

Big Majorities in Chatham Co.

Average Majority for Democratic Candidates for Commissioners 866—Dr. Chapin Leads Republican Ticket—Bailey's Vote Only Slightly Cut.

That Chatham's Democracy is again reuniting and aggressive is clearly indicated by the great majorities piled up last week for all the Democratic candidates. The largest vote polled by any candidate was that for E. E. Walden, candidate for commissioners, who received 3477 votes, which was 749 more than the number received by Mr. L. L. Wren, leading Republican candidate for commissioner.

We are not giving the votes for all the candidates, but with the exception of that for Mr. Brooks for coroner, the voting ran fairly evenly. Dr. Chapin ran a close race for coroner. If he had pulled 108 more Democratic votes he would have won. As Mr. Brooks' majority was only 215. The Doctor got about 75 Democratic votes at Pittsboro, though he was disappointed that he didn't get all the 250 promised him.

Burning of Bridge Causes Inconvenience

The burning of the old Cumcock bridge two weeks ago by the Lee county road force when trying to clear the bridge of the great raft of debris lodged against it, is causing much inconvenience to the operators of the coal mine and to many others in that section. To go to Cumcock or Sanford by the new bridge requires about five miles of additional travel.

County Court Last Monday

County court was in session last Monday. There was no session on the first Monday as it was the eve of the election. The following cases were before Judge Bell Monday: Gordon Leach—liquor case, 30 days on roads.

Bear Creek News

Miss Lillie Noell, of Siler City, Rt. 3, and Mr. Paul L. Elkins, of Rt. 2, Bear Creek, were married by Rev. L. M. Chaffin, pastor of the Goldston Circuit, Sunday Nov. 2nd. Mrs. Elkins is a daughter of E. R. Noell, of Siler City, Rt. 3, and very accomplished and is well known in Person, Lee and Chatham counties.

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Joan Crawford Coming In Outdoor Talkie

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer will present Joan Crawford Friday and Saturday at the Pilot Theatre in "Montana Moon" a musical romance of the West. The story is an original by Sylvia Thalberg and Frank Butler and was directed by Malcolm St. Clair.

OFFICIAL VOTE IN CHATHAM COUNTY

Table with 17 columns (Bailey, Pritchard, Horton, Mendenhall, Johnson, Smith, Hatch, Powers, Siler, Farrell, Blair, Goldston, Walden, Moore, Hester, Morgan, Wrenn, Womble) and 17 rows of candidates (Albright, Baldwin, Bear Creek, W. B. Creek, Buckhorn, Merry Oaks, Center, Gulf, Richmond, Haw River, Hickory Mt., New Hope, Mt. Vernon, Siler City, Oakland, Williams, Hadley) with corresponding vote counts.

Tax Notice

In October I issued the following notice: "Pursuant to an order made by the town commissioners in regular session on Monday, October 6, I will advertise and sell on the first Monday in December at the courthouse door in Pittsboro all the Pittsboro real estate on which the taxes has not been paid by Nov. 1, 1930 for the year 1929 and all previous years."

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MR. WILKIE SHOWS YOU HOW

We commend the example of Mr. B. F. Wilkie to our subscribers whose subscriptions are in arrears. Mr. Wilkie writes: "Please accept check for three dollars on my subscription to the Chatham Record. I am behind with my subscription, but do not know how much. Please keep sending it to me as I like your editorials fine."

TOWN AND COUNTY BRIEFS

Bonlee school reopened Tuesday. The temporary building was ready for the installation of desks early enough to begin Monday, but the installation of the new desks delayed opening till Tuesday. Quick Work.

Mr. John Neal is now a full-fledged notary public.

Mr. Charles Hackney of Cary, but a student at Duke, spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Murdock.

Dr. Bass, cancer specialist, will be here again next Wednesday, Nov. 19, and will hold a free cancer clinic at Dr. Chapin's office from 12 M. to 2 P. M., with Dr. Chapin assisting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wicker, Mrs. D. T. Harris and three children, all of Durham, spent last Sunday with Mrs. G. C. Durham.

Mrs. Joe Wirtz has been at Watts Hospital several days.

The editor's half-brother, R. L. Peterson, a railroad engineer with headquarters in Savannah, writes the editor that he will be here today.

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Mrs. N. M. Hill and Mrs. Mattie Calvert have returned from a visit of three or four weeks to Miss Lillie Hill at Leakesville.

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Mr. Herbert Farrel wishes to express his appreciation to the people for the handsome support given him in his race for the position of register of deeds.

We regret to learn that Mr. J. Nat Atwater is very seriously ill in a hospital. He is a brother of Mr. James B. Atwater who died suddenly last week in New Port News, Va.

His friends were glad to see Mr. Rockefeller in Pittsboro for the week-end. He is in the lumber business up in Caswell county.

Pastor Dailey will have a full day Sunday. At eleven o'clock he will preach at Brown's Chapel; at Pleasant Hill at 3 P. M., and meet officials at Chatham church at 4:30. These are his last appointments before going to the annual conference at Henderson.

Rev. Mr. Baker, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Mebane, is assisting Pastor Barclay in a week's meeting at the Presbyterian church. You are invited to attend the meetings.

Mr. E. O. Dowdy reports that he recently caught a lizard with two tails.

J. L. GRIFFIN DIED WEDNESDAY A. M.

Former Senator, Clerk of Court, Banker, Church Worker, and Most Useful Citizen and Good Neighbor Passes After Long Period of Suffering.

Pittsboro and Chatham county in general mourns the passing of Mr. James L. Griffin. He passed quietly and peacefully to rest Wednesday morning at 7:30 after many months of brave and patient suffering.

