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At the CAPITAL

By M. R. Dunnagan, The Pilot's Raleigh Correspondent

Nine Superior Court judges, three Supreme Court justices, two State officials, 20 district solicitors and 11 Congressmen are to be elected in the off year general election next fall and subject to the primary in the spring.

The three members of the Supreme Court bench are Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, and Associate Justices Heriot Clarkson and W. J. Adams, who, so far as is now known, have no announced opposition. The two State officials are Stanley Winborne, public utilities commissioner, now serving under appointment, and Charles M. Johnson, State Treasurer, to fill out a two-year period of unexpired term of John P. Stedman, who resigned before his inauguration. So far there has been no announced opposition to either of these. Both are expected to run.

But in Superior Court races many candidates may be expected, both for the judicial seats to be filled, and for the solicitorial jobs. Eleven judges will not have to run, their terms extending until 1938 in 10 cases, and until 1936 in one instance. Nine others must enter the primary and election, and some of these are certain to have opposition.

In order of number of district, those whose terms expire January 1, 1935, include Judge Frank Daniels, Goldsboro, of the Fourth district, who has reached the retirement age. He has not decided whether to be a candidate again or to retire. If he runs, no opposition is expected. If he retires, Solicitor Clawson Williams, Sanford, is expected to be a candidate, and Norman Shepherd, Smithfield, is expected to run for solicitor, and there will doubtless be others for both.

Judge W. C. Harris, Raleigh of the Seventh, comes up for election, with no announced opposition so far. Solicitor J. C. Little may be opposed, Thomas Ruffin, Raleigh, and W. L. Lumpkin, Franklinville, being mentioned. Judge A. M. Stack, Monroe, 13th, may expect opposition from Solicitor F. Don Phillips, Rockingham, and Union L. Spence, Carthage, which may make a lively race. Judge J. M. Oglesby, Concord, of the 15th, is up again and has no announced opposition so far.

The two State officials and all judges, Supreme and Superior courts, will be elected by State-wide votes, but Superior Court judges are nominated by district. The 20 solicitors and 11 Congressmen are elected by districts.

Filing time for notice of candidacy ends the seventh Saturday before the primary, which makes it April 14, primary coming June 2. If there is a second primary, it will come four weeks later, on June 30th. A change has been made in filing fees. Candidates for Congress, State offices, judges and justices, must pay fees of 1 per cent of their annual statutory salaries, not reduced if they voluntarily return a part of their salary, as some are doing. All county candidates for office pay one-half of one per cent of their salaries, except county commissioners, boards of education and township candidates, which pay a fee of \$1, Raymond C. Maxwell, executive secretary of the State Board of Elections, reminds.

Even with the campaign of candidates for Governor and all State office two years off, when also comes one senatorial race, the off-year election and primary will offer something of interest, even excitement, to the voters.

Approximately two-thirds of the \$394,000,000 apportioned for State highway work, or \$251,788,000 had been allotted to states and contracts had been awarded using \$215,160,000 of this in the first six months of the operation under the recovery act, the January issue of American Highway shows.

North Carolina had been apportioned \$9,522,293 and up to January 1 \$3,645,000 of this, or 38.3 per cent, had been allotted for approved works, which embraced 112 projects. Contracts had actually been awarded to use \$2,799,000 of the apportionment, or 29.2 per cent, on 91 projects. Payments of federal funds to this State to January 1 reached \$394,816, and this State had spent on construction only during the period \$455,000. This does not include maintenance. In December 2,446 men were actually employed on these projects.

Inquiries from a dozen different individuals from as many states in the Union as to living conditions in North Carolina came to the State Department of Conservation and Devel-

opment in one day's mail, officials say. These inquiries were from home-seekers and asked about scenic and historic attractions, living conditions, climate and other matters. They came from New York, Connecticut, Kentucky, Arkansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Missouri, North Dakota, California, Oregon and Idaho.

The state is also of interest to inquirers from outside because of its abundance of big game and the areas in which hunting is good, officials say. The mountains and seashore are inquired about in numerous letters in the early spring and summer, while the Sandhills resort sections are visited much in the winter months. Tourist travel may be expected to increase extensively in the next few years, with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Skyland Drive from the Shenandoah park, restoration of Fort Raleigh, and other attractions.

Charles M. Johnson, State Treasurer and director of Local Government, has written Senators Bailey and Reynolds urging them to support the Wilcox Municipal Refinancing Bill passed by the House at the last session of Congress and to be before the Senate at this session. The measure would permit forcing some minority bondholders to join with a majority that has agreed to refinancing the bonds of a local unit. Many and other units have large bond issues falling due at one time along now and would pay, but conditions will not permit it in many cases. By refinancing and spreading the payments out, they would pay them off; otherwise would have to default.

