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## TENNESSEE RATIFIES SUFFRAGE MEASURE

House of Tennessee Legislature Concurs in Action of Senate.

### NOT YET CERTAIN WOMEN WILL VOTE IN NOVEMBER

House Still Has Opportunity to Reconsider Its Action—Legality of Ratification Will Be Tested.

Tennessee today, states a Nashville dispatch of the 18th, ratified the Federal woman suffrage amendment, the lower house of the Legislature by a vote of 50 to 46 concurring in the action of the senate which last Friday adopted the ratification resolution by a vote of 25 to 4. The dispatch continues:

Although it was the thirty-sixth State to act favorably and the amendment should become effective as soon as certified by Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State, whether seventeen million women of the country would vote in the presidential election in November remained to be determined. The house still has an opportunity to rescind its action and preliminary steps for testing the legality of ratification by the legislature, if consideration should fail to upset, already has been taken by the Tennessee constitutional league on the ground that the assembly had no authority to act.

After the ballot today Seth Walker, speaker of the house and leader of the opposition, changed his vote from "no" to "aye," in order to avail himself of the privilege of moving for reconsideration, and announced that he would do so. Under the rules only Mr. Walker can offer this motion, and it may be done at any time he so desires. He must act, however, either tomorrow or Friday.

Ninety-six of the ninety-nine members of the house were present today and the alignment, until a vote on concurrence was taken, was a tie, each faction polling 48 votes on a motion by Mr. Walker to table the resolution. On the ballot for concurrence the line up was 49 to 47, until the speaker changed his vote. This apparently would give the suffragists an advantage of only two votes, but their leaders declared tonight two members in favor of suffrage, who were absent today would arrive probably tomorrow morning. The motion to reconsider may be carried by a majority vote of the members present, and since Mr. Walker can act without a moment's notice, the suffragists are expected to be on hand in full force during the next two days. It was evident the only hope the speaker had of overturning today's action was through desertions from the suffrage ranks, or failure of the suffragists to have virtually every member present until the house adjourns Friday.

The suffrage leaders declared they expected no defections among their forces, but as a precaution they were tightening their lines. The opposition leaders tonight were waging an active campaign in an effort to increase their strength at the expense of their antagonists.

There are approximately 27,000,000 women of voting age in the United States, as compared with something over 29,000,000 men.

Under State laws 19,000,000 women already held the presidential franchise, but only 7,000,000 were entitled to vote for members of congress. The ratification of the amendment therefore gives presidential suffrage to an additional eight million and the right to vote for congress to 20,000,000.

## LUMBERTON MARKET CROWDED WITH TOBACCO

Sales This Week Have Been Heaviest of Season and Prices Have Been Higher.

The Lumberton market has been crowded with tobacco this week, sales being the heaviest of the season. Prices have been higher than last week, the fair days having put the weed in better order for handling.

## Teachers for Lumberton Graded and High Schools.

In Monday's Robesonian it was stated that the Lumberton graded and high school will open for the fall term.

Tuesday, September 14, Supt. W. H. Cale has engaged the following teachers, some of them, it will be observed, being new ones: Grammar school—Mrs. Josie F. Cobb, Misses Penni, Rowland, Wm. Fred Rowland, Louise Townsend, Devie Prevatt, Bertha Barker, Little Barker, Rachel McNamara—all of Lumberton; Miss Nannie Gatewood, Monroe; Miss Ruth M. Davenport, Aulander.

High school—J. W. R. Norton, Laurel Hill, principal; Miss Louise Huff, Laurens, S. C., Seventh grade; Miss Mary D. Atkinson, Elon College, history and French; Miss Ethel Ervin, Troutmans, Latin; Miss Mariadette Turner, Statesville, English; Miss Elizabeth Peay, Chester, S. C., domestic economy.

Music department—Miss Agnes McLean, Lumberton; second teacher to be elected.

Mr. D. W. Parnell of St. Pauls, R. I., was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

## FUNERAL OF PVT. DON SUTTON AT 5 P. M. TODAY

Remains Arrived Here Yesterday From France—Died of Accidental Wound Two Years Ago Yesterday—Funeral From Home of Parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sutton, East Lumberton, and Interment at Sutton Burial Ground With Military Honors.

