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ELECTION OFFICERS FOR JUNE PRIMARY APPOINTED BY BOARD

NEW BALLOT TO BE USED

First Election With New
Australian Ballot
June 7

The Board of Elections of Halifax County met at the court house in Halifax April 19th, W. R. Neville, W. C. Myrick and E. L. Travis, Jr., being present to appoint election officials for the Primary June 7th.

This primary will be the first election held under the new Australian Ballot Law, and the Board requested voters from the several parts of the county to meet with the board and confer as to the advisability of dividing the larger precincts. As each locality preferred to maintain the present precincts, no changes were made. E. L. Travis, Jr., was elected Chairman and Secretary of the Board.

The following Registrars and Judges of Election were appointed: Republicans are marked (rep). Alternate judges are marked (alt). Alternate judge will serve in the primary only in case no Republican primary is held. They will not serve in the General Election in November.

Butterwood Precinct—R. S. Clark, Registrar; J. A. Patterson, J. W. Bowers (Rep). W. E. Nicholson (alt). Connoconari Precinct—J. H. Marks, Registrar; Cary White, M. C. King (Rep). J. H. Darden (alt).

Enfield Precinct—E. E. Shervette, Registrar; L. B. Meyer, J. D. Whitehead (Rep). J. R. Powers (alt). Faucette Precinct—J. B. Dickens, Registrar; J. H. Lewis, A. A. Hedgepeth (Rep). S. P. Johnson (alt).

Halifax Precinct—Quentin Gregory, Registrar; R. W. Carter, C. E. Shaw (Rep). W. T. Roberts (alt). Hollister Precinct—B. C. Mamlet, Registrar; T. C. Qualls, W. T. Roberts (Rep). R. P. Harris (alt).

Keuhukee Precinct—Chas. Cannon, Registrar; R. H. White, Ezra Myatt, (Rep). Wm. White (alt). Littleton Precinct—W. S. Clark, Registrar; J. W. King, F. W. King, (Rep). Chas. House (alt).

Palmyra Precinct—D. B. Harrison, Registrar; J. W. Roberson, J. T. Mizelle, (Rep). C. N. Andrews (alt). Ringwood Precinct—M. E. Cousins, Registrar; C. A. Williams, J. E. Harper, (Rep). H. L. Adecock (alt).

Roseneath Precinct—R. L. Bradley, Registrar; Clarence House, H. C. Bass (Rep). Jim Downing (alt). Roanoke Rapids Precinct—J. F. Welch, Registrar; F. J. Hawley, S. J. Bounds, (Rep). Loftin Moody (alt).

Rosemary Precinct—M. G. Jenkins, Registrar; A. N. Martin, L. R. Hasty (Rep). C. C. Shell (alt). Scotland Neck Precinct—B. F. Bracey, Registrar; Irvin Clark, N. E. Winslow (Rep). H. H. Riddick, (alt). Weldon Precinct—C. S. Vinson, Registrar; J. A. Dickens, Jno. D. Shearin (Rep). R. M. Purnell (alt).

MILL FIRE

Cotton in Warehouse Afire Yesterday Morning at Rosemary

Fire at 6:30 yesterday morning caused havoc in Warehouse Number Two of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

About twenty bales of cotton were partially burned and about two hundred bales were damaged by water. The automatic sprinklers worked without a hitch and had the fire under perfect control when it was discovered. However, the heat was intense enough to set off about half of those in the warehouse and the top and bottom bales out of the fire region were deluged with water.

The Mill Fire Department was on the job and had a line of hose connected up. They were able to handle the part of the building which was afire with ease.

Supt. T. W. Mullen stated that the origin of the fire was unknown. He could not estimate the damage but said most of the cotton bales damaged could be salvaged. Only the outside of each bale was damaged by either the fire or water. The goods had all been dyed.

Miss Dolly King spent the week-end in Littleton with friends.

