

Evidence of Election Year Begins To Appear

Reins To Resign As Party Leader At Meet Feb. 24th

He Issues Call For Meeting Of Executive Committee In This City TO BE HELD AT 2 P. M. Successor As Head Of Democratic Organization To Be Named Then

A call for a meeting of the Democratic county executive committee to be held at Hotel Wilkes Saturday, February 24, at 2 p. m. was issued this morning by J. C. Reins, chairman of the committee.

Mr. Reins, who was recently appointed and confirmed as postmaster for North Wilkesboro, will tender his resignation as party chairman at the meeting. He has been head of the party for nearly two years.

The county executive committee is composed of the township chairman of each township in the county and in view of the important business to be transacted, a full attendance is expected.

The meeting is called for the purpose of naming Mr. Reins' successor and the transaction of any other necessary business.

Mr. Reins' statement follows: "In view of my appointment as postmaster here, it becomes necessary that I tender my resignation as chairman of the Democratic county executive committee. I am, therefore, calling a meeting of the committee to be held at Hotel Wilkes on Saturday, February 24, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of naming a new party chairman and to transact any other business which may be before the committee. All members of the committee are requested to take note of this call and to attend the meeting."

Transylvania Men Get Hearing Here

Judge Finley Grants Writ Of Habeas Corpus; They Are Allowed Bond

Judge T. B. Finley at his home last night granted a writ of habeas corpus for four Transylvania county business men, scheduled to go to prison at midnight for alleged bank-law violations, and thus postponed beginning of their sentences until after a hearing set by him for February 22.

Under Judge Finley's order, the four were granted privilege of bond in the sum of \$10,000 each. It was understood here that arrangements for posting the bond would be made after the party returned to Brevard early today.

The four were sentenced to serve from two to three years each in the state prison upon being convicted of using the credit of Transylvania county to bolster the tottering Brevard Banking company. They are Thomas Shipman, former president of the closed bank; Joseph Picklesimer, former chairman of the board of county commissioners; C. R. McNeely, a former member of the board, and Ralph Fisher, who was county attorney.

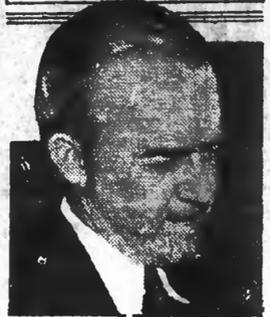
Up to the last minute, the four had hoped for executive clemency from Governor Ehringhaus, but when it was officially announced from Raleigh that he would not intervene, they surrendered to Sheriff Tom Wood, at Brevard, and arranged for a further legal battle.

Sheriff Wood brought them to this city, where their petition was submitted to Judge Finley by their attorneys. The hearing will be in Marion before him.

The defendants were originally convicted before Judge H. Hoyle Slink, who imposed a sentence of fine and imprisonment. Upon an appeal to the Supreme court, the conviction was sustained but the court remanded the case for resentencing, pointing out that the statute provides for either a fine or imprisonment, but not for both.

Judge N. A. Townsend, in resentencing the four, stipulated prison terms of two to three years, but announced that he would recommend clemency if restitution should be made to Transylvania county of \$30,000.

Contempt of Senate



Washington: . . . Wm. P. McCracken (above) assistant Secretary of Commerce in charge of aeronautics under President Hoover was arrested for contempt of the Senate when he refused to produce files which the Senate Committee wanted to see in its investigation on air-mail contracts.

Republican Hosts Of Wilkes Attend Lincoln Day Fete

Delegation Is Headed By A. H. Casey, Chairman, and J. Mack Brown

The "State of Wilkes," regarded for many years as the banner Republican county of North Carolina, sent a large delegation to the fifth annual Lincoln Day dinner at the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro Monday night.

The Wilkes delegation was headed by A. H. Casey and J. M. Brown, chairman and secretary respectively of the Republican county executive committee.

