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TOWN TOPICS

A weekly resume of opinion pertaining to local developments in the news.

Judge Thomas McPherson lays claim to other honors than being a mere jurist. He is one of Lee County's most enthusiastic poultrymen.

So into the back seat, on which sat another large crate of eggs, I scrambled. No place to read, with that big crate of eggs first on the seat and then on your lap but plenty of room for pleasant thought over what fine egg-nog those grade "A" eggs of the judge would make.

In front of Swift's the recorder jammed on the brakes and the car suddenly stopped. "Give me a lift here," he commanded. And out of the mixture of eggs, auto cushions, newspapers and musty court records, I clambered to give a hand to the judge and his heavy crates of eggs. No job for a lazy man!

Moral: If leisurely inclined be careful of whom you seek a "lift."

Another well-known public character, former Senator Cameron Morrison, is making poultry an important adjunct to his farm. Much as I admire the rugged qualities of the lion, along with a pure-strain rooster, under which were these words: "Morrison, A Fancier," appearing in a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer, was perfectly ludicrous.

Four or five cases were called in recorder's court Tuesday morning before one was reached in which all the witnesses and principals were present. Even in this one, if I am not mistaken, Judge McPherson was impelled to issue capiases for absent witnesses. In one important case, the prosecuting witness failed to show up, and it was necessary to issue a capias for his arrest in order to proceed with the case.

Judge McPherson, infuriated at the negligence of witnesses and others, descended from the bench, and with hands in pocket and eyes glued to floor, impatiently meandered about the courtroom. He ordered the sheriff to deputize deputies, commanded the clerk to issue capiases, threatened to fine absent witnesses.

Just as he was on the verge of adjourning court until two o'clock in the afternoon, in walked a deputy with the missing prosecuting witness, and the wheels of justice began their belated grind.

Youth of the present day who court by fast motors, via earth and air, know nothing of the extraordinary hardships their parents underwent in carrying on a courtship.

"Why, when I was a young man," Dr. Lynn McIver told his fellow Rotarians Tuesday, "I wore out six horses and buggies courting."

Courting and medical practice combined, Dr. McIver admits he has worn out six horses and buggies, two Maxwells, ten Fords, two Dodges and two Buicks and is now trying out a Chevrolet.

Said Page Trust Company's swanky cashier, L. M. Gould, also a Rotary speaker:

"One of my first jobs was in a bank building in Raleigh. For a little while there my life was a series of ups and downs—I was an elevator boy."

When is a man drunk? Opinion on this question varies, but the late Prof. S. E. Mordecai, once dean of law at Duke University is thought to have spoken the most universally accepted definition.

"Not drunk is he," pronounced Dean Mordecai, "who from the floor can rise again to drink once more. But drunk is he who prostrate lies and cannot either drink or rise."

But a few miles distant from the University of North Carolina, and Duke University and their excellent library facilities, and with Pinehurst and Southern Pines, renowned winter

Makepeace and Cross Given Good Committee Assignments

Their constituents will be pleased to learn that Senator T. S. Cross, of this senatorial district, and Representative O. P. Makepeace, of this county, have been placed on a number of committees, some of which are among the most important in the General Assembly.

Rebukes Fellow Historians For Fashioning Of "little tin gods"

FINCH DEPLORES UNTRUTHS HANDED DOWN BY WRITERS

Noted Historian Says "Parson" Weems Distorted the Real George Washington.

MINIMIZES ABE LINCOLN

Contempt for the historians who manufacture demigods out of American statesmen as well as for the debunkers who seek to play up the other extreme of their lives, was expressed by George R. Finch, noted Indiana historian, in an informal discussion before the Tar Heel Forum.

The historian gave vent to his opinion in citing "Some of the Fallacies of American History" and he vouchsafed that the school of writers to which the eccentric "Parson" Weems belonged were responsible for the distorted views of national characters held by the American people.

The tall, handsome Indian, lounging in a chair, legs crossed, a blue haze of smoke curling from the cigarette he devoured with evident enjoyment, underwent a barrage of historical questions from Forum members.

Dr. R. O. Humphrey opened the bombardment with a question concerning the cause of the Civil War. The historian answered that he thought the primary cause of the war was due to a series of political grievances rather than economic factors.

