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HEDRICK LED TICKET IN ALL WARDS

Betting Election Scheduled For May 27

Radio Fans Assured Fine Programs

Salisbury Station Plans To Boost Local Industry

Excellent Reception Will Enable Listeners to Tune In on National Programs Not Now Available.

Since the announcement last week that application has been made for a permit to construct and operate a radio broadcast station in Salisbury, very considerable interest has been shown as to what kind of programs may be expected, and how the reception from the station will compare with that from other points.

Mr. Hedrick stated last week that it is his intention to put in the very best equipment obtainable and to select a location which will result in the reception being equal to the best stations now being received. It is well known that, with possibly one exception reception during the daytime in this part of the State is not very reliable and many programs which would otherwise be enjoyed are not available during the day light hours. Mr. Hedrick states that the station he is planning to erect will completely overcome his condition and that it is his intention to obtain the very best programs by taking advantage of the various broadcast services available.

He also states that the station will devote considerable time to programs which will help to further the development of the agricultural and granite industries, our two most valuable assets. Information of great value to the farmers in this part of the state, will be an every day feature. By keeping the farmers informed of market conditions, the station should be of great assistance in the profitable disposition of farm produce. At the same time dealers in agricultural machinery, fertilizers, etc., will have the opportunity to tell the farmer what they have to offer to assist him in the working of his land.

Today almost every home in the country has a radio and the facilities which will be provided by the Salisbury station will assuredly do much toward the development of our section.

Building Gains 87.2 Per Cent

Labor Department Survey Shows March Total Far Above that of Year Ago

Washington.—The Labor department's monthly survey of building activity in 1,523 cities disclosed that the value of new residential construction in March was 87.2 per cent greater than in March, 1936.

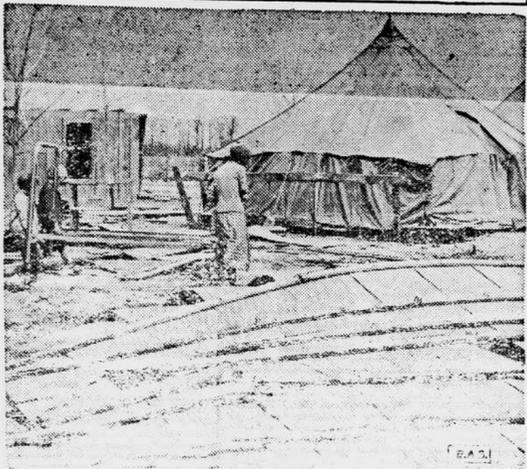
The report showed notable residential building activity in the Middle Atlantic States, the East North-Central States, and on the Pacific coast.

March residential building was estimated at \$84,882,867, a 36.5 per cent advance over the February total of \$62,188,632.

Building activity in March, including non-residential construction and alterations, amounted to \$7,510,244, an increase of 100 per cent over February.

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Back Home After the Flood



EAST PRAIRIE, Mo. . . . This family returned to their farm after the winter flood and set up tents amid the wreckage of their former home. Flood rehabilitation work is now being undertaken in areas of southeast Missouri that were afflicted.

Granville Wilt Invades Eastern Tobacco Fields

Granville wilt of tobacco, scourge of the crop in Granville, Wake and Durham counties, has been found generally distributed throughout eastern North Carolina in a survey made last season by Dr. Luther Shaw, plant disease specialist at State College.

"In some of the eastern counties we found that this disease has already assumed alarming proportions," says Dr. Shaw. Unless steps are taken to check its spread, the disease will become very destructive. There is no practical method so far developed for eliminating the wilt from infested land nor do we know of any method to reduce its damage to tobacco once the soil has become generally infested.

The important thing before eastern tobacco growers is to try to prevent further spread of the bacterium which causes the trouble. So far, Dr. Shaw says the disease is confined to small areas on many of the farms and in most cases to one or two fields on the farm.

