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THROUGHS ATTEND MASS MEETING; HON ZEB V. LONG MAKES ADDRESS

A large number of the Democratic voters of Randolph county met at the court house at two o'clock, Saturday, May 13th, in a convention and mass meeting for the purpose of drawing up a ticket to be presented to the primary.

Mr. T. J. Finch, of Trinity township, acted as temporary chairman and called the meeting to order. Mr. J. O. Redding then spoke briefly on organization, stressing the taxing system and roads, comparing the upkeep of the roads in Bowman, Davidson and Randolph counties. He ended his speech with the suggestion that the entire party forget any question of opinion and work as one.

Following Mr. Redding's speech Congressman Wm. C. Hammer spoke for fifteen minutes on national politics, telling some interesting occurrences in Washington. He said a fellow congressman told the following story: "Some people were discussing party promises, saying that all promises had not been fulfilled. The congressman replied that a party did well to fulfill half the promises made, saying 'We promised Harding and prosperity and we have given you Harding.'" Mr. Hammer then read a statement of the affairs at the Randolph county courthouse compiled by Mr. Hal M. Worth, of Asheboro, showing the indebtedness of the county under the present regime. He further pointed out the indebtedness as compared with six years ago.

Mr. L. F. Ross then spoke of the new senatorial district in which Randolph has been placed with Moore, Hoke and Harnett, saying that the committee for these four counties had agreed that the senator should go from Harnett and Moore this fall, two years hence from Hoke and Randolph.

Chairman Finch then called for an expression of the people as to whom they wanted on the county ticket, this to be presented to the primary for nomination as it meets with their approval. The ticket as drawn is as follows:

Clerk of court, W. M. Hamner, of Liberty.

Register of deeds, Lee M. Kearns, of Concord township.

Sheriff, A. Carl Cox receiving 225 votes and C. M. Hayworth receiving 204 votes.

Coroner, Dr. Waite Lambert, of Coleridge.

Mr. D. M. Weatherly, of Franklinville, nominated Mr. L. C. Moser, of the firm of Hammer and Moser for the legislature. Mr. Bruce Craven, of Trinity, in a spirited speech, suggested that the nomination of county commissioners be left to the discretion of the primary, as was the office of county surveyor.

It was decided to abolish the office of county treasurer and the convention did not nominate a candidate for that position.

Hon. Zeb Vance Long, of Statesville, who is a candidate for solicitor in this district, delivered the address for this occasion, being introduced by Congressman Hammer. He discussed party politics and national affairs, touching upon the railroad question, emigration, the Watt's law and Boyd bill when handled efficiently by the Democratic party. He also spoke of local self-government, stating that under Republican administration in twelve counties in which self-government was practiced, large numbers of white women were compelled to teach schools under negro superintendents. He paid high tribute to ex-President Wilson and his policies, showing the wide path of peace and prosperity laid out by him before the war clouds lowered. Mr. Long further stated in touching upon the tax question that complaints as to property valuation should not be turned into the state, but directly to the county commissioners as Randolph county pays no taxes into the state treasury.

As to the suffrage topic Mr. Long pressed his opinion on the influence of womanhood in the schools, churches and homes, saying that their influence in politics would be the same as it has proven to be in the other walks of life. He said: "I expect to see great reforms through the womanhood of the state. They are partners with men in the home, why not be in politics?" He offered this word of advice to the women, however, that they do not attempt to reform the Republican party for Roosevelt and other great men of the party had used their influence and had given the best of their lives in the fruitless attempt, but rather to use their influence in the Democratic party where it was both desired and needed. Mr. Long closed his speech with thanks to the people for nominating him for solicitor and pledged his loyalty and services if elected.

Music for the occasion was furnished by a splendid brass band from Albemarle which not only played patriotic and popular music in the courthouse in dispersing the speeches, but played on the streets before the convention. Several thousand people from all sections of the county were gathered for this meeting and it has been years since such enthusiasm and good fellowship was displayed among so large an audience of Democratic voters in Randolph county.

STATE PENAL SYSTEM TO BE INVESTIGATED; OTHER RALEIGH NEWS

(By Maxwe. rman.)

Raleigh, May 16.—Six years ago former Lieutenant Governor Wilfred D. Turner, of Iredell, while serving as state senator from that county, succeeded in getting through the legislature a law that contained effective provisions for the amelioration and betterment of conditions and treatment of prisoners in the State Prison in Raleigh and on the state farms—if properly enforced by the executive officials and their assistants. These Raleigh Letters at the time carried particulars of the measure and the earnest fight made at the time by Governor Turner, one of the best men in North Carolina, as well as one of the ablest.

