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\$100,000 Fire Damages Business Firms

Large Vote Is Expected In Election

Spainhour-Sydnor, A. & P., Two Beauty Shoppes and Other Firms Suffer Loss In Disastrous Blaze

Electorate To March To Polls To Settle Issue

Congressman, State And County Officers Will Be Elected Tomorrow

INTEREST IS HIGH

Large Registrations Are Reported From All Sections Of Country

Tomorrow (Tuesday) is election day throughout the country and from sunup to sundown citizens of the county, state and nation will march to their polling places to select their public servants for the next term.

In the nation the people have taken it for granted that the election Tuesday will be on one big issue—for or against the Roosevelt administration. However, in many localities the candidates and their personalities will overshadow national issues.

The usual predictions are made by national leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties. The Democrats confidently expect to hold their present majority in congress and senate and maybe add a few seats. On the other hand the Republican party is predicting gains from the present number of representatives and senators, but does not hope, apparently, to overthrow the power of the Democratic party in national affairs.

Throughout the nation a tense campaign interest with corresponding high registrations has been reported from practically every state in the union where elections are to be held tomorrow.

In North Carolina the interest centers mainly on the election of congressmen and members of the judiciary. In many counties the race for county offices eclipses the activity for the state and national ticket.

In Wilkes county an unusually large registration is on the books for an off-year election, notwithstanding the fact that new registrations were ordered in four of the large townships.

Candidates are making last minute appeals for support and a large vote is predicted in the county this year.

E. F. Spainhower Taken By Death

Aged Man Succumbs At Home Of Son, A. E. Spainhower, In This City

Eben F. Spainhower, age 83, died at the home of his son, A. E. Spainhower, well known resident of this city, Friday afternoon.

The aged man had been in ill health for several years and recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, which caused his death. He was a son of the late William W. and Pamelia Grabb Spainhower, members of a well known Forsyth County family. Since the death of his wife and during the last few years of his life he made his home with his children, who are as follows: A. E. Spainhower, North Wilkesboro; J. L. Spainhower, Greensboro; Mack D. Spainhower, Miami, Florida; Welbourne A. Spainhower, Greensboro; and Mrs. Harry Tipping, Clayton, Ga. Also surviving are two brothers, E. I. Spainhower, of Donaha, and Dr. E. H. Spainhower, of Winston-Salem, and one sister, Mrs. Alice Hauser, of Pinnacle.

Funeral and burial services were held at Mt. Pleasant Church in Forsyth County Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

Kiwanis Directors Meet With Prof. T. E. Story

Directors of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club were entertained in their October meeting last week by Prof. T. E. Story, secretary of the club. Among the interesting reports of committee chairmen was the one given by J. R. Finley, good roads chairman, stating that work on the Reddies River bridge is to start soon.

DRIVERS' LICENSES PROPOSED

Kiwanis Club Passes Resolution Endorsing Movement In State

PROPOSAL IS STUDIED

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in meeting Friday noon passed a resolution to be presented to the county's representative to the legislature asking him to favor enactment of a bill requiring all automobile drivers to have licenses.

The resolution was passed at the request of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte, which has taken much interest in this subject. There was much discussion among the club members, pro and con, and the resolution was passed with the view that the club should favor anything that would lessen danger on the highways.

The proposed license measure calls for a rigid examination for state licenses to operate an automobile and the licenses would be revocable when circumstances warranted such action. Licenses would not be sold as a means of revenue but only the cost of examination and clerical expense would be incurred by the application.

Interesting Program

The program Friday was in charge of W. E. Jones, who presented Rev. Robert Stewart Morehouse. Rev. Mr. Morehouse spoke very interestingly on the subject of "Relative Values," stressing the point that the soul and what it gives to the world is the greatest of all values.

Dr. W. A. Jenkins, chairman of the Red Cross roll call in Wilkes this year, outlined plans for the drive for members, which will begin on Armistice Day, November 11, and continue through Thanksgiving.

Appeal Of Greens Argued In Capitol

Bank Robbers Await Decision Of Supreme Tribunal Of The State

Raleigh, Nov. 2.—The Supreme court today heard arguments in the appeal of Bascom G. Green and his son, Lester Green, both charged with the murder of T. C. Barnes, Taylorsville bank cashier, in an attempted robbery.

J. Archie Myatt, High Point attorney, appeared for the two men, who are on death row in the state's prison. Assistant Attorney General A. F. Seawell presented the case for the state. The arguments lasted more than an hour.

The two Greens were convicted in Alexander county for the fatal shooting of Barnes. Convicted with them were Mike Stefanoff and Ed Black, husband of B. G. Green's daughter. Stefanoff already has gone to the chair and Black is alive under reprieve, pending the outcome of the Green appeal.

The poultry, farm seeds and livestock judging teams from Alamance county made a clean sweep of the 4-H judging contests held at the recent State Fair. The Alamance teams won all first places.

Lions Plan Another Carnival; First One Was Decided Success

The community carnival held on Halloween night last week for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the club's work in fitting glasses to underprivileged children netted the sum of \$70 profit and proved so popular that the club in cooperation with the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club will stage another on November 30.