He stated he believed the South would have been in much better shape today, economically, had this section won the war. "The South," said he, "would have not taken seventy years to recover from the conflict had she been victorious, and the section below the Mason and Dixon line has all the advantages conducive to industrial prestige and none of the North's disadvantages," he added.

Mr. Finch, admitting a degree of prejudice in his make-up, due to his Tar Heel birth, differs from most historians in his estimate of Lincoln. "Mr. Lincoln," he declared, "was not a statesman in the sense we are led to believe by the school of historians who have been over-busy in the creation of 'little tin gods.' Far from being a statesman, he was, rather, only a common politician."

He characterized George Washington as a really, and truly great man and lamented the fact that this "red-blooded American and he-man" had been distorted and put in the wrong light by Pollyanna writers like "Parson" Weems. Washington, he declared, was not a saint; he imported his liquor, as much as seven hundred gallons a year, from every foreign country in the world; he gambled, occasionally indulged in a fling of profanity, and was in love with the wife of his best friend. On the other hand, he pointed out, Washington had good traits that far overbalanced his weaknesses. He was a regular church attendant, was interested in the advancement of the agriculture of his day, and it was his indomitable character that welded a group of far-flung colonies into a compact, united nation.

Speaking of the "South's" leaders, (Continued On Page Eight)

Representative O. P. Makepeace, having had experience in previous General Assemblies, was placed on a large number of committees, some of the most important in the House. Following are his committee assignments: Finance, Insurance, Regulation of Public Service Corporations, Oyster Industry, Proposition and Grievances, Constitutional Amendments, Game, Makepeace, Chairman; Banks and Banking, Corporations; of these, Finance, Public Service Corporations and Banks and Banking are among the most powerful committees in the House. Representative Makepeace is in a position to do much towards shaping legislation in the House.

Lee Gets More Funds From R. F. C. Source

Announcement is made from Raleigh by Dr. Fred W. Morrison, the Governor's director of relief, that an allotment of \$1,635,000 of Federal funds has been made to the 100 counties of the state for January and February.

The funds, which will be paid over every two weeks were obtained by a loan of \$1,650,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, of which \$15,000 was retained to pay State administration expenses for the two months period. Of this amount Lee county draws \$3,500 for January and February.

However, 20 per cent comes off of these amounts, which leaves about \$2,800 for January and \$4,800 for February.

W. A. CRABTREE, JR. IS BURIED TODAY

Young Man Had Been Life-Long Invalid; Interment Held At Buffalo Cemetery.

William A. Crabtree, Jr., oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crabtree, died at his home on Hawkins Avenue at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening at the age of 29 years. A simple funeral service was held at the home this morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Frank C. Hawkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Dr. R. C. Gilmore, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The conclusion of the services at the home the remains were borne to Buffalo cemetery where the interment was made.

William Crabtree was an invalid from infancy, sweet spirited and of cheerful disposition he bore his affliction and sufferings all through the years with patience and fortitude. He appreciated his friends and was always glad to have them call. William will be sadly missed in the family circle, especially by his devoted mother, who watched over him all through the years with the devotion that only a mother can show. Mr. Crabtree is survived by his parents, two sisters, Misses Grace and Gertrude Crabtree, two brothers, Messrs. C. H. Crabtree, of this place, and Coleman Crabtree, of Sumter, S. C.

POULTRY SALE FOR NEXT WEEK

First Cooperative Poultry Sale of Year Scheduled For Next Friday.

The first cooperative poultry sale of the year will be held in Sanford on next Friday, January 20th. This sale has been arranged for by the Lee Mutual Poultry Association and county agent E. O. McMahan.

The price of poultry has been improving since the first of the year and the association is looking forward to a successful year for the poultrymen of Lee county. The association is planning to hold one or two cooperative sales each month of the year, and plans are being worked for the marketing of eggs also.

Secretary W. E. Temple of the association says that prices for the sale next Friday will appear in an advertisement in this paper next week.

BELIEVED DOWD HOLDS EDGE IN MARSHAL'S RACE

Sanford Man Seems To Be Favorite Candidate For Place Throughout District.

HAS COVERED DISTRICT

Endorsements For Place Come From All of Middle District—20 Counties.

