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## P. O. Eligible List Causes Sensation

Guion Lee, Leon McGill and T. J. Stafford Only Ones on List Given Out—Two Most Talked of Candidates Not On—Looks Like Stage is Set for a Republican Show.

The list of eligibles for the Lumberton postmastership was given out from the office of Congressman H. L. Lyon in Washington Saturday morning. Following is the list: first, Manley Guion Lee; second, Ira Leon McGill, military preference; third, Thomas J. Stafford.

Congressman Lyon advised The Robesonian by wire as soon as the list was announced and the "list" was the talk of the town Saturday. The eligible list was somewhat of a surprise, as it does not contain the names of the two candidates most prominently "talked" as standing the best chance of being appointed, these being E. O. Edmund and W. H. Kinlaw.

Mr. Edmund stated to a Robesonian reporter that he thought the matter would now be turned over to the Republican executive committee in the county and that the committee will handle the matter without considering the "eligible list". Others think the appointment will be made from the list of eligibles. Regardless of who is appointed postmaster here, it is evident that some of the Republicans will not be pleased.

## State Wins in Railroad Tax Fight

Three Federal Judges Deny Injunctions Sought Against Collection of Taxes On Valuations Fixed By State—Means Million Dollars in Taxes for Counties and Big Sum for State.

Raleigh News and Observer, March 19.

Interlocutory injunctions sought in the federal courts by railroads doing business in North Carolina against the collection of State taxes were yesterday denied in a unanimous opinion handed down by Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of the Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Henry G. Connor, of the Eastern North Carolina District and Judge James E. Boyd of the Western North Carolina District.

By denial of the injunctions, if the opinion is affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, to which an appeal will be taken direct, the taxing units of the State will collect annually practically one million dollars in ad valorem and franchise taxes that would not have been paid had the decision gone the other way. In addition, there is involved taxation upon the incomes of the railroads at the rate of three per cent upon the taxable net income, which involves a large amount of money, the exact amount of which is not known. All of these taxes have been fixed for a period of three years, making the aggregate amount involved well up into the millions.

The opinion filed yesterday automatically ends the agreement entered into between the State and the railroads last October, under the terms of which the railroads paid the taxes not in dispute while the State made no effort to collect the remainder.

In the individual orders signed in each case, a period of thirty days was granted the railroads before the opinion will become operative. This extension was granted in order to permit the railroads to avail themselves of all the remedies afforded by law. Under the judicial code an appeal may be taken directly to the Supreme Court of the United States with a request for a stay of proceedings, pending decision by the Supreme Court. The code also provides that the case shall be expedited for hearing by the highest court.

It is expected that the railroads will immediately take steps to prosecute an appeal and secure a stay of proceedings. In the event that the opinion of the three judges should be overruled and the interlocutory injunctions granted, the cases will then be returned for hearings on their merits. But if the Supreme Court affirms the opinion of the three judges, the cases will then be ended for practical purposes and the suits will be dismissed upon formal motions by counsel for the State.

The application for injunctions as to the ad valorem and franchise taxes are flatly denied, while the court holds that the "contentions sought to be made" in regard to the income tax "are not presented by the bills and proofs herein." The application as it regards the income tax is, therefore, dismissed without prejudice, subject to such other action as the railroads may see fit to take therein.

## The Ruling Passion



## Senator Varser May be Candidate

He is Being Urged to Offer for State Senate Again But is Not Ready to Make Formal Announcement—Made Fine Record.

Senator L. R. Varser, when seen today by a representative of The Robesonian with reference to his candidacy for the State Senate to succeed himself, stated that he had been very busy of late and had not given the matter much consideration, though he had been spoken to by friends from various parts of the county.

While he is not ready yet to make any formal announcement of his candidacy, it is reasonably certain that if the people of the county think that his record in the last General Assembly warrants endorsement by election to succeed himself, he could not well decline the insistence of his friends.

It will be remembered by the people of the county that Senator Varser was chairman of the Senate finance committee in the last General Assembly, which is the most powerful committee of the Legislature and passes upon matters of finance and taxation. He was the author of the bill providing for a revision of tax values over the State. He also had charge of the State road law in the Senate, and succeeded in getting more mileage of State highways in Robeson county than any other county in the State. No senatorial district in the State was more ably represented than was the twelfth, which is composed of Robeson county only.

## 16-Room Residence Burned

Fillyaw Boarding House on First Street Practically Destroyed by Fire—Partially Covered by Insurance.

