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Local Candidate Will Ask Second Vote In County

Griffin Announces Intention Of Requesting Second Primary

Edgecombe county voters will go to the polls again the latter part of the month as the result of an announcement by Roscoe Griffin, second candidate in the race for the state legislature, revealing that he will oppose the leading candidate, W. W. Eagles, in a second primary June 30.

"It is my intention to call for a second primary, just as soon as the official count has been announced by the chairman of the board of elections," he stated.

"From the best information I am able to obtain, Mr. Eagles received about 100 more votes than I received. Mr. Thurston, who lives in the same township with me, received a very good vote in the county, between eight and nine hundred."

Makes Platform Plain "I tried to make my platform plain to the people, and they were very generous in their support to me, which I appreciate more than I can express in words.

"It is a matter of principle to me, and I shall continue to work for the things announced heretofore in my platform."



ROS COE GRIFFIN

Nichols Is Made Police Sergeant

J. I. Nichols Succeeds George Wheelless On Night Desk At Police Station

Officer J. I. (Red) Nichols of the city police department wears the badge of sergeant following his appointment Friday by City Manager Leslie B. Aycock to fill the post vacated by the voluntary demotion to patrolman of Sergeant George Wheelless, for years night desk sergeant here.

Officer Wheelless had previously asked that he be relieved of the night desk sergeant's duties, that he be made a patrolman and that he be given day duty. His request was complied with and he now is working on the day shift.

Meanwhile, applications were being received by the City Manager for two new patrolmen who will go on duty July 1. Mr. Aycock said about 25 applications for the two jobs had been filed with him but that no action had been taken toward weeding them out yet. Examination of applicants will take place within a few days, he stated.

Sergeant Nichols came on the force as patrolman in 1931 and has been on both day and night duty at alternating periods since that time. He is regarded as an efficient officer and well qualified to handle the night desk job.

His salary automatically increased from \$144 to \$155 a month with the promotion from patrolman to sergeant, and Wheelless's salary correspondingly dropped to the regular patrolman's pay.

Local Dairyman Dies In Hospital

T. D. Williams Succumbs After Long Illness—Funeral Rites Held Sunday

T. D. Williams, 49, who operated Meadowbrook dairy, Rocky Mount route 4, died at a local hospital Friday following a 12-week illness.

Final rites were held from his home at five o'clock Sunday afternoon with Elder J. D. Fly of the Primitive Baptist church in charge. Burial followed at Pineview cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Willie Braswell; one son, J. M. Williams, of this city; a brother, A. R. Williams, of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Selma Proctor of this city and Mrs. J. D. Harris of Tarboro.

Palbearers were Leslie Johnson, John Ellen, J. W. Davenport, W. G. Weeks, H. D. Privette and W. D. Gay.

Blue mold has appeared in the tobacco beds of Halifax County but is not spreading rapidly at this time. In Wilson County, the disease is spreading.

Brick School Makes Record

We asked Professor Inborden of Brick school to give some information as to the work at Brick school. Below is his statement.

Professor Inborden is one of the outstanding educators of the colored race.

Bricks, N. C., June 4, 1934.

The Brick School has been run this year as the Tri-County Elementary and High School under the auspices of Halifax, Nash and Edgecombe counties. Edgecombe has had the immediate oversight and direction as the school is located in this county.

The vicissitudes of the year were not unusual to schools of similar grades passing through transition periods. We have sought to build up morale and scholarship. The one is dependent upon the other. The times in which we live are not capricious to either the best morale or the highest scholarship. Extra curricular activities to some extent have been sacrificed to scholarship.

The school has been operated as a certificated high school. We mean by this that students finishing creditably can enter any of our colleges. This is more remarkable because this was the first year the school has been operated under state auspices.

The enrollment for the year was 333 students. There were 162 boys and 171 girls. In the high school there were 44 boys and 73 girls, making in all in the high school 117. The total averages have been very good. The school came into the state system after the budget had been made out for the state and hence no appropriation could be made for busses. In spite of this a number of patrons sent their children and their neighbors' children in personally owned cars. They came from far and near, through snow, rain and sunshine and were practically on time all the time. Edgecombe and Halifax counties were about equally divided as to the number of students. A good quo came from Nash county.

