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EDITORIAL

ROOSEVELT GOES IN FOR A SECOND TERM

Perhaps the curtain rang down Tuesday night on the most strenuous national campaign ever waged in the history of this country. It was fought to a finish by two well known organized groups. The absent and most experienced leaders that the two parties could muster were sent to the sections where they could do the most good. More money was used in this campaign than in any previous campaign. It was used by the millions instead of thousands. Although thousands of Republicans voted for Roosevelt in this election, as they did nearly four years ago, it will go down in history as a great victory for the Democratic party. The Democrats were probably better organized under their great leader who will again occupy the White House, than ever before in the history of the party. President Roosevelt proved himself master of the situation from the time the campaign opened till it closed. This election has proved a great victory for the American people as well as President Roosevelt and the Democratic party.

It turns out that the Republican party has become the opposition party. Until recent years the Republicans claimed they had the constructive party. It will be claimed, and probably justly so, that President Roosevelt is bigger than his party. He has received support from all political parties as the vote shows.

The Republicans in all parts of the country appeared to be as confident that Landon would be elected by a safe majority. The Democrats were equally confident Roosevelt would win. For the past week or two everything pointed to the election of President Roosevelt, but the most enthusiastic and sanguine friends of the President did not think that it would be in the nature of a great landslide ever known in the history of politics in this country. The thing came very near being unanimous. The vote shows that the people of the country have confidence in President Roosevelt and are willing for him to make a test of "the New Deal", and find whether or not it is workable. He has four years to consolidate the program he has mapped to show the country that it will do the work that he claims for it.

SECOND INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO OCCUR JANUARY 20th.

Very few people in Lee county know that the date of the inauguration of the President of the United States has been changed from March 4th to January 20th. It seems that very little has been said about the change in the date. It was not given general publicity at the time the measure became a law. A few years ago a change in the date was discussed, but as we recall some date in August was suggested. Almost invariably March weather is very cold and disagreeable in Washington, but how about the middle of January? Washington is often covered with a heavy snow in January. As modern methods are employed to clear the streets of cities of heavy snows in the winter season, the streets of Washington could probably be cleaned for occasion unless a heavy snow is falling during the hours of the exercises.

To make sure of ideal weather the inauguration should be held in May or June. Why not have the inauguration at the time the Japanese cherries are in bloom? Washington looks more attractive at this season than at any other season of the year.

LEE COUNTY LIBRARY SOON TO BE MOVED TO NEW HOME

The current issue of the University News Letter is devoted to a discussion of public libraries of North Carolina. It first asks "What is the law in North Carolina regarding the establishment and maintenance of public libraries?" The News Letter first tells how appropriations may be made for the establishment and maintenance of public libraries. As Lee county has for the past few years had a public library it is not necessary to quote the law explaining how the funds for a library can be raised, but it may be of interest to many of our readers to know how a public library may be handled after it is established. We quote: "When a library has been established by a town, city or county,

Lee County Court

Opened Wednesday

Jail Full of Prisoners and a Heavy Criminal Docket to Be Tried—Six Prisoners to Be Tried For Murder.

Lee Superior Court convened Wednesday. It is a two weeks mixed term of court. The jail is full of prisoners and six men are to stand trial charged with murder. Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, is presiding. Court was to have opened Monday, but the opening date was postponed till Wednesday on account of the election. Several cases were disposed of Wednesday. The civil docket will be taken up next Monday.

The six men who are to stand trial upon the charge of murder are four negroes and two white men. The white man, Roland Williams, 16, and Roy Stutts, 22, for the death of Staley Medlin white, slashed to death March 28. The colored men: Lonnie Goss, 25, for death of Dan White, negro. Percy Petty, for shooting Lucille Simmons, colored August 1; McIver and Sawyer Lee for death of Jim Hayes, found dead near the S A L tracks April 11. Facing charges of automobile larceny are Jake Kelly, Duke Sloan, Roy Thomas, Durham, Sink Sloan and Hasty Thomas. Sink Sloan is also charged with larceny from person. Others awaiting trial are James Madison, Willie Freeman and Charlie McLean, facing embezzlement or larceny charges.