The Fillyaw boarding house, a 16-room wooden structure on First street, was practically destroyed by fire Friday at 10:30 a. m. The building was owned by Mr. W. W. Carlyle and was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Fillyaw. The fire started in the roof of the building, near a chimney, and had made much headway before the alarm was sent in. Lack of pressure on the water lines kept the firemen handicapped for several minutes after the hose had been connected.

Much of the furniture on the first floor was saved. The damage to the house is estimated at around \$3,500, partly covered by insurance. Mr. Fillyaw's loss will total several hundred dollars, this also being partly covered by insurance.

Mr. W. B. Ivey Enters Race for Recorder.

Mr. W. B. Ivey, Lumberton attorney, has entered the race for recorder of the Lumberton district. Mr. Ivey has been solicitor of the local recorder's court for the last two years and is well-known throughout the district. This makes two candidates for this office, Mr. John G. Proctor, another local attorney, having already announced that he is a candidate for recorder.

Messrs. H. M. McAllister, A. H. McLeod, J. L. Spivey and Ira B. Townsend returned Friday night from Greensboro, where they attended an automobile show.

Mr. J. H. Barfield of R. 1, St. Pauls, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Ad Valorem Taxes.

Southern \$328,467; Atlantic Coast Line \$188,232; Atlantic and Yadkin \$13,151; Seaboard \$88,228; Norfolk Southern \$103,500; a total year of \$775,578. That, multiplied by three years is \$2,326,734.

Add to that the yearly franchise tax, which the roads object to paying under any conditions, or in any part. That is, yearly:

Southern \$96,306; Atlantic Coast Line \$51,163; Atlantic and Yadkin \$4,104; Seaboard, \$34,768; Norfolk Southern \$103,500; a total nearly of \$209,181. Multiplied by three the

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## Fairmont News

Case Dismissed Against Young Men Robbing Bank—Fairmont Supply Co. Closes Doors—Auditors Finish Checking Book of Fairmont—Death of Master French Wallace and Mr. E. C. Nye—Good Road Work—Third Drug Store Rumored—Social and Personal.

By H. V. Brown

Fairmont, March 18.—Brooks Moore and Shaw Edwards were before Recorder Floyd here last Friday on the charge of robbing the Bank of Fairmont several weeks ago. After the state had offered all evidence and the defense had offered a part, the recorder stopped the hearing and dismissed the case, he being entirely satisfied the young men were in no way connected with the robbery. All the evidence offered by the state was that of Travis Bass, Jr. (now in jail awaiting trial), who told officers that he knew the men who robbed the bank and who testified on the stand that these were the men who told him they robbed it. He had told a remarkably straight tale to the St. Pauls officer and a Mr. Inman of St. Pauls, and practically corroborated his statements during the trial. His motive for accusing the young men from near Parkton was thought to be the possibility of conviction or binding over to court until after his trial on the charge of stealing an automobile in St. Pauls several weeks ago, which he thought would go "light" with him for turning states evidence. It seems from the evidence that Bass is a kleptomaniac. Character witnesses for Bass gave him a bad name while character witnesses for Moore and Edwards gave them a good name. It was also shown by the defense that one of the men accused (Edwards) was at home on the night of the robbery sick in bed. Edwards is an uncle of Moore. While the people are at a loss as to who actually robbed the bank, they were glad to learn that the young men so accused by Bass were given their freedom.

On last Thursday night a dance was given by the young people of the town in the hall over Grantham's drug store. A large number were present, including visitors from Rowland. The music was rendered by "Buddie" Love of Lumberton and according to reports was full of jazz.

Mr. John Graham of Red Springs was a business visitor in town last Monday. He was accompanied by Mr. Frank McMillan of Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Blue Jr. are spending some time at Mr. Blue's former home near Raeford, where he is recuperating after being very sick for several days.

The following are spending the week-end with friends and relatives: Misses Mary Ethel Lewis, Grace Fisher and Retha Jenkins of Meredith college, Raleigh; Messrs. Worth McDaniel and Van Floyd of Buies Creek.

Recorder and Mrs. A. E. Floyd will leave tomorrow for Rockingham, where they will spend a few days with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Prevatt of Danville are spending some time here with Mrs. Prevatt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mitchell.

Mr. V. W. Keith returned today from Durham, where he spent a few days with his parents, who have been quite ill for some time. Glad to report their condition improved.

The Fairmont Supply Co. closed doors for business Thursday morning. It is understood that a United States deputy marshal served summons to close April 1st, but for some reason it was closed that day. Whether or not it will be opened soon under a receivership is not yet learned. However it is hoped that it will manage some way to do business on account of so many farmers depending on it for supplies for the year.

