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OLD ADMINISTRATION TO GET ANOTHER CHANCE.

The present administration will continue to administer the affairs of Sanford for another term of two years. This was the verdict of the people of the town at the polls Tuesday. The campaign had been worked up to white heat and the result shows that the vote was one of the heaviest in the history of Sanford. Both personalities and issues figured in the campaign which was hard fought all the way through. The town was thoroughly canvassed by the candidates and their workers, many working till the last vote was cast at the going down of the sun. When the returns were canvassed and posted many expressed surprise at the result. It was believed by some that there would be some changes on the board of aldermen, and that Williams would defeat Wilkins for mayor, but the result showed that there was only one break in the line-up. Fields, a new man, defeated Hartness for alderman in the fourth ward. This was the greatest surprise of the election, as Hartness made a good alderman and it was thought that he would be reelected. Several things entered into his defeat. So far as is known his successor is a good man and will make a good alderman.

Now that the election is a thing of the past let us forget our differences and like one big family pull together for a bigger and greater Sanford. Those who will administer the affairs of the town for the next two years can make their work more effective if given the support and cooperation of the people of the town. No doubt many were surprised at the result of the election held to elect five members for the new board of trustees for the city schools. Five members of the old board went in by good majorities. They are all good men and will no doubt give good service as they have in the past. They are familiar with the workings of the schools and are in a position to know what the schools need.

FARM WOMEN'S CLUBS MAKE RURAL CENTERS.

This paper has from time to time had something to say about building of farm women's club houses in Lee county and the interest the wives and daughters of the farmers are taking in the organized work as carried on by their efficient organizer and leader, Miss Cornelia Simpson. There are 65 home demonstration club houses which have been built in rural communities of North Carolina serving as meeting places for community activities. Think of it, three of these club houses are here in Lee county. If each county in the state had this number of rural club houses there would be 300 in the state. In some counties there is not a single farm women's club house. This will give you some idea of what the farmer's wives in Lee county are doing along this line and how far they are ahead of some counties. Lee is one of the smallest counties in the state in both area and population and one of the best organized in farm and domestic science work.

Lee has set the pace and some of the other counties in the state are waking up to the situation. In addition to the 65 club houses built, 70 club rooms have been furnished for the club activities in sections where club houses are not available. Also, applications have been made for the construction of 117 new club houses and rooms within the near future. It is expected that plans will soon materialize for more club houses here in Lee county. Some of the club houses have been built with the help of the ERA. In Lee county the women, with the aid of their friends and neighbors have constructed two and remodeled one with the assistance of their men folk and neighbors and have not called on the ERA for help. According to the statistics that have been published Lee county will receive a total of \$140,775.34 as its part of a total of \$19,959,083.73 in State adjustment benefits

under the Agricultural Adjustments Act as of March 31, which was made public the first of the week. Why not use some of this money to build community club houses?

Much of the material used for building club houses in the way of stone and logs have been supplied by the farmers. Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, State Home Agent at State College, Raleigh, called particular attention to the Water Lily community club house on Currituck Sound, which the club members remodeled from an old boat house. The Dignus community club house in Lee county, is a model example, she added. The Dignus Club is having the yard surrounding the club house beautified with flowers. In a few years they expect to make it one of the beauty spots of Lee county. No doubt the members of the other clubs will also beautify the premises with flowers, grass and shade trees.

In the years to come one can imagine seeing beautiful club houses all over Lee county, with the surroundings in keeping with the buildings. This will add beauty and charm to country life and be an encouragement to young men and young women to remain on the farm, and live the happy life experienced by the farmer and his family who "live at home."

WILL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASS A LIQUOR CONTROL BILL?

The question now is will the General Assembly be able to pass a liquor control bill at this session? It doesn't look so. It is believed that the time is too short, that is if they adjourn the last of this or early next week, as has been suggested. Last week the dries in the senate voted 24 to 23 to table the motion for reconsideration and killed the Day control bill for the session. The house had passed the measure with a proviso that whenever 51 counties had voted in a referendum to license liquor sales it would be effective in these.

It is reported that two or three bills have been drawn up in the last few days and that the wets have a lingering hope that some one of them can be put through at the last minute. For several weeks their chief desire was to pass a bill putting liquor back on part, if not all the State through a referendum. The session of the General Assembly has been prolonged by this fight between the wets and dries. Some of the newspapers have expressed the opinion that a speech made by Josephus Daniels, Ambassador to Mexico, had much to do with defeating the liquor bill in the Senate. He emphasized the fact that North Carolina voted overwhelmingly dry in 1933, and made further comment on the liquor issue.