A growing sentiment throughout the middle federal judicial district in favor of the appointment of William T. Dowd, Sanford business man, as marshal is discernible, supporters of his pointed out this week.

In recent weeks the Sanford man, who is a strong personal friend of Senators Robert B. Reynolds and Josiah William Bailey, has made a tour of the twenty counties which compose the middle district and in every county strong and influential support is being manifested in his behalf.

In his home county of Lee both voters and political leaders are lined up as a solid phalanx behind him. He has the unanimous endorsement of the county Democratic executive committee, the bar association, county city officials, the county medical society, and the local post of the American Legion, which he is commander, is one hundred per cent back of him.

The candidate for the marshalship is a native of Lee, an adjoining county, and is a member of a family that has taken an influential part in the life of the State since Revolutionary days. In 1820 he went down the river for Alfred H. Smith and two years later gave loyal support to Josiah William Bailey in the Bailey-Simmons senatorial contest. As manager in Lee county for Robert R. Reynolds he helped the new senator to pile up an overwhelming majority over former Governor Cameron Morrison.

The Reynolds campaign in Lee, under the leadership of Mr. Dowd, was conducted with such diplomacy and with such shrewdness as to leave no trace of bitterness between the Reynolds and Morrison factions following the primary. Every prominent Morrison leader in the county is now giving the primary support.

After the close of intra-party battles, Mr. Dowd was named as president of the Roosevelt Motor Club for North Carolina by Mr. Reynolds and in this capacity waged a determined drive for funds to help finance the Democratic presidential campaign.

A veteran of the World War, Mr. Dowd is also affiliated with the Masonic, Moose and Odd Fellows fraternal orders.

SAM INGRAM ON SCHOOL BOARD

O. P. Makepeace, who was elected a member of the House of Representatives from Lee county at the last election, and who is now in Raleigh attending to his duties as a member of that body, resigned as a member of the board of trustees of the Sanford Graded Schools at a meeting of that body held here last Monday night.

Mr. Makepeace was chairman of the board for several years and always showed a deep interest in the work and progress of the schools. He is succeeded as chairman by J. W. Stout, who has for a number of years been a member of the board and also interested himself in the success of the schools. Mr. Sam T. Ingram was elected to fill the vacancy on the board.

John D. Wicker, county fire warden, attended the district forestry meeting held at Fayetteville last Thursday.

Mr. Wicker reports that the meeting was a very interesting one and that the forestry men present derived much good from the talks of J. S. Holmes, State Forester, and Charles H. Flora, assistant State Forester.

TANTALIZER

The letters in the lines below properly arranged spell the names of two persons in Sanford. If the persons whose names are represented by the group of letters decipher their own names and bring copies of this paper to the Express Office before next Wednesday night, to each of them will be given a free ticket admitting them to the show at the Temple Theatre Thursday night.

This week's Tantalizer: OEHJNIN SGLSA HRPAL MRONEG Harold McMahan Billy Wood.

MRS. ARTHUR KING ESTEEMED WOMAN, DIES WEDNESDAY

Ill For Weeks, Local Woman's Condition Became Critical Several Days Ago.

NATIVE OF SILER CITY

Mrs. King Was Member of Baptist Church Since Girlhood—Beautiful Character

Mrs. A. P. King, who had been sick at her home here for several weeks and critically ill for the past two or three days, died Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Although it was generally known that Mrs. King was growing weaker and there was little hope for her recovery, the announcement of her death was a great shock to her friends and neighbors.

The funeral was held at the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Frank C. Hawkins, the pastor of the deceased, assisted by Dr. R. C. Gilmore, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The service included scripture reading, prayer and the following music was rendered during the service: Massenet's "Elegy," being requested by Mrs. King before her death, was played by Miss Ruth Phillips; "O, Love That Will Not Let Me Go," "Lead Kindly Light," sung by quartet composed of Leo Pendergrass, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Brooks, and Mrs. Wall; special solo, Mrs. Jarvis Brooks, "Shadows."