The auditors have practically completed the checking and auditing of

## Lumber Bridge News Letter

Music Recital Next Wednesday Evening by High School Pupils—Literary Society Presents Interesting Program—Dixie Endeavor Day Will be Observed.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumber Bridge, March 17.—On Monday evening, March 20, the Apollo Trio will present a program in the school auditorium. Their program will consist of songs, stories, costumed readings and impersonations, violin and piano. These young ladies are real artists and come to us from the Piedmont Lyceum bureau.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith, Thursday, a daughter.

A musical recital will be given Wednesday evening, March 22, by Misses Mayme and Maggie Monroe, Julia and Tasca Tolar. These young ladies are receiving certificates in high school music this year.

We regret exceedingly to lose Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Pophal and their little son from our town.

Mrs. Doggett and her little daughter, Lucille, of Clio, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Lucy Sykes.

Lella Hubbard spent last week-end in Fayetteville.

The Nopariel Literary society of the high school presented a very interesting program Wednesday evening. The program showed that the members are interested and that the society is doing good work.

Dixie Endeavor day will be observed at the Presbyterian church and the Junior and Senior societies will give a special program on Sunday evening.

For Armenian Sufferers.

Mr. J. P. Russell has received from Supt. H. M. King of the Reagan Sunday school, M. E. church, St. Pauls circuit, a check for \$11.50 for the Armenian sufferers. The amount has been forwarded through the regular channel. The country churches of Robeson county have certainly done well in their contributions towards relieving the destitution in Europe.

Mr. Sandy Patterson of R. 1, Lumberton, was in town Friday.

the Bank of Fairmont, but it has not been learned yet just what date the institution will open for business.

Friends were saddened to learn of the death last Thursday of Master French Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wallace, who live a few miles east of here. Young Wallace had been ill a short time with lobar pneumonia. Interment was made near Dillon, S. C., today. Sad news also reached here today of the death of Mr. Emory C. Nye, one of Robeson's best citizens and farmers. Mr. Nye was a large merchant also at his home, Orrum. Interment will be made tomorrow.

Much good work is being done by the chain gang near here since the rain held up. Between Fairmont and Orrum the road will be practically straight when completed and a new road is being opened toward Bethesda church from the Bullock crossing. For some time it has been impossible to reach Boardman from this section on account of high water on the W. C. A. highway. It is also reported much damage was done on the Creek road (part of the W. C. A. highway).

Messrs. S. Ralph McDaniel and Alpheus E. Thompson are preparing to open an office over G. W. Tyner's, next to the American Legion hall. Just what line of business they will engage in has not been learned, though it is reported they will handle a tailoring line.

Farmers have it that Fairmont will have a third drug store in the near future. Just who is behind the project is not yet reported.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jaa. A. Galoway, last Thursday—a boy.

## Record of Deaths

Mr. E. C. Nye, Prominent Citizen of Orrum, Died Saturday—Funeral Yesterday Afternoon Attended by Large Crowd.

Mr. Emory C. Nye died of heart trouble Saturday at 7:30 a. m. at his home near Orrum. Deceased was 69 years old and had been in ill health for several months, though he was seriously ill for only a week. His widow and two children—Miss Tommie Nye and Mr. J. Carl Nye—survive. The funeral was conducted from Big Branch Baptist church, Orrum, yesterday at 3:30 p. m. by Rev. I. P. Hedgpath, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, and Rev. A. E. Paul, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church. The pallbearers were Messrs. Wesley Ivey, Alfred Collins, Hardy Warwick, Willis Lawson, M. W. Hedgpath, R. L. Pittman, I. H. Warwick and M. Shepherd. The funeral was attended by a large number, many being unable to gain entrance to the church building. A number of Lumberton people attended the funeral. Interment was made in the family cemetery, near the home.

Deceased was well and favorably known throughout the county. He had been engaged in the mercantile business at Orrum for a number of years and operated a large farm. He took an active interest in his church, being a deacon in the Baptist church for a number of years. He also took active interest in the Sunday school and was an all-round good citizen. In his death his community and county lost a valued citizen.

Mother of Mr. M. F. Cobb of Lumberton.

Mrs. Mary A. Cobb, mother of Mr. M. F. Cobb, cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton, died Saturday at 8 p. m. at her home in Rock Hill, S. C. Mr. Cobb and his little daughter, left Friday evening for Rock Hill in response to a message advising him of his mother's illness. Mrs. Cobb left Saturday morning for Rock Hill. Deceased had passed her 80th birthday.

Father of Miss Huff, Graded School Teacher.

Miss Annie Louise Huff, teacher of the 7th grade in the Lumberton graded school, was advised early this morning of the sudden death of her father, Mr. A. M. Huff, at Laurens, S. C. Deceased was 70 years old. Miss Huff left for Laurens today at 10:35 a. m.

