

EDITORIALS:

REGISTER AND VOTE YOUR CHOICE

Next Saturday, May 12, is the final day for new voters to qualify for a voice in what candidates will fill, or have a second chance to fill, some county and state offices. New residents in the county and those who have moved from one precinct to another have been asked to go to registering places and declare their party affiliation.

The right to vote, and for the candidate of the voter's choice, is a priceless privilege no citizen should fail to exercise. But the privilege will be denied if the voter does not have his name on

the book.

Voting is one of our most valuable heritages. It should not be taken lightly. The citizen who stays away from the polls on voting day forfeits any right he may claim in helping to establish good government. There are many instances where the vote has been taken away from people who became indifferent about the privilege.

Register and vote that freedom may continue to be the cornerstone of America's independence.

LOOSE LEAF TOBACCO SALES

If the U.S. Department of Agriculture decides against the sale of loose leaf tobacco in the Border Belt, growers within the belt will not have far to look to find the reason. If growers want the change but don't go to bat for it, chances are good they will not get it. Those charged with making the decision should be informed about the wishes of people who grow and sell tobacco.

Silence and the assumption that your neighbors will speak for you will not help the cause.

Farmers and all those who are directly and indirectly involved in tobacco production and sales have much to gain by being able to sell the first croppings

in their home areas without the added expense of sorting and tying. The time gained and money saved may be used more advantageously in other pursuits. Other markets will welcome your loose leaf, certainly, but time and transportation costs are involved, and it might be nothing would be gained as a result.

Best informed sources say the Border Belt should have the privilege and the USDA will likely go along with the proposal if growers, all of them, write the Department with their affirmative views. This is a responsibility only the man who wants loose leaf sales can discharge.

Write the USDA and tell them what you think.

DEDUCTION FOR POLITICAL GIFTS

It makes sense to allow tax deductions for contributions made to political parties, both to the contributor and to the party that gets and uses the money. The commission appointed to study the matter seems to feel that way and some say Congress is interested.

For one thing, it would stimulate more small gifts to a party and that would help relieve the candidate from being obligated to a few big contributors.

The Hatch Act, which is supposed to control the size of individual contributions, is already treated as a sham. It says \$5,000 is the limit for one person and the \$3 million the total limit. That

is only a trifle of the cost. To bring the whole matter out into the open would tend to take the backroom stigma out of political financing.

As of now, the candidate is beholden to the few for campaign funds. Knowing this, his freedom of thought and action in office is restricted lest the support be withdrawn in future campaigns. Then those whose votes put him in office are denied the representation they rightfully expect and deserve.

In any event, reforms in financing political campaigns are long past due. Surely, a tax deduction for a contribution would help if not cure the ailment.

DIVISION OF TIME; DAYS' NAMES

A reader recently inquired of the Christian Science Monitor the origin of the division of time, names of days and so on. Here is the Monitor's reply:

The Egyptians divided time into days, weeks and months in 4236 B.C., the earliest dated event in human history.

Chaldean astrology has left its mark on the names which we apply to the days of the week. The five planets,

Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn together with the sun and the moon, make up a group of seven celestial bodies, each of which was an important divinity.

As the ritual of Chaldean temple worship spread into Syria, it became customary to sing the praise of each god on a certain day. Thus the worship of each of these seven gods came around every seventh day. The name of the god worshiped on that day was transferred to the day itself.

In this way the day devoted to the sun god became Sunday; the day sacred to the moon became Monday; the day of Mars became the day of Tiw, or Tuesday; the day of Mercury became the day of Woden, or Wednesday; the day of Jove became the day of Thor, or Thursday; the day of Venus became the day of Frigg, or Friday; and the day of Saturn became the day of Seterne, or Saturday.

(Chaldea, at the head of the Persian Gulf, later became Babylonia and ruled by Nebuchadnezzar. Chaldeans were noted astrologists.)

Good grammar, as we get it, is understandable language.

Time and Tide

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River Bridge, but two-way traffic was being routed over a temporary bridge. Commencement was to begin at Southport High School during the coming weekend.

Judge R. Hunt Parker was coming to hold the May term of criminal court; the Coast Road Service Station at Shallotte was one of our advertisers; and Mrs. R. I. Mintz was presenting her piano students in recital.