At the conclusion of the services at the home the remains were borne to Buffalo cemetery where the interment was made. Following were the pall bearers: F. Y. Hanner, D. B. Teague, T. J. Brooks, W. L. Seawell, J. W. Stout, and Dr. R. G. Sowers. The deacons and officers of the First Baptist church acted as honorary pall bearers: Flower bearers: Misses Inez Leahy, Grace Short, Kitty McKee, Ruth Phillips, Elizabeth Crews, Virginia Moss Formy-Duval, Anna Rogers, Gaynelle Seawell, and Mary Frances Underwood. Many beautiful floral designs from friends covered the grave.

Following were among those here from a distance to attend the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dark and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Bray and family, and Mr. N. B. Bray, of Siler City; Dr. and Mrs. Lamm, of Lucama; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Brooks, of Bear Creek; Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Barnes and family, of Raleigh, and many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Fannie Bray King, daughter of the late J. N. Bray and Mrs. Henrietta Bray, of Siler City, was born November 13th, 1882, passing away in the 51st year of her age. She was married to Mr. A. P. King, of this place, March 17th, 1909, since which time she has made Sanford her home. She is survived by her husband and daughter, Miss Frances King, and two sons, John B. and Charles King. Two children, A. P. Jr., and Corneilia, preceded her to the grave. Mrs. King is also survived by her mother and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. F. W. Lamm, Lucama; Mrs. R. W. Dark, Siler City; Mrs. K. W. Barnes, Raleigh; Mrs. W. E. Brooks, Bear Creek; Miss Fleta R. Bray, Siler City; two brothers, Messrs. C. N. and W. B. Bray, also of Siler City.

Since girlhood Mrs. King has been a member of the Baptist church, and at the time of her death was a member of the First Baptist church of this place. She was a woman of fine traits of character and all through the years had lived the life of a faithful devoted member of her church. She was active in all departments of church work, was a teacher in the Sunday School and a circle leader in the Women's Missionary Society. She loved home life and acted well the part of wife and mother. In the home-going of two of her children she had tasted sorrow's bitter cup. Her place in the home and in the church will be hard to fill.

ELLER-PRODUCE COMPANY TO HOLD POULTRY SALE

The Eller Produce Company, of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina's leading poultry house, will conduct a poultry sale, rain or shine, here on Saturday, January 14th, 7 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Mr. Ray Bullis, who is in charge of the sale, announces that good prices will be paid and that the payments will be in spot cash. He asks the cooperation of Lee county farmers and promises to see that Sanford will have a dependable poultry market in the future.

Autos Must Bear License By 17th.

State highway patrolmen in this part of the State have been instructed to order all motor vehicles found operating on public highways effective Tuesday, to be stored until license tags are purchased. All people now operating cars are subject to fine and costs. Patrolmen are acting in compliance with orders from State officials in Raleigh and have no discretion in the matter. They have discovered that many people have not bought tags. Cars are to be seen on the streets of Sanford without the new tags.

Index Points Upward For Banking Concerns

Federal Relief Coming In Handy In County

Up to January 1, \$7,408 had been received from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This has been exhausted in paying for labor and relief in the shape of charity. Since November 8th, 750 men have been employed in the county cleaning off cemeteries and church lots, and school grounds, they also engaged in road repair work. During the past few weeks hundreds of people have received flour, clothing and other things from the headquarters of the Lee County Relief Association at this place.

CAPITAL QUINT BEATS SANFORD

High School Varsities Stage A Real Thriller Here Last Tuesday Evening.

High school varsities of Raleigh and Sanford staged a real basketball thriller here Tuesday night, with the Capital City quint getting a 22-20 edge over the locals.

First half play saw Raleigh doubling the score on Sanford to hold a 10-5 lead at the turn. But the Lee county lads came back and tied the score at 10-10. The second half saw Raleigh doubling the score to a 16-11 tie, but Theodore Chappell, Raleigh's ace scorer, broke the knot with a field goal. Johnson matched this for Sanford and the clubs were deadlocked at 18-18 as the third period ended.

There was little scoring in the final period. Satsky's field goal put Raleigh ahead at 20-18, but Brinn dropped in an action score for Sanford to even things again. A bit later came a field goal by Chappell, a goal which proved the ultimate margin of victory.

