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ST. PAULS VOTES MARCH 11 ON BOND ISSUES

Three Bond Issues to Be Voted on by Citizens of St. Pauls Thursday—\$52,000 Sewer Bonds, \$48,000 for Water Works and \$25,000 for Street Improvement.

St. Pauls is preparing to provide some needed improvements. Citizens of that town will vote Thursday of this week, March 11, on three bond issues at once—\$52,000 for a sewer system, \$48,000 for a water supply, \$25,000 for street improvement.

The election will be held at the town hall and the polls will be open from 8 a. m. till sunset.

St. Pauls is one of the most wide-awake and progressive towns of its size in the State, and when its citizens authorize the issuance of these bonds, which no doubt they will do, it will mean a long step forward.

An advertisement in regard to these three proposed bond issues has been running in The Robesonian once week for the past five weeks and appears today for the last time.

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS WITH RESERVATIONS

U. S. Is Willing to Leave Determination of Common Frontier to Italy and Jugo-Slavia.

President Wilson accepts with reservations the proposal of the British and French premiers that Italy and Jugo-Slavia undertake a settlement of the Adriatic question, states a Washington dispatch of March 7.

He says if Italy and Jugo-Slavia prefer to abandon the so-called buffer state, containing an overwhelming majority of Jugo-Slavs, and desire to limit the proposed free states to the corpus separatum of Fiume, placing the sovereignty in the league of nations, without either Italian or Jugo-Slav control, the United States is willing to leave the determination of the common frontier to Italy and Jugo-Slavia.

The President says he cannot "possibly join" in the premiers' suggestion that the memorandum settlement of December 9 be withdrawn; declares that the "Albanian questions should not be included in the proposed joint discussion," and reiterates that the United States cannot approve of the execution of the terms of the Treaty of London.

Finally he expressed the hope that the allied governments will not find it necessary to decide on a course which the American government, in accordance with the reiterated statement, will be "unable to follow."

The President's note to the premiers was sent Thursday and is now being considered by the allied supreme council at London. Meantime, direct negotiations between Jugo-Slavia and Italy are proceeding.

A DOUBLE WEDDING.

Two Marriages Took Place in Robesonian Office Yesterday Morning.

Two marriages, one following immediately after the other, took place in The Robesonian office yesterday morning at 9:30 of the clock.

The contracting parties were Miss Olive Tyner, daughter of Mr. Ben Tyner of the Raft Swamp section, and Mr. Harold Aherns of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Flora Tyner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tyner of Raft Swamp township, and Mr. Henry Z. Ward of East Lumberton. Justice F. Grover Britt officiated. Only a few friends of the contracting parties witnessed the marriages.

Each of the grooms embraced and kissed—gently—his new wife without the solicitation of the officiating officer immediately after they were united.

DR. GUY McMILLAN OF MAXTON TO WED GREENVILLE, S. C. GIRL.

Laurinburg Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. William N. Dodd of Greenville, S. C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Hattie Estelle, to Dr. Edwin Guy McMILLAN, the wedding to take place in May, says a Greenville newspaper. Dr. McMILLAN is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McMILLAN of near Wagram and located several months ago at Maxton for the practice of medicine, following his graduation at Tulane University, New Orleans. He is succeeding handsomely in his profession and his many friends will be much interested in the announcement of his approaching marriage.

FILE CORPORATE INCOMES UP TO THE 15TH OF MAY

Extension of time for the filing of final income tax returns by corporations to May 15 was announced Thursday night by the bureau of internal revenue. A tentative return or an estimate of the tax due, together with one-fourth payment, must be made by March 15, however.

A statement explaining why "return cannot be completed within the prescribed time and a formal request made for the extension" must be filed by corporations taking advantage of the extension, when formal postponement will be granted.

Bank of Fairmont Increases Capital.

The Bank of Fairmont has amended its charter and increased its authorized capital stock from \$20,000 to \$100,000.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Joe Edwards in The Toils for Engaging in a Fight on a Train—Other Cases.

Joe Edwards was before Recorder E. M. Britt this morning on the charge of disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, capias to issue tomorrow if Edwards is found in the county. According to the evidence, Edwards engaged in a fight on the V. & C. S. passenger train between Hope Mills and Lumberton yesterday afternoon with a traveling man, whose name was not learned. One window was broken out of the train and Joe was somewhat bruised about the face. Edwards was drunk at the time.

Jess Whittington was before the recorder on the charge of driving an auto at night without lights. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Jay Allen was released upon payment of the cost upon the charge of reckless driving.

