

County Politics Are Now Warming Up; Each Office To Be Contested

If Present Rumors Are Any Indication
The Judicial Offices Are Also Furnishing Some Interesting Discussion

Although the primaries for the selection of officers for Franklin county and the State generally is now four months off, interest in the local affairs and also of the seventh Judicial district are taking on good proportions in the general discussions on our streets and in the county. This year, everyone of the county offices are to be filled and both the Judicial offices and if madam rumor is any indication everyone of them will be in much demand as it will range from a double contest to one of many sides. The only relief we have in sight is the fact that this year Franklin will not name a senator, it being her off year.

From present indications Hon. E. W. Pou will have no opposition in the coming primary to succeed himself, which is no doubt more due to the conditions surrounding the fact that this country is at war than it is that the people of Franklin are satisfied with him as their representative.

The Judicial race promises much interest and will in a measure absorb much that would otherwise result from the purely local campaigns. It will be remembered that Franklin and Wake counties are in a district together and under agreement that neither county shall hold both offices at one time. There are to be two offices filled in this district this year, one for Judge and one for Solicitor. Already there are about six or seven named for the Judgeship. Sen. W. M. Person is already a candidate, as also is considered, Judge T. H. Calvert, Governor Bickett's appointee to succeed Judge Cox who was appointed to succeed Judge Cook, and which appointment the people of Franklin feel has thoroughly violated the agreement they had with Wake in that it deprived Franklin of the remainder of the term to an office that it had a right to claim its own besides resulting in Wake's holding both offices for two years. Besides the two candidates named above for the Judgeship it is possible that Franklin will offer Hon. Ben T. Holden, a most able member of the local bar, and we learn that Wake county will offer Messrs. W. B. Shaw, W. C. Harris, R. N. Simms, Percy J. Olive and Senator Wilbur Bunn. Out of this combination there is much room for quite a little fun in the running. The solicitorship does not seem to be quite so popular but we learn that Hon. H. E. Norris, who has been solicitor of this district since its formation will stand for re-nomination, and that there is a probability of his being opposed by Representative S. Atwood Newell, of Louisville. There is also some talk to the effect that if Hon. Ben T. Holden does not run for the Judgeship he will be a possible opponent to Mr. Norris for the Solicitorship.

At present, except to those directly interested in the prohibition campaign the representative from this county is not causing any startling alarm. We have heard only the names of Messrs. E. H. Malone and J. A. Turner mentioned in this connection. Mr. Malone is one of Louisville's leading young lawyers and is Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of this county. Mr. Turner, well everybody knows "Jim," a jolly whistling fellow, who has held several public offices in Franklin among which was Representative in the General Assembly of the State.

The next in interest among our people seems to be that of Sheriff. The present incumbent, who is serving his first term and is making an acceptable and efficient officer, will make another fight for the nomination this summer and from what we can learn from his friends, will make an interesting one for any opponent. We understand however, he will be opposed by former sheriff William H. Allen, whom he succeeded two years ago. Mr. Allen's friends are equally confident of his success.

Mr. J. B. Yarborough the present incumbent of the Register of Deeds office, does not as yet seem to be troubled. We understand that Mr. Fuller,

who ran against him in the last primary, will not enter politics again soon on account of his business connection in other lines. However, we have heard it suggested that he would be opposed by Mr. J. W. Winston, of Youngsville, but Mr. Winston will not verify this idea. Mr. Yarborough is not taking chances but is getting things in shape as he recognizes that it is not too late for the development of opposition.

The Clerk of the Courts office is one that seems to be quite popular as we understand Mr. J. J. Barrow, who has been the efficient clerk here for sixteen or more years, will have active opposition should he decide to run. In the persons of Mr. C. C. Winston Mayor of Youngsville and Mr. S. C. Holden, of this place, both of whom are actively engaged, so we learn on their campaign. It is also rumored that since the death of Maj. H. A. London, Mr. Henry London, his son, who holds the position of Chief Clerk to Mr. Joseph W. Bailey in the Internal Revenue department at Raleigh is contemplating resigning that position and that Mr. Barrow will be named to succeed him. This, we were told, was confirmed on a recent visit to Washington City by Mr. Barrow and several of his friends. Should this result it is understood that Mr. S. C. Holden will be put forward for the appointment as Clerk of the Court here. In this latter case it would result in the entry of another candidate for the clerkship certainly in the primary if not in the appointment, in no less a person than Mr. J. L. Palmer the present efficient Deputy Clerk of the Court.