Among those attending in addition to Mr. Casey and Mr. Brown were Sheriff W. B. Somers, Ralph Bingham, W. A. Payne, Solicitor John R. Jones, P. E. Brown, Will Fleenor, Bud Staley, Dave Mink, Ransie Staley, Alonzo Anderson, Jack Hoots, M. C. Jones, Jesse Jones, O. W. Kiser, L. P. Somers, H. C. Somers, T. C. Casey, Old Wiles, H. C. Kilby, J. C. Wallace, Ed Dancy, G. A. McNeill, C. E. Jenkins, G. G. Foster, W. F. Absher, Coy Marley, S. M. Shumate, F. M. Jennings and S. B. Richardson.

The gathering, considered one of the best ever held since the dinner was inaugurated, was addressed by Harold McGugin, congressman from Kansas.

To Name National Committeeman Soon

F. C. Forester Is Member Of Committee Which Will Select Gardner's Successor

Wallace Winborne, state chairman of the Democratic party, announced Tuesday that March 8 had been set as the date for a meeting of the state executive committee to name O. Max Gardner's successor as national committeeman for North Carolina.

F. C. Forester, of this city, is a member of the committee and will attend the meeting.

Dentists of Wilkes Will Donate Their Services For Health Survey

Local Dentists Will Be Out of Their Offices On Tuesday and Thursday of Next Week; They Will Visit Number of Principal Schools of Wilkes County

Dentists of Wilkes will join approximately 700 other members of the North Carolina Dental Society in making a mouth health survey in the public schools of the state on Tuesday, February 20, and Thursday, February 23. The dentists will make this survey as a contribution toward improving health conditions of the children and will not receive any compensation for their services.

During the two days, it is expected that North Carolina dentists will inspect the mouths of at least two hundred thousand children for dental defects. This is the greatest concerted effort ever to be undertaken in two days' time in the health annals of the state.

It is reported that undernourishment ranks first in the physical defects of the school children, and inasmuch as undernourishment is reflected in the mouth of the child by improper development of the teeth, the dentist has an unusual opportunity to find if this is true.

Checks For Post Office Property Delivered Here

F. C. Carter, Assistant District Attorney, Is Santa Claus To Owners

TOTAL IS \$15,000.00

Government Soon To Get New Building Under Way In This City

T. G. Carter, of Mebane, assistant district attorney for the middle federal district, was Santa Claus to the tune of \$15,000 Monday afternoon when he delivered checks to owners of the property which was selected several months ago as the site for a new post office building in this city.

The matter of titles was completed and Mr. Carter turned over checks to owners of the six lots.

The six lots were owned by J. T. Prevette, who owned four of them. Mrs. W. F. Absher, who owned one, and C. D. Coffey & Sons, Absher and Blackburn and J. C. Henry, who owned the sixth lot. The site is located on "C" Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets.

The government now is in full possession of the property and the construction work will get under way within a very short time, it is generally understood.

Mr. Carter said he had no authentic information, but understood that the government was ready to go ahead now that the property has been paid for.

Wm. T. Dowd Is Named Marshal

Sanford Man Finally Gets Appointment At Hands of the President

The long delayed appointment of a successor to United States Marshal Watt H. Gragg, whose resignation became effective January 1, was made Tuesday when President Roosevelt sent the name of W. T. Dowd to the senate for confirmation.

Mr. Dowd is a resident of Sanford and had the support of Senator Reynolds for the marshalship.

It is reported that District Attorney J. R. McGrary may be kept on the job until his present term expires early in 1936. He has not submitted his resignation and no action has been taken by the department of justice, although Carlyle Higgins, of Sparta, has been recommended by Senator Bailey as his successor.

Harris Recovering From Wound Received Saturday

John Harris, Traphill farmer who was stabbed in the abdomen during an altercation Saturday, is recovering at the Wilkes Hospital. His injuries are not considered serious. Vernon Spicer, his alleged assailant, is still in the county jail at Wilkesboro, having failed to fill bond.

