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EDITORIAL

THE NEW CHAIRMAN

In selecting Dr. John Martin of Roanoke Rapids as the County Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Halifax County, the fifteen precinct chairmen chose as the man to head the party one who is a real Democrat.

They elected a man who has worked hard for his party in every campaign since he attained majority and yet has never asked one favor or any official recognition from that party in return for his many years of faithful service. Dr. Martin was content to serve in the ranks and do his part and the honor bestowed upon him Monday came without solicitation on his part. That is one of the reasons we call him a real Democrat.

We have heard him say very little about his political activities in the past. There has been no chest-thumping nor has he shouted his love of his party from the house-tops. Rather in his own quiet way, he has always been found working steadily along year after year, putting into real action and deeds what others mostly talked about.

In Dr. Martin, the Democrats of this county will also have a leader who will be absolutely fair and impartial to friend and foe alike. He will elevate politics from the low levels and bring it into the repute which it should enjoy that government might be respected by all the citizens. To him, the power of his office will mean a symbol of service to his county rather than the whip of authority.

The Democratic Party of the Banner County is to be congratulated.

COME BACK HOME

This week sees the exodus of many of the 65 Roanoke Rapids school teachers, those splendid citizens of Roanoke Rapids who teach and guide our children.

Some of them go to visit with their parents, others go to summer school to better equip themselves for next year's work, while a few of the more fortunate spend their vacation traveling over the country, in itself the best of education.

All of them return in the Fall to again take up their work. We will miss them while they are gone. We wish them the best of rests from their arduous tasks and the happiest of vacations, so that with the coming of cool weather they may return to us benefitted by the change and ready to assume their teaching with renewed vigor and greater enthusiasm than ever.

They may rest assured that no traveler and

Mother's Nightmare (After going to the movies) ————— By Albert T. Reid



wanderer could receive a more cordial welcome when they come back HOME.

POOR BOYS AT THE BAR

Among other things which can be marked down against the last session of the General Assembly is the passage of the law which incorporated the bar of North Carolina and made it practically impossible for many deserving youths to realize their ambitions in becoming lawyers.

So hedged around with special privilege is this law that only those who can afford can be active members of the bar and only those can enter the sacred precincts who are financially able to make the grade at some university.

The latest information is that only those who have had at least two years of college work may take the examination. Many a deserving boy who has studied long and hard at nights after working all day will thus be deprived of the privilege of attaining or attempting to attain his life's ambition.

Right here in Roanoke Rapids we have five boys, four of whom work in the mills and one in a store, who have been studying and reading law nights for several years and who attend a night school once a week. If this ruling is made, these boys will not have the opportunity to take the examinations for which they have been studying so hard and depriving themselves of many of the pleasures and even some of the necessities of life.

In a sense of fair play for those who may not have all the advantages that others possess, our suggestion to the Examining Board is that they permit any person to take the exams and make those exams just as difficult as they please.

We may be wrong but we guess that some very promising material will enter the bar that never went to college. If we recall, the history of the bar will disclose many illustrious members of the past and present who never went to college for a single day.

A poor boy has just as much right to become a lawyer as a rich one. The State bar will make a grave error in denying that right.

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