Efforts to make the highways safer will be made in a campaign to be carried out by the N. C. Truck Owners Association. The association's members will have plates about the size of the license plates on all of their trucks, probably in white and blue, bearing the greeting: "Courtesy of the highway to you," and the North Carolina cities, towns, counties association's name. Also, it will display, probably at filling stations, posters bearing drawings of a highway patrolman on his motorcycle and calling attention to the services the State Highway Patrol offers in aiding motorists and not always for arresting them for violations. The promoters think this may add some to the campaign Governor Ehringhaus and the patrol are promoting to help reduce the large number of highway accidents.

Twelve persons were convicted of arson, burning property for gain or to "get even," in the state last year in cases worked up by W. A. Scott, deputy fire marshal, Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney reports. Minimum sentences for a total of 33 years were imposed, while judgment was suspended in two of the cases.

Dr. W. P. Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, and Prof. F. W. Hanft, of the State University, will be sworn in next Saturday as associate utilities commissioners with Public Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne. They will sit with Mr. Winborne only in important hearings involving utilities rates, between companies and their customers. Mr. Winborne will continue to handle the details and usual business of the office formerly conducted by the N. C. Corporation Commission, abolished by the 1933 General Assembly.

FINE INSTITUTION IS LOCAL NURSING HOME

An institution in Southern Pines that is entitled to a wider acquaintance is The Piedmont, a private nursing home, carried on by Mrs. Foy Swindell, on Vermont avenue between Broad street and Bennett. It was established because of the need in the community of a place where those who desire may rest and recuperate and at the same time have the care if they need it of a nurse and of such convenience as a place of this kind can provide.

The Piedmont is by no means a sanatorium or hospital. It is simply a private nursing home for those who need a nurse and nursing aids, for a limited number of persons, with graduate nurse in charge, wholesome diet and nutrition, genial surroundings and courteous attention and the freedom of home life without the responsibility.

The number of guests at The Piedmont is limited, as the desire is to make a home for the temporary ac-

commodation of a small number of the Niagara Congregational Church this Sunday afternoon February 4th, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. C. R. Dierlamm.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TO CONDUCT SERVICE SUNDAY

Dr. Raymond Adams, professor of English at the University of North Carolina, is to conduct the services at

the Niagara Congregational Church this Sunday afternoon February 4th, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. C. R. Dierlamm.

Dr. Adams is well versed in theology and draws much of his material from Thoreau. His wide and diversified study enables him to present to his hearers in a fluent manner messages of great interest and benefit to all so fortunate as to hear him. The service Sunday will be 3 o'clock in the afternoon and all are cordially invited to the Niagara church.

CIVIC CLUB MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Civic Club, to which all are invited, on Friday, February 9th at 3 p. m. at the club house. The chairman, Mrs. Chapman will present an interesting program. She will be assisted by her committee. Mrs. Blair, Miss Bair, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Burt, Miss Emily, Dr. Graves, Miss Mary Merrill, Mrs. Heyward, Mrs. Witte and Mrs. Smith.

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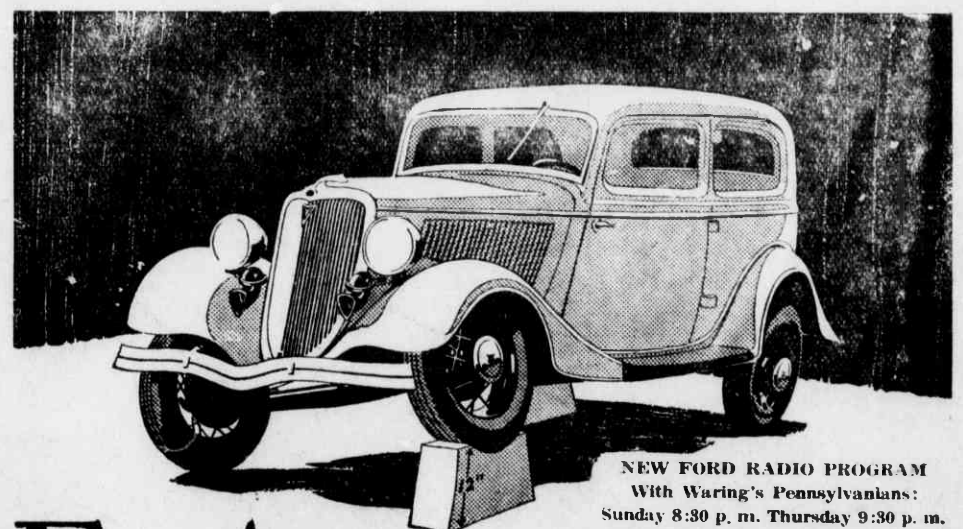
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