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ONLY TWO CONTESTS IN SIGHT FOR CITY ELECTIONS

With the city elections only one month distant, only two contests for offices to be voted on at that time have developed, those being for positions in the city recorder's court. The seven aldermen whose terms expire are up for re-election, but none of them has announced opposition as yet.

In the recorder's court race, S. L. Arrington and Jack Murchison, local attorneys, have announced as candidates for the offices of judge and solicitor, respectively; while Judge Ben H. Thomas and Solicitor H. Lynwood Elmore are candidates to succeed themselves.

First to file notice in the forthcoming election was Jack Murchison, who announced as candidate for solicitor two weeks ago. He has been engaged in law practice here for two years, having received his law license in 1936 after graduating from Wake Forest College. Mr. Murchison is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Phalanx fraternity, and served as chairman of the Rocky Mount-Nash County Red Cross roll call conducted last fall.

Mr. Arrington, who announced last week, is an attorney of long standing in the community and now holds the office of vice-recorder. He is an alumnus of the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest College.

Registration books will be open from April 15 through April 23, it has been announced, and the primary election will be held April 29.

Lucas Addresses Ahepa Gathering

Greek Group Celebrates Independence Day At Wilson Meeting

Wilson, March 25.—The irresistible idea of free institutions, the impelling dynamic of scientific inquiry, and an appreciation of the fine arts as handmaidens of progress are the imperishable contributions of your forebears to the rise of civilization," Silas Lucas, Wilson County solicitor, told a large gathering of members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association here this afternoon as some 500 Greek-Americans of Eastern Carolina gathered here to celebrate Greek Independence Day.

Ahepas from Raleigh, Greensboro, Wilson, Durham, Chapel Hill, Rocky Mount, Kinston, Farmville, Elizabeth City, Goldsboro and Farmville met here today for a meeting this afternoon and a giant ball at the Cherry Hotel tonight.

At this afternoon's meeting several prominent speakers extolled the beauty and greatness that was Greece. Among them was Judge O. P. Dickerson of the county court here, and Socrates Giamaris of Wilson, past president of the local Ahepa chapter.

Thomas P. Surles of Rocky Mount, president of the local chapter which acted as host today, presided over the ceremonies while Thomas K. Zrakas, State Officer of Ahepa introduced the dignitaries.

Tonight, dancing to the music of Paul Moore and his Raleigh orchestra, some 500 dancers tripped the light fantastic at the Cherry Hotel at the annual independence ball of the organization.

Speaking of the independence of the Greek nation Solicitor Lucas told the gathering that "117 years ago the Greek people dedicated themselves to the vindication of their national integrity and the faith of their fathers. Fired with the fever of those valiant veterans and inspired by the sign of the Cross, they launched that memorable crusade against the iron heeled voluptuaries who desecrated their homes and their altars for generations."

Shirley Wins

London, March 22.—Shirley Temple of the movies has been awarded \$10,000 in public settlement of a libel action based on an article which appeared Oct. 28, 1937, in "Night and Day" a London journal which has since discontinued publication.

EFIRD MOVES TO NEW STORE

Efird's Department Store which has been located in one of the tobacco warehouses on Washington Street for the past several months pending repair and complete renovation of their store on W. Main St. moved back into the main store Friday morning. The store is new and complete throughout from top to bottom. One of the most modern in the State and they are ready to receive their old friends and customers in the same old style at the same stand.

State Leaf Sales 577,632,891 Lbs.

Winston-Salem Led Old Bright Belt With A Pounding Of 45,141,489—Wilson Leader In Carolina

According to the final report of the chief statistician of the state department of agriculture North Carolina growers sold their 1937 tobacco for \$141,050,845, an increase of \$40,924,039 over returns from the 1936 crop.

The 1937 average was \$1.50 more per one hundred pounds than in 1936. Growers sold 577,632,891 pounds last year, compared with 437,552,728 pounds in 1936.

All sales, including dealers' and warehouse resales, totaled 643,233,217 pounds and averaged \$24.07, compared with 489,400,476 pounds in 1936 at an average of \$22.48.

Total producers' sales and averages by belts for 1937 were listed as follows:

Old bright belt: 192,771,381 pounds for \$45,145,369, an average of \$23.42, compared to \$22.65 in 1936.

New Bright belt: 290,031,750 pounds for \$74,738,140, averaging \$25.77 compared with \$23.20 in 1936.

Border belt: 89,695,756 pounds for \$20,076,999 averaging \$22.38 compared with \$21.72 in 1936.