ALBERTUS HARDIN DRAWS 15-MONTHS ON ROADS

Third of 3 Brother to Get Road Sentence for Blocking—Appeals and Gives Bond.

Albertus Hardin, Indian, was sentenced to 15 months on the roads on the charge of manufacturing whiskey by Recorder E. M. Britt Thursday afternoon. As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Dock and Clarence Hardin, brothers of Albertus, were sentenced to 18 and 15 months respectively on the same charge by Recorder Britt Thursday morning. Albertus failed to show up Thursday morning, but came in Thursday afternoon. Car trouble was the reason given by Albertus for not being here Monday morning. Albertus gave notice of appeal to the Superior court and was released under a \$500 bond for his appearance in Superior court. Dock and Clarence lodged notice of appeal and are still in jail. Their appeal bonds were fixed at \$1,000 each.

MEETING OF ROBESON CHAPTER U. D. C.

5 New Members—Contributions—District Leader Expected in April. Reported for The Robesonian.

The Robeson chapter, U. D. C., met with Mrs. Thomas F. Costner at her home Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Five new members have been received into the chapter this year. Mesdames Floyd, C. B. Skipper, E. J. Britt and Misses Laura and Dovie Prevatt.

The chapter contributed \$25 toward the support of a nurse for the confederate woman's home at Fayetteville and \$10 for the furnishing of a tubercular bed at Montrose to be furnished by the North Carolina division U. D. C.

Mrs. Anderson of Fayetteville, our district leader, has promised to visit this chapter sometime during April, at which time we will be glad to have all the ladies of Lumberton meet with us.

2 MORE PEACE TREATY RESERVATIONS ADOPTED

Two more peace treaty reservations were adopted by the Senate Thursday after their original terms, as framed by Republican leaders last November had been modified to conform to agreements of the recent bipartisan compromise conference.

One of them, withholding assent from the Shantung settlement, was changed on motion of the Republican leaders themselves and by practically unanimous vote. Consideration of the other, however, providing that American representatives in the league of nations be chosen by congressional action, raised a bitter controversy which in the end broke down for the first time since early November the solid Republican lineup behind the Republican reservation program.

CLYBORNE NEWS ITEMS.

Some Much-Needed Work Done on Roads—School Closed on Account of "Flu"—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 2, March 6.—We have been having some real spring weather this week and farmers are making good use of the time.

There has been some work done on the roads in this community which was needed very much.

Mr. D. C. Bullock and family visited relatives in Fairmont Sunday.

Miss Viola Boone, who teaches school at Fairmont, is spending some time at home, her school being closed on account of the "flu."

Misses Lillian Blackwell and Annie Belle and Gussie Davis spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Blackwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Blackwell of Howellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Prevatt are spending the week-end with Mrs. Prevatt's parents, near Raft Swamp. The Clyborne school is closed this week on account of the "flu." We trust conditions will be so it can open up at an early date.

Best wishes to The Robesonian.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

There Is Little Meat in It—Weak Assault on Democrats.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Under the guise of providing a set of principles rather than an outline of specific things desired to be done or left undone, the Republicans at Greensboro adopted a platform of generalities that says little and gets nowhere.

As a document that purports to be the platform of a party that seeks to rule the affairs of the State of North Carolina, it is as weak as the set of men nominated by the Republicans for the various State jobs. If elected the nominees for office would be incapable of carrying out any great reforms and certainly the platform does not commit them to carry out any.

The section intended to be most deadly to the Democrats is that on revaluation, which deliberately straddles the issue in order that the Republicans may next fall decide which side of the fence they want to get on. Its one specific recommendation is that the time of listing taxes be changed from January first to May first.

State Republican Reform.

The platform is presented herewith as a document of some public interest to members of both parties:

We, the Republicans of North Carolina in convention assembled at Greensboro, North Carolina, this March 3rd, 1920, through our representatives, declare as follows:

We re-affirm our allegiance and devotion to the time-honored principles of the Republican party and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to make these effective in the State of North Carolina and in the country generally. We are proud of the history of the Republican party and of its matchless leaders.

National Issues. We commend that brave and patriotic band of Republicans in the United States Senate who have prevented the confirmation of the League of Nations unamended as attempted to be forced upon the American people by President Wilson. We re-affirm our allegiance to the principles contained in the warnings of George Washington against the American people entering into entangling alliance with foreign nations.

We denounce the Democratic National administration; it has demoralized the industries of the country; its lack of foresight, want of preparedness and partisan conduct of the affairs of the nation during the World War have been inexcusable; it has been incompetent, wasteful and extravagant; it has failed to keep its promise to reduce the high cost of living.