Mrs. N. A. McEachern, of St. Paula, spent last week with Mrs. Dan P. King.

That government unit appoints a board of trustees to run the library, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the appointing body.

The trustees serve without compensation. They elect the officers of the library, the secretary treasurer or gives bond for the faithful performance of his duties; the trustees appoint a librarian, assistants and other employees, they make annual reports to the governing body and in general are responsible for the proper functioning of the library. Any head librarian appointed since 1933 has to have a librarian certificate issued by the North Carolina Librarian Certification Board.

"The board of trustees has power to accept gifts, bequests and devises, but the title to such property apparently vests in the governing body for the benefit of the library."

"On the whole, the North Carolina Library law offers a reasonably speedy and adequate procedure for the establishment and support of libraries where they are needed, provided the citizens are sufficiently interested to put the law in motion."

While a library has been maintained for her number of years it has been a county library only a few years and is now free to the public. It comes under the A. L. A. Standard and has \$1,000 or more county appropriation. It is in a class with Davidson, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Durham, Wake, Rockingham, Buncombe, Stanly, Vance Forsyth, Burke and New Hanover.

This is mighty good company to be in and shows that Lee is trailing along with some of the larger progressive counties of the State in literary as well as material things. Sanford has a literary club that can be classed along with the leading literary clubs of the large towns of the state. It can be truly said that this club is the mother of the library. It not only established it, but supported and nourished it single handed and alone until it was made a county library. This library is not as large as it should be, because it did not have room to grow. The friends of this library are glad to know that it will soon be in its new home on the corner of Cole and Steele streets. It will occupy part of the new agricultural building now nearing completion. This is one of the most substantially constructed buildings in the county and the library will have an opportunity to grow and meet the demands of the reading public. It will be supplied with all modern conveniences and will be a credit to the county.

The library now contains 5,300 volumes. There is space in the new library for 7,000. This means the new library can carry an additional 1,700 books over the old library. There are very few public libraries in the state that carry a greater number of books than Lee County Library. Many of the books are new and up to date.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

The annual roll call for the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross will begin on Armistice Day, November 11th, and end on Thanksgiving Day.

There is little need for me to remind citizens of our community how vital the Red Cross is in the life of our country. During the past year both from actual observation and from accounts of work done which was carried in the daily papers, we have seen just how important it is to have an active agency of the American people to administer assistance when the need arises.

The frequency with which this need does arise has been demonstrated during the past twelve months when we recall the floods, the tornadoes, the hurricanes and the epidemics that have been experienced in various parts of this great country, and the work that the Red Cross has done to relieve distress and actual suffering as a result of these catastrophes. Other, but less spectacular work carried on by the Red Cross has been just as important.

The Red Cross comes to us now for another appeal for membership dues that will finance the work during the year ahead. Our Red Cross asks little from the community, yet contributes much to the general welfare of the people.

For this reason I sincerely urge all of our citizens to participate in this great program by paying the relatively small membership dues to respond to a spirit of good neighborliness. I hope all will take part in the work by becoming members of the organization.

It gives me pleasure, therefore, as Mayor of Sanford, to hereby set aside the designated period as the time when all former members will have an opportunity of renewing their memberships, and for those who have not enrolled before, to do so. Names to the ranks of the Red Cross members in our community.

W. BANKS WILKINS,
Mayor.

CUMBERLAND LEE ZONE

The Cumberland Lee zone meeting of the Fayetteville district was held at Asbury Methodist church in Chat ham county, Tuesday of last week. Rev. Mr. Underwood, pastor of the church, conducted the devotional. Mrs. B. Cole, zone leader, presided. Mrs. J. W. Johnson, president of the Asbury Auxiliary, welcomed the guests and Mrs. C. B. Culbreth, responded.

