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## BOB R. REYNOLDS SPEAKS TO BIG CROWD TUESDAY

### Condemned Prohibition and Scored Mr. Hoover and Senator Morrison

Political campaigning, or slinging the "hokey" on a large scale as some would call it, was brought to a close in this county last Tuesday night when the Honorable Robert Reynolds advocated his candidacy for the United States Senate nomination before a packed courtroom here. And he made a corking good political speech, one that was appealing in detail from start to finish.

He scored President Hoover, condemned prohibition, favored the payment of the bonus, attacked the unfair distribution of wealth, opposed the war-debt holiday, damned Senator Cameron Morrison and favored a measure guaranteeing bank deposits, all to the delight of the large audience, estimated at 650 with more than half the number coming from points outside the county.

After his well directed attack against the Republican administration, he pointed out what would result if all war debts were cancelled, declaring that every person in North Carolina would suffer a loss of \$740. He pledged his efforts for the passage of a law making bank deposits safe and making possible the restoration of confidence.

The subject dealing with the repeal of the prohibition laws was handled in a masterly way, so squarely did he center the fence that both the dries and the wets applauded his nearly every statement. "Prohibition has never prohibited, does not prohibit and never will," the silver-tongued orator declared, adding that it has debauched youth, created hypocrites and raised taxes to a point where they are intolerable.

Humbly pleading his cause with the large audience, Mr. Reynolds denied he is fighting for liquor. He recognized liquor as a damnable thing and would oppose the return of the open saloon. The trouble is confined to the law and not to the judges and officers, he explained. And then he cited the case of President Hoover brother-in-law who was caught with a sack of liquor on his back out in California some time ago. "If the officers had known who the man was, they would have run the other direction, and then the judge returned a verdict of 'not guilty,' expressing the regrets of the court that the defendant had been embarrassed," Mr. Reynolds jokingly said. "The taxpayers are losing millions every year on account of the law," he continued.

Mr. Reynolds would take control of liquor already here, take tax off land and put it on liquor, and "unless that is done one cannot own land," he explained. "Prohibition has built up the greatest criminal element in this country to be found in the world. Civilization is disgusting, for we worship money. One's social standing is measured by money, the house in which one lives, the automobile in which one rides," he declared, pointing out with emphasis the fact that he was riding in an old Ford. "Love and cleanliness of heart have little to do with the social standing," he said.

In conclusion, he gave Cameron Morrison the "horse laugh," stating that he had the Senator running so fast that he could play a game of cards or checkers on his long coat tail as it straightened out in the breeze. "I am going to win in the first primary, for this precinct and that precinct through out the State will go for me," Mr. Reynolds said in ending his speech, one that reminded the voters of old-time political campaigns.

## Mule and Buildings Burned on Godwin Farm Near Here

Local and county officers yesterday were working on the second arson case of the week, the stables on the Charles Godwin farm, near here, having been mysteriously burned last Tuesday night. A mule, a quantity of corn, and other feedstuffs, valued at several hundred dollars, were burned.

Sterling Williams, tenant on the farm, showed officers tracks leading to and from the barn, and it is believed that some one went there to steal chickens and accidentally dropped a match and fired the hay trash around the barn. Several men have been questioned but no arrests have been made.

## Flea Beetles Damaging Plants in Granville Fields

Granville County farmers are finding that the tobacco flea beetles are following infested plants to the open field and are giving considerable trouble.

## A Profitable Investment

Since 1867, when the United States purchased Alaska from Russia for \$8,000,000, minerals, fish, and furs valued at more than \$1,632,000,000 have been taken from the territory.

## BLUE MOLD AGAIN

Blue mold, or a similar disease, is said to be attacking garden plants in this section, several live-at-home practitioners reporting heavy damage done to their cabbage and collard plants. In addition to that damage, it is said the beetles and bugs are thriving off the vegetables. The disease is not threatening a complete destruction of the gardens, according to reliable reports, but it is noticeable in many gardens. Chief of Police W. B. Daniel exhibited a fine cabbage that had been attacked by the disease this week.

## RECORDER HAS SEVEN CASES

### Tuesday Docket Is of Little Interest to Those Outside the Court

Seven cases were called in the county recorder's court last Tuesday, the docket being of little interest outside the realm of the litigants.

Teddy Jackson, adjudged guilty in the case charging him with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer, was sentenced to the roads for a period of two months. The sentence is scheduled to start the 14th of this month, Jackson being at liberty until then under a \$100 bond.

Ollie White, colored man, was fined and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

The case charging Claude Peel, Dawson Corey, and Sherman Peel, all colored, with assaults with deadly weapons, was continued one week.