The remains of Private Donnie Sutton, Bat. F, 113th F. A., arrived here yesterday morning from France, coming via New York over the Seaboard Air Line. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 5 o'clock from the home of the parents of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Edriam P. Sutton, in East Lumberton, by Rev. Theodore Partrick, Jr., pastor of Trinity Episcopal church. The remains will be interred with military honors at the Ben Sutton burial ground, 9 miles from Lumberton, at the Edmund mill pond. The East Lumberton band will play the funeral march and a firing squad will fire a salute over the grave. The pallbearers will be members of the American Legion.



DON SUTTON.

Private Sutton died August 13 exactly two years from the day his remains arrived here, in France as the result of being accidentally shot two days before. He was about 26 years old. He enlisted in 1917 and went overseas only a short while before his death. Two brothers of deceased, Messrs. Pink and Frank Sutton, also served during the world war. Mr. Pink Sutton going overseas.

## NO STATE TAX ON PROPERTY PROPOSED

New Revenue Bill Would Levy No Tax Upon Property for Use of the State This Year.

The following is taken from today's Raleigh News and Observer: For the first year in the history of the State except one, no tax will be levied upon property for the use of the State this year if the revenue act, submitted to the House by Representative R. L. Doughton, for the joint finance committee, and put upon its first reading in the lower House last night becomes law.

"With the approval by the people of the income tax amendment submitted by this General Assembly, I anticipate that in all probability the State will never again levy a tax for its own use upon the property of the State," said Representative Doughton when he presented the bill worked out by the committee and asked that it be put upon its first reading and be made a special order for today.

In accordance with the suggestion, bill was put upon its first reading, and was made a special order for 8 o'clock tonight.

Tomorrow friends of the measure hope it will pass its third reading, and on Saturday it will come to the upper house, for action. There it is hoped to pass it through its third reading by Tuesday and adjournment of the special session.

## Salient Features.

The salient features of the measure are as follows:

Tax year begins May 1, 1921, instead of Jan. 1, 1921. Income taxes begin January 1.

Franchise tax increased from 1-25 of one per cent of capital to 1-10 of one per cent.

School tax at 13 cents on the \$100 valuation and 39 cents on polls.

Maximum increase allowed cities and counties limited to 10 per cent increase.

Special provision for bond issues authorized and special taxes already levied.

Poll tax limited to amount of total tax on \$300 property value.

Provides for support of six months schools by special machinery.

Privilege taxes on telegraph, telephone, express, and sleeping car corporations increased.

Insurance company license taxes fixed at \$250 for fire companies; \$200 for accident and \$500 for life insurance companies.

## PANNER WEEK ON FAIRMONT TOBACCO MARKET

More Than Million Pounds of the Weed Will Be Sold There This Week—Fred Lawson Goes Back to Prison.

### PEA RIDGE MONKEY RUM BY THE GLASS IS CHARGE

Special to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, August 18.—This week has been one of the biggest in the history of the Fairmont tobacco market. More than 700,000 pounds already have been sold here this week at an average of \$36 the hundred. The market will handle more than 1,000,000 pounds of the golden weed this week. Around \$100,000 is being paid out daily for tobacco and business is booming.

Fred Lawson was arrested here Monday night on the charge of being drunk on his way to Orrum from Raleigh, having been paroled by Governor Bickett upon good behavior. Lawson had served four years of a 10-year sentence for larceny. He will be sent back to Raleigh the prison officials requesting that he be sent back to prison. His parole was conditioned upon good behavior and his behavior failed to measure up to the standard of good.

D. Herring of the Pea Ridge section was arrested by Chief of Police, Harrelson Sunday night on the charge of retailing. Jasper Stephens and B. Ganus, wanted on the same charge, escaped. Herring was released under a \$100 cash bond. According to the officers, the three men were retailing "Pea Ridge monkey rum" by the glass, dealing it out from an automobile. The automobile was captured. Pea Ridge, hard by Lumber river, is perhaps the most noted blockading center in the county.

## RECORDER'S COURT.

A Number of Cases Aired Before Recorder Britt.

The following cases were aired before Recorder E. M. Britt Monday:

Maek Campbell, colored, drunk and disorderly; fined 10 and costs.

H. A. Ligan, exceeding speed limit with auto; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Hayes Camp, colored, exceeding speed limit with auto; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

"Bud" Singletary—four charges—exceeding speed limit with auto, not prosed; using indecent language on the streets in East Lumberton, judgment suspended upon payment of cost; resisting officer, placed under a \$200 bond for good behavior, capias to issue, if caught in East Lumberton again, a 30-days' road sentence to follow; drunk and disorderly, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Charley Bryant, colored, carrying concealed weapons, fined \$50 and cost. Bryant was arrested on the streets last Sunday while under the influence of "something to drink" and had a pistol on him when arrested.