State Issues.

Taxation: We condemn in unmeasured terms the unfair methods by which the Democratic Party in North Carolina is attempting to administer the taxation law. We condemn the policy of basing revaluation of real and personal property in most instances, upon inflated, fictitious or transitory values. The valuation of personal property as of the first day of January is unfair to many classes, particularly the farmer, and we favor the assessment of personal property as well as real property as of the first day of May. Such a system as is now being pursued is wholly opposed to a fair, honest and equitable system of taxation, which we favor.

Political Divisions: We demand such a readjustment of the Congressional Districts in North Carolina as will make them contiguous, compact and in harmony with the principles of a Republican form of Government, and in conformity with the Federal statutes governing the formation of such districts, we also demand such readjustments of Judicial and Senatorial Districts as will be in harmony with the same principles.

Inasmuch as the Democratic practice of indiscriminate appointment of justices of the peace by act of the legislature has resulted in bringing that ancient and honorable office into disrepute, we stand for the election of justices of the peace by the voters of their respective townships.

Woman Suffrage: We are unqualifiedly in favor of the ratification by the General Assembly of North Carolina of the proposed 19th Amendment to the Federal Constitution granting the right of suffrage to women.

Labor and Capital: We stand for the just rights of both labor and capital. We believe that capital should be permitted and encouraged, under the protection of just laws, to develop and expand our industries, and to receive reasonable returns therefrom; we likewise believe that labor should be employed under conditions honorable to manhood and favorable to life and health, and at a rate of wages, which, taking into account economic conditions, will insure a comfortable living for the working man, together with the education of his children; and that he should have the same opportunities for advancement and the enjoyment of life as are accorded to others; but we oppose any action, by either labor or capital, acting either in collusion or in antagonism to each other, which militates against the rights of all other American citizens.

We hold that the interests of both labor and capital are subordinate to the public welfare and indeed that the public welfare shall always be supreme.

Agriculture: We pledge ourselves to do all in our power to advance the well-being of the farmer; to secure for him a larger share of the profits of the products of the farm; to lower his burdens of taxation; to aid in

LOOK HOW A MISPLACED DECIMAL LIED

It Made Figures Tell an Impossible Thing About Dixie Flyer—You Have to Watch These Little Rascals.

Much virtue in a little decimal point, if rightly placed, but if placed wrong there is much possibility of devilment in it. It can spill the beans by being moved to right or left ever so little. It does not say much itself, but it is mighty fussy about what it makes figures say unless you place it just where it wants to be. It holds and raises sand if you monkey with it.

Which remarks are called forth by the way a decimal acted in Thursday's Robesonian. The little dickens took advantage of the whole works and insisted upon getting in among some figures where it did not belong, in the advertisement of the Dixie Automotive Co. It made the ad say that the Dixie Flyer, that nifty auto which the Dixie Automotive Co., Mr. V. B. McMillan, president, is distributing, sells for \$14.65 or \$19.65, according to the style. Such a liar as that little decimal is, when it gets mad. Why, anybody knows you can't buy the armhole of a vest for that money nowadays, much less a whole automobile. But unblushingly and without shame—gleefully, in fact, it seemed, for the way it stood out on the printed page—that decimal proclaimed to the world this impossible thing.

But look at it now, in that same ad. It sits in its proper place looking as prim and proper and satisfied and innocent as if it never in its life did a thing so naughty as it pulled off in last Thursday's paper. Which shows that you have to watch that little rascal. It will do you dirt if it gets half a chance.

Why, the Dixie Flyer, they say, has got works inside it and all over it that wouldn't associate with a decimal, from its Herschell-Spillman motor to its Dyneto starting system. But there was one virtue in the lie the decimal told: it was such a big one that nobody would believe it.

Letz Quartet at Flora Macdonald

March 10. Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, March 6.—Flora Macdonald college announces the appearance of the Letz quartet of New York, Wednesday, March 10, 8:15 p. m., college auditorium. The appearance of these artists is by far the biggest musical event of the year and we feel sure that you want to hear this famous quartet, which occupies a foremost place among American chamber music organizations—Admission, \$1.

DATES FOR CONVENTION OF AMERICAN COTTON ASSO'N.

The date for the convention of the American Cotton association to be held in Montgomery, Ala., has been postponed from March 9-12 to April 12-16. The dates were changed on account of the influenza epidemic.

Braxton Bragg Comer, of Birmingham, former Governor of Alabama, has been named United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator John H. Bankhead, which occurred last Monday. He will serve in that capacity until the successor to Senator Bankhead has been elected in a special election, yet to be called by Governor Kilby.

construction and maintenance of roads for the quicker and cheaper transportation of his products; and for the betterment of the conditions of country life in general.