A nol prosequit in the case charging Clyde Silverthorne with being drunk and disorderly.

Lucian Bellamy, reputed large-scale bootlegger of Robersonville, was found not guilty in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging Robert Williams with non-support.

Alton Sawyer, the man who is alleged to have left his wife in Columbia and ran away with a young woman of the same town, was sentenced to the roads for 15 months. He appealed the case; the court requiring bond in the sum of \$400.

## COUNTY BOARD MEETS MONDAY

### Will Receive Tax Lists and Consider Postponing Tax Sales Another Month

The foundation for 1932 taxes in the county will be established here next Monday, when the county commissioners, in regular session, receive the property lists from the 10 townships in the county. A decrease is expected, opinions differing as to the amount of the drop in property values this year as compared with 1931.

And then the board will find it necessary to dispose of the tax situation; that is, sell or don't sell. It is believed and expected that the county commissioners will again postpone the sale, but there is some doubt just what the town authorities will do in connection with the overdue tax sales.

Of course, the poor are expected to visit the county officials as usual, but now that summer is here, the number of appeals for charity is expected to decrease.

## Presbyterian Meeting To Close at Bear Grass Sunday

The usual services will be held in Williamston. Church school at 9:45 a. m. and the worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.

The daily vacation Bible school that has been in progress for two weeks at Bear Grass will come to a close Friday night when the various departments will take part in the commencement service. Some 80 or 100 boys and girls have been attending this school daily, walking for miles to attend. They therefore, request your presence at their commencement service.

Sunday night at 8 o'clock, the meeting that has been in progress at the church will draw to its close. Hundreds of people have met from night to night enjoying the slides from China, Japan, Korea, Africa, Mexico and Brazil and the gospel messages brought by Rev. F. M. Dick, of Aholkie. You are urged to attend the closing service.

Church school will meet at 9:30 a. m. Roberson's Chapel. Church school will be held at 4 p. m.

## Lincoln Farmers Mixing Their Guano At Home

Lincoln County farmers are mixing their fertilizers at home from materials purchased for cash. Good results were secured from this practice last season, they say.

## PROPERTY LISTS SHOW \$76,286 LOSS IN 3 TOWNSHIPS

### Cross Roads Reports 4 1-2 Per Cent Decrease in 1932 Property Values There

Martin County property values for the year 1932 continue to tumble as the listings are turned in here, two townships reporting a drop of nearly \$40,000 this week. Goose Nest, the first district to report, shows a loss of \$37,469, making a total decrease of \$76,286 for the three townships, Poplar Point, Cross Roads and Goose Nest.

Poplar Point, with a \$100 gain in real values and a decrease of \$8,096 in personal property values, reports the smallest decrease which is 2 per cent. The disastrous fire in Everetts several weeks ago represents the greater part of a \$6,504 loss in real values in Cross Roads Township. In addition to that, the district reported a decrease of \$24,320 in personal property, the totals representing a loss of 4 1-2 per cent of the listed values last year. The percentage decrease in Goose Nest was about 3 per cent of the 1931 listed values.

The 1931 and 1932 listings and the resulting losses in the three districts are, as follows:

Township	1931	1932	Loss
P. Pt.	\$ 385,335	\$ 377,339	\$ 7,996
C. Rds.	707,116	676,292	30,824
G. Nest	1,469,112	1,431,643	37,469
			\$76,289

Other township list-takers are scheduled to turn in their lists at the regular meeting of the county commissioners here next Monday. Indications are that the decrease in values will be around \$500,000.

## TRASH PILE FIRE CAUSE OF ALARM

### Stink Floats Over Town as Garbage Heap Belches Forth Fire and Smoke

The local volunteer fire company was called out early this morning when fire broke out on the town trash dump, near the river hill. The unsavory smoke and the bright blaze sent the firemen and a large number of their followers hurrying to the scene. No damage was done, but vigorous protests against the dump will likely be made to the commissioners.

Officer Allsbrooks, making his regular rounds, saw the blaze from the warehouse section, and before investigating he turned in the alarm. A large fire appeared to be burning and the apparatus was carried out in a very few minutes. A return was ordered this morning the stinking trash heap continued to burn.

Several fires have broken out in the dump heap during the past few months and they have been looked upon as orphans are looked upon, the street department calling them to the attention of the fire fighters, and the fire department calling them to the attention of the street department. The fire company was as the dump pile about three weeks ago and put a fire burning there at the time under control, but another one and a big one at that broke out last night there.