The late H. W. Hood had resigned as mayor 10 years ago this week and the late Tom Carr had been named to complete the unexpired term. Fishing operations were being resumed here at commercial and charterboat operators swung back into business.

This was the week that Banker Prince O'Brien literally threw "money to the winds" when a cash deposit spilled from his lap and was off in the breeze on front street; the Democrats were to meet Saturday afternoon at Bolivia; and tomato plants had been harvested from the Sheppard Farm and were on their way north for planting in the fields.

Five years ago this week James Varunum of Shallotte, now a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, had finished second behind Dave Sime in the ACC track meet at Chapel Hill. Robert C. Rurark had been here for a visit with his parents; and several Brunswick television performers had helped launch WMFD-TV (now WECT) on its way as a telecasting station.

Southport Lions Club members had begun the operation of a voluntary automobile inspection lane; fishermen were reporting good luck; and Southport residents had turned thumbs down on a plan for local Daylight Savings.

JOHN B. WARD

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Mrs. Pauline Everett of Leland, Mrs. Muriel Bennett of Ash and Mrs. Mae Brooks of Oakboro; two brothers, Luther L. and George B. Ward, Jr., both of Longwood; two sisters, Mrs. Lula Long of Longwood and Mrs. Stella Smith of Savannah, Ga.; and 21 grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Cortez and Clawson Ward, Bryan Smith, Keith Stanley, Odell Jenrette and Galston Long.

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD

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(unavailable); Ash, Cortez Ward and Mrs. Ethel Jenrette; Waccamaw, Wrent Mintz and Mrs. Hilda King; and Exum, Coolidge Evans and Mrs. Edna Duncan.

The third and final level of the state-wide organization will be completed in Raleigh on Thursday, May 17, when several thousand Democratic delegates from all over North Carolina will convene on Memorial Auditorium at noon for the Democratic State Convention.

Congressman Harold D. Cooley, representative of the fourth district since 1934 and Dean of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation will deliver the keynote address, it was announced from State Democratic Headquarters in Raleigh on Monday by state chairman Bert Bennett.

Bennett stated that the all important state executive committee, congressional, judicial, solicitorial and senatorial committees will be selected by the delegate from the various counties at the district meetings to be held in Raleigh at 10 a. m. on May 17th. After the convention Bennett will appoint a chairman and secretary from each committee and plans will be made to utilize these groups during the fall election. The state chairman also stated that he is asking the district chairmen to arrange with the county chairmen in each district to arrange a meeting place for an informal caucus on Wednesday, May 16th.

The state chairman pointed out that since the district lines have been changed a revised Plan of Organization is effective at the convention for the first time, and it is necessary that the counties in each district agree on various problems prior to the official district meetings.

APPLICATION MADE

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and transmitter, together with the antenna tower, will be located at the site.

Robert D. Lambert, Jr., a registered consulting engineer of Columbia, S. C., has made the technical studies pertaining to the application. The request to the FCC asks for a broadcasting frequency of 1410 kilocycles, with a power output of 500 watts. The antenna will be a guyed tower 130 feet tall.

The engineering studies show that the signal from the proposed station should cover all of lower Brunswick county with ease.

In making his announcement about the radio application, Milliken said that his corporation hopes that the station will receive its permit within a year or 18 months. However, because of the various technicalities involved in

processing applications by the FCC, no definite target date can be fixed at this time.

Members of the Shallotte Broadcasting Company are A. E. Dutton of Ash; R. D. White, Jr., of Shallotte; and Milliken. S. Bunn Frink of Southport is counsel for the corporation.

MORE PROGRESS

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be responsible for loss damage. Entries may not be removed before 9 p. m. on the day of the show. The Standard System of Judging will be used. The Handbook for Flower Shows and National Council Directives will be used as authority and decision of the judges is final. No Conservation material permitted in arrangements.