Elections: We favor the right of every person, who is a legal voter to cast a ballot and have it duly counted; we stand for honest elections based on the Australian ballot, and to this end demand the repeal of the home-voting provisions of the Absentee Voter's Law.

We believe that each Judicial district is entitled to not only nominate, but elect its own Judge of the Superior Court, and we favor legislation to discontinue the present system of election of Judges by the voters of the entire State.

Roads: We most heartily favor the encouragement and development of a state-wide system of public roads and to that end favor a policy of State and Federal co-operation.

Education: We pledge our most hearty support to our public schools; we favor enlarging their scope and increasing their efficiency; we stand for better school-houses; better equipment, extended courses of study and the furnishing of school books by the State to all public school pupils; we favor a substantial increase in the salaries of teachers and a larger equipment for their work; and we are unqualifiedly in favor of the election of all school boards by popular vote.

Freight rate discrimination: We denounce the betrayal of our State by the Democratic Corporation Commission in permitting continuous railroad rate discrimination against the State of such a gross character, and of such volume as to drive hundreds of business enterprises to other States and at the same time to levy upon our people an unjust and enormous burden of taxes in the form of excessive freight rates; and we pledge our members of the Legislature and our State officers to support any and all legislation necessary to bring about such relief.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. L. E. Thompkins, East Lumberton.

Mrs. L. E. Thompkins, aged 75 years, died Friday at her home in East Lumberton. Deceased had been in ill health for some time and her death was not unexpected. Several children survive. The remains were interred in the family burying ground near Chadbourn, Saturday at 3 p. m.

Allen Britt, Near Chadbourn.

Allen Britt, aged 53 years, died Friday afternoon at his home, near Chadbourn. Deceased had been in ill health for several months and his death was not unexpected. His widow and seven children survive. The funeral was conducted Saturday at 3:30 p. m. by Rev. W. A. Coleman, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church, of which deceased was a member. Interment was made in the church cemetery. Mr. Britt was a native Robesonian and formerly lived at Mt. Elm. He has a number of relatives in this county.

Herman Yaw, Back Swamp.

Herman Yaw, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yaw, died Thursday at the home of his parents, near Back Swamp church, of influenza and complications. Interment was made at Hog Swamp church Friday 4 p. m.

Nellie McDougald, colored, died Friday at the Thompson hospital. Deceased lived in the western part of town.

Sallie Graham, colored, aged 100 years, died Thursday at her home, near Evergreen, Columbus county.

4-Year-Old Indian Girl Burned to Death.

Ada Blanks, 4-year-old daughter of Will Blanks, Indian, was burned to death Wednesday of last week. The child's clothing caught from a stump which was burning in a field near the Blanks home and she was so badly burned that death resulted in an hour.

License has been issued for the marriage of Lester Mayes and Irene Howard.

Scotch Scion: Red Springs has been almost exempt from influenza so far.

Special meeting of St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday evening at 7:30. Work in second degree.

Mr. E. M. Johnson arrived home this morning from Richmond, Va., where 3 weeks ago at St. Elizabeth's hospital he underwent an operation for some head trouble. His condition is much improved. Mr. T. L. Johnson went to Richmond Saturday night and returned with his brother.

Mr. A. L. Smith was knocked down on Elm street Saturday afternoon by a horse which was hitched to a buggy. Mr. Smith was slightly bruised. The man who was driving the horse "laid the whip" and his name was not learned.

Miss Beatrice Moore of Atlanta, Ga., arrived today and will be with the Style shop as trimmer during the spring and summer season.

Fire Chief Ed J. Glover asks The Robesonian to warn parents about allowing their children to remove the key protectors from fire alarm boxes.

Mr. J. W. Gaddy and son, Mr. Yates Gaddy, who live below Fairmont, are Lumberton visitors today. Mr. Gaddy and all his children have been sick since the death of the wife and mother on the 27th ult., but the condition of all of them is improving.

The Woman's club will meet in the municipal building Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Election of officers will take place and a full attendance is requested.

Miss Annie Meares underwent an operation for enlarged tonsils this morning. Dr. R. S. Beam performed the operation.