Where the trouble is confined to these small areas, growers must avoid planting tobacco or other susceptible crops on these areas. Resistant crops had better be planted. Then, Dr. Shaw suggests, try to prevent washing from the infested soil to fields not now infested. This may be done with a good system of terraces and drainage ditches. Next, do not sarry stalks and tobacco trash from infested to uninfested fields. Third, Do not carry soil on plows or by other means from the infested areas to fields free of the disease.

On farms where the disease is generally present, Dr. Shaw suggests a crop rotation lasting from three to five years, using resistant or immune crops on the fields when tobacco is not to be planted thereon.

FARMERS SELL HOGS

Twenty farmers sold 242 fat hogs weighing 48,260 pounds and bringing \$4,569.32 in cash at the Washington market last week.

Leaders Tour Western N. C.

Charlotte.—Encouragement over the liquor situation in the western part of the State was reported by Mrs. W. B. Lindsay, president of the North Carolina Women's Christian Temperance union, upon her return from a visit to a number of cities in that section.

Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. T. H. Plemmons spent a week in Asheville, Winston-Salem, North Wilkesboro, Mount Airy, Hendersonville, Elkin and Spruce Pine. They organized new unions at Elkin and Spruce Pine and found the work progressing in other unions already in operation.

Mrs. Lindsay reported the United Dry Forces very busy organizing their members and working to assure a dry vote for the counties in the western section.

Mrs. Plemmons, who is State chairman for the educational fund of the national W. C. T. U., found that the North Wilkesboro union has completed raising its quota for this work. The State, said Mrs. Lindsay, has raised its first quota and hopes to have all the money raised by the first of June.

They also found great interest in the coming world convention of the Women's Christian Temperance union, to be held in Washington June 3 to 8, and a number of women said they would attend.

While on the trip, they visited unions and also spoke at a number of schools. Both were invited to return to Asheville Monday to speak at a meeting of the Asheville Ministerial association.

In Charlotte, the young people under leadership of Chester Morrison, are waging a campaign against liquor. They are planning to hold one of the biggest mass meetings in the history of the city May 23, with Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, as speaker. Before the date of the liquor vote, they are planning to visit all homes in the city and to stage a huge parade. They will also have a meeting at the First Reformed church this afternoon, with David Owens as speaker.

County To Vote On Pari-Mutual Betting Machines

W. C. Coughenour, E. G. Thompson and Edgar Montgomery are members of the Commission

McCanless To Pay Costs Of Election

Rowan county is to vote May 27 on the question of establishing a commission to conduct horse and dog racing and pari-mutual betting machines in accordance with a bill passed by the recent legislature.

W. C. Coughenour (named as chairman of the proposed commission has resigned as chairman of the county election board which board called the election.

Other members of the commission are to be E. G. Thompson and Edgar Montgomery. Salaries of the members of the commission are to be not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000 a year.

Costs of the election, which will be about \$4,000, are to be borne by W. F. McCanless and associates who are asking for the election.

Growers Make Plans For Seeding Legumes

Now that most farmers have seeded all the lespedeza they plan to grow this year, cowpeas, soybeans, velvet beans, and other legumes improvement and erosion control.

Most of the legumes, whose roots contain bacteria which take nitrogen out of the air and store it in a form available for plants, will grow on almost all types of soil, according to A. H. Peazey, agronomist of the Soil Conservation Service.

Peazey pointed out that the lespedezas do best on the heavy soils and that cowpeas and soybeans need sandy soils for healthiest growth.

In a few weeks it will be time to seed cowpeas, soybeans and velvet beans. They should be planted during or just a few weeks after the corn-planting season, he said.

When the legumes are turned under as green manure, they not only add nitrogen to the soil, but also provide organic matter which aids materially in the conservation of soil and moisture.

Summer green manure crops should be followed by winter cover crops, Peazey said, and the winter crop that follows should be mowed down and left on the land as a mulch.

It is advisable, continued Peazey, to leave the land idle for 10 or 15 days after the green manure crop has been cut, in order that the plant food may become more rapidly available to the winter crops that are to be put on the land.