WOMEN OF COUNTY TO VISIT HERE

Better Homes Week In
Halifax County April
27—May 3

The week of April 27-May 3 is National Better Homes Week of America. All of Halifax County is joining in with this big National movement. Each community in the county is putting on some kind of project, exhibition, contest, community sing, picnic or whatever they may choose.

On May 1, a County-wide May Day Health Program will be given in the Halifax School Building. Aurelian Springs, Dawson, Dralington and Halifax will each present a Health Play. Slides on sanitation and better homes will be shown; a picnic lunch served, and at two a tour to observe four Better Homes in Halifax. These are the homes of Mrs. Quentin Gregory, Mrs. Ed. Travis, Jr., Mrs. S. S. Norman and Mrs. Edwin Coppedge. Each home represents a different type of construction. Everybody in the county is invited and urged to attend this program.

On May 3, the County Clubs and their friends are invited to come to Roanoke Rapids as the guests of the Roanoke Rapids Womens Club. The American Homes Department of this club has planned a most interesting day for the visiting clubs.

The people will meet at 10 o'clock on Mrs. Fred Brown's lawn. After observing this beautiful lawn, the visitors will be carried to see the store windows and other Better Homes Demonstrations on display. Luncheon will be served at the Country Club, and the remainder of the day spent there.

30 ROUNDS OF BOXING TOMORROW

Local Fighters Mix It Up
For Music Club Fund
At High School

Fight fans and those who enjoy clean amateur boxing will be treated to a ring feast of 30 rounds at the High School Auditorium this Friday night.

More than a dozen of the cleverest boxers of the Twin Cities will engage in a friendly elimination contest for the ring championship of these parts. From over at Darlington come two Warren brothers who will represent the county in two bouts.

The proceeds of the show will go to the fund which is being raised to send the Music clubs and orchestra of the local High School to the State Contest at Greensboro.

Promoter J. R. Cross heads this show with a five round main bout between Lester (Knockout) Edmondson and Shellie Butler, this latter boy being anything but a poet. Both these fellows have been doing some boxing and both scored knockouts in their last fights.

The main preliminary will be a five round go between Sterling Warren, Darlington champ, and Wilbur Outland of this city. These boys both mix it up plenty and show real science in the art of self defense.

Other preliminary set-fes are Charlie Whilby vs Fred Mills, Bernard Edmondson vs Bruce Hughes, Wilson Warren vs Leonard Glover and a blind fight between Roy Blythe and John Matthews.

As added attraction there will be a wrestling match between two local stranglers and a Battle Royal which will be plenty of fun with nobody hurt.

The boxers have been training regularly at the High School Gym and are in the best of shape. None of the bouts are long so that the boys can go the limit. The first glove will smack at 7:30 Friday night and from then on its the best man that wins. Ringside seats are 75 cents, adult tickets 50c and school children 25c.

CAROLINIANS—Know Your State!

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CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL

FOUNDED in 1789, this is the oldest State University in America. The original State Constitution provided for the maintenance of a State University. In 1789 a bill was passed in the Legislature providing for its support, appointing forty trustees for its management. The present site of Chapel Hill was chosen in 1792. In February 1795 the first building was opened, with a faculty of three professors. Forty-one students enrolled the first year. Today, the University has over 200 faculty members and an enrollment of about 2,600 students.

TWIN CITY BROADCAST PLENTY HOT

Comments From Fans of
Richmond Station Still
Pour In

Old "Hello World" Henderson isn't worth a Doggone compared to the Rosemary Concert Band, Twin City singers and speakers, as the world heard it last Saturday noon over Station WRVA at Richmond.

It was peppy, as diversified and as artistic a program as anyone could hope to tune in on. The band gets better with every broadcast, the speech by Mr. Sam Peace certainly told the country about the Twin Cities from A to Izzard, Dick Martin, hand soloist, is even parting his hair like Rudy Vallee after all the compliments, and the Triple R quartet was a terrible program.