It was a nip and tuck affair, with Raleigh's margin coming by virtue of more success from the free-throw line. Sanford led in field goals, 8 to 7. Chappell accounted for 11 points to lead Raleigh and Johnson showed the way for Sanford with 8.

CHURCHMEN MEET HERE ON SUNDAY

There will be a group conference at the Sanford Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon on evangelism. The program will begin at 2:30 o'clock and continue through 4 o'clock. A number of prominent preachers will be present and take part in the program. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, chairman of this work in the North Carolina Synod, will speak on the objective; Rev. W. M. Baker will discuss the need of evangelism; the essentials of evangelism presented by Rev. Jonas Barclay, who will discuss the subject of faith; Dr. R. C. Gilmore, repentance; Rev. J. S. Cook, prayer; Rev. C. L. Wicker, consecration. Then for 20 minutes there will be group discussion led by Mr. Baker. The women will be led by Mrs. J. S. Cook; the young people by Mr. Cook. This is a public service and the people of the town and community are invited to attend.

United Bank & Trust Co. The statement of United Bank & Trust Co. shows total resources of \$4,004,018.50. The liquid assets, including cash in vault and due from banks, N. C. bonds, U. S. Liberty bonds, county and municipal bonds, other bonds and stocks, totals \$1,249,114.35.

With Charles L. Abercrombie, a youngster who had shown a remarkable grasp on monetary affairs while in the Greensboro bank, in charge, the future is, indeed, promising for this financial institution.

WILLIAMS-BELK PUTS ON A JANUARY CLEARANCE

In this issue of The Express Williams-Belk Company, North Carolina's largest distributors of reliable merchandise, are advertising their huge annual clearance of merchandise at lowest prices in the history of their business. Said Walter Simmons yesterday: "The bargains we are offering this sale are unprecedented. If the folks really want an opportunity to save money this is their one big chance." All roads will lead to Sanford during this gigantic sale.

FOR RENT—One furnished or two unfurnished rooms, with steam heat convenient to bath with hot and cold water; close in. See Mr. or Mrs. B. D. Baker or call phone 323.

TWO LOCAL BANKS MAKE EXCELLENT SHOWING IN 1932

Page Trust Co. and United Bank Show Total Resources Of Over \$8,000,000.

HAVE WEATHERED STORM

Condensed statements of the financial condition of the two local banks, the Page Trust Co. and the United Bank and Trust Co., as of December 31, 1932, reveal that both institutions are in excellent condition.

Ninety second among the State's one hundred counties in size, with a population of only 17,000, Lee's banking resources might be calculated to excite the envy of many of the State's larger counties—certainly, it is evident from the figures reflected in the reports that the people of Lee, far from being bankrupt, are actually sitting on top of the world.

Resources Over \$8,000,000 The total resources of Sanford's two banks, as shown in the statements, amounts to more than \$8,000,000. Page Trust Co. and United Bank & Trust Co., however, are chain institutions and their resources are embraced in consolidated statements. This being true, that part of the deposits and assets afforded by Lee county is much smaller than the figures indicate. To the patrons of either of the two banks, however, it should be a source of satisfaction that the safety of their deposits is assured not only by an accumulation of local resources but resources from without the county. The fact that these two strong chain institutions are represented with local units is an evidence of the faith and confidence which their respective directorates entertain for Lee county and her people.

Page Trust Company The growth of the Page Trust Company, notwithstanding the acute depression of the past three years is reflected in their recent statement as compared to December 31, 1929 statement. Total resources of this bank have jumped from \$3,667,898, as of December 31, 1929, to \$4,231,030.39, a gain of almost \$600,000. The annexations of several smaller banks during the three year intermission, however, are revealed in the increased figures.

An omen of the soundness and security of the Page bank is indicated in the liquidity of its resources, amounting to nearly two million dollars, composed U. S. government and N. C. State bonds, municipal and listed securities and cash in vault and in banks.

Page Trust Company now has banks in Sanford, Raleigh, Aberdeen, Albemarle, Apex, Carthage, Hamlet, Liberty, Raeford, Ramseur, Siler City, Thomasville, Troy, and Zebulon.

Mr. L. M. Gould, who is in charge of the local branch, though young, is a banker of broad vision and with much experience. Prior to coming here he was cashier of the Troy branch of the bank.

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