It looks like the membership of the Board of County Commissioners will be an every man's fight as from reports we get everybody who is not running for one of the other offices will attempt to take one of these. It is generally assumed that all the old Board will stand for reelection, but we are informed that Messrs. J. W. Winston and J. H. Ballentine will not serve again. This we are not in position to give with authority. However, we have heard the names of Messrs. E. N. Williamson, J. M. Sykes, C. W. Roberts, C. H. Mullen and J. A. Mitchell mentioned as probable candidates and the suggestions of possibly half a dozen others whose names we have been unable to get. Whether there will be any direct organized fight against the old board or whether it will be just a scramble for the two possible vacancies we don't know. The general public seems to be pretty well satisfied with the actions of the present board, as we have heard of no special criticisms.

This leaves only two elective offices on the county ticket that is not in popular demand. That of Surveyor and Coroner. As much as it has been impossible to get a Surveyor to qualify for many years and that the Coroner finds that the honor that goes with his office is a very costly one and almost always inconvenient and "unpleasant to the smell" there is hardly any hopes of stirring up much enthusiasm in either of those as it is pretty well said that "Misery Loves Company" and each of these will be apt to exclaim "Come on in boys, the water's fine" and then slip out to see the other fellow catch his luck.

Yes, the indications are that we will have much interest in politics here this spring. And we don't know but that it will be healthy if no personal feelings are injected. Whatever may be the results let's be able to meet each other both principals and parties after the election with hearty handshakes, smiles and good feelings.

DR. NEWELL TO MOVE TO LOUISBURG

The many friends here of Dr. J. O. Newell who is now located at Esqum, will be glad to learn that he will move to Louisville and practice his profession from here. Dr. Newell practiced in Louisville a number of years ago during which time he won much popularity. He expects to move his family in the next few days and will begin his work from here at once.

BISHOP CHESHIRE TO VISIT ST. PAUL'S PARISH

Right Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, will make an Episcopal visitation to St. Paul's parish, Louisville, on Sunday and Monday, February 24, and 25th, holding services at St. Paul's church Sunday night at 7:30 and St. Matthias church Monday night at 7:30. The rite of confirmation will be administered at both services. A cordial invitation to all is extended to both services.

SAFE FARMING FOR 1918

Will the farmers of the South lose the great triumph from a financial standpoint of the past two years, by returning to an all cotton or all tobacco system of farming? As surely as they do return to such a system, it will mean the importation of high priced foodstuffs and feedstuffs and will result in an impoverished rural population. Thirty cent cotton is not alone responsible for the bank accounts that southern farmers now have. The diversified farming that has patriotically been forced upon the south is the main cause. Even with cotton and tobacco at the prices they were last fall, if the south had not raised the food and feeds that she did, today would find her no better off than Jan 1st 1916. And if she goes back to the old system a year from now the south with all her opportunities for financial independence and patriotic service will in all probability be a wreck financially and disgrace to the rest of the nation.

A safe farming system for 1918 would be:

1. The training of each community of all the food and feed crops so far as practicable.
 2. The production of non-perishable staple food crops beyond local needs.
 3. The production of perishable food crops only to the extent that they can be consumed or conserved in some way.
 4. After this, growing of all cotton tobacco and other cash crops.
 5. The increased production of meat, eggs and milk.
 6. The saving of all waste on the farm—economize in time and labor.
- No longer should the south be called the "Poverty Stricken South," held down by the crop men. The golden opportunity is here to pay off debts and start anew. We will never be a really prosperous agricultural country till the farmers can finance their own operations. Put your money in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, and you will find that you have become independent.

If you haven't one get a copy of the Progressive Farmer for Feb. 15. It will probably save you a dollar this year. If you don't need them, Uncle Sam does.

THE WAR Y. W. C. A. AT WORK

Due to the pressing needs of the Red Cross activities very little effort has been made to raise any money for the war work of the Y. W. C. A., which cause Mrs. Bickett our State Chairman so earnestly and eloquently presented to the women of Louisville in December.

This week the women have raised \$66.00 but are not satisfied that this should be the full amount reported to Mrs. Bickett. The campaign will continue another week.

It is difficult to reach the rural districts and townships in the county, except by phone, so if those contributing will send amounts to Mrs. J. A. Turner or Mrs. W. P. Neal or Mrs. R. E. Yarborough, Jr., it will be greatly appreciated.