About forty students and teachers lived on the campus and boarded themselves. The students' cooking and dining room were supervised by several teachers. A small sum per week was charged for overhead to take care of expenses incurred.

Friends of the school will be interested to know that the first colored children in the county to receive Red Cross certificates for efficiency in class work were Brick school girls. I mean the first to receive such certificates from a county high school in the county.

I might say also the first colored students to receive a high school diploma from a county high school in the county conducted under county auspices received it at Bricks.

The school closed Wednesday, May 23, with a thousand or more people on the campus for the day. They heard a very fine address from Ex-Lieutenant-Governor R. T. Fountain of Rocky Mount. They had an excellent opera in the afternoon, a ball game later and between the acts the people milled about the beautiful grounds and feasted as they felt like it.

Order on the ball diamond and school campus was every thing that could be expected. If any one wants to know about the school write, T. S. Inborden, Bricks, N. C.

Drowns Trying To Find Purse For Girl

Tarboro, June 4.—Hubert Hopkins, 18, was drowned in Tar River here Sunday. While a party composed of himself and other young people were walking on the A. C. L. bridge a young woman dropped her pocketbook into the river. Hopkins volunteered to swim in the river and recover it. He went to the bank and jumped into the water. Having been gone some time, others in the party looked for him, but he could not be found. A search continued all night without finding the body. This morning his

Who Is Paying For The Advertising?

The results of the recent primary show very clearly that the people of North Carolina do not desire a gross sales tax. Now, will the Governor in the next Legislature undertake to over ride the will of the people of North Carolina in demanding the re-enactment of the gross sales tax? It appears certain at this time that there will be a surplus of around \$10,000,000 in State Treasury by the time the next Legislature meets over and above the running expenses of the State and the needed money for the setting up of the sinking funds for bond issues.

There seems to be a concerted drive and effort to make the sales tax permanent there having appeared advertisements of a political and propaganda nature in a large number of the newspapers of the State, these advertisements being sent out by various organizations costing several thousands of dollars and the question is being asked where is all this money coming from to pay for these advertisements, is it from the great body of the people who have clearly shown by their votes that they do not want the sales tax continued or is it from the untaxed wealth who desire to keep this burden on the backs of the poor disguising it under the name of schools and protection to the farmer.

WE MUST HAVE MORE PARKS AND PLAY GROUNDS

Some weeks back, our attention was called to the serious need of parks in Rocky Mount, there being some suggestion that our children were not receiving the proper development, for the lack of play grounds. Small towns and small cities may not be able to have sky scrapers and great public buildings like Washington and New York but these small towns can have something that the larger cities do not have, plenty of parks and play grounds, if those in authority will give some thought and attention to this important matter.

The residents of Edgecombe side of Rocky Mount have not been provided with parks and play grounds, which they are naturally and justly entitled to. There is a block of property lying between Hill, Cokey Road and George Streets with only one house on it and that falling into decay, which could be secured at a reasonable price, then, the land could be condemned. This is another opportunity in the interest of the children of Rocky Mount that the Board of Aldermen should avail themselves. This piece of ground lies between two of the largest schools in Rocky Mount and is easily accessible to all the children. In the great expenditures that are now taking place in Rocky Mount let us hope that the children will not be overlooked.

PARKING

While business has been much better this spring than last year yet there is a natural dullness in business which the hot weather and summer months brings and but for the people of Rocky Mount being able to park their cars down street and enjoy a brief stay it would look exceedingly dull, yet during the dullness the policemen of Rocky Mount have forsaken their regular patrols and are down the street measuring and sighting up and down marked lines to see whether the cars are parked on the right angle and degree and using stop watches to see whether a citizen and tax payer of Rocky Mount has stayed a few minutes over the parking time.

