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BOARD OF REGISTRATION ORGANIZED

Sheriff James H. Page, Clerk of the Court Robert J. Peel and County Physician William E. Warren met on Monday morning to arrange for the registration of men within the conscription age on June 5th, 1917, as prescribed by Congress and according to the proclamation of President Wilson. This proclamation declares that every citizen of the country, white and colored, who is twenty-one years old and not thirty-one on or before the 5th day of June, 1917, shall register at his voting precinct. If it is impossible for any citizen of the age prescribed to reach the place of registration he shall send his name. Failure to register makes the guilty one subject to the laws of the War Department, which are not to be dealt with lightly. The law is also clear on the duty of the Registration Board and the registrars, and any laxity carries a penalty with it. There will be no favoritism allowed, the law being especially strict in this particular.

The Board of Registration for Martin County has appointed a registrar for every voting precinct, and in some appointed two. With the exception of one precinct, the registrars for the last general election have been appointed, as they are thoroughly familiar with the voters of their respective precincts.

Men within the prescribed ages need not treat the matter lightly—it is a duty imposed by the government which can and will enforce its laws; there should not be any hesitancy in the matter. Full instructions have been given to the registrars, and every man can learn what is expected of him and do it like an American, who loves the country bought by the blood of his forefathers. Remember the date is June 5th, 1917, from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

The Registrars appointed for the eleven precincts in Martin County are as follows:

Jamesville, H. G. Griffen; Williams, J. H. Riddick; Griffins, Ephraim Peel; Bear Grass, Nathan Rodgerson; Williamston, B. F. Godwin, Leslie Fowden; Cross Roads, J. S. Ayers Ben Riddick; Poplar Point, M. P. Taylor, Robersonville, W. W. Keel, J. H. Taylor; Gold Point, J. L. Edmondson; Hamilton, W. S. Rhodes, M. I. Fleming; Goose Nest, T. H. Johnson, J. J. Harrington.

Route Changed

Postmaster Wynnne, acting under instructions from the Department at Washington, has changed Rural Route No. 4, which change has put more work on the carrier and placed many of the citizens in closer touch with the mails. Quite a number who received mail by Route No. 1 from Jamesville and No. 1 from Williamston will be served by carrier on the newly extended line. The change is a satisfactory one and means a greater good to a great number.

Chief Page Re-Elected

At a meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners on Monday night at the office of Mayor Godwin, Chief of Police C. F. Page was re-elected. There was no election for the office of Night Policeman. In discussing the sanitary condition of the town, the Board voted to co-operate with the Woman's Club in a Clean-Up-Day.

An Act Of Vandalism

On Sunday, some one with meanness running riot in his whole makeup, went into the school building and smeared tar over the desks in one of the rooms. This is just another act of vandalism which has been often committed in the building. Ever since the present building has been erected, there have been mean boys who have delighted in damaging in some way this property for which the people are taxed to maintain. In most cases, the culprits were known, but the law has not been enforced. It is confidently thought that Williamston is the only town in North Carolina, where public property is so little cared for, and that no other town perhaps, contains a number of boys whose young souls are black with such misdeeds, and where the guardians of the law, and the parents in the home, are so indifferent to these acts. It is a poor display of kindness to allow boys to grow up in such meanness, when punishment would probably turn their minds into a safer channel. A bond issue of \$25,000 has just been made for the erection of a handsome school building, and the excavations for the same are being made; what's the need if the property is not to be protected against lawless boys? There seems to be plenty of material for the State Reformatory around these parts.

Birthday Parties

On Friday afternoon, many little friends of Masters Claude Clark and Malcolm Simpson were delighted to become their guests on the occasion of their birthday party at their home on West Main Street. The happy little guests and the hosts played as only children know, and were served with delicious ice cream, which formed one of the chief delights of the afternoon. Many sweet and beautiful presents were given to the little hosts, who thoroughly enjoyed receiving them. These two boys are among the most attractive in the town, and though their birthdays are two days apart, it was deemed fitting that they should celebrate at the same time.

Little Miss Margaret Louise, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Rodgeron, celebrated her fifth birthday on Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents on West Main Street. About fifty guests were present with their pleasing gifts for the young hostess, who gave each one a pretty souvenir on which was her card with the dates 1912-1917. There were delicious refreshments served later in the afternoon, and every little heart beat with joy because of the good things provided for their especial delight.

New Fixtures

Mr. W. L. Sherrod, owner of the building in which the post-office is located, has had shipped here entirely new and up-to-date boxes for the patrons of the office, which cost him about \$1,200. There are no combination locks to the boxes, as each one will have a key. The installation of these fixtures will be very gratifying to the public as the present boxes are out of repair, and often mail can be readily extracted from many of them without a knowledge of the combination. What Williamston needs is a postoffice building with every accommodation for both the office force and the public.

