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C. C. WRIGHT ANNOUNCES HE WILL RETIRE

30-Day Grace Granted Taxpayers

Mayor Harris and Old Board Are Re-elected

Heated Contest Results In Big Vote Tuesday

Majority of Old Ticket Is Between Sixty-five and Eighty-five Votes
HARRIS MAJORITY IS 64
Wilkesboro Citizens Cast 385 Votes Out of Registration of 418

With an average majority of eighty-two and two-fifths votes, Mayor W. E. Harris and the old members of the board of city commissioners were victorious in the biennial election in Wilkesboro Tuesday.

The election was one of the most hotly contested in recent history as evidenced by the heavy vote which was cast. Three hundred and eighty-five out of a total registration of 418 cast their ballots.

Mayor Harris defeated W. E. Smithy by a majority of 64. Mr. Harris receiving 222 votes as against 158 for Mr. Smithy.

All of the commissioners elected were members of the old board with the exception of Ralph R. Reins. Mr. Reins was a candidate on both tickets.

The final vote was as follows: For mayor: Harris, 222; Smithy, 158.

For commissioners: (old ticket) Joe Barber, 229; O. F. Eller, 226; C. E. Lenderman, 261; Ralph R. Reins, 219; (New ticket) W. C. Pearson, 141; C. L. Kennedy, 145; George P. Johnson, 166; Ralph R. Reins, 132.

Dixon Will Speak At Pleasant Hill

Elkin Educator to Deliver Address at Finals Saturday Night

An address by Prof. Z. H. Dixon, of Elkin, will feature the commencement exercises of Pleasant Hill school which will be held Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6. Prof. Dixon, widely known educator, will deliver the address on the closing evening.

Commencement exercises begin Friday evening at 8 o'clock with the presentation of a Tom Thumb wedding and the crowning of the May Queen. This program will be given by the primary grades.

Following the address of Prof. Dixon on Saturday evening, a short entertainment will be given by the upper grades. Perfect attendance certificates will be awarded and diplomas of graduation from the seventh grade will be presented to the following students: Everett Darnell, Dewey Church, Roby Cockerham, Robert Lyon, Nellie Pettyjohn, Cloyce Key and Beulah Shore.

Father of Mrs. Walters Passes

A. T. Bruton Dies at His Home at Concord; Funeral On Sunday

A. T. Bruton, father of Mrs. Percy C. Walters, of this city, died at his home at Concord Saturday at 12:45 p. m. following an illness of six months. He was 69 years of age.

Mr. Bruton was a prominent citizen of Concord and for more than 30 years had been connected with the Kerr Bleachery and Finishing plant. He was a member of Forest Hill Methodist church.

Surviving him are four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Sides, of Greensboro; Mrs. Horace Eubanks, of Concord; Mrs. S. A. Perry, of Concord; and Mrs. Percy C. Walters, of this city; three sons, J. A., of Charlotte; C. W., of Dumont, N. J.; and V. Y. Bruton, of Concord.

Attending the funeral, which was held Sunday afternoon, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Walters, were Mrs. R. B. Walters, Miss Margaret Walters and Mrs. J. M. Blackburn, all of this city.

Everything Looking Up As European Envoys Sail Home



"Everything appears to be looking up" . . . was the gist of comment, semi-officially and otherwise, as Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, of England, and Edouard Herriot, France's envoy, left, waving adieu and sailed home, following their separate informal conferences with President Roosevelt, in which it is predicted agreements were reached which will considerably advance the prospects of success of both the disarmament conference and international economic conference within the near future. It is hoped that steps have been taken under which a free international gold standard may be restored.

About 300 Enroll For Forest Jobs

First Contingent Expected to Leave Sometime Next Week

Approximately 300 young men of Wilkes have made application for enrollment in the civilian conservation corps, it was learned yesterday from the office of the county superintendent of welfare.

Wilkes can place only 16, that being the number allotted the county.

There is little likelihood of a call this week, it was learned. However, it is thought probable that the first group will be taken to the enrolling station at Winston-Salem next week.

The names of those who will be selected have not been announced.

Splendid Play At School On Friday

"A Husband For Sale" Is Title Of Three-Act Comedy To Be Given

A splendid play entitled "A Husband For Sale," will be presented in the city high school auditorium tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock.

Members of the senior class are now engaged in selling tickets to the performance and a capacity crowd is expected. The play is generally believed to be one of the best staged at the school in quite a while.

The cast has been well trained and a most delightful evening of entertainment is assured.

INTEREST AMONG FARMERS PICKS UP; ORGANIZATIONS WILL MEET

New Members Are Added At Grange Meetings At Ferguson and Little Mountain Last Week; Pomona Grange To Meet in Wilkesboro On Wednesday, May 10; Mrs. C. F. Brethol At Dennyville

Interest in farm organizations in the county is increasing and a splendid work is being done by the various groups. At a meeting of the Grange at Little Mountain last Thursday night two new members were added and at the Ferguson Grange meeting Friday evening three new members were taken in. These meetings were attended by County Agent A. G. Hendren who has spent considerable time in recent weeks helping with the farm organization work.

Important meetings which are to be held in the near future include the Wilkesboro Grange meeting which will be held on Thursday evening, May 4, at 8

Rousseau Leads His Ticket In City Election

The administration ticket, unopposed in the North Wilkesboro biennial election Tuesday, received an average vote of 345.

With no contest on, citizens voted when convenient for them to do so.

