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JUDGE BYNUM ENDORSED FOR U. S. COURT JUDGE

GUILFORD COUNTY BAR WILL URGE THAT HE SUCCEED JUDGE PRITCHARD.

Judge W. P. Bynum was highly endorsed and his appointment as judge of the United States Circuit court (fourth district) to succeed the late Judge Jeter C. Pritchard was enthusiastically recommended at a meeting of the Guilford County Bar Association yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was called by R. R. King, chairman of the bar association, but Mr. King had to leave the city before the hour set for the meeting. G. S. Bradshaw was selected chairman of the assembly. A letter written by Judge James E. Boyd and addressed to President Harding, was read by Col. F. P. Hobgood, Jr. Judge Boyd urged the appointment of Judge Bynum and endorsed his qualifications without reserve.

A committee composed of D. H. Parsons, of High Point, Clifford Frazier and S. J. Stern, together with Col. Bradshaw as ex officio member, was appointed by the chairman for the purpose of drafting resolutions expressing the sentiment of the Guilford county bar. The resolutions, when presented, were unanimously adopted, as follows:

"Whereas a vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard now exists on the bench of the Circuit court of the United States (fourth circuit), and whereas, the members of the bar of Guilford county, N. C., desire to suggest and urge the appointment of Hon. William P. Bynum for this vacancy. Resolved, that the members of the bar of Guilford county, N. C., in regular meeting assembled, recognizing the pre-eminent fitness of Hon. William P. Bynum, do hereby heartily and unanimously endorse and recommend him for this position.

"Resolved, further, that a committee of nine members of this bar, consisting of R. R. King, John A. Barringer, G. S. Bradshaw, R. C. Strudwick, John N. Wilson, A. L. Brooks, A. M. Scales, Westcott Robertson and F. P. Hobgood, be and is hereby appointed to take such steps as said committee may deem proper and advisable in furtherance of the object of this meeting."

The fourth district is composed of Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. It is understood that other prominent names from various states have been suggested as a successor to Judge Pritchard but the local attorneys in speaking of Judge Bynum yesterday declared that there was no man better qualified for the high position within the five states from which the appointment will most likely be made.

Judge Bynum was formerly solicitor of this district and was for a short term judge of the Superior court. He was president of the North Carolina Bar Association for the year 1919-1920, and he has also served in important positions in the American Bar Association. At the election of last year he was the Republican candidate for chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme court.

PINNIN PROPERTY ON WEST MARKET BROUGHT \$69,680.

The auction sale of three lots fronting on West Market street and one on the street running east of the court house was held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, the four lots bringing a total of \$69,680. The property was owned by M. H. Pinnix, the sale being conducted by Penny brothers.

The corner lot, with a frontage of 27 feet and a depth of 5 1/2 feet, was purchased at \$1,000 per foot by Dr. W. J. Meadows. The adjoining lot, 20 feet on West Market street, was sold to John A. Smith, of High Point, at \$650 per foot. The third lot on West Market, adjoining the Daily Record building, with a frontage of 24 feet was bought by R. L. Thomas, of Charlottesville, Va., at the price of \$815. The rear lot, fronting toward the court house 20 feet and with a depth of 65 feet, was knocked off to P. H. Beeson at \$600 per 12 inches.

VALUABLE SITES SECURED BY WAREHOUSE COMMITTEE

EAST MARKET STREET PROPERTY WILL BE USED FOR TOBACCO WAREHOUSES.

The warehouse committee of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce has negotiated two deals for the securing of valuable East Market street property to be used in the development of adequate facilities for a live tobacco market in this city, according to announcement made by the chairman of the committee Tuesday morning. J. E. Latham Company grants to the committee on option on the brick warehouse building, located at the corner of East Market, Forbis and Sycamore streets, while an option was also secured for the old Swaim property, located on Lyndon, near East Market street. The Latham property is now occupied by Thos. C. Hunt, Inc., and is used as a garage for the Packard automobile sales company.

The Latham property was formerly a tobacco warehouse but has not been used for such purposes during the past several years. It will be ready for use with the opening of the approaching season. It is understood that the consideration for this property was \$40,000, Mr. Latham agreeing to take \$10,000 of this amount in the stock of the warehouse corporation to be formed at a later date. The price is generally regarded as a most reasonable one, the lot alone being regarded as worth the sum asked for the entire proposition by Mr. Latham.

The plans of the committee include the construction of a big warehouse on the Swaim property, which is well located for such an enterprise. It is only a short distance from the Latham property and convenient to railroad side tracks.