## INDEPENDENT TICKET?

Rumors Have It That Some Divisionists Will Put Out Independent Ticket or Vote Republican.

It is rumored that the "divisionists" will nominate an independent Democratic legislative ticket before the general election in November. Another rumor that has been the rounds is that many of the "divisionists" would vote the Republican ticket in the November election.

## Road Bonds Money Will Be Taken Up Later.

The board of county commissioners and the county road board met here Monday in conference with Mr. C. N. Malone of Asheville, who purchased the township road bonds. The conference was called for the purpose of trying to determine when the balance of the bonds would be taken up. The matter was deferred until the next regular meeting of the boards.

## \$247.50 An Acre For White Pond Land.

Mr. E. E. Page of Lumberton sold yesterday 100 acres of land near White Pond church for an average of \$247.50 the acre. The land was sold at auction and the sale was conducted by the Matthews Realty Co., of Clio, S. C. The East Lumberton band furnished music for the sale.

## McRary Negro Retains Counsel.

R. Baxter McRary, mulatto, defendant in suit instituted by H. B. Varner, of Lexington, in which plaintiff charges that the negro wrecked his home, is preparing a vigorous defense. It was learned here yesterday that McRary had employed Armstead Jones & Son, of Raleigh, and Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, as his attorneys.—Raleigh News and Observer.

## Division Picnic Postponed to August 26th.

The "division picnic" which was to have been held at Red Springs Saturday of this week has been postponed until Thursday, August 26th.

## PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW FOR Dodge Bros Automobile with M. F. Cobb.

## PARKTON NEWS ITEMS.

Tonsils and Adenoids Clinic Gave Parents a Fine Opportunity—Vacation and Baseball—Personal Mention.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, Aug. 17.—Not much doing up our way this week. Vacation most everywhere, and were it not for baseball, what would the young people do for sport? This scribe with many others from our town witnessed a good game on Monday evening at Red Springs when Bennettsville and the locals played. The score was 4 to 5 in favor of Bennettsville. Several car loads left this p. m. for Raeford to see McColl and Raeford teams play.

Rev. Graham Stubbs and wife have been on a visit to his brother Mr. A. M. Stubbs of our town. Rev. Mr. Stubbs belongs to the Florida conference and preached at the M. E. church here on the second Sunday night to a large congregation. He is an able preacher. He has not been on a visit to his native county in 11 years.

Mr. J. D. McArthur and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Williamson. Mr. Erle Williamson of Greensboro spent Sunday p. m. and left Monday.

Mrs. Clyde Smith and children of Suffolk, Va., are on a visit to her sister Mrs. D. A. Sikes.

Rev. J. K. Hall and little son John F. are on a visit to Belmont, visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Stewart of Laurinburg is spending a few days with friends in our town.

Master Donovan Williamson returned home Sunday from Lumberton accompanied by his sister Mrs. Justin McNeill and family. Donovan had his adenoids and tonsils removed and is getting along fine. Master Albert Averitt, also was operated for his adenoids and tonsils. These two were the only school children of our town that took advantage of the adenoids and tonsils clinic. Parents of more than 300 school children who knowingly were advised by our county physician the need of such operations, yet less than 75 children were presented. This is a serious mistake and should be censured for not treating their children when knowing they need it, and could save some money by doing so at the above-mentioned time and place.

Mr. H. D. Farrell left Aug. 10th for Chapel Hill, where he is expecting to attend college this fall, to make arrangements for a room and to visit friends in Durham and Raleigh. He reports an enjoyable trip. The Boy Scouts returned home from White Lake August 7th. They report a splendid trip, all are anxious to go back next summer.

Mrs. Nan J. Carter left for New York August 10th to study hat styles and market conditions. She is expecting to purchase a choice stock for the fall season.

Mr. R. B. Farrell and sons, Darrow and Paul, and daughter, Sallie, and Mr. Odie Ray motored to Asbury church in Chatham county, where they formerly lived. They report a pleasant time, with their many friends in the old neighborhood.

Miss Mary Baggett of Dunn has been on an extended visit to her cousins Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie.

Miss Hughes and Miss China of Ladowiso, Ga., are on a visit to their cousins Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hughes.

Miss Anni G. Williamson arrived home Sunday a. m. from Peabody conservatory of music, Baltimore, Md., where she attended the summer school.