Gardening Meetings

This Evening at Court House and Tuesday at Lumber Bridge and Philadelphia Meetings of Special Interest to Gardeners Will be Held.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, a special gardening meeting will be held in the commissioners' room at the court house here this evening at 7:30. A like meeting was held at Ten Mile this afternoon at 2:30 and meetings will be held tomorrow at Lumber Bridge at 10:30 a. m. and at Philadelphia at 2:30 p. m. The meetings are being held under the direction of Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, and Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstration agent, assisted by a representative of the State horticultural department, Raleigh. The meetings are of special interest to all gardeners and others who would like to become gardeners.

Mr. W. P. West of R. 6, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

—Mr. Dwight Byrd of R. 5, Lumberton, began work Friday with Mr. M. M. Rozier.

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 17 cents the pound.

## BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Dr. M. A. Waddell returned yesterday from Atlanta, Ga., where he spent a week attending a dental clinic.

—The condition of Mr. M. G. McKenzie, who has been confined to his room for several days, is somewhat improved.

—Mr. J. A. Branch, who lives in the north-western part of town, says he had a "mess" of new crop home-grown Irish potatoes Friday.

—A play, "Farm Folks", will be given at the Barker-Ten Mile high school building by pupils of the school Wednesday evening of this week, March 22.

—Lela Locklear and Henry Hammond, Indians, of Back Swamp township, were married Saturday at 8:15 p. m. at the home of Justice M. G. McKenzie, Elm street, who officiated.

—Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle, local attorney, has entered the race for solicitor of the Lumberton recorder's court. Mr. Carlyle is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle of Lumberton and has been practicing law here for several months.

—Misses Marion Allen, Mary Biggs, Annie Grace Williams, Margaret Durham and Elsie Thompson, students at Meredith college, Raleigh, and Miss Evelina Beckwith, a student at St. Mary's college, Raleigh, arrived Friday to spend a few days with home folks.

—Messrs. W. A. and Sandy Shepherd made a trip through South Carolina last week, visiting several towns. Mr. W. A. Shepherd states that business conditions here are much better than in South Carolina. Around Barnwell the boll weevil "broke" many large land owners and business men last year, he says.

—A play, "The Trial of Robbers", based upon titling, was given by members of the B. Y. P. unions of the First Baptist church of Lumberton at Back Swamp Baptist church Thursday evening. A large crowd witnessed the play, which was recently given in the First Baptist church here. It is expected that the play will be given at several other Baptist churches in the county.

LEGION MINSTREL TO BE REPLETE WITH VAUDEVILLE, COMEDY AND SONG

(By Press Agent)

The American Legion minstrel which will be staged at the high school on Friday, March 24, will be brim full of local hits, bubbling song numbers, dancing, quartette and monologue specialties. In the minstrel first part, which will run for a solid hour, Cutler Moore Ed Glover, John Proctor, Woody Lennon, "Bill" McSkiff and J. E. Walters will shine as blackface comedians and a chorus of ten pretty girls and fifteen boys will offer real music behind ten splendid soloists.

Four excellent vaudeville specialties will follow the first part, among them the Legion quartette in real harmony, William Bell in a nifty dancing act, Mrs. Chas. Boyd in an old maid monologue on affairs in Lumberton, and "Deep C" Green in a fifteen-minute blackface specialty "The Conscriptorship," a military comedy employing thirty people, will close the show. Seats will be reserved and will sell for seventy-five cents. Tickets on sale tomorrow (Tuesday) at the North State drug store.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

Ladies Will Participate in Meeting to Arrange for Precinct Meetings and Name Date for County Convention.

The ladies will participate in the meeting of the county Democratic executive committee to be held here tomorrow at 11 a. m. Miss Katie Buie, chairman of the woman's division, will be present and members of the various township organizations have been invited. As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the meeting was called by Mr. T. A. McNeill, county chairman, for the purpose of arranging precinct meetings and naming a date for the county convention.

April 1 Final Date for Paying Taxes.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis asks The Robesonian to again state that all lands in Robeson county on which the State, county and drainage taxes for 1921 are not paid before April 1 will be advertised and sold for the taxes.

Boll Weevil Watching the Time.

Speaking of boll weevil hibernation, Mr. French Watts, who lives on R. 1 from Pembroke, says he recently saw one perched in a clock—the home time-piece.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF LUMBERTON has money to lend to Farmers on Bonded Warehouse Receipts for cotton or other acceptable securities. Farmers seeking a permanent banking connection are advised to consult the officers of this strong National Bank.