In the event that the building and lot occupied by the Thos. C. Hunt Company is actually taken over by the warehouse committee, Mr. Latham has announced that he will build a large and modern garage building on East Market street for the use of the Hunt company. That concern has a long lease on the old warehouse building and in order to secure possession of the property it will be necessary to provide new quarters for it. This building, it was announced would entail an expense of between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Another proposed development on East Market street was announced this week, the Guilford Motor Car Company intimating the intention of building a large garage on its property in the near future. Plans are already complete for the erection of a modern garage building for this company, which has the agency for the Franklin automobile. This company owns property at the corner of Market and Forbis streets.

MRS. CARRIE M. FRIES FILES DAMAGE CLAIM FOR \$25,000.

Mrs. Carrie M. Fries filed formal notice Monday afternoon with the city commissioners of claims against the city of Greensboro and the North Carolina Public Service Company for damages in the sum of \$25,000 on account of personal injuries alleged to have been sustained as the result of negligence on the part of the city and the Public Service Company. The notice stated that Mrs. Fries fell in a ditch on North Elm street in front of the new American Exchange Bank building, causing her to break several bones in her foot, resulting in mental and physical pain and suffering. The accident occurred December 8, 1920.

The ditch was alleged to have been made by the Public Service Company for the purpose of laying new gas pipes and Mrs. Fries fell while stepping off of a street car.

Firemen Select Officers.

At the meeting of the members of the Greensboro fire department, held Monday night at the Hook and Ladder Company hall, matters of routine business and election of officers were the principal business. Officers selected were: F. N. Taylor, chief; George R. Shaw, assistant chief; E. L. Clarke, treasurer; H. C. Guthrie, secretary.

SCHOOL EQUALIZATION BILL TO BE VOTED ON SATURDAY

ADVOCATES OF MEASURE CONFIDENT OF ITS HEARTY ENDORSEMENT.

The citizens of Guilford county will cast their ballots Saturday to determine as to whether the special bill of the 1921 legislature authorizing an equalization of the Guilford county public school tax shall be adopted. The measure has been heartily endorsed by the county school committeemen, as well as friends of education and progress in all parts of the county, and advocates of the bill predict a sweeping majority in favor of the amendment.

The law, if made operative in this county by the citizens, would automatically eliminate special school taxes heretofore voted by various sections of the county. Section 4 of the act of the general assembly specifically provides: "That if a majority of the qualified electors favor the additional school tax then it shall operate to repeal all local school taxes heretofore voted by local tax districts and special charter districts. A large number of such districts have been created and special taxes levied for school purposes in the county. The adoption of the new system would eliminate such special districts and assess a uniform rate in all parts of the county to maintain the schools and provide for better buildings.

The amendment to the present law would approve the collection of a tax of 10 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for school purposes has been entirely done away with this year and in the event the proposed bill is ratified by the voters, special school district assessments will also be eliminated. The supervision of the county schools will not be changed by the bill, the local school committees to function as heretofore. The measure would merely undertake to improve on the method of collection of funds for the schools and endeavor to operate all of the county schools on a uniform basis.

It is estimated that the total amount derived from the collection of a tax of 25 cents on the \$100 valuation from the county would provide modern school buildings for every section within a very few years. Moreover, that it would permit the securing of first class teachers in all of the county schools. A uniform salary for teachers would apply to all of the county schools, thereby giving each school a chance to secure well-trained and capable teachers.

EAST MARKET PROPERTY SOLD WELL YESTERDAY.

The sale of a portion of the J. E. Latham Company real estate on East Market street was well attended yesterday morning and the prices were regarded as being good. The lots offered at public auction consisted of 160 feet of vacant property on East Market street, between Davie and Forbis streets. The total sale amounted to \$53,130.

Lots were bought by the following persons: C. W. Edwards 20 feet at \$498.50 per foot. Mrs. D. E. Thomas 20 feet at \$480 per foot. L. H. Edgerton 60 feet, part at \$226.50 and part at \$305. Schlosser Brothers 20 feet at \$290.56 per foot and L. M. Ham 40 feet at \$323 per foot.

The sale was conducted by the American Realty and Auction Company, the Thomas brothers serving most efficiently in the role of auctioneers.

COUNTY NEGRO SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT SATURDAY.

The negro schools of Guilford county will hold their commencement exercises in the court house Saturday morning at 11.30 o'clock. Music and recitations by representatives of the various schools are on the program, while the principal speakers will be County Superintendent Thomas R. Foust, Dr. S. G. Atkins, of Winston-Salem, and Prof. G. E. Davis, of Charlotte.