## Judge Smith's Answer to News And Observer's Questionnaire

Mr. J. C. Smith, declared Democratic nominee for the House of Representatives from this county, clearly stated his position this week when questioned on problems of major importance and ones that are now facing the next legislature. The questions propounded by the News and Observer and Mr. Smith's answers follow:

1. Do you favor the removal of the 15-cent State tax on property for the six-months school term?

A. Yes; I favor the removal of the 15-cent State tax on property for the constitutional six-months school term, regardless of what other sources may be substituted, and mainly for the reason that property seems to be no longer a dependable source of revenue.

2. If you favor the removal of the tax, what other forms of taxation would you substitute?

A. It is impossible, at present, to foresee what businesses will be prospering and income producing during the biennium beginning June 1, 1933; but I suggest increase on franchises, excess profits, and tax on the earnings received from all classes of bonds, both state and local, and possibly electric current.

3. If a sales tax appears necessary, would you favor (a) a tax on non-essentials, sometimes referred to as a luxury tax, or (b) a general sales tax?

## LEIGON'S JUNIOR TEAMS IN FIRST GAME TUESDAY

### Williamston Registers Win Over Jamesville Boys in Interesting Contest

Two of the three proposed American Legion baseball teams went into action last Tuesday afternoon in Jamesville, when the local juniors defeated the Legion juniors of that town by a 5 to 4 score. It was the first game of the season, the boys on both teams making creditable performance in the initial try-outs.

A third Legion junior team is being considered at Robersonville, and the best players of all the nines will be formed into a team to meet other county teams later on in the season, it is understood.

The young boys are in line for some enjoyable and profitable recreation this summer, and there is room for a few more who were not 17 years of age before the first of this month, Charles Davenport, manager of the Jamesville nine said yesterday.

This afternoon the Jamesville boys are playing the locals here, and any support accorded the teams will be welcomed.

Gardner pitched a good game for the Jamesville lads Tuesday, Peel going all the way on the mound for the locals. Anderson showed up well for Williamston, making two hits and two runs. There is some promising material on the two squads, and Gardner has a future before him.

The box:	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Williamston	5	0	0	1	0	1	0
Rose, cf	5	0	1	0	4	0	0
Peel, p	4	2	2	5	5	0	0
Anderson, 2b, c	5	1	0	1	4	0	0
Bowen, 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Rhodes, lf	3	1	1	0	0	1	0
Hassell, rf	3	1	1	0	0	1	0
Martin, lb	4	0	1	2	1	1	0
Malone, c, 2b	3	0	0	8	1	1	0
Williams, ss	4	1	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	36	5	5	27	14	7	0

Jamesville	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Holliday, rf, p	4	0	1	2	1	1	0
Coffield, lf	5	0	0	2	1	1	0
Williams, lb	5	1	1	7	0	2	0
Gardner, p, ss	4	2	3	0	1	1	0
Gaylord, 2b	5	1	0	4	3	0	0
Hardison, 3b*	4	0	1	1	3	0	0
Blount, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ange, ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reason, lf	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Corey, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walters, c	1	0	0	9	1	1	0
L. Hardison, c	1	0	1	2	2	0	0
Totals	37	4	7	23	17	7	0

Score by innings: Jamesville 000 101 020—4 7 7 Williamston 000 201 110—5 5 7

## Full Program Arranged at Baptist Church for Sunday

A full program of church activities will be carried through at the Baptist church Sunday.

Beginning with the Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock, there will follow the morning church service, which, on this day, will be turned into a service of appreciation for Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs, whose worth to the church and community is so well understood as to deserve special notice. At this service there will be floral decorations, special music and many interesting tributes.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the pastor will preach, following the sessions of the B. Y. P. U.—And to all these services the public is invited.

## Aurora Section Starts Shipping Irish Potatoes

Large shipments of Irish potatoes were started from the potato sections of Beaufort County around Aurora this week, prices for first shipments quoted at \$2.50 a barrel at the shipping centers. A good crop is reported in that section, and the price is considered fair.

It will be about two weeks before growers in this section start digging their crop, but as usual no large acreage is planted to the potatoes in this immediate section.

## IS AGAINST LAND TAX; IN FAVOR OF REVALUATION

### Against Sales Taxes, But Believes Them To Be Inevitable

A. I do not favor any kind of sales tax, but in my opinion a sales tax will be the inevitable if the State budget is to be balanced by legislative action. I would prefer a tax on non-essentials first, but not a narrow and unfair tobacco tax such as was suggested in the 1931 session. I would support a general sales tax if absolutely necessary. In my opinion, the Federal government already excessively taxes tobacco.