After the Senate had killed the Day bill, Representative Page of Bladen, who had voted against it in the House, introduced in the lower body a bill providing for establishment of a State prohibition enforcement constabulary, providing for at least two officers in all counties and more in larger ones.

Cost of the constabulary would be met from fines assessed against those violating the Turlington act. All violators would be fined at least \$50 under the Page plan. The first move to head off action was to raise the point of quorum and following this postponement was forced on objections by influential members. On Friday the House overwhelmingly passed the bill and sent it to the Senate.

It is since learned that the bill has been disposed of by being defeated in the Senate. Since the above was put in type it is learned that another liquor bill was put through the House Tuesday.

With a whoop and malicious glare at the Senate, the House suspended its rules and sent to the Senate a bill to exempt seven counties from the provisions of the Turlington bone-dry liquor law insofar as it prevents continuation and perpetration of the ancient and honorable Scottish custom of "wee-deoch-an-dortis." The bill applies to Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Moore, Robeson, Scotland and Hoke

counties, "otherwise known as the country of the God-blessed Maacs." The measure was introduced by Representatives McCall of Robeson, McEachern of Hoke, Gibson of Scotland and Clegg of Moore.

Should this bill become a law, Moore, an adjoining county, would be wet. Just how it would effect this county remains to be seen. It is believed that it would be very difficult to enforce the law as it would be an easy matter to smuggle it across the line from Moore.

The Legislature has spent much time in an effort to pass a liquor control law, and has made a miserable mess of the matter. It seems that they are not willing to admit that North Carolina is a dry State, and they took up the time studying the wet issue when they should have been engaged in constructive legislation.

LIARS AND LIARS.

It is now claimed by a scientist who has returned from Easter Island, a small body of land in the Pacific, that the women of the little island are the biggest liars in the world. We wonder if the defeated candidate for mayor of Sanford and the candidates who sought election on the board of aldermen and the board of school trustees, are ready to accept that statement as a fact? It would be interesting to know the number of voters, both men and women, who changed their minds—it would hardly do to call them liars—in casting their votes for the various candidates here last Tuesday. However, we noticed that it seemed that fewer people made promises during the campaign than in any previous campaign in Sanford. The candidates for the various offices were puzzled over the fact that so many voters were non-committal and refused to pledge themselves. We think that this is a good sign and shows that the people are more consistent in casting the ballots and wish to be unhampered in making their own choice. The Australian ballot system gives them the right to cast un molested or unduly influenced their ballots as sovereigns of this great country. We are informed that some of the husbands and wives did not let each other know for whom they were going to vote.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Latest tabulation of the combined public debt in the United States, including Federal, State and local debts, shows the American taxpayers owe almost 50 billion dollars—and owing more every day.

The figures, compiled by the Industrial Conference Board, and cross-checked against information obtained by other statistical organizations, were quoted and accepted by Senators during their debate of the four-billion-dollar work relief fund, which will send the public debt far over the 50-billion mark as these bonds are issued.

The Federal debt was placed at \$28,479,000,000, and debts of states, counties and municipalities at \$20,173,000,000. State and local debts like the Federal have mounted during the depression. Since 1929, state and local debts have increased at the rate of one half billion dollars a year, while the National has jumped an average of two and one half billion dollars until this year, when it will skyrocket to an estimated total of \$34,200,000,000, this figure having been forecast by President Roosevelt.

DEEP RIVER FINALS

MAY 10th TO 18th

Exercises marking the close of Deep River school will begin Friday, May 10th, and continue through Saturday, May 18th. Following is a list of the events as they occur:

A Gypsy Festival by primary grades and an operetta, "Mollie Be Jolly," by grammar grades, May 10th, 8 o'clock. Baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Ronald Wall, of Sanford, Sunday afternoon, May 12th, 3 o'clock.

Recitation and declamation contests Wednesday night May 15th, 8 o'clock. Class Day exercises, "The Parting of the Braves," Friday, May 17th 8 o'clock, followed by literary address by Dean D. B. Bryan, Wake Forest College.

Senior Play, "Here Comes Charley," Saturday night, May 18th, 8 o'clock. Following is a list of graduates of Deep River school for 1935:

- CLASS ROLL—T. N. Riddle, Robert Overton, Everett Jordan, Clyde E. Riddle, Ella Mae Brown, Aldine McEnire, Eugene Pritchard, L. Clayton Epp, Ruby Jane Cart, Ethel Mae Thomas, Ruby Emma Hicks, Herman B. Eddy, Elsie Model Johnson, Lucy Catherine Wicker, Nellie Catherine Mitchell.

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