Another important factor is that the green manure crop should be mixed with the soil, so as to encourage rapid decomposition and utilization of the plant food elements by the next crop, he said.

President Addresses Good Neighbors



WASHINGTON . . . President Roosevelt opened the national observance of Pan-American Day by addressing diplomatic representatives of the Americas in the Board Room of the Pan-American Union. Four years ago he outlined his "Good Neighbor" policy with Latin America from this same platform.

Farm Income Is Up Nearly \$500,000,000

Big Gain Made First Quarter

Experts Attribute Sharp Climb Partly to Surge in General Business Activity.

Washington.—Government estimates credited farmers with a cash income gain of nearly a half billion dollars in the first quarter of this year compared with the similar 1936 period. The respective totals were \$1,945,000,000 and \$1,520,000,000.

The sharp climb, experts said was caused in part by the upward surge of general business activity and in part by abnormal reactions from last summer's drought.

High prices of grains have put some additional money in some farmers' pockets the economists said, and have forced others to sell off hogs and cattle.

Government benefit payments under the 1936 Federal program also accounted for some of the gain. More than \$200,000,000 went to farmers from that source in the first three months this year, against \$16,000,000 in the same period of 1936.

The Agricultural Adjustment administration sent out \$111,000,000 in benefit payments last month alone, the greatest amount in one month since start of the Federal farm program in 1933.

GERMAN CLAIMS COLONIES

Cologne, Ger.—Germany's ambitions found new expression today in a declaration by Franz von Epp head of the Reich Colonial federation, that her pre-war colonies now under mandate to other nations are rally "German property." Von Epp described the mandate-holding powers as "profiteers" before a colonial mass meeting.

Polled Record Vote of 2,163 In Monday's Race

D. C. Dungan Nominated To Succeed H. C. Holmes Who Did Not Offer For Re-Election; Ran Third.

General Election Be Held May 4th

Leading the ticket in each of the four wards of the city, B. V. Hedrick polled a record vote of 2,163 in the Democratic primary held Monday. A total of 3,637 ballots were cast.

Three other members of the present board were renominated. They were: C. F. Raney, who polled 1,927 votes, W. H. Harlan, with 1,673 and W. H. Davis with 1,667.

One new member was added to the board, D. C. Dungan, who made an unusually strong race, polling 1,682, running third on the ticket.

Mr. Hedrick's votes by wards was as follows:

- West, 843.
- North, 438.
- South, 498.
- East, 384.

Six unsuccessful candidates received the following votes:

- U. Ray Miller, 1,583.
- H. E. Withers, 1,535.
- R. Reid Goodson, 1,319.
- Cliff Owen, 1,067.
- Dan Nicholas, 776.
- Clarence Summers, 689.

The general election will be held Tuesday, May 4th.

Mr. Dungan will succeed H. C. Holmes who did not offer for renomination. Mr. Dungan is at present a member of the city school board. Monday's race was his first entry in local politics, seeking nomination by the electorate.

It will be recalled that two years ago Mr. Hedrick also led the ticket in the primary and general election.

Half Of Senate Sum Given Surplus Fund For Students

Money To Accumulate From Many Sources

(From The Pioneer)
At the regular meeting of the Senate on Wednesday evening, April 21, it was decided to give one half of the remaining money in the treasury to the surplus fund. This is a fund started by former president Wilson Cheek last year, with Dr. Braun as advisor and Edgar Barr as treasurer.

The money in the fund will accumulate over a period of years until the sum is large enough to be used for some worthy project. How the money is to be used will be determined by what the students need most at that time. One half of the surplus from both the Swastika and the Pioneer is also to be given to this fund. Since the money comes from the students, it was thought to give some of the surplus back to them in this way.

Again expressing my heartfelt thanks, I want to assure my friends of my determination to continue my efforts for a progressive program for Salisbury and to aid in the development of our City and County by promoting enterprises which I am convinced are necessary for the future growth and prosperity of this community.

B. V. Hedrick