4. What economies in State Government do you favor?

A. I favor every possible economy that can be effected that would not impair efficiency, including elimination of non-essential bureaus, departments, and employes.

5. Do you favor any reduction in appropriations for public schools?

A. In my opinion this question has no place in your questionnaire, since no sane man would favor any reduction in appropriations for public schools.

6. Do you approve the present constitutional tax limitation of 6 per cent on incomes, or do you favor the abolition of this restriction to clothe the North Carolina legislature with authority such as is vested in Congress and in the legislatures of all the other states of the Union which levy income taxes?

A. No; I do not approve of the present constitutional tax limitation of 6 per cent on incomes. I favor the abolition of this restriction in order that the legislature may increase such levies, and in all cases apply common sense and reason.

7. Do you favor a proposal to value and tax foreign stocks on the same basis that houses and farm and business property are taxed?

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## Complete Arrangements for Receiving Returns Saturday

Nearly all the poll holders in the county have agreed to count the first three contests on the state ballot, namely, for the short and long term for the United States Senatorial nomination and the race for governor, first, and then turn to the county ballots. If the poll holders find it convenient to adhere to that method, returns should start breaking between 8 and 9 o'clock. In any event, the Enterprise bulletin boards will be put to use just as soon as possible, and primary

fans will aid the undertaking by keeping in mind that a large vote or even a medium one will make impossible very rapid returns. The precincts have been earnestly asked to forward the returns of each important contest as soon as the count is completed for the individual contests, and where this is done an unbroken chain of information should find its way to the publishing concern's office. The public is invited to be on hand for the returns.

## WAR WIDOW TO GO TO FRANCE

### Rosa Roberson, Colored, Is First From County To Ask for Free Trip

The first application made in this county for a special pilgrimage passport to France was filed in the clerk of court's office this week by Rosa Roberson, colored, of this place. She plans to leave here week after next to view the grave of her husband, who was killed in France during the World War. Her expenses will be paid from this point and back by the Government, but she will have to travel third class, it is understood.

A number of Martin County boys were killed during the war, but few of the bodies were left in foreign soil. Mothers whose sons rest in cemeteries of France and widows whose husbands are buried there are given a free trip to the battlefields and American cemeteries over there. It is understood they can take other members of the family along with them, but the Roberson woman is leaving behind her 12-year-old son and other relatives she might have.

## Will Spruill Charged with Burning Harrison Barns

Will Spruill, Hyde County negro, was arrested in Washington Tuesday and is being held in the county jail here in connection with the burning of the J. E. Harrison stock barn, near Bear Grass, last Sunday night. Spruill, who had been in the Bear Grass section at intervals during the past 12 or 18 months, denied the charge.

No charge has been preferred against the man, but he is being held pending a further investigation of the fire last Sunday night. Several people in the Bear Grass section are said to have recognized him near the scene of the fire, his actions just about the time the blaze was discovered apparently creating suspicion.

## HEAVY VOTING IN STATE EXPECTED

### Arrangements Being Made To Haul Voters to the Polls in This County

Last-minute developments indicate there will be a comparatively heavy vote cast in this county tomorrow, arrangements now being made here and there to have many voters hauled to the polls in the various precincts. Several Reynolds supporters have already filled their gas tanks ready for the contest tomorrow, and it is reported that other aspirants' supporters will crank up for jitney service during the day.

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## Local Young Man Sails For Visit To Europe

Cecil G. Taylor son of Mrs. Henry Taylor, left Chapel Hill yesterday for New York where he sailed on the Rotterdam today for a trip abroad.

Mr. Taylor, an instructor in the University of North Carolina, will spend the summer traveling in France and Germany.

## WOMAN'S CLUB IS SEEKING GIFTS FOR CLUB ROOMS

### Big Miscellaneous Shower Is Planned by Members For Next Thursday

By CLUB REPORTER. The following invitation has been issued to every one in town and a most cordial welcome is extended to all: "The Woman's Club of Williamston invites you to a miscellaneous shower on Thursday, June 9, at the club rooms—from 4 to 6 o'clock. Refreshments will be served."

Articles desired by the club: 12 table cloths, all sizes; 36 dish cloths; 48 cup towels; 33 chairs; 79 ice tea spoons; 34 ice tea glasses; 64 individual dessert bowls; 95 salad forks; 35 dessert plates; 50 punch cups; 63 bread and butter plates; 4 platters; 2 water pitchers; 4 butcher knives; 4 cover pots, 5 or 6 quart size; 4 baking pans; 2 roasters; 4 large mixing bowls. Gifts of money appreciated.

