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WHY SURRY WENT DEMOCRATIC

Since the election there has been much speculation by politicians as to why the county of Surry was lost to the Republicans. Just why may be more than any man can tell, for just why people vote as they do is not a question that can be explained.

It is a fact established by the records that this state has been gradually growing stronger Democratic in recent years. There has been no marked increase in the Democratic vote, but year after year the Republican party has been losing out.

This is especially noticeable in such counties as Wilkes and Stokes. Not long ago and Wilkes was noted as the "Rock Ribbed Republican Stronghold." But in the past election the Republican majority was cut down two thousand votes from what it was four years ago.

When Major Stedman began to go to Congress from this district it was doubtful as a Democratic district. It had sent John M. Morehead to Congress the two years before.

Not so long ago Democrats thought a state majority of twenty thousand votes was a big victory, but as the years have gone by the majority has climbed up each year until now it is around a hundred thousand.

The gains here in Surry were no greater than the gains in other counties. Democrats in Wilkes made even greater gains than they did in Surry, and no Australian ballot in Wilkes.

The average citizen is not particularly interested in the victory of the politicians one way or another. What he is interested in is that good and capable men fill the offices.

The fact that the Democratic party asked the people to vote for able business men for county Commissioner, and selected the most competent citizens we have for all other offices is, we take it, some reason to the average thinking man, why the county voted as it did.

Made Old Folks Glad

The Moravian congregation at Mount Bethel expressed their Thanksgiving in a very substantial way when they brought of the fruit of the land as a thank offering to their Thanksgiving service last week.

After the service the pastor Rev. C. D. Crouch drove to the Old Folks Home in Winston-Salem with his automobile loaded with apples, potatoes, eggs, butter, meat and everything good produced on a farm, making the inmates of the home glad to be remembered so generously.

Margaret Shelton Hurt at Ashboro

Margaret Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shelton, of Ashboro, formerly of this city, fell recently while skating and broke both bones in her left arm just above the wrist.

HELPING THE FARMER

The best way to help the farmer is to find a way that he may help himself. This is just as true of other men as it is of the farmer. Over in Watauga county this was well illustrated recently. In that mountain county, with no railroad in many miles of any part of the county, the big problem was to get the surplus products to market.

And the agent soon saw that hauling the Irish potato to market was a big task to the growers. A big part of the value of the potato went into the hauling, and left the grower but little for his work.

PROSPERITY HERE

Whether you realize it or not they say that the greatest wave of prosperity that was ever known outside of war times is now on this country. It was first noticeable by the rise in stocks and bonds immediately following the election.

During the two years following the war many people in this immediate section bought land and made investments in one way and another that left them financially tied up when the slump came in 1920.

With tobacco selling at a price that is satisfactory to most planters, and with corn and wheat and all farm products up to almost war-time prices, there is no reason why land should not again become desirable in this section.

Accidentally Killed by Rifle Buried Here

Cecil Chafin, 15 year old son of William Chafin, of Durham, formerly of this city, was killed in Burlington late Thursday by the accidental discharge of a rifle, the ball striking him in the neck and severing the jugular vein.

The boy, who was in Burlington with his father, went out with other boys to camp for the night in a house they had built at the edge of town; as they were arranging camp he set his rifle against a tree and in doing so it discharged with the result that he only lived a few minutes.

The remains were brought here for burial the funeral being conducted from the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon Dr. H. K. Boyer officiating and interment made at Oakdale cemetery.

The sorrow stricken father is bowed with grief over this deplorable accident.

Within a year death has claimed his wife two daughters and this son.

Tubercular Seal Sale

The Tubercular Christmas seal sale is being pushed this week; remember that most of the money is used to relieve or prevent tuberculosis in your own community, it is not some far away cause, but a cause right at home which you are asked to aid.

First Monday At Dobson

The new county officers elected last month were inducted into office at Dobson Monday. Despite much talk of injunctions and court proceedings that has been indulged in by some nothing developed to mar the peacefulness of the day and all the offices were exchanged with perfect harmony.

W. F. Lawrence was on hand early and took over the office of Register of Deeds, succeeding Miss Lillian Hackrader. Fred Lewallen will assist him as clerk.

W. H. Houser, of Pilot Mountain, succeeded W. B. Marion as County Treasurer.

Sheriff C. H. Haynes went about his regular duties as usual and was busy all day tearing out tax receipts. He succeeds himself as Sheriff.

The indignation meeting that was held at Dobson last Wednesday consisted of speeches delivered by disappointed politicians in most instances, who abused and vilified the Democrats of the county for the way in which the election went.

The state wide speakers that were advertised to be present failed to attend and only local speakers were on hand. Some of those who know the inside of political workings claim to see in this indignation meeting an effort on the part of the county Republican organization to put itself right with the state and national committees.

The many friends of W. R. Simpson are pained to learn of his sudden illness. On last Friday he was taken with acute appendicitis and an emergency operation was immediately performed at Martin Memorial hospital.

Dogs Invade Chicken Lot

The flock of Rhode Island red chickens belonging to Curtis Worrell on Lebanon street was almost annihilated on last Friday night by some marauding dog. Mr. Worrell just a week before had purchased a dozen fine young pullets expecting to obtain a liberal supply of eggs from them during the winter months.

Mrs. Larry Bowman At Rest

Mrs. Angie Bowman, wife of Larry Bowman, died at their home on Lebanon street Nov. 25, aged 45 years, after an illness of two months following a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Bowman, who was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Garry Williams, of Fayetteville, came here from Wilmington about 15 years ago. She has won the love and confidence of a large circle of friends and her passing leaves many sorrowing hearts.

The remains were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery Nov. 28 following a funeral service conducted by Rev. G. W. Williams assisted by Rev. E. G. Davis.

Widow Lady Loses Money

Mrs. Eva Bryant, a widow lady of this city, lost a purse last Saturday night containing all the money she had saved up, which was about \$48.00. She thinks she lost it between the Granite City Mills and the Holiness church.

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LIVES DESPITE DESPERATE WOUND

Joe Fell of Patrick County Wounded by Sheriff Mayes When He Resisted Arrest

Joe Fell, 20-years old, of Patrick County, lives despite wounds received when he was shot by Sheriff Mayes of Patrick about two weeks ago. Fell is now a patient at Martin Memorial hospital where he was immediately brought following the shooting. An operation was performed in a desperate effort to save his life and the physicians marvel at his continuing to live with his wounds.

Many conflicting reports are being circulated about the unfortunate affair. It seems that the trouble started when Sheriff Mayes attempted to arrest Fell on a charge of perjury. A short time before it is charged that Fell in company with a young man and woman of his county, applied to the Clerk of the Court at Stuart for a marriage license for his young friends.

The warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff Mayes and about two weeks ago he found Fell in the neighborhood of McBride's school house, and just in the edge of his county. It is charged that Fell resisted arrest and that he engaged in a scramble with the Sheriff. One report has it that at one time Fell snatched the pistol from the hand of the Sheriff, but the Sheriff regained it and later on during the scramble shot Fell through the body in self defense.

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Extra Special Look Here! Elkin Blankets, \$4.39 Pair We have been selling the Elkin blankets all the fall for \$5.00 and we still maintain this regular price, but for the Christmas shoppers we are making a special offer on this blanket. To all who purchase goods to the amount of \$5.00 or more, we will sell a pair of Elkin blankets for, \$4.39 W. G. Lewis & Co. J. E. AYERS & CO. Old Stand