The Asheville market sold 5,125,004 pounds of burley tobacco for \$1,096,427 or an average of \$21.39 per 100 pounds, compared with \$38.82 received last season.

The official summary revealed the Wilson market led the state in producers' sales with 67,936,190 pounds; Greenville was second with 55,422,210 and Kinston third with 46,390,024 pounds.

Leaders in producers' tobacco sales by belts were:

Old bright belt; Winston-Salem first with 45,141,489 pounds; Durham second with 40,590,412; Oxford third with 24,125,048.

New Bright belt: Wilson first; Greenville second; Kinston third.

South Carolina belt: Fairmont first with 36,658,733 pounds; Lumberton second with 24,333,578; Whiteville third with 16,735,544.

Leaders in average prices by belts were:

Old Bright belt: Durham first, averaging \$25.64; Fuquay Springs second, averaging \$25.50; Henderson third, averaging \$25.37.

New Bright belt: Farmville first, averaging \$26.17; Robersonville second, \$26.12; Greenville third, \$25.99.

South Carolina belt: Chadbourne first, averaging \$24.05; Fairmont second, \$23.11; Fair Bluff third, \$22.99.

Campaign Manager

Oxford, Mar. 26.—Frank Haneock announced from Oxford tonight that William Delvin, Jr., of Hickory, will manage his campaign for United States Senate.

FAMILY AFFAIR

In 1929, David Beale, of Sabatus, Me., married Bertha Rancourt. Next year, his brother Godfrey married her sister, Mary Ann. By 1934, the two remaining Beale boys had married the two remaining Rancourt girls. Finally, Napoleon Beale, father of the boys, married Mrs. Rancourt, mother of the girls. Then all 10 Beales went to New York for a honeymoon.

Judge Is Winner In Church Gamble

The fact that a Cincinnati, Ohio, jurist recently won \$1,000 at a church bingo party, and a city detective won \$500 at another church party, provoked the following comment: When it is a crime punishable by arrest and fine for an ordinary citizen to wager a dollar on a horse race, how much greater the offense for a judge or a member of the detective force to indulge in such practice!

Those observers who frown upon gambling of any sort were of the opinion that there was something inconsistent in a judge, who sits upon a municipal court bench and tries gambling cases, receiving \$1,000 as a gambling prize. The unfavorable publicity aroused by the incident caused the chief of police to issue a notice requesting his officers and detectives to resist temptation and asking that their families do likewise.

The complaisant attitude of many people toward the church gambling practices is shown by a bill recently introduced in a state legislature making bingo illegal except in churches. However, while no ban has yet been placed on church bingo parties in Cincinnati, "those in the know" predict that this form of gambling is doomed in that city.

In the neighboring state of Kentucky, Governor Chandler vetoed a measure passed by the state legislature that would make legal "bank nights" in connection with motion picture shows.

And in Hot Springs, Ark., at the Oaklawn Park race track the past week, Deputy Sheriff Charles McNutt, of Little Rock, collected \$6,002 on his \$2 ticket and \$444 on a race selection with a ticket that cost him \$10. This is the second largest daily pay-off in the history of the American racing gambling fraternity.

Old Age Claims Paid Promptly

Lump-sum payments under the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act are being paid promptly to those eligible workers who have reached 65 since January 1, 1937, and to the relatives or estates of such workers who have died since that time, according to George N. Adams, Manager of the Rocky Mount Field Office of the Social Security Board.

"Persons who have reached age 65 and are eligible, need not defer filing their claims because they continue to be employed," Mr. Adams said, "as such restriction will not be enforced until commencement of the monthly benefit payments in 1942."

Generally speaking, wives of deceased workers have a prior claim on lump-sum payments due their husband's estate. If no wife survives, the children or parents are generally the preferred claimants. The amount of the payments varies, of course, since it is based on the wages earned in covered employment from December 31, 1936, up to the date of the employee's death or the date that he attained age 65. The average amount of the lump-sum payments throughout the country at the present time, however, is approximately \$35, although this figure is increasing steadily.

Many persons who are eligible for lump-sum payments have not yet filed claims. Social Security Board Field Offices are located throughout the country for the convenience of such persons in obtaining information and assistance with regard to claims and other matters pertaining to the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. Persons who believe they are eligible to file claims should apply at their nearest Social Security Board Field Office. It will be very helpful if they know the account numbers under which they believe claims are due them, as this will enable the Board to pay claims more promptly, Mr. Adams said. Social Security accounts represent each when claims are due.