CONE MILLS CUT WAGES TWENTY PER CENT

REDUCTION EFFECTIVE TO-DAY—WILL DECREASE FULL TIME BONUS.

Announcement was made yesterday by J. E. Hardin, general manager of the Cone mills, that a wage reduction of twenty per cent. would become effective to-day. The decrease will apply to the 3,700 employees working in the White Oak, Revolution, Proximity mills and the Proximity Print Works.

Depression of business conditions is given as the reason for the cut in wages. For some time, according to the announcement, the officials have realized that a cut was imperative unless the textile business experienced a material improvement, and the improvement has failed to arrive. The four plants will continue to operate on full time, six days a week, and no reduction is contemplated in the schedule of operations. The employees have been receiving a bonus of 75 cents on every dollar of the wage scale, provided that they worked full time each week. The bonus has been decreased 35 cents, making the remaining bonus 40 cents on the wage dollar when full time is made. For part time the reduced bonus will be 20 cents on the dollar.

Wage reductions in the textile business have been nationwide during the past six months and the local mills have deferred cutting the wage scale much longer than most of the cotton mills. Several months ago the Cone mills reduced wages 25 per cent, but at the same time reduced prices in the company stores in a similar manner.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION MET MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Guilford county highway commission held a business meeting Monday afternoon for the purpose of arranging financial matters relative to the borrowing of funds to begin county road work and to start the completion of the remainder of the state central highway in this county.

The county will advance funds to the state for the work on the state highway, this money to be repaid with interest when bonds are sold by the state. About 10 miles between Greensboro and Gibsonville remain unpaved, while a distance of four miles between High Point and Winston-Salem is unfinished. With the completion of this 14 miles the towns of Graham, Burlington, Gibsonville, Greensboro and High Point will be interlinked with a continuous asphalt road. Forsyth county is planning to complete her part to the Guilford line four miles from High Point, which will connect the county seats of Alamance, Guilford and Forsyth.

NICHOLAS ROOSEVELT VISITS WAR COMRADES IN GUILFORD.

Capt. Nicholas Roosevelt, of the 81st division, a son of the late Theodore Roosevelt, spent Tuesday in this county on a visit to his former comrades in the 322 infantry. Gordon Hunter, of this city, and P. E. Gordon, who resides about eight miles north of the city, both served under Captain Roosevelt during the world war. Accompanied by Mr. Hunter, Captain Roosevelt spent a large portion of the day at the home of Mr. Gordon in the country, they being dinner guests at the Gordon home.

Young Roosevelt is spending his vacation by visiting his former war-comrades.

J. CLYDE CHEEK DEAD; FUNERAL TOMORROW.

J. Clyde Cheek died yesterday afternoon at Asheville where he had gone several weeks ago in the interest of his health. Mr. Cheek was 40 years of age and had been in ill health during the past several years. He was born in Hillsboro but had made his home in Greensboro during the past 15 years.

The body arrived in the city this afternoon and was conveyed to a local funeral home. The funeral will be conducted Friday afternoon.

Mr. Cheek is survived by his wife, who was before marriage Miss Clara Emanuel, of Asheville.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR ROAD CONVENTION

TOWN WILL BE IN GALA ATTIRE—INTERESTING PROGRAM FOR BIG MEETING.

Greensboro is donning gala attire for the gathering of good roads delegates expected to arrive in the city early next week. Business houses along Elm street are being decorated in red, white and blue bunting and the old thoroughfare has taken on a holiday spirit.

An elaborate program has been completed for the entertainment of the thousands of visitors from all parts of the United States that will partake of the city's hospitality during the convention week. Thirty-six committees have been at work completing the innumerable details relative to arrangements for the big convention. The question of housing the delegates has been a matter of serious proportions but with the volunteering of over 1,000 rooms in private homes it is thought that this difficulty has been overcome.

The United States Good Roads Association and the Bankhead National Highway Association will hold a joint convention, the meeting to be opened in this city on April 19 and continue until the 23. State officials of high rank, together with many notables of national reputation, will be present for the occasion, and it is expected that it will be one of the most important conventions that ever Greensboro has entertained in many years.

Next Thursday afternoon the visitors will be driven over the city in decorated automobiles. The parade will also go to High Point and conclude at the fair grounds, where a genuine barbecue will be served. Two loving cups will be given by the Greensboro Automotive Association for the best decorated cars in the parade.

