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Registrars and Poll Holders Named Sat. By Elections Board

All Citizens Must Register Again To Vote

Following a meeting of the Halifax County Board of Elections held in Halifax Saturday, chairman A. W. Andleton announced the judges and registrars to serve in the Democratic primary, June 6.

Registration books will be opened May 9, for a new registration. All voters to be eligible must register again. This is required because of a special act introduced and passed in the State Senate and House during the last session of legislature. The registration books will remain open from 9 a. m. to sunset each day until May 23, and the registrars must be at the polling place of each precinct on each Saturday during that time according to the law.

Phillip Moore is the new Registrar for Weldon Precinct while Jim C. Garner and J. D. Shearin were appointed judges. The polling place was not changed. It remains at the Town Hall. A complete notice of the new registration and list of new election officials will be found in an advertisement on inside page.

Flood Control of Roanoke River Up for Attention

Formation of a flood control association for concerted action in securing the dredging of Roanoke River to permit increased navigation is the task undertaken by E. S. Askew of Elizabeth City, director of district number one of the Works Progress Administration of North Carolina.

Mr. Askew, a native of Bertie, will secure the consensus of opinion of interested people and will then announce a date and place for an organization meeting. He has secured the cooperation of Congressman Kerr and it is expected that Lindsay Warren and the two Senators from this State will aid in the effort.

"This is a great idea and not too large for accomplishment, provided we get behind it with the right enthusiasm and spirit," wrote Mr. Askew.

Movements of Nuts to Market Heavier

The movement of peanuts during the past week has been a little heavier, with shellers and cleaners exhibiting more interest. The market has remained steady to firm. Prevailing prices, per lb. f.o.b. delivery points, follows: Best Jumbos (US 1 Class A) 3 1-8 to 3 3-8c, few 3 1-2 to 3 5-8c, poorer Jumbos 3c; best Bunch (US 2 Class A) 3 to 3 1-8c, few 3 1-4 to 3 3-8c, poorer Bunch 2 3-4 to 2 7-8c; good shelling stock (US 3 Class A) 2 3-4c to 3c, poorer shelling stock 2 1-4 to 2 5-8c. Spanish farmers' stock is in better demand at 85 to 90c per bushel delivered. With the weather unfavorable for farm operations, present indications are that planting will be delayed.

The market for cleaned and shelled goods is steady with prices generally holding at last week's levels. Price ranges, however, are rather wide on shelled goods.

WELDON DEFEATS LITTLETON TEAM

Weldon on Wednesday counted its second straight win by taking Littleton 25-10. Moore was the winning pitcher while Wood was the losing pitcher.

Taylor and Stephenson lead the winners in hitting with four hits each while Myrick lead the losers, with three hits. Harris hit two home runs for Weldon.

Batteries: Weldon, Moore, Stephenson, Gore and Ewing; Littleton: Wood, Perkins, and Spain.

Methodist Church Services Sunday

We have reason to be encouraged because of our growing congregations. Our people in increasing numbers are finding their way to the church. The interest shown at the services, too, indicate that they are coming not to be seen of men, but for the more worthy purpose of worshipping God. Our pre-Easter services were well attended and the response for membership in the church was very satisfactory. Last Sunday we received 15 new members—ten on profession of faith and five by certificate. Let us keep before our ideal: "Our Home a Church-going Home."

The schedule of services for next Sunday are as follows:

Public Worship, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor at each service.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Young People's Meeting, 6:45 p. m.
Mid-week service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

J. O. Long, Pastor.

Mill Starts Up Full Capacity

The Weldon Cotton Manufacturing Company mill started to work Monday and by the last of the week it is expected to be operating all of its units.

The mill has not been running full capacity at any time this year. Normally employing over 200 people, this concern is Weldon's largest industry.

3 Houses Burned Here Last Friday

Three houses caught fire here last Friday afternoon. While two of them were completely destroyed, the other was partially saved.

The houses, located back of the Union Station, belonged to W. T. Whitehead and were occupied by colored people.

Quarterly Meet Seaboard Charge

Seaboard, April 22.—The Second Quarterly Conference of the Seaboard Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held at Pleasant Grove Church on next Tuesday, April 28, beginning at 11 o'clock.

The officers from each of the four churches, Seaboard, Sharon, Pleasant Grove and Concord, will be there to make reports on the progress of their respective churches.