Mayor J. A. Rousseau, who was re-elected for a second term, led the ticket, polling 348 votes.

The vote for the commissioners was as follows: J. C. Reins, 340; Ralph Duncan, 340; I. E. Pearson, 344; S. V. Tomlinson, 348; L. A. Harris, 342.

The vote for members of the board of school trustees was: J. B. McCoy, 340; J. B. Williams, 345; Genio Cardwell, 345.

The entire ticket was elected and will serve during the next biennium.

R. M. Brame, Jr. was registrar. Judges and markers were J. S. Caudill, C. O. McNeill, B. J. Robinson and Glenn Cox. Andrew Parker was bailiff.

ATTEND CONVENTION OF M. W. A. IN RALEIGH

Sam Greer and Lawrence Critcher, officials of the Moravian Falls Camp of Modern Woodman of America, are in Raleigh today attending a state convention of the organization.

Who bids? and how much? "A Husband for Sale," North Wilkesboro high school auditorium tomorrow evening, 8:00 o'clock sharp.

T. B. Clinic Is Now Being Held

Dr. H. E. Eason Examining Persons For Evidence of Tuberculosis

The tuberculosis clinic for persons suspected of having active tuberculosis germs is now being held in Wilkesboro. It is being conducted by Dr. H. E. Eason, of State Sanitarium, with the assistance of Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, and Mrs. Bertha Bell, county health nurse.

On Monday, the first day, twelve persons were examined and approximately the same number was examined on both Tuesday and yesterday.

While it may be possible to examine some of those who did not make appointments, it is learned that Dr. Eason's schedule for the next two weeks during which the clinic will be held is pretty well filled.

The tubercular skin test is available to us many as Dr. Eason has time to give it on any day while he is in the county.

Funeral Will Be Held Today For Mrs. Sarah Hayes

Mother Of Judge Johnson J. Hayes Taken Tuesday Afternoon

FUNERAL AT PURLEAR

Mrs. Sarah Juliana Hayes, highly esteemed lady and a member of one of Wilkes county's most prominent families, died Tuesday at 3 p. m. at the home of her son, Joseph F. Hayes, at Purlear. Death followed a serious illness of more than two weeks. She had been in failing health, however, for sometime.

When her condition became critical Monday, Judge Johnson J. Hayes, her son, who was scheduled to preside over a term of federal court in Winston-Salem, adjourned court for a week to come to her bedside and other members of the family were called home.

The funeral service will be conducted today (Thursday) at 11 o'clock at Purlear Baptist church. Rev. Avery M. Church and Rev. Finley C. Watts, of Purlear, and Rev. G. W. Sebastian, of this city, will conduct the service. The body will be carried to the church at 10 o'clock where it will lie in state until the hour of the service.

Nieces of Mrs. Hayes will be flowerbearers and nephews will be active pallbearers. Mrs. Hayes was the daughter (Continued on page eight)

Will Retire From Office At End Of His Term First Monday In July

Venerable Educator Has Served As Head of Wilkes County's School System For 34 Years; Has Been Honored On Many Occasions; Leaves Behind Him Fine Record of Service

Prof. C. C. Wright, superintendent of the Wilkes county school system for the past thirty-four years, will retire at the expiration of his term on the first Monday in July. A statement to the effect that he is not a candidate for re-election was obtained by The Journal-Patriot yesterday afternoon.

Replying to the letters of hundreds of friends throughout the county relative to continuing in the work, the venerable superintendent states that "after mature deliberation and thoughtful consideration, I have made up my mind to leave the work at the conclusion of my present term of office."

His statement follows: "I desire to take this means of answering the many letters that have come into the office in the past few weeks requesting me to remain in the educational work in this county and to say to the many friends who have come to see me imploring me to remain in the work that after mature deliberation and thoughtful consideration I have made up my mind to leave the work at the conclusion of my present term of office which expires on the first Monday in July, 1933.

"I have endeavored to do my whole duty as God has given me to see that duty. I have endeavored so far in my life to know no man in my official relations with him as to his religion or his politics. And only the faithful discharge of my duty has been my sole ambition in life for the thirty-four years I have been at the head of the public school system in Wilkes County.

"Those who have aided me and have helped to make my administration what it has been, I thank you, and my very best wishes shall go with each and every one of you through life."

Mr. Wright was elected superintendent of the county school system in 1899 when he was but 36 years of age. He has served in that capacity continuously since that time.

Not only has great educational progress been made in Wilkes and the state during his term of office, but Mr. Wright has been intimately associated with this development. Mr. Wright assumed office just prior to the election of Governor Aycock, known as the great educational governor.

Probably no man in the history of North Carolina or the nation has served so long as head of a county school system.

Mr. Wright was born on August 14, 1862, and will lack but 41 days of being 71 years old when he leaves office on July 3. He was married on September 23, 1891 to Miss Jennie Land. Their marriage was blessed with several children who have played an important part in the education of the county.

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First Program Will Be Given This Evening at 8 O'clock By Music Pupils of Mrs. R. E. Prevette; Rev. J. C. Story is Coming Sunday To Deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon

A recital this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock by the junior music pupils marks the opening of the commencement season for Wilkesboro high school. The first and second grades will assist in presenting the program.

Another recital by the high school music pupils, assisted by the high school chorus, will be given Friday evening at the same hour. Mrs. R. E. Prevette, teacher of the music class, is directing these programs.