Everybody in this section who could get to a radio last Saturday noon was right there and stores with radios did a rushing noon business. Evidently the people of Richmond know a good thing when they hear it, if one can believe a lawyer. A local attorney who was in Richmond returns to say the local broadcast was the talk of the town.

Director R. L. Martin and his band boys are receiving more fan mail on this broadcast than ever before. The director states he cannot answer all telegrams and letters and has asked this paper to express the appreciation of the band to all who sent in comments on the program.

We publish below a few of the comments from various parts. Space will not permit the printing of but a limited number. Here they are.

I heard your program today. It was wonderful, we certainly enjoyed the entire program. Please do so again and play "The Old Home Down on the Farm."—Mrs. R. H. Craig, Henderson.

Mr. R. L. Martin, Rosemary, N. C., Dear Noble Martin:—

I have just spent a very pleasant hour at home for dinner and listening in on radio to your band over station WRVA, Richmond. The whole program was extra good, and it was really a treat to have such good music. (Continued on back page)

Sterling M. Gary For Superior Court

This is to announce that I will be a candidate for renomination for Clerk of Superior Court of Halifax County subject to the will of the Democratic Primary to be held June 7th, 1930. I pledge myself if nominated and elected, I will execute the duties devolved on me to the best of my ability, ever remembering with sincere gratitude the loyal support that has been given me in the past by the electors of the County.

STERLING M. GARY.
6-pd.
30,000 attended Moravian Easter services at God's Acre near Winston-Salem Sunday.

MOST ATTRACTIVE AIN'T DAT SUMPIN'?

Here is what the syndicate from which The Herald is buying the new feature about North Carolina in pictures has to say about our local newspaper.

Gastonia, N. C., April 16, 1930.
Dear Mr. Wilson:—

Under separate cover we are mailing you our "Carolinians—Know Your State," service. Please note that you will now find release date on each mat.

Our new mats are 100 per cent better with guide lines for side bars, screen No. 55 and our pictures will give more detail and contrast.

Thank you for sending us copies of your papers a short while back—THE MOST ATTRACTIVE WEEKLY WE HAVE SEEN.

Very truly yours,
Boyce and Rankin,
By R. W. Rankin.

NEXT WEEK TIME FOR CLEAN-UP

All Set for Making Twin
Cities Look Spick
and Span

Clean Up Week in the Twin Cities is next week and every citizen and store owner is urged to do his bit during the week to clean up and paint up his premises and stores and to help with any general work which may be done.

The Womens Club is sponsoring the work and wish to call attention to several features of the work. Wednesday is the special day set to haul away all rubbish and trash which has been gathered Monday and Tuesday. Trucks have been promised for this work by the Rosemary Manufacturing Co., Triple R. Grocery Co., and Joyner Motor Co. George N. Taylor is chairman of this work and a call to him will bring a truck to your place some time Wednesday.

Friday is the day set to clean and beautify the Cemetery and all citizens who are able are asked to go themselves or send someone to help with the work there.

Two flower beds are being built, one in Rosemary and one in Roanoke Rapids. The Virginia Electric and Power Co., furnished dynamite to blow up the plots, the work being done by Jake Matthews. Chains to protect the two beds were donated by Rosemary Manufacturing Co., and Roanoke Mills Co.

Merchants are specially asked to clean up the business section and the Avenue, both street and pavement, as well as the front of buildings and vacant lots. It is hoped to make a marked improvement in general appearance both that local citizens may see the difference and that this greatly traveled section might be more attractive to visitors.

The Rosemary Merchants Association met this afternoon and voted (Continued on back page)

366 DAYS FOR BILL CHANGER

Norman Dickinson Sentenced
in Federal
Court

One year and one day in the Federal penitentiary was the sentence placed upon Norman Dickinson, 30 year old currency changer, in Federal court at Wilson this week.