The presiding elder, the Rev. J. M. Culbreth, of Rocky Mount, will preach the sermon. Lunch will be served by the ladies of Pleasant Grove. The business session will be held in the afternoon following the lunch. All the friends of the churches are cordially invited to attend.

Car Stolen Here Wednesday Nite

An automobile belonging to S. M. (Shorty) Pierce was stolen from in front of a local drug store last night about 10:15 o'clock.

No trace of it had been found today.

JUDGE NORFLEET IS CONFINED TO HOME

Jackson, N. C., April 22nd.—Judge Eric Norfleet has been confined to his home this week with influenza. Because of his illness there was no Recorder's Court held here Tuesday. Court will be held as usual next Tuesday morning if the condition of Judge Norfleet permits.

DICKENS BIDS CONGRESS VOTE IN SPEECH WED.

Delegates from Every County Except Lenoir Hear Candidate

Jackson, N. C., April 22nd.—At a district meeting of workers and coworkers held in the courtroom here Wednesday night and attended by delegations from Northampton, Halifax, Bertie, Edgecombe, Warren, Green and Wilson counties, A. O. Dickens, candidate for Democratic nomination to Congress from the second Congressional district, asked for the voter's support in helping him defeat John H. Kerr and outlined the program he intends to fight for in event he is elected to Congress.

"We have come to the realization at last," he said, "that the prosperity of the nation depends on the prosperity of the farmers." He stated that some progress had been made in helping the farmer and pointed out the court's ruling of the AAA as unconstitutional as bringing the fundamental question of the nation to agriculture.

"The governor's address at Raleigh yesterday has put us in a state of confusion as to the prospects for this year," Dickens said, "but we have a foundation upon which we may evolve a plan to bring assistance to this struggling industry and any plan must recognize the farmers' right to organization and the principle of equality and fairness to all—as the plan may concern tobacco, cotton or peanuts."

He pledged his support for a rural electrification program that will see electricity "in every home in America," and for development of the Chowan, Roanoke, Neuse and Tar rivers—along with the port terminal at Morehead—to benefit all of eastern Carolina. He stated his opposition to the Coolidge-Kerr immigration bill to sending American youths across the seas to fight for any cause, but on our own defense. He also pledged his support to safeguarding the rights of men who toil in factories and mills and to recognizing their right to organize.

Previous to the address several speakers from each delegation pointed out the progress of the campaign in their respective counties and in most instances predicted large majorities in every county including Judge Kerr's native Warren.

Lenoir county was the only one in the district not represented.

Farmers Busy As Weather Clears

Farmers in this section are taking advantage of the pretty weather that has prevailed for the past few days and are busy getting their plowing and planting started. The severe winter has delayed the breaking of ground and in many cases it has been too wet to do any plowing. Local dealers are still selling seed and some farming implements and in general the farming activities that ordinarily are done much earlier are now claiming the attention of the county's progressive farmers who, unlike people in other businesses, never seem to get discouraged by unfavorable weather and other handicaps over which they have no control.

There were fewer people in town Saturday than usual because with the good weather the farmers were too busy to even come to town and spend the day talking with one another on the streets.

BICHLORIDE TABLET FATAL TO INFANT

Jackson, N. C., April 22nd.—Funeral services were conducted near Rich Square Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. W. V. Tarlton for Owen Lane, 10 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lane. The child died Monday morning after having eaten a portion of a bichloride of mercury tablet which some small children found in an old building and gave him. He is survived, besides his parents, by five brothers and sisters.

CLASS TO MEET

The Better Speech Class will meet at the Public Library on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. A large attendance of all who are interested in this subject is desired.

Drive Carefully, Keep Sober, and Remember to Have Your License



HIGHWAY PATROLMEN OF THIS DISTRICT UNDER THE COMMAND OF SERGEANT A. W. WELCH, WITH HEADQUARTERS AT AHSOKIE.

Reading left to right, they are: Front row—R. W. Arnold, Weldon; W. S. Hunt, Williamston; G. A. Stuart, Williamston; F. W. Hines, Scotland Neck. Second row—Sergeant A. W. Welch, Ahsokie; J. C. Long, Weldon; L. B. Lane, Elizabeth City; Corporal G. I. Dail, Edenton.

Farm Debts Being Cleared In Halifax, F.D.A. Official Says

Many Farms Saved By Farm Debt Adjustment Service

By means of friendly conciliation between creditors and debtor, the Farm Debt Adjustment Service of the Resettlement Administration and cooperating local committees are saving many worthy farmers of this section from foreclosure, according to Mr. J. P. Greenleaf, District Farm Debt Supervisor, who was in Weldon today.