Ribbon designations are as follows: 90-100, blue ribbon; 85-89, red ribbon; 80-84, yellow ribbon; 75-79, white ribbon (honorable mention). One blue, one red and one yellow will be given in each class or sub-class if merited. As many honorable mentions may be given in all classes as merited. A tri-color ribbon may be awarded in the Artistic arrangement Division. An award of merit may be given in the horticulture division. Sweepstakes awards will be given to the exhibitor winning

the most blue ribbons—one in horticulture and one in arrangements. Entries in the horticultural classes must have been grown by the exhibitor. Potted plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession 3 months. Entries must be labeled as to variety (unnamed varieties may be entered, but more points are given for named varieties.) Unlisted classes may be divided if needed.

GLEE CLUB GIVES

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Face"; "Tumbling Tumbleweed", Nolan; "It's a Grand Night for Singing".

Following is the membership of the glee club: Carolyn Barbee, Brenda Crouch, Pattie Jenkins, Brenda Jordan, Joyce Jorgensen, Ellen Newell, Jane Pigott, Joan Piner, Donna Prevatte, Cheryl Price, Sadie Rivenbark, Joyce St. George, Sally Ward, Diane Warth, Dudley Barbee, Pat Caster, Judy Dixon, Jean Gilbert, Joyce Gursley, Diane Manis, Martha Harrelson, Beverly Howard, Suzan Key, Judy McKeithan, Martha Mallison, Brenda Pendergraph, Becky Pickersell, Sandy Potter, Anna Raybourne, Brenda Wilkes, Mezie Herring, Craig Caster, Foxy Howard, Joe Reeves, Steve Piner, Chuck Smith, Dale Swain, Leonard Lewis.

Serving this year as directors of this organization are Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Mrs. James Prevatte, accompanist Mrs. J. B. Warth and Mrs. James Glone.

The following members of the freshman class helped with stage decorations: Frances Smith, Frances Edwards, Dianne Manis, Bill Furlpess, Barbara Melton and Anna Raybourne.

Shallotte Men At Jaycee Meet

Two Shallotte Jaycees will be in Raleigh this weekend for the annual convention of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Gene Blair, President of the

Not Exactly News

Is it our imagination, but are Paul Scarlet roses a little less brilliant this spring? It seems to us they have a sort of pinkish tinge . . . Today on the way to Whiteville we saw a fence covered with vari-colored sweetpeas, and it reminded us that these have long been on our list of flower favorites.

Farmers throughout the county are complaining about the dry weather, although there was some scattered relief Tuesday afternoon and night from local thunder showers . . . Out in the county there is a strange conflict going on: This is the busiest time of the year on the farm; and it's the best time of the year for fishing in Waccamaw River and Juniper Creek. We cannot understand for the life of us how the farmers of Waccamaw township do such a good job of farming and still manage to spend as much time as they do on the banks of the river.

There was announcement during the past week that Rear Admiral William S. Maxwell will give up his duties as superintendent of the Battleship War Memorial at the end of this month. We hate to see him go, for he is a valuable man . . . There will be a rebroadcast of the recent concert in which Jeanne Mitchell appeared with the Philadelphia Philharmonic Orchestra tomorrow (Thursday) night over the New York Radio Station sponsored by the New York Time and featuring good music. Mrs. George Mitchell, mother of the talented violinist, says that she sometimes can tune in this station, which is between the 1500 and 1600 kilocycle band. She will be trying again tomorrow night.

Tuesday while in Shallotte we saw Policeman Leon Galloway mowing the grass beside the sidewalk; and last midnight we walked out of our office with Chief Herman Strong and walked to the corner with him. All the way down the street he stopped to pick up paper and pieces of trash. Good all-round men, these! . . . Prince O'Brien is our authority for the fact that Bob Spence, golf pro at Oak Island Golf Club, is one of the very best in the State. "He scored a 75 at the Dunes the first time he ever stepped on the course," he reported, "and it takes a good golfer to do that!"

"Two Women," starring Sophia Loren, will be playing Friday and Saturday at Holiday Drive-In . . . "Pinochio," an old friend and favorite, will play those same dates at the Amuzu . . . And there is an interesting bit of competition going on between the management of the two places to see which will get to play "Follow That Dream" first. That is the latest Elvis Presley movie.

Shallotte Jaycees, said that the group will be in the state capital from May 10 through May 12. Shallotte Jaycees attending will be Harry White and Bobby Roy Russ.

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