Bill Conley turned in the best farm record book in Mitchell County, says Frank Woodard, assistant agent. Mr. Conley makes his living entirely from his farm. He had an average investment of \$4,988 on which he earned 15.5 per cent interest last year.

Chicago Cubs Pitcher Hits Stride



Robert D. Logan, who joined the Cubs the latter part of the 1937 season, as he gets ready to let one of his "hot" pitches go burning towards the home plate, under the watchful eye of Charlie Grimm, team manager, during the initial workout of the Cubs who are in spring training at Catalina island.

Dr. Poteat On Education

Dr. Hubert Poteat, professor of Wake Forest College, addressed the Current Topics Club here and is recorded as having stated that he believes that school children are not as well educated as a quarter of a century ago. Now this is a terrible indictment for we have been going to school two or three times longer than 25 years ago and our teachers are all graduates of colleges and most of them carrying a degree.

He does not seem to blame the child and he does not place the blame on the teacher but he places the blame on the methods of instructions which have been regimented out of a central set up and the sad part of it, he proceeds to prove his case. He does not just make the statement but he proceeds with the proof and puts his finger on the tender spots. Dr. Durrell of Boston University issued a statement some time back that children could not read and spell because they were never taught their letters when they begin school. This problem may be responsible for the whole situation. We are giving a smattering of every thing and are not thorough in anything. The Doctor spoke of the so-called psychology tests that are given to the child before the seat had been assigned the child. The Doctor is absolutely correct in his statement what the schools are weighted down by pedagogical tinkering. We have knowledge of a child who went to school and his mother asked him which room he was placed in. He said he did not know that the teacher had given him a psychology test and that he did not know what his grade was on that. Isn't this ridiculous? Something sent out of Raleigh requires a teacher to give a test called psychology before she had even recorded the child's name. Dr. Poteat is right and the public is indebted to him for his frankness in speaking out.

The question on these so called psychology tests are something like this "Which end of the dog is the tail on?"

BAILEYS PLAN FOR RECOVERY IS THE OLD HOOVER PLAN

Senator Bailey managed to find time to travel to New York and spoke before the American Academy of Political Science, giving his remedy for permanent recovery to wit:

- First: Abandonment of government policies tending to "impair incentive."
- Second: Elimination of the undivided profits tax, and the present form of the capital gains taxes.
- Third: Abandonment of "the policy of government competition with private enterprise."
- Fourth: A balanced budget.
- Fifth: "A just law was between management and workers," and that is no law.
- Sixth: Encouragement of increased production of annual wealth instead of reducing production "to induce scarcity."

Senator Bailey then stated that no small degree of difficulty lies too much concern on the part of the government in economic affairs. Now if the government is not concerned with economic affairs what should it be concerned with? Economic affairs deal with the livelihood of every family in the country. Yet Senator Bailey thinks that this should not be of any concern to the government. Some weeks back Senator Bailey complained because our paper stated that he believed in the "law of the jungles" the survival of the strongest against the weak. The Senator denied this and yet he goes to New York and makes the above speech that is the law of the jungles.

Senator Glass, of Virginia, has opposed the new deal all along he has opposed the government helping the individual. Bailey and Glass have been somewhat together all along, of course, Bailey has been worse than Glass in his opposition to the President. Bailey's program is Hoover's program. We have already tried Hoover's program for 4 years and we were ditched and damned during the four years and yet Bailey would have us go back to this. Bailey talks one thing in Washington and New York and another in North Carolina.

"THE BALANCED STATE"

There was a small group in North Carolina that wanted to put on the automobile tags of 1939 "The Balanced State." Using the words of President Roosevelt when he spoke of North Carolina as the "Balanced State." The President (Please turn to page two)

POTEAT FLAYS EDUCATIONAL MACHINERY AND METHODS

BURGESS IS HEAD OF DRYS

Raleigh Man Named To Succeed Late Dr. Poteat At State Convention Held At Greensboro

The United Dry Forces of North Carolina met in Greensboro last Friday and elected Cale K. Burgess, Raleigh, to succeed the late Dr. William Louis Poteat as president of the organization.

Other officers chosen included: John A. Oates, Fayetteville, first vice president; Mrs. T. H. Plemons, Charlotte, second vice president; Judge Johnson J. Hayes, Greensboro, third vice president; Dr. W. W. Peele, Greensboro, fourth vice president; Miss Vera L. Herring, Raleigh, secretary, and W. F. Marshall, Raleigh, treasurer.

Resolutions adopted asked for a state referendum on the liquor issue, condemned what was termed an effort of the whiskey interests to displace textbooks on alcoholism now used in the public schools, and asked the churches for more support in electing prohibitionists to the general assembly.