The War Work Council of the Young Women's Christian Association has voted to raise \$4,000.00 for work among the girls and women in communities adjoining the cantonments, in mobilization centers, in munition factories, and in foreign countries affected by the war. It is our problem to safeguard our girls.

What will be your bit?

FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT

The regular February term of Franklin Superior Court convened Monday with his Honor W. P. Stacy, Judge presiding who is making a very favorable impression here. The court took adjournment at 2:30 p. m.

U. S. TROOPS IN FRANCE IN BATTLE ON THREE SECTORS

Everywhere They Are Proving Themselves Fighters of the Highest Calibre

Still No Indication of Near Approach of Expected Big Offensive; Saturday Night's Attempted Air Raid on London Proved a Failure; Rumania to Make Peace.

American troops in France now are in battle on three sectors—on their own line east of St. Mihiel and with the French in Champagne and on one of the most famous battle fronts in the world, where ruined villages and the devastated country generally tell the tale of hard fought battles when the Germans pushed forward their line and ultimately were driven back by the French.

And everywhere the Americans are proving themselves fighters of the highest calibre, winning encounters from high French officers for their business-like methods of warfare and especially their skill in the use of artillery. Already the men are veterans for nothing the Germans have in stock remains to be shown them except a great mass attack. Thus far everything that has been tried by the enemy against them has been discounted, and in some instances doubly discounted.

Stories from the front by the Associated Press tell of the interplay of the men in trench raiding operations, of their coolness under fire and in returning fire, the accuracy of aim of the gunners and the intense watchfulness of observation posts to detect the enemy's obtains no undue advantage in a surprise attack.

Dispatches from Petrograd indicate that German soldiers have declined to obey their commanders to move to the French front and even have given battle to brothers in arms who endeavored to force them to do so. In Petrograd, at last accounts, marked disorders were still prevailing, there being indiscriminate shooting and looting.

An Amsterdam dispatch says that Rumania intends under certain conditions to enter into peace negotiations with the Central Powers.

The only criticism thus far heard regarding the Americans is their desire to be up and at the enemy. Like their brothers in the north—the Canadians—they are hard to hold in restraint. As one distinguished French officer expressed it, "they are too anxious to get at grips with the enemy."

Cut Off By Live Wires

Aside from their daily lack of knocking down the German trenches and dugouts with their guns the latest experience of the Americans and a thrilling one, was a night patrol raid during which the Germans, after the Americans had passed their first line of wire entanglements, heavily charged the wire behind the patrol with electricity, coolly, the Americans lay down until the danger was passed and returned to their trenches, nobody being injured.

There is no indication of the near approach of the expected big offensive by the Germans along the line in France and Belgium. The operations consist almost entirely of mutual bombardments and minor attacks by raiding parties. The roar of the big guns is greatest in the Champagne region on several sectors, particularly near Tahnure where one unit of the Americans is fighting shoulder to shoulder with the French.

Alikewise, all along the Italian front from Lake Garda to the middle of the Piave river artillery engagements are in progress.

Saturday night's attempted air raid on London proved a failure, only one German airplane of the six that came across the water reaching the capital through the heavy barrage sent up by the British anti-aircraft batteries. One of the enemy planes is reported to have been forced down into the sea as a result of a fight in the air with British aviators.

The armistice between the Germans and Russians has ended, according to an official communication issued in Berlin. In giving notice of the termination of the agreement to cease hostilities, this communication contains the grave statement that Germany reserves a free hand in every respect. Whether Germans anticipate an immediate attack on the Russians has not developed, but undoubtedly there is a tense feeling between the German military officials and the Bolshevik officials and the Bolsheviks by reason of the fact that Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, has not met the desires of Germany to frame a separate peace treaty with that country.

Honorable T. W. Bickett To Speak Here Next Monday

OTHER FOOD RULINGS
Last week the Food Administration issued a ruling permitting a farmer customer to purchase 1-8 barrel of flour without the accompanying cereal substitute provided the farmer would give the merchant a certificate stating that he had and was using an equal amount of corn meal or other cereals with the flour.

This week Mr. Page issued a new ruling allowing farmers to purchase 48 pounds of flour instead of 24 lbs. without the accompanying cereal substitute, but when making such purchase the farmer is required to sign the following certificate.

Form of Certificate

I hereby certify that I have produced and am consuming upon my table wheat flour substitute at the rate of not less than one pound of such substitute for every pound of wheat flour I use.

I further certify that I have on hand or under contract not more than _____ pounds of wheat flour.

Signed _____

The merchants should carefully preserve the certificate to balance against the next purchase of flour from jobbers or mills.