Mr. Griffin was reared in the Pittsboro community, attended school here, and after graduation at Wake Forest College located right here at home, where his character and ability soon placed him in the office of clerk of court, where he served several terms. Later he served a term in the State senate, where he was a strong and useful legislator.

His ability has been recognized in various ways by his denomination and the state. For many years he was superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school here, giving up the position only when he was assailed by disease two years ago. He has served as trustee of Wake Forest College and Meredith College, and was until recently, if not at death, a trustee of the East Carolina Teacher's College, at Greenville.

For years he was cashier of the Bank of Pittsboro and his business acumen did much to place it upon its present successful basis. He was about 57 years of age. He married Miss Hettie Wrenn of Siler City, who, with their adopted daughter, Miss Sarah Griffin, survives him. To her he was an ever faithful and loving husband and her loss is a most grievous one, in which she has the sympathy of hundreds of friends.

As this is written a few minutes after his death, the time of burial has not been determined. It is understood that he will be buried at Siler City.

Two brothers, Mr. W. H. Griffin and Mr. C. B. Griffin, and several sisters, Mrs. G. J. Griffin, Mrs. D. B. Bryan, Mrs. Dark, Miss Mary Griffin, survive, to whom the deceased has ever been a true brother and helpful friend.

A fuller account of the life and activities of this good citizen will be given next issue in connection with the account of his funeral.

Pittsboro has suffered a most serious loss.

FREE CANCER CLINIC

Mrs. Chas. A. Matthews, chairman of the Health-Civics Department of the Woman's Club, announces that Dr. Bass will hold another Free Cancer Clinic at Dr. Chapin's office, Pittsboro, Wednesday, November 19, from 12 o'clock to 2 P. M.

Dr. Bass will give advice free as to any suspicious growths or other indications of cancer, and it is very important that the victim of this disease be informed early as to its hold. It is too late when it has a deadly hold.

WALTER D. SILER GETS OFF WISE-CRACK

The News and Observer a day or two after the election quoted Walter Siler as follows: "I think Mr. Duncan has a just grievance against the newspapers of the State. I believe they misquoted him," said Assistant Attorney General Walter Siler, speaking of the State Republican chairman.

"The papers said he predicted a 65,000 majority for Mr. Pritchard but it is evident that what he was doing was predicting the total Pritchard vote."

Teachers Hold Good Meeting

166 Chatham County Teachers Hear Superintendent Thompson Discuss Status of County Schools — Fine Showing Made — Several Teachers Also Speak.

The teachers of Chatham county held their first meeting of the year at Pittsboro on Saturday Nov. 8th. The meeting was attended by more than one hundred enthusiastic teachers. The unity of the entire school system of Chatham county was reflected by the spirit of co-operation and good will which permeated the group.

The program was rendered by representatives from practically every school in the county. Problems common to the group were intelligently discussed by appointed teachers and principals.

In an interesting manner Supt. W. R. Thompson gave the status of our school. The facts revealed regarding the improvement and efficiency of our schools are sufficient to cause the teachers and citizens of our county to be proud. He gave important facts concerning cost of schools, consolidation, transportation, length of term, school attendance, and certification of teachers which should interest all patrons and all tax-payers.

Supt. Thompson declared that the average county in North Carolina spends 60% of all taxes collected for schools, while Chatham county spends only 45%. He feels that we have kept pace with the average county on 15% less tax funds. In the year 1924-25 the white teachers of Chatham county were paid \$95,000. This year the teachers will be paid \$113,000 an increase of \$18,000. Yet the tax rate has not increased. The increase has come from our state equalization funds.

From these two funds we shall receive \$69,000 this year. In the past five years the number of schools has been reduced from 65 to 34; the number of teachers has been decreased from 151 to 133; while the number of students enrolled remains practically the same.

Today 1800 school children are being transported to school by 41 trucks. Mr. Thompson stated that the big need of Chatham county is an equal opportunity for all the children, which would be a uniform eight-months school term with a uniform tax rate for all the county.

In 1924-25 we had an average term of 127 days as compared with 149 days for 1929-30. This year 75% of the children are attending eight-months schools. It is a matter of public record that as the term increases our average attendance increases. Our attendance has increased more rapidly than the average for the state. This increased average attendance absolutely contradicts the idea that is still prevalent in a few sections of our county that the farmers cannot send their children to school for eight months. The sentiment in this county is in favor of an eight-months school term.

Mr. Thompson pointed with pride to the fact that there has been an improvement in the scholastic training of the teachers. In 1924-25 we had 90 teachers without any college or normal school training. Of these 44 had not the training equivalent to graduation from high school. Our progress is shown by the fact that we now have only even teachers who have not had some college training.

Variety was added by musical numbers being rendered at intervals during the program by representatives from several of the schools. Miss Katherine Johnson, Bells School, Piano Solo; Miss

FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The candidates for the Girls Friendly Society, of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church, met at the Rectory with our directress, Mrs. Shannonhouse Monday, Oct. 27. We felt honored as Mrs. Twiggs, our Field Secretary, was present. After all the splendid reports were given and the business attended to the meeting was then turned over to Miss Twiggs. She made the afternoon very interesting by telling us a much enjoyed story. Then she told us about taking some boys and girls, last summer, to the mountains of Kentucky to work among the children there. After her most interesting talk, Mrs. Shannonhouse served us delicious refreshments, which we thoroughly enjoyed. We wish it were possible for Miss Twiggs to visit our group oftener.

"Bet" Johnson, Reporter

A statistical report says that there is one divorce to forty-nine marriages that stay put. Another tribute to the patience and fortitude of the forty-niners.