Mrs. A. M. Gates, president of the North Carolina Missionary Conference brought a timely message. Mrs. Hourst, returned missionary to Korea spoke of her work in the foreign field, and Mrs. Nisbet told of the work that she was doing as a home missionary.

A picnic dinner was served at the noon hour. Those from Steele Street Methodist church who attended were: Mesdames B. Cole, W. L. Seawell, J. T. and W. L. Simmons, H. A. Palmer, F. Y. Hamner, R. C. Rush, C. B. Culbreth, J. T. O'Neal, S. T. Ingram, C. D. Lawrence, and Mr. B. Cole.

SEVIER IS HEAD OF KIWANIS DISTRICT

Greensboro, Oct. 31. — The Carolina District of Kiwanis International elected Dr. Joseph Sevier, of Hendersonville, as district president and selected Charlotte for the 1937 meeting place before closing its 16th annual convention here today.

New Neutnant governors of the nine divisions of the Carolinas are: R. E. Price, of Rutherfordton; Richard E. Thigpen, of Charlotte; J. K. Pepper, of Winston-Salem; R. P. Holding, of Smithfield; Jake S. Moore, of Durham; Edward Moseley, of Williamston; Dr. A. G. Woodard, of Goldsboro; Dan McEachern, of Florence; Donald Brown, of Anderson.

Dr. Sevier reappointed Roderick H. McDonald, of Columbia, S C as district secretary treasurer for his 16th year.

JESSE W. DRIGGERS.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday of last week from the grave site in the cemetery in Jonesboro, for Jesse W. Driggers, 69, who died in Lee County Hospital on Monday night as the result of a fall on Saturday night, at his home near Jonesboro. Rev. O. A. Keller officiated at the service.

Mr. Driggers is survived by several children. His wife died several years ago.

LESLIE C. THOMAS

Leslie C. Thomas who was killed Tuesday, October 25, in his room in an apartment house in Washington, D. C. was buried at Shallowell Christian cemetery Saturday. The funeral was conducted at 3 P. M. at the church, Rev. Mr. Hyde, the pastor, officiating.

The pall bearers were brick masons as was Mr. Thomas. They were Garland Johnson, Washington, D. C.; Max Kelly, Bernice Kelly, Henry Ellis, Harvey Brown, and John Byrd. These six young men built the vault in which Mr. Thomas was buried, and they also sealed it after the service.

Several reports of Mr. Thomas' death were published before the real facts were learned. Mrs. Lillian F. Fauly, who resided next to Mr. Thomas, heard Albert C. Johnson, a stranger, in his room trying to borrow money from Mr. Thomas. She heard Mr. Thomas tell him several times that he had no money to lend him. Mrs. Emma Lewis, a nurse, came down the stairs and saw Johnson standing in the door. He made some harsh remarks to her and passed on. Later Garland Johnson, Thomas' room mate came to the room and found Thomas dead with a hole in the side of his head. He was lying in a pool of blood on his bed. At the coroner's inquest the jury held these two women testified against Johnson and he acknowledged hitting him, but did not intend killing him. He is being held for trial. As Thomas' room mate was also named Johnson, there was some wrong information published, but his room mate was innocent.

Leslie Thomas, son of the late J. M. Thomas, and Mrs. Della Thomas, was born November 13, 1883, in Moore county. Surviving are his mother, three brothers, K. M. Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa., Ervin Thomas, Hickory, Va., and J. V. Thomas, Sanford. Three sisters, Mrs. B. I. Canfield, Mrs. J. W. Durham, and Mrs. J. W. Durham, are also living.

Those from out of town who attended the funeral were all the above mentioned brothers and sisters except Mrs. Wilson, who was unable to come; Mr. Garland Johnson, Washington, D. C.; David G. Allen, Bill Allen, Dave Allen, Raleigh; A. J. and Jack Glycerine and Amzie Wilson, Sunbury, Pa.