Mr. Eugene Wilson and two daughters of South Carolina are on a few days' visit to old friends in our town. The writer had not seen Mr. Wilson in more than twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mallory of Quitman, Ga., spent several days with home folks and friends. They made their trip in their automobile.

Mr. J. T. Odom of Red Springs was a caller to our town Monday. He announces the big picnic and barbecue for Red Springs Thursday, Aug. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Thames of Wagram visited homefolks, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thames, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bristow, R. F. D. 2, are the fond parents of a fine boy, on the 16th.

## Meaneast Road in the County.

Mr. Ed Taylor, road supervisor of Howellsville township, was in town yesterday, and Mayor A. E. White, in conversation with him on the street, told The Robesonian man to put it in the paper that Mr. Taylor was supervisor of the meaneast road in the county, the Elizabeth road. Mayor White said that when he was in Raleigh the other day he heard a clerk ask a customer what road he was on now, and then he told the following joke on him: Some time ago this customer dozed in a country church through a sermon in which the preacher was thundering about the two roads, the straight and narrow way that leads to life and the broad way that leads to hell. This man slept through it and did not get the sense of the sermon. During the noon hour the preacher, circulating about in the crowd, slapped this man on the back and asked, "My friend, what road are you on?" "I live on the Haywood road," remarked the erstwhile sleepy one, "the d-d meaneast road in the county!"

## SENATE POSTPONES ACTION ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Resolution Postponing Action on Suffrage Adopted by N. C. Senate—Action Came as Surprise and Swept Suffrage Leaders off Their Feet.

### LET PEOPLE EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN ELECTION

The Senate of North Carolina Tuesday afternoon defeated woman suffrage by passing, by a vote of 25 to 23, a resolution offered by Senator Lindsay Warren of Beaufort postponing action in order that the people of the State may express themselves at the polls in November.

Ratificationists were counting upon Senator H. E. Stacy of Robeson, but he voted for the adoption of the resolution. The Raleigh News and Observer's report of the proceedings gives the following:

"Suffragists who had counted on the support of Horace Stacy of Robeson were disappointed when that member declared that he did not construe the vote for the resolution as a vote against suffrage ratification and cast his vote accordingly, explaining that he was in sympathy with the view that the people of the State as a whole have had no opportunity to express themselves on the subject. This vote if cast against the resolution would have brought a tie that the Lieutenant Governor might have broken. If Senator Obadiah Teague, pledged to suffrage, had not been absent when his name was called, the suffragists would have had a majority with the President's vote.

"It would have been possible before adjournment came, yesterday for Senator Seales, leader of the suffrage forces, to have changed his vote and moved for reconsideration. This would have given the suffragists an opportunity to bring Senator Obadiah Teague back into the chamber and to consult with Senator Stacy before he dealt what now looks like the deathblow to ratification in North Carolina."

The vote on the Warren resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Beddingfield, Brock, Brown, Cloud, Conner, Currie, Davenport, Ferree, Fisher, Gray, Harding, Haymore, Holderness, Horton, Johnson, Long, of Montgomery, Mangum, Stacy, Mitchell, Palmer, Sheek, Shinn, Thompson, Warren, Wright.

Noes: Burns, Carr, Cooper, Cowper, Coward, Cross, DeLaney, Gavip, Gildewell, Humphrey, Hyatt, Long, of Halifax, Lovill, Newton, Patterson, Price, Reinhardt, Ross, Soles, Sisk, Stevens, Wakefield, Williamson.

The resolution follows: "Whereas, the so-called Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitution of the United States, being the proposed nineteenth amendment thereto, was by Congress submitted to the legislatures of the various states for ratification, subsequent to the general election of 1918, at which time this general assembly was elected.

"And Whereas, at the time of the holding of the election of 1918, the electors of this and other states did not know, and had no reason to anticipate, that the said amendment would be submitted to the legislatures of the various states for ratification, and, therefore, had no opportunity of expressing their will and desire, as to the ratification or rejection of the said amendment.

"And, Whereas, in the opinion of the senate, it is a cardinal principle of representative government that no change should be made in the fundamental law without a full knowledge and acquiescence of the electors therein and without instructions received from the electors in regard thereto.

"Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, be it resolved by the senate, that the resolution of ratification of the proposed nineteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, being the resolution under consideration, be and the same is hereby postponed until the regular session of the general assembly of 1921."

There will be a childrens day and picnic at Regan Methodist church Saturday of this week. The public is invited.