MARTIN COUNTY MAN DIES IN ALABAMA

On last Sunday afternoon Apr. 30th at five o'clock, Mr. E. Mizell who was roadmaster over this division of the A. C. L. Railroad, took his departure of this life. He was born February 14, 1876, at Jamesville, N. C. If he had lived to have seen his next birthday he would have been fifty-two. Besides his many friends, he leaves behind to mourn his loss a wife, who was born in Charleston, S. C., but was reared in North Carolina; also had four children, one boy and three girls, ages 14, 12 and 5 years and a baby of three months, also a father and mother who were residing with him at the time of his death; and also three brothers and one sister, two brothers, W. E. Mizell and L. A. Mizell, residing in Dothan, and S. T. Mizell in Arcadia, Fla., and a sister Mrs. R. E. Long, in Jamesville, N. C.

The funeral was held at the residence of the deceased on College Street, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was conducted by the pastor of the Headland Avenue Baptist Church. The pallbearers were O. R. Morgan, J. L. Jackson, I. H. Black, G. H. Nicholson, J. P. Stevens, R. L. Cox. Honorary pallbearers were A. D. Whiddon, Grady Burdeshaw, S. F. Wilkes, R. J. Matheny, C. C. Dalton and B. C. Williams.

The music was furnished by R. L. Gaines, Jim Jones, Sid Wilson, Mrs. Alice Kinc, Mrs. F. M. Gaines and Miss Mattie Lizzie Newton. The W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle took part in the funeral service at the ground. There were many beautiful floral offerings and the funeral was well attended. Distant friends and relatives who came were Major Duke of Wilmington, N. C., Mrs. B. D. Tew of Port Norfolk, Va., also all of the section foremen in his division attended the funeral.

The Railroad company has suffered a great loss, as well as City of Dothan, in his death. He was a good citizen and an excellent roadmaster, loved by all his co-workers and helpers. He took a stand strictly for the principles of right, but always gave his men a second chance.—Dothan Ala.—Dispatch.

No Respecter Of Color

The registration of males between the ages of 21 and 31 for the purpose of drafting in the Army of the United States, does not exclude any man on account of color, if he is a citizen of the country. There seems to be an opinion prevailing among the colored citizens that the registration is only for the whites; this is an erroneous idea and should be dispelled at once.

The colored citizen is as liable to service in the Army as the white citizen, and the registration includes both races. How many colored regiments will be formed has not been announced by the War Department, but the colored man must bear his part in the fight for his country. Uncle Sam is no respecter of color, as has been demonstrated in the distribution of Federal jobs for many years, and when the call to arms is made, the negro must answer with the others. On June 5th, the colored citizens of Martin County within the prescribed ages, must go to their respective precincts and register as every American of whatever color will do on that day.

Food Conservation Committees Meet

Mr. Plenny Peel, who was appointed a member of the County Food Conservation Committee for Griffins District, called a meeting at Griffin School House Sat. May 19th. The school district was well represented. Food production and conservation were discussed in an interesting way by Messrs. Plenny Peel, L. H. Peel and W. E. Tice, all of whom made forceful talks.

The meeting terminated into a round table conference, in which practically all present took part, each seeming to be willing to bear his part of responsibility to bear his part of responsibility in this the greatest work, probably, that the American people have ever been called upon to perform.

I was invited to attend this meeting and am proud that it was possible for me to be there, and take part and be a part of that splendid meeting. When the discussions were over, a notion was sustained that each man present resolve himself a committee to push the work in his neighborhood, and resume responsibility in an effort to increase the corn yield to at least five bushels above normal production, and pork to at least 200 lbs. over what the usual effort would produce on the farms represented. On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. L. Holliday, Chm.,
H. U. Peel, Sec.

Bowers-Jerome

Reverend and Mrs. Condor P. Jerome request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Annie Cora

to
Mr. Eugene Scott Bowers on Thursday afternoon, June the seventh at half after one o'clock Methodist Episcopal Church Kenly, North Carolina

At Home after June the eighteenth Jackson, North Carolina

Miss Jerome is the sister of Prof. J. T. Jerome, and was a member of the Graded School faculty during the last term, her work here being highly satisfactory to the Trustees and parents of her pupils. She is a young woman possessing a fine Christian character, and made many friends in Williamston, who wish for her a long life full of happiness and usefulness in the home over which she will preside. Mr. Bowers is a prominent business man of Jackson, Northampton County.

Church Was Burned

Saturday night some one set fire to the Church building in which the Sanctified Band preach same being situated in the vicinity of Brown's Spring. It is not known who did the mischief, but there is a bit of dissatisfaction, it is said, caused by the teachings of the sect. Money is being raised to erect another building. The minister in charge of the work of his wife, was preaching on the streets here on Saturday.