Although inclement weather in the afternoon and early evening held the crowd down considerably on Halloween night, there were many spooks who roamed the streets and visited

Quick Justice



Chicago . . . Evading capture since June 1933, Murray Humphries (above), Al Capone mobster, was seized, hauled into court, convicted and sentenced all within two hours. A \$5,000 fine and 18 months in prison for tax evasion was Judge Woodward's sentence.

HOME COMING GAME FRIDAY

Ancient Rivals of Wilkesboros Will Clash On Local Football Field

The annual football classic for Wilkes County will take place on Friday afternoon when North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro high school football teams clash on the fairgrounds field. The kickoff will be promptly at 3:30.

The intense rivalry between the two schools always makes for a good game, regardless of the records of either of the teams against the other high schools of western North Carolina.

Coaches C. A. Ritchie, of North Wilkesboro and Benny Troutman, of Wilkesboro, are working their boys hard to get them in prime condition for the super effort Friday afternoon. Attendance records for high school football are calculated to be shattered when the Lions and Ramblers meet.

The game will be a home coming affair for the two schools and high school alumni are invited to turn out en masse to pull for their favorites. The admission charge will be 15 and 25 cents and the teams are in need of funds to supplement their athletic budget for the year.

Two Are Injured In Auto Collision

Marvin Coulter Loses Arm In Crash By Hit And Run Driver Near Morganton

Marvin Coulter, a former employee of the Home Chair Company here, lost his left arm yesterday when the automobile which he was driving was hit by a truck near Morganton. The truck driver did not stop.

Marvin was accompanied by his brother, Hugh Coulter, of this city. He was also painfully injured and both are patients in a Morganton hospital.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued during the past few days from the office of the register of deeds in Wilkesboro were to George Johnson, of Reddies River, and Sarah Jane Miller, of Daylo; Lamar H. Brown and Iva Joan Wellborn, both of Cycle.

WILKES COUNTY CORN CLUBS TO HAVE ACHIEVEMENT DAY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

CORN SHOW TO BE A FEATURE FOR OCCASION

Five Valuable Prizes Will Be Given For Best Crop Records For Year

Saturday, November 17, will be Achievement Day for the members of the 4-H corn club in Wilkes County. This will be a celebration of the record Wilkes members have made this year in winning corn prizes and a corn show will be the highlight of the day, giving all the people of the county an opportunity to observe the exhibits that won highest honors at the North Carolina state fair and the corn that will be on exhibit at the International Grain Show in Chicago in December.

County Agent A. G. Hendren, who feels a pardonable pride in the record of the Wilkes boys, is sponsoring the occasion and has secured five valuable prizes to be given to the club members.

Each corn club member in the county is being asked to prepare a ten-ear exhibit of corn for the show and are urged to do their utmost toward picking the most nearly perfect samples possible for the show.

L. R. Harrel, state 4-H club director, O. F. McCreary, district agent, and James M. Gray, representative of the Chilean Nitrate Company, will be honor guests and judges of the exhibits. They will also make a number of encouraging talks during the day.

The program for the occasion will begin at ten o'clock in the morning and it is urged that each club member have his exhibit on display at that time and it will be a banner day for the corn growers of Wilkes, whose variety, Wilkes County White, has won both state and national acclaim.

The prizes will be awarded to the club members for the best record of the 1934 crop. For this reason the county agent is asking each one to prepare his record book in the best possible style. The records will be judged on the basis of yield, cost, selection of seed, neatness and accuracy of record and supplementary subject matter in the form of experiences and stories regarding the club acre this year. Mr. Hendren wants the record books in his office not later than November 14.

P.-T. A. Fathers' Night Thursday

Opportunity Of Children Will Be Demonstrated To Each Parent Present

Thursday evening at 7:30 at the North Wilkesboro school auditorium the patrons of the school will be given an opportunity to observe the opportunities of their children when Fathers' Night will be observed by the local Parent-Teacher Association.

Each parent attending the meeting will be given the program of his or her child and will follow that through on a very brief schedule. This will give every parent an opportunity to meet his or her child's teacher and by this means they will be able to see the kind of program the child experiences each day in school.

The program will be supplemented with instructive and entertaining features and will be appropriate for Fathers' Night from beginning to end. It is urged that every member of the local P.-T. A., especially the fathers, and others interested in the work of the organization, be present.

Residents of Moore county profiting from increased cotton and tobacco prices are seeking pure bred dairy cows to round out their farm programs.

In Love Tangle



Los Angeles . . . Ellen Wilson McAfee and granddaughter of the late President Woodrow Wilson, is in a love tangle. Her desire to wed Rafael Lopez de Onate is opposed by her father who threatens disinheritance.

Where To Vote In North Wilkesboro

As a matter of interesting information to the voters of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro precincts the county board of elections today announced that the voting place tomorrow for North Wilkesboro number 1 will be the Brame building next door to The Wilkes Bakery on Ninth Street. The voting place for North Wilkesboro number 2 will be in the building back of the R. & O. Grocery Store on Sixth Street.