Wednesday evening a reception and ball will be given complimentary to the visitors. This affair will be given at the O. Henry hotel and will be a social feature of the week.

Harry J. Lewis is the official decorator for the occasion. His work during the past two days along Elm street has made a marked effect and before he has completed the task the appearance of the street will be a wonderful transformation.

BISHOP DARLINGTON BEGINS METHODIST REVIVAL MEETING

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon and last night he was greeted by a full audience for his introductory sermon beginning a series of services at West Market Street Methodist church.

Prior to the arrival of Bishop Darlington, Rev. Luther B. Bridgers, of Gainesville, Ga., conducted the services and he has made a forceful impression upon his numerous hearers. Rev. Mr. Bridgers is a singing evangelist, and in the midst of his sermons he often sings a solo.

The services will continue throughout this and next week.

Caught Still in Center Grove.

Deputy Sheriff Boatman Clark made a little trip to Center Grove township Tuesday afternoon and returned with a blockade liquor making outfit. The still was of 50 gallons capacity and was made of copper. About 150 gallons of beer were poured out by the officer. The plant was not in operation when discovered, and no one was near at hand to claim ownership or protest against its being confiscated.

Grady Wilson Tried For Disorderly Conduct.

Grady Wilson, young white man, was convicted before Justice D. H. Collins yesterday morning on a charge of disorderly conduct and judgment was suspended on the payment of costs. The disturbance resulting in Wilson's arrest occurred at Mt. Pleasant school house Saturday night.

Preaching at Peace Lutheran Church Sunday.

Rev. E. A. Shenk, pastor of the First Lutheran church, of this city, will preach at Peace Lutheran church, four miles east of McLeansville, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

OPPOSES PRESENT LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND WANTS PEACE BY RESOLUTION.

Washington, April 12.—Final rejection of the Versailles league of nations by the American government was proclaimed to the world to-day by President Harding in a solemn pronouncement of the foreign policies of his administration.

Speaking before the new Congress, assembled to write a program of political and economic reconstruction, the President declared acceptance of the league would be nothing short of a betrayal of the mandate of the November elections. Instead, he asked for a congressional declaration of peace and for ratification of those sections of the Versailles treaty which protect specifically American rights and interests in the war settlement.

"In the existing league of nations, world governing with its superpowers, this republic will have no part," he said. "It is only fair to say to the world in general, and to our associates in war in particular, that the league covenant can have no sanction by us."

The declaration was answered by a tremendous demonstration in which Republican senators and representatives led while most of their Democratic colleagues sat silent and unsmiling. After weighing the words of the chief executive, the senatorial group of treaty irrecconcilables tonight was claiming a complete victory, predicting that even the parts of the treaty endorsed by Mr. Harding never would receive senate approval.

Tariff and Tax Revision. In his recommendation for domestic legislation, the President gave greatest attention to tariff and tax revision and to the railway situation, though he endorsed a list of lesser measures which congressional leaders declared might prolong the special session until the snow flies. He also took occasion in his address of nearly an hour to declare his faith in maintaining merchant marine and in the principle of armament reduction without asking for legislation on either subject.

An emergency tariff to correct serious disorders in American industry was placed at the head of the President's requests, and within an hour after he finished speaking, the house ways and means committee agreed to report tomorrow the emergency measure passed at the last session and vetoed by President Wilson. For the permanent tariff bill that is to be framed later, Mr. Harding made no specific suggestions except that it follow the principle of protection.

Similarly, the President refrained from detailed recommendations on taxation, contenting himself with a general discussion of the situation with an added reminder that his party pledged itself in the last campaign to repeal the excess profits tax. He also recalled the campaign promise to organize a separate government department of public welfare, but made no recommendation whether a cabinet official should be placed at its head.

Asks Railroad Investigation.

Declaring that rates and operating expenses of the railroads must be lowered, Mr. Harding asked that Congress investigate the whole transportation problem. He recommended co-ordination of all governmental agencies dealing with former service men, strengthening of the federal laws affecting highway construction and maintenance, enactment of budget legislation and a congressional inquiry into lynching and race relations in general.

HARDWARE DEALERS MEET HERE MAY 10-15.

Hardware dealers of North and South Carolina will convene in Greensboro on May 10 when the 17th annual convention of the Hardware Association of the Carolinas will be held in this city. The convention will continue through May 13. A large number of delegates are expected to be present for the meeting and an interesting program has been arranged.

W. K. Holt, of Burlington, is president of the association.