Dickinson, who was arrested here last month, pled guilty to the charge and threw himself on the mercy of the court, claiming it was his first offense. Judge Meekins gave him 366 days which precludes any possibility of a parole.

Chief Dobbins, who assisted in making the arrest here, and Mrs. Frank Horowitz and Miss Gladys Lewis, employee of the Rosemary Bargain Store, which took one of the fake twenty dollar bills, were at Wilson for the trial. The ladies were not called on to testify as the man pled guilty.

It will be recalled that Dickinson was arrested at a local drug store on March 13 by U. S. Agent L. O. Padgett and Chief Dobbins. The former had trailed the man here from Henderson where he had been recognized after passing one of his "twenty" dollar bills. Merchants here and at Warrenton also had a taste of the same medicine prior to this.

For at least two months before his arrest, Dickinson had been slowly making and passing the fake bills. His favorite stunt was to change good five dollar bills to "twenties."

He said he picked up the idea himself after a careful study of the new bills and accidentally catching on to the likeness between twos, and tens and between the fives and twenties. He insisted that he was a lone wolf and did the work in his room at odd times when he knew he would not be disturbed. As he was staying with his brother J. O. Dickinson, when he was here, he was only able to do a little work each day and he says it sometimes took him three days at odd times to change one bill.

This was done by carefully cutting out by pattern the figure 20 and pasting over the original five; by recoloring. (Continued on back page)

W.T. Clement Candidate For Register of Deeds

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination as Register of Deeds for Halifax County, subject to the Democratic Primary, June 7th, 1930.

I pledge myself, if nominated and elected, to execute the duties devolved on me to the best of my ability, remembering with sincere gratitude the loyal support given me in the past.

W. T. CLEMENT.
apr 25 to j 6-pd.

Criminal court will begin Monday, April 28, for trial of criminal cases only. Judge Clayton Moore of Williamson will preside. There are around 150 cases on docket for trial at this time.

OFFICERS RECAPTURE ERNEST SHEARIN AND OTHERS WHO ESCAPED

OFFICIALS DID FIND WEAPONS

Prison Farm Officials
Unearthed Death Weapons
on First Search

The weapons discovered at Caledonia State Farm after the disturbance there last week were found by the officials of the Prison Camp and not by Coroner Billy Williams as was erroneously stated in several state papers, including the Raleigh News and Observer, according to Mr. Williams.

The News and Observer carried a story which stated in substance that the weapons were found by the Coroner after a search by the prison officials had disclosed nothing. This statement appeared in the Raleigh paper on Thursday and Mr. Williams says he has called by telephone several times and asked for a correction and a true statement of the facts, but his request has been ignored.

The only connection the Coroner had with the weapons, which were found by the prison officials, was in taking them in charge during his investigation of the death of one of the prisoners. While in his care, The News and Observer asked him for a photograph of them. Mr. Williams went to the trouble of having the picture made and rushed to the newspaper. Beneath the picture appeared the misstatement about the discovery of the weapons, which made it appear that the prison officials had failed to find the weapons. The coroner has no idea how this information was started nor where the News and Observer got its details.

His conversation to them over the phone was in substance, "I have the weapons here which were found at the Prison Farm." It was then the photograph was requested.

This newspaper printed the picture of the weapons with the story as it appeared in the News and Observer. This was done because the "mat" from which the plate for the press was cast, contained the story also. While not asked for a correction by the Coroner this newspaper feels that in justice to the prison officials a true statement of the facts should be made as they not only handled the recent trouble with remarkable ability but showed keen perception in unearthing the weapons cleverly concealed by some of the convicts. We also appreciate the Coroner's position of wishing to place the credit where it is due.

Further investigation discloses the report that Prison Official Pou one time used his fist on the features of one of the Daniel's family and it is said there is no great desire on the part of the publishers of the News and Observer to put Mr. Pou in anything but a dim light; and therefore the uncomplimentary report about the failure of the prison officials' search.