In Wilkesboro number one the voting place will be in the Rhenub White store building opposite the courthouse. Wilkesboro number 2 voting place will be at Straw schoolhouse.

Preaching Service

Rev. Ed Hayes will preach at Fishing Creek Arbor on Sunday, October 11, at eleven o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER TERM FEDERAL COURT IS MADE OUT; JURORS DRAWN

Tilley Case In American Weekly

A feature article on the noted Tilley case and death of Miss Leoda Childress will soon appear in The American Weekly, which is the Sunday feature supplement of Hearst's metropolitan newspapers from Boston to San Francisco.

Material for the feature, including story and photographs, was furnished The American Weekly by Dwight Nichols, who is connected with The Journal-Patriot.

Acceptance of this feature by The Hearst supplement is evidence of the widespread interest in the mysterious death of Miss Childress on December 30 last year in the Benham community of this county.

Pomona Grange Will Meet November 13

All Members Are Urgently Requested To Be Present For Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Wilkes County Pomona Grange at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:30 in the evening.

Announcement of the meeting was made today by J. M. German, Pomona Master, who urges that every member be present to attend to important business matters.

Caswell farmers, borrowing crop production money this past spring, paid up their loans practically in full after two weeks of selling tobacco.

Mayor's Red Cross Proclamation

As mayor of North Wilkesboro, I hereby designate the period from November 11 to November 29 as a time given over to a review of the work of the American Red Cross and its value to the community; and I also set it aside as a time for the annual enrollment of members for the coming year.

This office is in touch with the needs of those who have been affected by the depression of the last few years, and we have seen the ready response of the Red Cross to meet those needs. The organization's program is so flexible that it meets emergencies and disasters of all kinds; it has also a permanent structure that is being built up year by year, to study means through which epidemics and disasters may be prevented. This community needs the permanent structure of the Red Cross as it needs the expert service which is at our command to meet whatever emergencies the coming year may bring.

I, therefore, call upon former members of the Red Cross to renew their memberships during the roll call this year, and urge those who have never hitherto been members to enroll their names with those who are fighting disease and disaster and need under the banner of the American Red Cross.

J. A. ROUSSEAU, Mayor of North Wilkesboro.

Damage To Buildings And Merchandise Partially Covered By Insurance

ORIGIN UNDETERMINED

Fire Discovered About Midnight Saturday; Burned For Several Hours

Fire of undetermined origin virtually destroyed four business firms and caused a property damage of around \$100,000 here late Saturday night and Sunday morning. The firms sustaining the greatest loss are Spainhour-Sydnor Company, local branch of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Wisteria Beauty Salon and Mayflower Beauty Shoppe.

It was near midnight when the fire was discovered and the alarm was sounded. The fire had gained much headway and was spreading rapidly.

Initial efforts of the fire department to check the blaze in its early stages failed, and soon the entire second floor of the Spainhour building, including the Wisteria Beauty Salon, and the second floor of the A. & P. Store building, where the Mayflower Beauty Shoppe was located, were in flames.

Local firemen fought the flames valiantly, but when it was feared that the entire block was in danger the fire departments of Lenoir and Statesville were called as an additional precaution, and they responded promptly.

A number of hose were used to throw tremendous quantities of water into the second floor inferno, and after about two hours the fire was checked and apparently extinguished. About 4:30, Sunday morning, however, the smoldering buildings again broke out in flames, but the fire was easily put out.

The Spainhour-Sydnor firm, one of the largest dry goods and ready-to-wear stores in this part of the state, suffered an almost complete loss of a valuable stock of merchandise, including a large amount of new winter merchandise and Christmas goods that had not been unpacked. The building, the top story completely destroyed and the remainder badly damaged, is owned by S. S. & M. Realty Company.

Both the Mayflower and Wisteria Beauty Salons were destroyed by the fire. The stock of merchandise of the A. & P. Store was damaged extensively by water, while water and smoke damage was heavy in Rose's 5 and 10 Cent store, and Jenkins Hardware Company, adjoining firms to the buildings which the fire ravaged.

While no estimate of the loss could be made with accuracy today, the general opinion was that the fire was perhaps the worst in the history of the city, and damage estimates run from \$75,000 to \$125,000.

The damaged firms, it is learned, are partially covered by insurance but the extent of the coverage could not be ascertained, although far under replacement cost.

Today the A. & P. Store is moving its stock of merchandise to the build g occupied until now by the Wilkes Plumbing Company, which is moving today to the Meadows Building.

Spainhour - Sydnor Company has opened a temporary office at the Jenkins Hardware Store.

The building occupied by the A. & P. Store is owned by Mrs. Madaline Call Boren, of Greensboro. It is understood that the fire damage was partially covered by insurance. The building occupied by Rose's 5 and 10 Cent Store, owned by P. C. Setzer, of Hickory, was damaged to some extent by water.

Wilkesboro P.-T. A. Meeting On Thursday

All members of the Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association are urgently requested to attend the November meeting to be held at the school building on Thursday afternoon at 3:30. An interesting program will be given.

All sweet potato curing houses in Catawba county will be filled with an excellent quality of sweets, reports the farm agent.