here, and would meet the town half-way or better in every move. However, he thought to ask for gates was placing a large burden upon the company which did not have any gates on this division.

Upon Mr. Murchison's suggestion and with the unanimous approval of the board, the Coast Line was requested to place a watchman at Main street, who shall be on duty sixteen hours every day, beginning at seven o'clock in the morning and continuing until 11 at night. Although he had no authority to comply with the request, Mr. Murchison believed the railroad would grant the request within the next few days.

Purchase of the steel cage from the county was authorized, at a cost of \$25. The cage will be moved to Ahoskie and enclosed within the town lock-up, which will be moved from its present location to the town property at the light plant.

The committee on construction of railroad siding to the light plant reported a conference arranged with owners of the local peanut plant for Thursday of this week. An engineer will be asked to come here and make another survey, and ascertain if the siding cannot be built with the extra cost of a retaining wall. Should this be done, a portion of the Columbian Peanut Company's property will have to be used.

Publication of the town ordinances was authorized, and committee appointed to secure copy for printers.

CHAUTAUQUA GUARANTORS INVITED TO CONFERENCE

Held Under Auspices Of International Lyceum And Chautauqua Association

Mr. E. M. Wooten has just received a communication from Dr. Paul M. Pearson of the Swarthmore Chautauqua Association inviting the guarantors of the Ahoskie Chautauqua to select a representative to attend the Lecturers' Conference on public Opinion and world peace, to be held in Washington, December 7-8-9, 1922.

The Lecturers' Conference is an event of international importance. The purpose of the conference is to present information regarding social and economic world problems.

The conference is held under the auspices of the International Lyceum and Chautauqua Association, embracing all of the important lyceum and chautauqua organizations of the world.

President Harding has indicated his personal interest in the conference by becoming one of the honorary presidents of the International Lyceum and Chautauqua Association. Dr. Paul M. Pearson, director of the Swarthmore Chautauqua Association, who conducts the Chautauqua in our own town, is president of the International Lyceum and Chautauqua Association.

The program, although as yet incomplete, includes President Harding and Georges Clemenceau, "Tiger" of France, and presents an array of speakers second in distinction only to those who attended the world conference for the limitation of armaments.

NEW BOARD TAKES UP OFFICIAL WORK

Dr. J. H. Mitchell Is Elected Chairman of New County Commissioners

RESCIND ACTION TAKEN ON A HEALTH OFFICER

Automatically retiring as chairman of the Board of Education of Hertford County after taking oath as commissioner, Dr. J. H. Mitchell of Ahoskie was elected to the chairmanship of the commissioners when the new board took over the reins of government last Monday at Winton. F. G. Tayloe and Doctor Mitchell tied for the office, of chairman on the initial ballot; but on taking the second vote, with E. H. Eure also allowing his name to be advanced, Doctor Mitchell received four of the six votes cast.

Running true to prophecies made in the HERALD for several weeks, the new chairman upon taking the chair outlined a program, or rather expressed a desire, to economize in county affairs, and to relieve the burden of taxation. He criticised the old board for attending to business that should have come before the new board, especially in regard to the appropriations for farm and home demonstration work. He also took a whack at the members of the board who tried to sell out the "poor, burdened taxpayers" for failing to settle 1921 taxes. E. H. Eure, re-elected member, tried to halt the chairman by suggesting that the board had dealt unusually lenient with the delinquent taxpayers.

The chairman admitted that the board had been easy, but did not fail to censure "one or two members" who had urged an early closing out. Jno. C. Taylor, Maneys Neck retired member, sought to answer the chairman and asked for the privilege of the floor; but he did not get far before Doctor Mitchell "called him" and declined to hear what he had to say. Twice again, within the next few minutes Mr. Taylor sought a hearing, on the farm and home demonstration work and the whole-time health officer proposition, but each time was denied by the chairman.

F. G. Tayloe, other Ahoskie member, advised the chairman of his departure from the custom of the board to hear any taxpayer who asked for the privilege, and thought the ex-member of Maneys Neck had been handled pretty roughly. The chairman yielded to the suggestion, begged pardon, and listened to what Mr. Taylor had to say.

One of the very first acts of the board was to rescind the action taken by the old board in making an appropriation for a whole-time health officer for the County. To do it, seven votes were required, Doctor Mitchell voting with Jno. O. Askew, Jr., and W. J. Vaughan to tie the count, and then casting his second ballot as chairman to break the tie he had knotted. County Attorney W. D. Boone was called in to rule on the double voting power of the chairman. He advised that J. S. Manning, former attorney general of the State, had held it to be legal, but suggested that it had not been the custom of former chairmen of the county boards. Doctor Mitchell cast the second ballot and killed the appropriation.

Aside from the election of chairman, the Taylor-Mitchell tilt, and the double-voting act of the chairman, the meeting resolved itself into bill approving session, chief among the accounts being the election expenses. Attorney W. D. Boone was re-elected attorney for the board.

Miss Myrtle Swindell, home demonstration agent, made a report of her work in the County and plead for a continuance of the work, not knowing that appropriation had already been made. Following the report, backed up by appeals from county women and letters of commendation from the district supervisor, the chairman of the board suggested that the matter of taking further action with reference to the work be deferred until another meeting. The members of the board were apparently in no mood to discontinue the work.

Lady of House: "If you love work as you say, why don't you find some?"
Sad Hobo: "Alas, madame, love is blind."