Don't fail to register if you are in the conscription class. June the fifth is the date, and your voting precinct the place for registration. Failure to register might place you in the hands of the government. If you are twenty-one and not thirty-one, you must register.

Register June 5th and escape one year in prison.

Hamilton Items

Mrs. J. P. Boyle, Mrs. W. T. Grimes, Jr. and Miss Effie Waldo spent Saturday afternoon in Robersonville.

Dr. B. L. Long spent last week in Norfolk.

Mrs. John Banks and Mrs. J. M. Carstarphen have returned to their home in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Davenport Misses Rachel Edmondson, Ruth and Lillie Floyd spent Monday in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Everett with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams spent Sunday in Rocky Mount.

C. J. Whitley left Tuesday for his home at Efrida Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Davenport and Mrs. R. A. Edmondson and daughter spent a few hours in Rocky Mount Friday.

N. W. Worsley spent Sunday here.

Quarterly Conference

Rev. L. E. Thompson, Presiding Elder of the Warrenton District, will preach in the Methodist Church Sunday morning and night. The session of Conference will be held Monday morning. Elder Thompson is one of the strongest men in the North Carolina Conference and a profound thinker. The public is cordially invited to hear him at both services.

A Little Child Dead

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Manning in Williams township was saddened on Thursday, May 17, when the Angel of Death visited their home and released the soul of their one year and eight months old baby, John Merrill, from its tenement of clay and now it dwells in the mansions of the blest with the Friend of little children. The child had suffered since Saturday night with a disease which failed to yield to treatment, though every attention was lavished upon the little sufferer by physician and mother, but God wanted the sweet little soul for His courts above, and called it Home.

The funeral services were conducted by Mr. Joseph Holliday on Friday afternoon among a large number of sympathizing friends and relatives, and the little body was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

Tick Eradication

The work of eradicating ticks has been actively commenced in Martin County. During the past month three vats have been built, and one is now being erected on the farm of James J. Roberson. Dipping in the spring, and continuing through the tick season is the most satisfactory method of removing these pests from the herds, besides increasing the value of the animals whether used for beef or dairy purposes. It is hoped that interested cattle owners will take advantage of this opportunity to construct dipping vats on their farms, thereby cooperating with the County, State and Federal Government in their effort to benefit the live stock industry and to lift the quarantine now in effect in the eastern part of the State. Any further information concerning this work will gladly be furnished by

Dr. Jos. S. O'Hara,
Williamston, N. C.

Remember June 5th is registration day. Forget it and go to prison.

LARGE CROWD ENJOYED DANCE HERE

The number of people responding to the general invitation to attend a dance at the Dixie Warehouse on Thursday evening of last week, was estimated to be five hundred. Many of these came from various parts of the county, and some from Tarboro, Bethel, Plymouth and Washington. The weather was fine, and the automobiles filled the open space in front of the dance hall. The floor of the large warehouse was arranged as best as possible for the comfort of the dancers and roses made pleasing decorations. Dozens of chairs were placed conveniently for the spectators, but hundreds were forced to stand during the entire evening, the number of people being so large.

Dancing commenced at 9:30 and continued until 2 P. M. Those who enjoyed the square dance, were given an opportunity at regular intervals, the modern dances coming in between. The Rocky Mount Band rendered music for the latter and the Griffins string band for the former. It was difficult to keep from tripping the light fantastic toe, if once you had been a devotee of Terpsicore, and many of the older people found pleasure again as they did in their more youthful days.

During the entire evening, punch was served to every one who desired to be refreshed, and the ladies were served by two maids in the dressing room. The evening was one of the most pleasant ever seen here, and the hospitality of the people of Williamston struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the visitors and strengthened the bond of fellowship between the town and the county people, for whose especial joy the affair was given by the young men of Williamston aided by the management of W. H. Gurkin and a number of assistants.

E. P. Bunch brought a well formed bean to the office on Tuesday, and stated that he gathered three quarts from his vines that morning. They were the Early Mohawk variety, the very earliest green bean grown in this section.

It is time for the tin can brigade to get to work in the back lots. Clean them up, and avoid breeding places for mosquitoes, flies and other pests, which make the summer a season full of danger, especially to young children.

"Everygirl" will be presented by a number of the young girls of the Baptist Church assisted by others during next week. Watch for the play—it will be intensely interesting. Date will be announced later.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

This is to notify the public that D. Stalls and myself trading as D. Stalls & Co., or D. D. Stalls Grocery Co. have this day by mutual consent, dissolved partnership. I will be at the old stand and will appreciate the continued patronage of my friends. All accounts due the firm of D. D. Stalls Grocery Co., will be collected by Oscar S. Anderson.

May 10th, 1917.

M. D. Mobley,

Prof. Nye, of Winterville, preached both morning and night at the Baptist Church Sunday in the absence of the pastor.