James Peasley was the first one rounded up and he was captured Saturday night after a chase through Deep Creek in this county. Officer L. E. Keeter had the opportunity of dashing through six feet of water in Deep Creek to drag Peasley out. Another man with him escaped in the darkness.

Peasley was one of those implicated and arrested in the robbery of the Oak Store here and is said to have told the officers exactly how it happened.

MUSIC CLUBS

Leave This Afternoon for
Greensboro State Contest

Sixty seven local High School students in the Glee Clubs, orchestra, and mixed choruses pulled out at one o'clock this afternoon for Greensboro to enter the State contest of High School musical organizations.

More than half the boys and girls were in a special bus chartered for the trip, the others riding in the seven or eight private cars furnished by Twin City people.

There was lots of excitement in getting started, especially when the bass horn player and his big bass horn arrived late with not much room left for either. Part of those left behind gathered around the bus and cars, singing and cheering.

Besides a corps of chaperones, the singers are led by Miss Scales and the orchestra is under the leadership of Director R. L. Martin. Everybody was dressed fit to kill and it was a splendid looking crowd of young folks which left to represent the Twin Cities.

THREE GET OUT FRIDAY

Break Out Halifax Jail;
Shearin Rearrested
Tuesday

Ernest Shearin, county desperado, who escaped from the Halifax County jail last Friday night with two others, was recaptured four miles from here early Tuesday morning.

This time he offered some resistance to the extent of firing his pistol one time, the bullet passing between Police L. E. Keeter's legs, near enough to powder burn his breeches.

The officers, Sheriff Johnson, Chief Gray and Keeter, saw Shearin pass with a woman near Halifax late Monday night. They went to the home of Luscious Dickens, about four miles from here, where the girl is said to live, and waited until four o'clock Tuesday morning.

Shearin and the woman drove up to the house with another driving the car. When the driver got out Chief Gray walked up and grabbed Shearin who was sitting in the middle. The latter went for his pistol, pulled it and fired just as Keeter opened the door on his side. Luckily, the Chief had hold of his shooting arm which caused the shot to go wild.

While the Sheriff was in the house investigating, it is said that Shearin got rough when the handcuffs were about to be put on him, and in the melee which followed he came out with a black eye and the handcuffs snapped tight. He was taken back to Halifax jail Tuesday morning and placed in one of Jailers Hux's specially prepared cells, checked and double checked with log chains and extra locks.

There he will remain until next week when Superior Court meets to face at least a half dozen charges.

Using a crow bar and hack saw to force apart bars over the cell window, three prisoners escaped from the county jail at Halifax Friday afternoon.

Those who escaped were Ernest Shearin, of Weldon, James Peasley and Gert Bridgers of Roanoke Rapids. Shearin has been in jail since his arrest several weeks ago at Elizabeth City following an affray with Halifax County officers who sought to arrest him on a whiskey charge. Peasley and Bridgers were jailed to face charges of robbery.

Escape of the men was discovered shortly after four o'clock. Eight or ten other prisoners who were in the cell with the three did not attempt to get away, officers said.

The fugitives were trailed for nearly two miles to the Roanoke River, where the tracks were lost. A sheriff's posse scoured the woods along the river and watched the roads leading from the county.

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Late Sunday afternoon, Officer Cliff Massey was riding in South Rosemary and his quick eye caught a glimpse of the other fugitive, Gert Bridgers in a small house in that section. Coming back to the city, Massey got officers Gray and Keeter and returning they surrounded the house. (Continued on back page)

Last Filing Day

Politics gets warmer, especially in the State with tomorrow the last day for filing for State offices. Senator Simmons is evidently waiting until the last minute, not having filed this morning. We understand filing for County offices can be made until ten days before the primary on June 7.

The Senate Judiciary Committee votes 10 to 6 against Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina as a member of the Supreme Court.