Would not the time of these policemen be better spent patrolling and watching the highways and streets, where automobiles are driven at a high rate of speed and operated in a reckless and careless way, yet there are those who contend that we should have seven or eight more traffic men? What would we do with them? If all the citizens of Rocky Mount would leave their cars at home the streets would look like they were deserted and it would be a bad advertisement for strangers passing through Rocky Mount to see such a dead looking town. Now, we know that these policemen have received orders from somebody or else they would be spending their time in a more profitable manner and more for the benefit of Rocky Mount.

Fight About Sales Tax Is Becoming More Intense

Dr. Brooks and Dr. Foust Resign As Head of College

Dr. Eugene Clyde Brooks active head of North Carolina State College since 1923, steps down from his position on July 1.

Dr. Brooks and Dr. Julius I. Foust, head of Woman's College at Greensboro for many years, Tuesday asked the board of trustees of the Greater University of North Carolina, of which State College and Woman's College are integral parts, to relieve them of their duties.

This the board did after adopting a resolution praising "the great services rendered by each of these distinguished gentlemen."

The board abolished the office of vice president, an office erected more than a year ago and to which Drs. Brooks and Foust were named after Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, had been named president in charge of all three units of the Greater University a product of the administration of former Governor O. Max Gardner during the 1931 General Assembly.

Governor Intimates He Will Ask Reenactment; Brummitt Proposes Plan

North Carolina's sales tax, focal point of a bitter fight in the 1933 General Assembly which gave it birth, promises to be the center of an even more intense fight until the 1935 General Assembly meets.

Governor Ehringhaus intimated in an address before the Greensboro Real Estate Board that he would ask the 1935 Legislature to retain the sales tax for the 1935-1937 biennium. The way has been paved for the step by several statements showing how the sales tax and State support of schools has aided local property taxpayers. The statements were issued by the Revenue Department.

Willard Dowell, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' Association and leader of the anti-sales tax group, has predicted that a majority of the next General Assembly will be pledged against the sales tax.

Atty.-Gen. Dennis G. Brummitt, in a letter to George P. Goehagan, Jr., chairman of the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards, advocated changes in the State system of taxation as a possible successor to the sales tax. (Please turn to page four)

Nash County Man Is Nominated In First Primary By 742 Majority

RECEIVES MORE VOTES THAN THE OTHER FOUR CANDIDATES COMBINED. WILL BE ELECTED FOR UNEXPIRED TERM IN SPECIAL ELECTION. POU CONGRATULATES COOLEY

Congressman



HAROLD D. COOLEY

Jonesboro Grange Opposes Sales Tax

Calls On Next Legislature To Repeat 'Unjust And Inequitable' Levy

Jonesboro, May 31.—The Jonesboro Grange has unanimously voted its opposition to the sales tax "in its present form." The report adopted by the grange says of the sales tax:

"It is unjust and unfair. It not only taxes the necessities of life but it taxes the "misery and misfortunes" of the people. We call upon the next Legislature to repeal this unjust and inequitable tax.

"At the same time," says the report, "this tax must not be returned to land. In many instances, perhaps in most, the tax on real estate is too high. We desire to encourage home owners rather than to drive them from their homes by excessive taxes. The tax on real estate must not be increased but gradually reduced.

"It is our firm belief that the government can raise all the money needed to properly support all the state institutions and departments without resorting to the present iniquitous tax or by increasing the tax on land.

We recommend placing a just tax on stocks in foreign corporations. Inheritance taxes above certain brackets can be increased with out doing injustice to anyone.

"A tax on luxuries or a selected commodity tax is one of the most just and fair forms of taxation to be found in times of extra need. "Since we now have good roads all over the state we favor the reduction of license taxes on automobiles of the passenger type."

WORLD'S BEST SELLER

London.—Despite economic disturbances and uncertainty in every part of the world, the Bible is still the world's best seller. A total of 10,933,203 Bibles were distributed during the past twelve months by the Bible Society. During the year the Holy Scriptures were translated into eleven new languages and dialects.

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