Hawaii's Governor



WASHINGTON: . . . Joseph R. Poindexter (above) former Attorney-General of Montana, more recently U. S. District Judge in Honolulu and Democratic leader in Hawaii, has been nominated by President Roosevelt for the post of Governor of Hawaii.

Tilleys Will Be Tried On Murder Charge In March

Solicitor John R. Jones To Push Case and Will Endeavor To Reach It

100 STATE WITNESSES

The state will endeavor to reach the Tilley case at the March term of Superior court, Solicitor John R. Jones stated yesterday in an interview with a Journal-Patriot representative.

"Although the docket is terribly crowded and several other murder cases will come up for trial, I expect to be ready to urge immediate trial of the Tilleys," the solicitor declared. Solicitor Jones said it is his intention to present a bill of indictment containing four counts to the grand jury immediately after court convenes and that when the indictment is returned, he will insist on trying the case.

More than 100 witnesses will be subpoenaed by the state in its efforts to convict Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tilley and Clyde Tilley for the alleged murder of Miss Leota Childress in the home of the first mentioned on December 30.

Solicitor Jones said the state is building up its case against the Tilleys and the belief was expressed that the prosecution will have ample evidence to obtain a conviction.

Attorneys for the defendants are understood to have decided to waive a preliminary hearing.

Greensboro College Club To Meet With Mrs. Sink

The local chapter of the Greensboro College alumni association will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. S. Sink. All members are urged to be present.

County Commissioners Held Session Tuesday

The board of county commissioners held a brief session Tuesday, but deferred final action on any matters under consideration. All members were present.

Ironie Viennese Carnival

Vienna, Feb. 13.—The bitterest irony in Vienna's tragic situation is that tonight is the last night of carnival, by tradition the gayest time of the year. This year, instead of a festival of fun, it has been a carnival of blood.

Smoke Pours From Every Smokestack

Smoke is pouring from the smokestacks of every factory in North Wilkesboro and the full dinner pail is more in evidence now than at any time since the boom days of former years, it is frequently remarked.

Full-time operations are maintained in practically every manufacturing plant here and merchants are finding the dollars coming in on each pay-day in return for merchandise. Conditions have not appeared better locally in many months and a smile has replaced the proverbial long face which unemployment helped to create.

Ragland Comes Out For Judge In Seventeenth

Spruce Pine Attorney Here This Week In Interest of His Candidacy

EX-EMERGENCY JUDGE

Made Race For Solicitor Four Years Ago; Polled Very Large Vote

John W. Ragland, prominent Spruce Pine attorney, brought definite announcement of his candidacy for judge in the Seventeenth Judicial district Monday when he passed through the city on a swing through the district in the interest of his campaign.

The Mitchell lawyer announced several weeks ago that he expected to enter the race.

There are now three candidates for the place on the Superior court bench from which Judge T. B. Finley will voluntarily retire January 1 of next year. Besides Mr. Ragland, there are J. A. Rousseau, of this city, and J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville.

Mr. Ragland is a veteran attorney, having practiced law for 29 years. He received his legal education at the Law School of the University of North Carolina. He has long been prominent in the councils of the Democratic party. Four years ago he made the race for solicitor on the Democratic ticket against Solicitor John R. Jones and polled the largest Democratic vote ever recorded in the Seventeenth Judicial district.

The candidacies of Messrs. Rousseau, Burke and Ragland are subject to the Democratic primary which will be held in June. Counties which will vote to nominate a candidate for judge are Wilkes, Alexander, Yadkin, Davie, Avery and Mitchell, these counties comprising the Seventeenth district.

Wilkes Man Is In Toils Of Law

Frank Mathis Charged With Receiving Stolen Goods; Swapped Liquor

Frank Mathis, who resides 15 miles east of Wilkesboro, was arrested Monday on a warrant sworn out by Forsyth county officers charging him with receiving stolen goods.

Forsyth county officers were completing a roundup of persons engaged in looting, safecracking and storebreaking in Winston-Salem and rural Forsyth and several were arrested. Mathis, a reputed bootlegger, was taken into custody for the alleged act of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be stolen.