Any gift you may select will be greatly appreciated and will enable the club to render more efficient service. We are confident that you will enjoy this meeting and wish to assure you that we have endeavored to form an entertaining program for you. The program consists of very pretty music, both vocal and instrumental numbers, and the social committee has planned a most appetizing menu for refreshments.

The annual meeting of the club was held on May 26, 1932, at which time the new officers began service. Mrs. James Grist Staton, retiring treasurer, delivered the books, they having been audited by Mr. Norman Harrison, to Mrs. George H. Harrison, the present treasurer. As a retiring gift, Mrs. Staton presented to the club a handsome 12-column journal, most graciously expressing her pleasure at having been able to render the club service in the capacity of treasurer.

There are 49 members of the local club. The records show that the receipts for the preceding years, the club having been organized in September, 1925, amounted to \$4,096.10, and the receipts for the past two years, the duration of Mrs. Staton's treasurer-ship, amounted to \$1,393.24, seemingly a most favorable comparison. The expenses incident to the treasurer-ship were defrayed by the treasurer.

The welfare department, of which Mrs. L. B. Harrison serves as chairman and Mrs. W. C. Manning assistant chairman, is to be greatly commended for its service to both the community and county. Last winter when children were coming to school most scantily clad, in fact many children would have been forced to stop school had they not received clothing from some source other than by their parents, it was the welfare workers of the Woman's Club who came first to their rescue, and many were the children and families who were furnished with warm and comfortable clothing, as well as food. Not only did they beg for the needy, but they saw that food and clothing were furnished. During the months of December, January, February, March, and April food and clothing supplies were purchased in the amount of \$312.75. In this connection, the club is greatly indebted to the Boy Scouts, as they exhibited a most cooperative spirit in collecting clothes and funning errands in their usual courteous manner.

The sale of Government sugar enabled the club to clean the cemetery, together with the appreciable favor of the town by furnishing motor truck and driver to expedite this work. The amount received from the sugar was \$75.25. \$41.25 of this amount was paid 33 men for cleaning the cemetery. Not only did the town receive benefit by the cemetery's improvement, but the men who were jobless were greatly benefited. Too, while cleaning the cemetery, through the auspices of the club, the Williamston Supply Company and Murrays and McCabe, local lumber concerns, kindly donated more than 100 markers for the graves. \$18 of the sugar money was expended for groceries and \$16 for clothing for school children.

One who is not a member or has no contact with the club and its work has no idea, nor can they imagine, its great work and help to the community. Many school books have been purchased for children who otherwise would have been forced to stop school. The club has also furnished much medicine to people in dire need of same.

## W. A. Jenkins Exhibits Bunch of Potato Onions

Unusual specimens of the potato, or bunch, onions were exhibited here this week by Mr. W. A. Jenkins, local gardener. Five good-sized onions, grown together, were removed from one hill. Each onion has a top of its own, and the bunch grows in a circle.

Crops were completely destroyed on an area two miles long and one mile wide near Harrisburg in Cabarrus County by the recent hail storm.

## FARM BUILDINGS BURN LAST NIGHT

### Third Mysterious Fire Reported in the County This Week

A third rather mysterious fire of the week was reported in this county last night when the barn, stables, and packhouse on the Spencer Leggett farm, several miles from here, were burned. Turpice Heath, tenant operating the farm, believes that the barn was accidentally fired by thieves or through malice, but he nor Mr. E. H. Roberson, owner, were unable to understand why any one should wreck the property.

The buildings, valued at about \$500, were burning rapidly when the fire was first discovered. Eighty barrels of corn and 350 bales of hay were burned, running the loss up to around \$1,000. The two mules generally housed in the stables were left in the lot and were not burned. It could not be learned whether there was any insurance carried on the property or not.

## 6 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED

### Number Marriage Licenses Has Dropped from 24 In January To 6

Six marriage licenses were issued in the county last month by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger, the number being about the same as those issued for the two previous months. Since January the number of marriages in this county has dropped from 24 to 6, the records of the past three months indicating that the depression has about reached bottom in the marital realm.

The whites led the colored last month for the first time since last December, four of the six licenses last month having been issued to white couples.

Names of contracting parties during May are as follows:

**White**  
John H. Gurganus and Bettie Leggett, both of Martin County.

Jos. S. Bailey, of Martin, and Alma Whitehurst, of Beaufort County.

Jno. H. Wildman, of Martin, and Wilma Clendenen Brown, of Hyde County.

Wheeler Briley and Ethel Whitaker, both of Pitt County.

**Colored**  
Charles C. McGlona, Hertford County, and Elizabeth Congleton, of Martin.

John Wilder and Roxie Everett, both of Martin County.

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