VERMONT, MAINE AND CUMNOCK IN THE SAME CLASS

The election last Tuesday placed Vermont, Maine and Cumnock precinct, Lee County, in the same class. They were all carried by Landon, Republican candidate for President. We wonder if there is another precinct in the United States outside of Lee County and the above named states carried by Landon? Several years ago when Graham Kimrey was a candidate for the nomination of sheriff on the Democratic ticket, it is said that he got the promise of every voter in the Cumnock precinct to vote for him, but to his surprise when the votes were counted he found that not a single one had been cast for him. This precinct has two distinctions. It was against Kimrey for sheriff, but for Landon for President. The time will probably come when the school children will be reading about this bit of political history, in their school text books. It will probably read:

"As goes Vermont and Maine, so goes Cumnock."

Personal

Mrs. W. J. Cox is ill at her home on Jonesboro Route 4.

Mrs. J. D. Johnson and son, Douglas, and Miss Carrie Gunter, accompanied by Mrs. A. B. Roberson, and son Eugene, of Pittsboro, spent last week end in Richmond, Va., with G. F. Gunter and family.

D. H. RIDENHOUR

Funeral service was held Friday afternoon at New Bethel Lutheran church near Richfield, for D. H. Ridenhour 91, who died Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. N. V. Fisher, in Colon, after a long period of declining health. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Ridenhour a native of Stanly county, had spent the latter part of his life in Lee county.

STEWARDS ENTERTAINED BY PASTOR

Rev. C. B. Culbreth entertained the stewards of Steele Street Methodist church Monday evening by serving a chicken stew. The lady stewards of the church prepared the supper. The regular monthly meeting was held afterwards.

Locals

The walls of the new postoffice building have been partly constructed and the flooring is now being put in. The building will be two stories including the basement.

Rev. Ray S. Cody will hold his last service at Memphis Sunday afternoon. It is hoped that he will be returned to this charge for another year.

Everette Lasater, of this place, sent Al Smith, of New York, a wired message of 50 words on the night of the election congratulating him for having aided President Roosevelt in Jack Johnson's singing choir will sing at Memphis Methodist church, near Avenet's Ferry, next Sunday afternoon, November 8th. Everybody is invited to come and hear some good singing.

The ginning report up to October 18th, shows that 1,191 bales of cotton were ginned in Lee county from the 1936 crop. Up to the same period last year 1,544 had been ginned. The season is much later this year than usual. There will probably be little difference in the size of the crops.

The machinery used for grading and putting down the hard surface on the extension of Endor street to connect with the Sanford-Jonesboro Highway near the plant of the Sanford Milling Company, is now ready to be shipped to some other section of the state to engage in road construction. That section of Endor street will soon be in general use.

A motion prevailed at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Monday to the effect that County Demonstration Agent E. O. McMahan be allowed \$125 with which to purchase furniture for the room which will occupy in the new agricultural building, which is nearing completion on the corner of Steele and Cole streets in Sanford. He expects to move in as soon as the building is completed.

Linnie Buchanan raised a collard this year that measured more than three feet across. It was about all that one man could carry. The collard is about the most popular fall and winter vegetable raised in this section. They will remain green and fresh after all other vegetables are killed by the cold. They stand the cold much better than turnips.

So far Eugene Gunter, who attacked Neil Helms with a knife in front of the Commercial Lunch on Steele street three weeks ago, and came near killing him after which he made his escape, has never been arrested by the officers. They have tried to trace him, but failed to locate him. Young Helms continues to improve and is out of danger. It is believed by some that Gunter left the state while others think he is still in North Carolina.