A debt reduction of approximately \$80,000.00 has been effected for farmers in the counties of his district, including Halifax County, since September 1, Mr. Greenleaf said.

"There exists in this county a small group of outstanding men known as the Farm Debt Adjustment Committee organized for the sole purpose of adjusting the debts of honest and sincere farmers who are financially over-burdened, have exhausted every other resource and are unable to satisfy the creditor," Mr. Greenleaf said.

How does this committee function? What are the advantages of debt adjustment? Who is benefited by taking advantage of this process of settlement? These are some of the questions raised every day in the minds of people in this county. Such questions were answered by Mr. Greenleaf on his visit here.

The creditor as well as the debtor may be benefited by debt adjustment. For example, the debtor owes more money than his property is worth because his debts were contracted when property had—or rather was supposed to have had—a much greater value than it now has. When the

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Jackson Man Dies By His Own Hand

Eugene Gay Receives Full Load of Shot from Gun Wednesday

Jackson, N. C., April 23.—Funeral services will be held at the home here at 2 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon for Eugene Gay, 55, who died early yesterday morning in the Roanoke Rapids hospital of gun wounds which were self-inflicted. The services will be conducted by the Rev. I. T. Poole and the Rev. D. P. Moore and interment will be made at Littleton.

Mr. Gay shot himself just below the heart with a 20-gauge shot gun at his home here about 2:30 Wednesday afternoon and was still conscious when taken to the hospital. He told those who took him to the hospital that he pulled the trigger with his toe, having lost one arm when he accidentally discharged a gun about two years ago. No statement was made as to motive, but it was believed to have been caused by despondency over heavy property losses in the last few years.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. E. S. Gay, Sr.; two brothers, John and Ballard S. Gay, and by his wife and daughter, Lula McCraw Gay.

The future is always a fair land to the young.—Sala.

Plan to Rebuild Spring Church



A committee has been appointed to formulate plans to rebuild Spring Church, pictured above, which was destroyed by a cyclone, March 17. They want to rebuild a more substantial structure than the former building if enough money can be raised.

This institution which is over 100 years old, located near Pleasant Hill, has many members in all nearby towns and has been a credit to its community. All its friends are expecting to rally to its support and donate for the new building.

J. W. Crew, Jr., is chairman of the rebuilding committee and R. M. Robinson, of Skippers, Va., is Treasurer. Contributions can be mailed to either of these men.

All contributions should be mailed at once as this project is hoped to be started in the very near future.

DR. McDONALD SPEAKS TO BIG CROWD IN R.R.

Halifax County People Hear Candidate Explain Issues

Dr. Ralph McDonald, candidate for Governor, spoke to a large audience in Roanoke Rapids Friday night.

Dr. McDonald outlined his platform to cover seven issues as follows: (1) taxation, (2) requirement of qualifications for those named to high appointive offices in the state, (3) restoration of schools to control by local boards, (4) co-operation with President Roosevelt in programs to aid farmers and to control acreage and prices of farm products and in the program for old age pensioners, (5) reduction of automobile licenses to a \$5 minimum, (6) reduction of interest rate on local bonds, and (7) requirement of periodical audits of all accounts of the State of North Carolina.

In addition to working toward the abolition of the sales tax and enforcing more strictly the corporation and franchise taxes as well as trying to secure the enactment of the rest of his program the speaker urged the voters of Halifax County to vote for the amendment in November to increase the tax on incomes in the higher brackets.

County ABC Sales Report Released

The report of sales of liquor by the Halifax County ABC Supervisor, J. R. Glasgow, is as follows: Quarter ending March 31st, 1936—Sales, \$71,597.26; net income, \$15,651.40; sales tax, \$2,130.49. Totals—Sales, \$205,541.31; net income, \$42,905.06; sales tax, \$5,982.60.

RECORDER'S COURT

Recorder Judge Daniel and Solicitor Wade Dickens disposed of nine cases in court Tuesday.

J. E. Brvach charged with being drunk and disorderly, found guilty, given 30 days in jail to be assigned to work under the direction of State Highway and public works commission.

Jim Williams, drunk, while driving, found guilty. Fined \$50 and cost. License to drive a motor vehicle revoked for 12 months.