NEAR EAST RELIEF

HOWELLSVILLE TOWNSHIP

Collection Tolarsville Baptist church	15.00
Woman's Missionary society Tolarsville church, pledge	60.00
Berean-Fidelis class Tolarsville church pledge	60.00
Collection Barker's M. E. church	33.42
Collection Regan's M. E. church	28.60
Collection Zion Tabernacle Baptist church	14.69
Collection Ten Mile Baptist church	12.00
Collection Pleasant Grove Baptist church (colored)	10.15
Collection Zion Hill Baptist church	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. Brisson	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Broadwell	3.00
T. W. Maxwell	10.00
Total	254.86

T. W. MAXWELL, Chairman Howellsville Township.

Old Point Comfort, Va., dispatch, March 7: The Chamberlain hotel, famous summer and winter resort, erected by congressional permission on the government reservation at Fort Monroe, and nationally known for years by reason of the prominent character of its patrons, was totally destroyed this afternoon by fire that started on the ground floor. So rapid was the spread of the flames through the hotel that in a little over two hours there was nothing left but scanty ruins. The Chamberlain was valued at \$2,000,000 and there was \$350,000 insurance.

A number of subscriptions to The Robesonian expires this month. Take a look at your label and if your subscription expires this month send in renewal at once in order not to miss a copy of the paper. All subscriptions are discontinued when they expire. The price is \$2 the year in North Carolina and \$2.25 outside the State.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

Judge, O. H. Allen of Kinston spent Saturday here and signed a number of judgments.

Mrs. G. S. Wooten of Bolton, R. F. D., was brought to the Thompson hospital last night by her husband. Mr. Wooten will return home tomorrow.

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, will give a demonstration in fruit tree spraying at the county home Wednesday of this week, beginning at 10 a. m.

Mr. J. C. Baxley of Buie was a Lumberton visitor Friday. He reported a considerable number of people sick with "flu" out Buie way, but most of the cases are mild.

Miss Margaret Melvin spent yesterday at White Oak, Bladen county, with her brother Mr. J. W., who is ill with pneumonia following influenza. There is much influenza about White Oak, according to Miss Melvin.

Miss Annie Burt Stanback went Saturday evening to Lilesville to resume her work as a member of the faculty of the Lilesville public school. The school reopened today after being closed for 4 weeks on account of influenza.

Mrs. Leslie Carlyle and Miss Lillian Proctor arrived home Friday night from New York, where Mrs. Carlyle suffered an attack of influenza-pneumonia while taking a music course. Miss Proctor went to New York to be with her sister during her illness.

Elbert, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ford of the Marietta section, broke his left arm at the elbow Thursday when he fell off a fence. Mr. Ford brought his son to the Thompson hospital Friday for an x-ray examination. They were accompanied to Lumberton by Mr. G. M. Gardner of the same section.

Mrs. J. T. Glover returned Saturday from Pamlico, S. C., where she spent some time at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hatchell. Irene, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hatchell, recently suffered an attack of pneumonia, but was somewhat improved when Mrs. Glover left Saturday morning.

Mr. Dunan A. Cox, a merchant of Rowland, Saturday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The papers were prepared by Messrs. McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy of Lumberton and the petition will be heard by Mr. W. Lennon, referee in bankruptcy, as soon as the preliminary papers have been issued by the Federal court.

Rev. G. W. Starling, pastor of the Methodist church at St. Pauls, was a Lumberton visitor Thursday afternoon. Mr. Starling said that there would be preaching in the St. Pauls churches yesterday for the first time in 3 weeks, and that the graded school, closed for a similar length of time on account of the "flu," would open again today.

The fire company was called out at 5:45 Friday afternoon on account of a blaze on the roof of a residence owned by Dr. J. W. Griffith, East Fourth street. The flames were extinguished by the use of chemicals before much damage had been done. The residence is occupied by the families of Messrs. Wade H. Wishart and K. U. Williard.

The Zebulon Baird Vance Inn chapter of Phi Delta Phi, the well-known legal fraternity, was installed at the university of North Carolina February 23. The membership includes three Robeson county men—E. K. Proctor of Lumberton, D. F. McKinnon of Rowland (alumni member), Z. U. McMillan of Red Springs. Phi Delta Phi was founded at the university of Michigan in 1869 and has now 51 chapters, or inns, as they are called, after the old English practice of holding court in inns.

Mr. Wm. F. Gordon, formerly of Richmond, Va., and Mr. R. L. Robertson, formerly of Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, have accepted positions as salesmen for the Dixie Automotive Co. of Lumberton. Miss May Tyson has accepted a position as stenographer for this company. Mr. V. B. McMillan, president and general manager of the company, has the agency for all Eastern North Carolina for the Dixie Flyer automobile and expects to open a second office in Raleigh soon. Mr. McMillan will establish sub agencies throughout the territory he covers.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, EYE SPECIALIST, Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.