The first big frost of the season visited this section last Friday night. As the season is late the frost did very little damage. It seems that it was not a killing frost due perhaps to the dry weather. Although the cotton crop was late, very little, if any, of the fleecy staple was killed. Most of the cotton and hay crops have been gathered, the farmers taking advantage of the beautiful fall weather to gather in their crops. Corn shuckings are now the order of the day. Some farmers still gather and house their corn in the old way, calling in their neighbors to help shuck it out after it has been hauled up. For the next few weeks the farmers will be busy putting in their small grain.

TRIPLETS STILL AT LEE HOSPITAL

The triplets, of Polly Marks, colored, who died when the babies were born September 15th, are still at Lee County Hospital. Polly was the daughter of J. B. Brewington, Jonesboro Route 2, who is one of the best farmers in this section. He and his wife have raised a large family of children, and are hard workers and good citizens.

DEATH OF MRS. RUMAGE

Mr. Benjamin Rumage received a message last week that his mother, Mrs. S. Y. Rumage, died at her home in Oil City, Pa., Friday, October 31st.

Mrs. Rumage was making plans to go to Pinehurst for the winter where she and Mr. Rumage have spent the winter for the past 30 years. Two sons and two daughters survive.

Judge Makes It Hard For Law Violators

Some Sent to The Roads While Others Pay Fines For Violating Traffic Laws—Some Relieved of Driving Licenses.

John Stone, white man of the Swann Station section, was convicted of operating a car under the influence of intoxicants, fined \$50 and costs and his driver's license taken open court, he served notice of appeal to the Superior Court and bond fixed at \$200. Stone was arrested by Policeman Kelly, of Jonesboro, after having been warned by the policeman that he was too tipsy to drive his car away.

Alfred McNeill, colored man of Jonesboro, pleaded guilty to having operated his car after having had a few drinks. McNeill told the court that he had not received his driving license, but exhibited a receipt from Patrolman Michaux evidencing his application. Upon failure to pay a fine of \$50 and costs he was sent to the roads for 60 days.

Lynn Petty, colored man of the Cool Springs section, was convicted of failure to provide for his six year old girl child. He attempted to show justification of his failure by himself and witnesses, but about the only headway made was to get him self deeper into trouble. He testified that he had been working on a farm for an acre of tobacco and had sold about \$40 worth, and had intended to take care of his child's wants with the remainder of his crop. However, on cross-examination by the solicitor, he admitted having spent \$18 for a suit of clothes. His tobacco crop was confiscated by the court and sold and the proceeds used for payment of costs and the remainder for the use and benefit of the child, and Petty given a two year suspended sentence on condition that he get a job and pay through the winter of 1936-37, a week for the child.

Lee Parker, colored, got 60 days along with him last Sunday night while strolling around in Sanford. Deputy S. A. Wicker discovered it bulging in his pocket and immediately took him out of circulation, war deparament and all, which was a \$2 Iver Johnson.

Denis Womack, local colored truck operating tycoon has had a hard time digging up \$16 and costs following a conviction of allowing his boy of 16 to drive his fleet of one truck, about a 1919 vintage, without a license, without lights, and without a lot of other things. Chief Thomas seemed to be the cause of all Dennis' difficulty, he having arrested Dennis and testified as to the facts.

ECONOMY AUTO SUPPLY WINS PRIZE

In the October issue of "The Group Buying and Selling News," is the picture of the Economy Auto Supply store, of Sanford, with the employees standing in front. M. G. Baber, manager of the store, has on a cowboy hat with a lasso in his hands. J. D. Hunt, budget manager at that time, is also shown with the others. Under the picture are these words: "Cowpunchers at the Economy Auto Supply at Sanford, who branded 'Cockeye Quota' to the tune of 161.9 per cent.

The contest was put on by the Goodrich Tire Company for August and September, and prizes were offered to the teams having the greatest increase in their business at that time. Mr. Baber won the \$10 term prize.