Another resolution asked the state board of control to prohibit liquor advertising in North Carolina publications.

Pressly Submits Trustees Report

Peace Junior College Seeks To Stabilize Finances With \$100,000 Endowment

Dr. W. C. Pressly, president of Peace Junior College told the board of trustees, meeting for its annual session, that the college's old floating debt had been paid in full, and plans were now under way to raise \$100,000 endowment to stabilize the school finances.

Mrs. George Avinger, president of the Peace Alumnae Association of Laurinburg reported that the alumnae had responded with \$1,200 cash contributions during the recent "Loyalty Week" alumnae drive. The goal of the alumnae association is \$2,000, all of which will be placed in the college endowment fund.

Dr. Pressly who is rounding out his 12th year as president, reported that the school enrollment was the largest in its history, 294 students, more than 235 are enrolled in college courses.

The trustees discussed general school plans for the year 1938-39, and Karl G. Hudson of Raleigh was named chairman of a school executive committee to find ways and means of raising the remaining endowment amount.

Trustees present at the meeting were: Chairman Hudson of Raleigh; Mrs. Avinger of Laurinburg, Mrs. C. C. McAllister of Fayetteville, Mrs. B. R. Lacy of Raleigh, and Mrs. Robert Wyatt of Raleigh; the Rev. Dr. Harry Whitmore of Wilmington, Rev. W. M. Baker of Mebane, J. M. Baird of Oxford, Rev. George Marthis of Durham, the Rev. Dr. R. A. White of Mooresville, Rev. James A. Jones of Henderson; H. H. Littrell of Rocky Mount, R. W. Dunn of Raleigh, B. W. Kilgore of Raleigh and the Rev. Dr. P. D. Miller of Raleigh.

Washington County sheep growers have a good crop of early lambs now running on small grain. Many of the lambs are being creep fed and are showing good flesh.

Orange County farmers planted an additional 150 fruit trees in home orchards last week.

Youth Of College Age Are Not So Well Educated As 25 Years Ago, He States

"Our young men and young women of high school age today are nothing like so well educated as they were 25 years ago," declared Dr. Hubert Poteat, head of the Latin department at Wake Forest College, addressing the Current Topics club on the club's annual ladies night program last night.

The dinner meeting in the Y. M. C. A. last night, at which the ladies were guests for a program of dancing and singing entertainment and Dr. Poteat's address, concluded the Current Topics club meetings until October.

Stating his topic was "An Educational Credo," Dr. Poteat began his remarks: "You hear a lot about progressive educators. Tonight I am going to be a retrogressive educator, if you like."

The Wake Forest classics professor charged full tilt into the theory of determining school children's future careers by mental tests and questionnaires, relating with fine scorn that some "educational experts" tried giving mental tests to babies 15 minutes after birth.

"What we are doing to our children today is to test them and measure them and paw over them and integrate their I. Q.'s and amuse them. We haven't time to educate them," Dr. Poteat declared indignantly.

For his expressed belief that school children are not as well educated as a quarter of a century ago, the Latin professor laid the blame to three things: pedagogical theories and new bags of teaching tricks that change every year, complication of the machinery of education, and the attempt to train students for jobs.

"No one can estimate the damage done to the minds and souls of children by pedagogical tinkering," Dr. Poteat charged on the first point. "The child is now a guinea pig in a low comedy laboratory, and there is no end to the indignities that may be heaped upon him."

Assailing the "left-wing" educators who say that the traditional "mental discipline" courses like Latin, Greek and geometry do not increase a student's mental power on practical problems, Dr. Poteat called that idea "bunk."

Again and again the Wake Forest Latin professor blasted broadside at what he called "the cogs and levers and cams and gadgets of the incredibly multiplying machinery of education." The machinery of education is under going "the most unreasonable and disproportionate increase," he said, and is becoming complicated by "miles upon miles of the reddest of red tape."

Dr. Poteat offered as an illustration of the educational machinery the "loud insistence for numbers of courses in methods of teaching." When an applicant is being considered as a prospective French teacher now, he said, the question too often is not "Does she know French?" but rather "How many courses in teaching methods does she have?"

Flaying the "absurdity" of emphasis on teaching methods, the educator said, "I wouldn't swap thorough knowledge of the subject for all the teaching methods in all the courses."

He blamed the "machinery" also for suppressing personality behind the teacher's desk, commenting: "When you take out of education the personal touch of student and teacher, you have taken out of education its life and soul."

Dr. Poteat swung out vigorously against the elective system and

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