Not more than 48 pounds must be sold to any person under this ruling.

Under a recent ruling mixed flour may be sold without the accompanying substitut which must be sold with wheat flour. Some confusion has resulted from the publication of the Food Administrations order that no licenses would be allowed to handle live or freshly killed hens or pullets until April.

This order applies principally to cold storage concerns and the large dealers and no merchant in Franklin county will be affected by it.

Although the Food Administration is extremely desirous of discouraging by every means possible the killing of hens and pullets during the next few weeks which is the heaviest egg producing season of the year, and is also the principle laying season.

JOSEPH C. JONES,
County Food Administrator.

PINE RIDGE ITEMS

Miss Bertha Cone spent last week end at Mr. Needham Beddingfield's.

The farmers were especially glad to see the pretty weather last week and have made much progress; burning, plant beds and other work.

We are glad to know our sick ones are all improving.

Four or five young men have recently purchased new horses.

Since the days are longer and weather more pleasant our school attendance has greatly increased and the work is progressing nicely.

The young girls of this community gave a Valentine party at the academy on Thursday evening and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the young people in the community. As they came they were welcomed by Misses Lilly Beddingfield and Laura House, then after all were assembled games were commenced, the first being played or displeased to get the crowd well arranged, then several other games followed and were much enjoyed. Then came the drawing after which came refreshments, oranges, apples and gum mingled with jokes, which caused an uproar of laughter through the whole room. Next came the saddest time of all, when time came to go home, yet all left declaring themselves to have spent the most pleasant evening of their lives.

After two attempts to have a fiddler's convention here both ending in a failure on account of the weather again another effort is being made for next Friday evening the 22nd, and all hope that it may end with much success this time.

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Governor of North Carolina, Will Address the People of Franklin County On

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th.

At Louisville, on the GREAT WAR and why we are in it. And how we can win it. Every intelligent Man and Woman who wants to understand why the whole civilized world is now engaged in desperate and bloody warfare and how every individual is going to be affected for good or bad by its results should be present and hear the Governor. You may never have another opportunity to hear this all important subject discussed and explained by one of the Nation's greatest thinkers and orators.

OVER 22,000 WOMEN PLEDGED TO WORK ON WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

Over 22,000 organized women in North Carolina pledged to make the War Savings Campaign of this State "go over the top" before the end of this year was the feature of the last meeting of the War Savings Institute held in Raleigh on Wednesday of this week. Fourteen thousand of these women were organized farm women who were pledged by Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State home demonstration agent. The remaining 8,000 were the club women of the State whose pledge was given by Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, president of the State Federation of Women's Club.

Speaking for the women of the country Mrs. McKimmon said that the country women are patriotic, and that many of them were learning to save, but what they needed most was to know how to invest safely their savings. Therefore, Mrs. McKimmon said, the war Savings Stamps plan of saving and investing was a most welcome opportunity and a work the country people would enter heartily into. She believed that the 250,000 or more other rural women affiliated with the canning and other club work in the country could be counted on to take the lesson of Thrift to every home and practically every person in the country.

Mrs. Johnson said she considered this call of the Government to the club women of the state at this time a test of their efficiency. For eight years they have been organized for civic consciousness and their experience in organizing and working together would particularly qualify them for this work that the club women of the State will not fail at this supreme hour was Mrs. Johnson's assuring message.

The work of organizing War Savings Societies particularly the plan of converting existing organizations into War Savings Societies was endorsed by both groups of women and this will be the first work that all organized women in the State will take up. The next sixty days will be a campaign to get every citizen of the State into a War Savings Society. This plan of saving, investing and getting others to save has been adopted by State and National authorities as the foundation and purpose of the War Savings Campaign.

JUSTICE BUZZED

Mr. B. F. Wheelers has gone to join the Navy.

Mr. Grady Bunn from Camp Sevier visited Justice on his recent furlough.

Mr. Albert Medlin has been badly cut about the face.

Miss Bruce the home demonstration agent visited the high school Monday. Delighted, call again.

Supt. E. L. Best will speak at Justice Feb. 22 at 7:30 p. m. Come and enjoy the patriotic program.

Mr. Joe Wheelers was a pleasant caller Saturday and Sunday.

Some of the men have deserted the fruit and lumber club. Such are the evil effects of spring.

MRS. F. H. ALLEN IMPROVING

The many friends of Mrs. F. H. Allen will be pleased to learn that she has successfully undergone an operation in Baltimore and is now improving nicely.