Miss Sallie DuBois of Dillon, S. C., arrived yesterday and will spend some time visiting at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. DuBois, Fourth street. She was accompanied by Mrs. Kate Herring and Mr. Charles Herring of Dillon, who returned home yesterday afternoon.

## DURING THE VACATION of Your Own Pastor You are Invited to Worship at TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH Lumberton.

Morning Prayer and Sermon 11 A. M. Evening Prayer and Sermon 8:15 P. M. Every Sunday All Visitors are Welcome.

## WANTED—TOBACCO GROWERS

to deposit their warehouse checks in The National Bank of Lumberton.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. W. F. Edwards, proprietor of the Lumberton Electric Shoe Shop, has installed new and up-to-date machinery this week.

—An aeroplane circled over Lumberton Monday afternoon, going from here to Fairmont and then east by way of Proctorville.

—Mr. W. H. Inman has moved his fruit stand from Third street to the corner of Fourth and Chestnut, opposite the Planters Bank & Trust Co.

—Rains and high water partially put Jennings Beach out of favor for a while, but the beach may be reached easily by auto now, the water is receding, and bathers are finding relief there from the excessive heat.

—Marked improvement has been made in the millinery department of R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store. The millinery and ladies' ready-to-wear departments have been consolidated. Mrs. O. H. Bracy has charge of these departments. Some improvements are also being made in the grocery department of the Caldwell store.

—Mr. R. B. Branch of Wilmington was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. Branch was returning to Wilmington from Red Springs, where he organized a stock company and will at an early date revive the Red Springs Citizen. Mr. Branch was formerly editor of the Citizen, but suspended publication several months ago. The Scotch Scion, published for a while at Red Springs by Mr. D. Scott Poole, has suspended publication.

—Bert Melville's comedians have pleased large crowds here each night this week. The performances are high-class and are presented in a pleasing manner. A 4-act drama is put on each evening and vaudeville specialists are given between acts. The shows are given under a tent, Elm and Second streets, comfortable seats being provided. The shows presented by the Melville company are better than many that have been shown in the local opera house. There is a complete change of program each night and the show will remain here through Saturday.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. CHAFFIN.

A Large Crowd Gathered at Residence Monday Afternoon and Followed Remains to Meadowbrook Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Robert Chaffin, whose death Sunday was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, took place at 4 p. m. Monday from the residence, North Chestnut Street. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. E. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, of which deceased was a member. A large crowd of relatives and friends gathered at the home and followed the remains to Meadowbrook cemetery, where interment was made. Floral offerings were piled high upon the grave and many additional flowers came in after the funeral. Among the songs sung at the funeral was a solo, "Lead Kindly Light," by Miss Marjorie Russell.

The pallbearers were: active—D. D. French, A. M. Hartley, J. D. McAllister, R. E. Lewis, Jno. S. McNeill, W. W. Parker; honorary—ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, O. C. Norment, C. B. Townsend, K. M. Barnes, A. E. White, D. W. Biggs, Dr. T. C. Johnson, R. H. Crichton, H. B. Jennings, Alex McAllister.

The following out-of-town people were here, to attend the funeral: Mr. H. C. McQueen, brother of deceased, and daughter, Miss Su. Moore McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sinclair and F. W. Dick, all of Wilmington; Mr. F. L. Jackson, son-in-law, and Miss Dorothy Finlayson, granddaughter, of Davidson; Mr. and Mrs. Claud S. Chaffin and Mrs. Evans, of Bennettsville, S. C.; Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Thompson of McDonalds.

## FUNERAL OF J. A. WILLIAMS.

Remains of Robeson County Man Killed in Railroad Wreck in Costa Rica Interred at Culpepper, Va.

Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., returned yesterday from Culpepper, Va., where Monday he attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, James A. Williams, who was killed in a railroad wreck in Costa Rica two weeks before. The remains were accompanied from Costa Rica by Mrs. Williams, who was with her husband when he was killed. Mrs. Williams, before her marriage was Miss Allie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brown of Red Springs. Others who attended the funeral from North Carolina were Mrs. W. F. Williams and daughter, Miss Lucy Williams, mother and sister of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rogers and Miss Kati, Brown of Red Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Newton of Hoke county. Deceased formerly lived at Red Springs and was well-known. Interment was made in the family burying grounds.

The conductor and fireman were also killed in the same wreck when Mr. Williams lost his life, the result of the train leaving the track.

Miss Janie Deese of Maxton R. 5, was a Lumberton visitor today.

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