Mr. Baber came to Sanford last March from McLean, Texas, and opened this store. His business has grown under his management, and he is to be congratulated for having won this prize. He believes in advertising and he gets results. They have recently added toys and bicycles to their stock.

Many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

J. R. Williams, of Statesville, and E. H. Yarborough, of Jonesboro, have positions at the Economy Auto Supply. Visit this store when in need of auto supplies, bicycles, and toys, and you will find them pleasant to deal with.

MRS. FIELDS ILL.

Mrs. B. M. Fields is ill at her home on Sanford, Route 3. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Senate and House Democratic By Increased Majorities — State Officers Carrying Almost Every County — All State Offices Will Be Filled By Democrats — Lee County Goes Democratic By the Biggest Majority in Its History — Glenn Buchanan, Democratic Candidate For Sheriff, Led The Ticket.

President Roosevelt piled up the greatest electoral majority in Tuesday's election that any candidate has enjoyed since the nation was born.

The victory left just eight electoral votes in the column of Alfred M. Landon, the Republican candidate. It further reduced the Republican membership in Congress and took one or more governor's chair, at least, from the party of Landon and Lincoln.

So wide was the margin over Governor Landon that followers called it a mandate for Mr. Roosevelt to continue his liberal policies; even some of his most bitter opponents admitted every real American must stand behind the President.

Some reactions were visible immediately. The stock market was thrown into a buying whirl, with some issues advancing to a new five year high, and only public utility stocks the object of heavy selling.

Just Two States

Just two states, Maine and Vermont, with a total of eight electoral votes, stood on the Landon side. New Hampshire spent election night in the Landon column, then climbed on the Democratic bandwagon.

In the end the President secured certain of 523 electoral votes, Landon 8. It was the nearest approach to unanimity in the electoral college since James Monroe was reelected in 1820 with only a single vote against him.

A correspondingly topheavy majority in House and Senate seemed likely. The Democrats appeared to be winning enough seats to give them 71 of the 96 in the Senate. House returns were slower, but with something like two score counts in doubt, the Democrats appeared sure of going beyond 300 seats. In the upsets, they had taken two Republican seats for every one the Democrats had gained from them. They had 308 members in the last House.

The entire Democratic county ticket was elected by the largest vote ever cast in the history of the county. Glenn Buchanan, Democrat candidate for sheriff, led the ticket, John McIntosh, Democratic candidate for reelection as Register of Deeds, being a close second. Landon, Republican candidate for President, received only one vote in Greenwood No. 2.

The vote for Lee county was the highest in the history of the county. Following is the total county vote for the various candidates.

For President—Roosevelt, 3,719; Landon, 677.

For Governor—Hoye, 3,115; Grissom, 1,074.

For U. S. Senate—Bailey, 3,314; Patton, 734.

For U. S. Congress—Lambeth, 3,336; Hayes, 697.

For State Senator—Pittman, 3,556; Ballentine, 3,304; Hall 527; Harris, 603.

For State House—Hornor 3482; Gavin, 642.

For Register of Deeds—John W. McIntosh, 3,588; Rosser, 580.

For Sheriff—Glenn Buchanan, 3,843; Holler, 584.

For Coroner—J. F. Foster, 3,533; Jackson, 612.

For Surveyor—McBryde, 685; Thomas 640.

For Board of Education—Shaw, 2,762; Patterson, 543.

For County Commissioners—J. M. Wilcox, 3,555; Stevens, 3,537; Dickruple, 3,529; Hamner, 3,557; Wickler, 3,490; Gaines, 640; John M. Harrington, 626; Crissman, 612; Buchanan, 601; Bingham, 597.

JOHN JACKSON DEAD.

John Jackson, Sanford, Route 1, died Wednesday at 1 P. M. near Jonesboro. Funeral service will be held at the home Thursday at three o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. W. Bradley. Interment was in the Jonesboro cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends for their many deeds of love and kindness shown us during the tragic death of our son and brother. Mrs. Della Thomas and Children.