Mathis is reported to have admitted to the officers that he traded \$30.00 worth of liquor for the goods. He was placed in the jail at Winston-Salem in default of bond.

Loss Coal Mining Job



Cadis, Ohio: . . . Ida Mae Stull (above) has worked in coal mines here since she was 12 years old. Now Ida is mad because an Ohio Mines inspector says it is against state laws for women to work in mines . . . and at 34 she has to look for another job. Ida can mine and load an average of 5 tons of coal a day.

Wilkes Baptist Ministers Form An Association

Rev. A. B. Hayes Is Elected Chairman; Avery Church Named Secretary

TO MEET EACH MONTH

The Wilkes Baptist Ministers' Association was organized at a meeting of Baptist ministers in the First Baptist church here Monday.

Rev. A. B. Hayes was elected chairman and Rev. Avery Church was named secretary.

Announcement was made that the association will meet once each month, each meeting to be held on Monday after the second Sunday at 10 o'clock. For the present, the meetings will be held at the First Baptist church.

The morning session Monday was taken up with reports of the ministers and in perfecting the organization.

The principal address was delivered by Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church, who used as his subject, "What Is Wrong With the Churches." The local minister called attention to the immense resources of the Christian churches and the large membership as evidence that there must be something right with the church.

In 1931, the latest year on which figures were immediately available, churches of America received contributions amounting to 40 per cent of the cost of operating the public schools of the nation, Rev. Mr. Olive said. In 1926, the total value of houses of worship in this country exceeded three billion dollars.

Fifty-five per cent of the people of the United States over 13 years of age are members of the church, the speaker declared.

Candidates Now Announcing and Being Discussed

Three Attorneys Out For Judgeship In Seventeenth Judicial District

COUNTY TICKET TAKING

Republican Solicitor's Nomination To Come First; One Already Out

By WILLARD G. COLE

Evidence that 1934 is an election year is not lacking in this early date.

Candidates for various political offices are already coming out with announcements of their intention to enter the June primary and many who have not announced are being talked for this and that office.

The Seventeenth Judicial district promises to be the scene of two interesting campaigns, one for the position of the Superior court bench now occupied by Judge T. B. Finley and the other for the Republican nomination for solicitor.

Judge Finley has already announced that he will retire at the end of his present term and become an emergency judge. The field left open by his retirement from the primary campaign has already been entered by J. A. Rousseau, of this city, J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, and John W. Ragland, of Spruce Pine, all of them eminent practicing attorneys who are well known to the people of the district. The Seventeenth is composed of Wilkes, Yadkin, Davie, Alexander, Avery and Mitchell.

It is generally believed no other candidates will enter the race. Friends of the three attorneys are already looking over the field in the interest of their favorite aspirant and much interest will center around the outcome of this primary race. Judges are elected by the voters of the entire state and not by the district, so the Democratic nomination is tantamount to election.

This solicitorial district, normally a Republican stronghold, promises an interesting campaign for the Republican nomination. The G. O. P. endorsement is generally looked upon as equal to election and for this reason, the Republican solicitorial nomination is regarded as a valued prize.

F. J. McDuffie, a local practicing attorney, announced several days ago that he will seek the nomination. Solicitor John R. Jones, who has served since

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Lumber Men Will Meet Wednesday

R. E. McElveen To Explain Lumber Code At Session At City Hall

R. E. McElveen, representative of the Southern Pine Association, will meet all saw mill men and lumber men of the county at the City Hall Wednesday, February 21st, at 10 o'clock to explain the new lumber code.

It is important that every mill man and lumber man be present to get necessary information for operating under the lumber code. It is requested that each operator be prepared to explain his present operations as to rules, rates, etc.

Those desiring additional information are referred to Genie Cardwell, of this city.

Union Meeting Night Changed

Local Carpenters and Joiners To Meet On Friday Instead of Thursday

The regular weekly meeting of the local union of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners has been changed from Thursday evening to Friday evening.

Members are requested to take note of the change and to attend the meeting tomorrow evening instead of tonight.