Macon Edwards, charged with assault, found guilty of simple assault. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Jesse Moore, Abram Jones and James Smith, hunting without license and out of season. Jesse Moore and James Smith found guilty. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs and on condition they do not violate any criminal law for two years.

Abram Jones remanded to Juvenile court as he under sixteen years of age.

Hezikah Avent, charged with giving worthless mortgage, nol pros with leave.

Hezikah Avent, embezzlement, transferred to Superior court.

William Hazelwood and A. F. Sexton, charged with reckless driving. William Hazelwood found not guilty. A. F. Sexton found guilty. Fined \$25 and cost. Appeal to Superior Court. Appearance bond fixed at \$50.

Fred Kelly charged with larceny. Remanded to juvenile court as defendant is under sixteen years of age.

Charlie Dibbs charged with receiving stolen property. Found guilty. Prayer for judgment. Continued on payment of cost.

Jimmy Smith charged with larceny, was tried on March 24, 1936, found guilty, given 10 mos in jail to do work under the public works and state highway commission. Capias to issue March 26, 1936 or at any time within 3 years if defendant is found in State of North Carolina. The terms having been violated by the defendant, it is therefore on motion ordered that the defendant be confined in jail for 10 months and to do work under the direction of State Highway and public Works Commission.

Scotland Nee Charged With Chief of Police

Weldon Named On New Short Route

Proposed Highway From Norfolk, Virginia To Texas

Woodruff, S. C., April 14—A direct safety highway from Norfolk, Va., to Houston, Texas, was proposed here today by South Carolinians organizing the Anderson-Woodruff-York (S. C.) Highway League. This non-political league is the first unit of a proposed Southern Short-Way association to be composed of similar leagues in eight states.

The group advocates the immediate routing and survey of new road links from Saluda river bridge on S. C. 247 east of Belton, Va. Fork Shoals, thence just west of Owings, crossing Enoree River over present Woodruff crossing to a point just below Woodruff, S. C., a distance of about twenty miles; thence from Woodruff passing near Glen Springs direct to Hickory Grove, S. C., a distance of about forty miles. Here at first, it will connect S. C. 5 to York and over S. C. 163 and N. C. 49 to Charlotte. The highway from Hickory Grove, S. C., to Charlotte, N. C., is already paved.

It is estimated that this new short cut across S. C. will save about thirty miles between Anderson and York, S. C., and about twenty-two miles between Anderson, S. C., and Charlotte, N. C. Also it will provide an alternate and safer route from Charlotte, Va. York connect over S. C. 9 to Spartanburg and Greenville. Furthermore, it will connect an alternate and shorter route from Anderson to Spartanburg and from Anderson to Gaffney, saving about eight and nine miles respectively. A better grade than on present U. S. 29 route thru S. C. is believed possible because the new route would be farther from the mountains and nearer the sea, and also will skip the congested area on the present upper route.

This new paving will provide key links in the proposed Southern Short-Way which will follow a straight line between Norfolk, Va., and Baton Rouge, La. It will be over one thousand miles long when completed. Since the route will follow a straight line as nearly as possible, no present or future route could be shorter, it was stated. It will cross and connect most North-South U. S. highways in the South and will cross major rivers at existing crossings.

Approximate route suggested for this Southern Short-Way is from Houston, Texas, over present U. S. 90 to New Iberia, La., thence touching Baton Rouge, La., Hattiesburg, Miss., Selma and Alexander City, Ala., College Park, Ga., skirting Atlanta to Stone Mountain, Winder, Royston, Hartwell, Ga., Anderson, Belton, Woodruff, direct to Hickory Grove, S. C., thence just above York, S. C., to Charlotte, N. C., direct to New London, Siler City, just east of Durham to Weldon, N. C., and Franklin and Norfolk, Va.

The proposed highway is to be standard width concrete with rights of way for doubling width later. It will serve eight states and pass thru one of the richest and most populous sections of the South. Skirting cities and missing congested areas, it will provide a safer, faster, shorter route North and West.

Since most of the suggested route is already paved in Ga., S. C., N. C., and Virginia, the Movement advocates: First, the co-operation of County, State and Federal authorities to effect the immediate approval and survey of the few missing links. Second, to urge Federal authorities to designate a single U. S. highway number to the present and proposed links of the route. Third, to procure authorization to have route drawn on road maps and marked "Proposed", so that this project shall continue always in the minds of Road Departments and the public. Fourth, as present paved links wear out, to replace with

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NEW REGISTRATION OF ALL VOTERS IS REQUIRED BY LAW