It seems, however, that there is "something lacking" yet, and it is of such character that a hundred more or less wise heads have been called to join in counsel to prepare remedies and such other paraphernalia as shall be needed to meet the demand springing up somewhat unanimously under the chaperonage, however, of the "North Carolina Conference for Social Service."

According to announcement given out here, these one hundred more or less "representative" have been asked to serve on a committee under the auspices of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service to find out what is wrong with the state's penal system and to work out some remedy to be presented to the General Assembly next January in the form of suggested legislation.

In co-operation with the state board of public welfare, the committee will make an intensive study of prison administration and prison conditions in the state, from the county jail to the State Prison, with particular attention to the county chain gangs, where most of the prisoners in North Carolina are confined. On these findings the committee will base its recommendations.

Prison reform is not the aim of the organization, but an inquiry into the circumstances that make prisons, why men go back to prison the second time, why North Carolina is sixteenth among the states in the number of homicides per thousand of population. The whole fabric of delinquency and reformation will be included in the inquiry.

Among the definite questions to be considered by the citizens' committee are the possibility of providing thorough physical and mental examinations of prisoners immediately after conviction in order to determine the most appropriate treatment; the development of special industries in the State Prison; the best means of caring for the criminal insane; the improvement in conditions in road camps and county jails; the advisability of reasonable compensation of prisoners when productively employed, this amount to be used for the support of their families or to accumulate for the benefit of the prisoners upon release; better provision for the care of women offenders; the extension of parole with better provision for strict supervision of paroled men.

The conclusions of the committee in regard to these and similar problems are to be embodied in bills to be presented to the next meeting of the state legislature. Every effort possible will be made to acquaint the people of the state with the facts concerning our prison problems so that intelligent action can be taken in dealing with the situation.

The full committee will be called into session some time early in the summer to consider reports that are being prepared under the supervision of the social service conference, and to effect permanent organization.

Disciplining Students.

Twelve members of the Wake Forest student body have been dismissed from college by a vote of the faculty on being found guilty of affiliation with a secret fraternity. The ruling that caused the faculty to dismiss the men from college is one of long standing and prescribed by the board of trustees of Wake Forest. The regulation prescribed that there be no Greek-letter fraternities in the college and expulsion came when the faculty found the twelve men guilty. Of the number expelled, three were members of the senior class and all were students in good standing.

Summer School at the State College, Raleigh.

The ninth summer session at State College will begin June 13 and continue through July 2, according to Dr. A. W. Withers, the director.

The courses given this year will be for teachers, for college entrants, for college credit, and a few graduate courses will be offered leading to advanced degrees. In addition, the summer course in cotton channing, which has been arranged with the view of helping the producer to judge the staple. In the past cotton buyers have also found this course very helpful.

Teachers make up the larger number of those attending the summer school, and it is for the benefit of these that the college has established a summer session. The teachers' (Continued on page four.)

RAMSEUR HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES TO BEGIN FRIDAY, MAY 19

Ramseur, May 15.—Our commencement exercises will begin Friday night inst. with a piano and vocal recital by the music department of the school. This will give the attendants an opportunity to see what our school is doing in the way of the development of the musical talent of our girls and boys.

On Saturday night one of the most fascinating operettas ever given here will be presented by members of the music department and others of the school. To miss this will be to suffer a loss.

Sunday night Rev. N. F. Moore, pastor of First Methodist church, Reidsville, will preach the annual sermon. Everybody in the community should hear him. Special music will be furnished at this service.

At 8 p. m. Monday evening the declaimer's and reader's contest will be given by eight girls and eight boys. This is one of the most interesting parts of the program to be heard.

Nine-thirty Tuesday, commencement day proper, class day exercises will occur, followed by presentation of diplomas, medals, certificates, special mention, etc., after which the literary address will be heard by Dr. C. E. Perisho, of Guilford College. There is a treat in store for all who attend this program.

At 2:30 a piano contest will be held in which 12 students of Miss Smith's class will compete for a medal.

At night a play entitled "And Home Comes Ted" will be presented by members of the high school which will be the crowning event of the whole schedule.

Don't miss a single program of the closing exercises this year as we promise you ever part will be worth your while. These exercises will be given in the auditorium of the new building and there is ample room for all.

Each program will begin on the minute, we are warned, and the doors will be closed to prevent disturbance.

Among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. A. W. E. Capel, of Troy, last week were: Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Johnson, W. H. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Watkins, Mrs. W. H. Watkins, Sr., a sister of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Forrester and Mrs. Ruth Kemp. Mrs. Capel held a warm place in the hearts of the people of Ramseur, having spent a great part of her life here. It is with sorrow that we hear of her death.

Mother's day services were held at the churches last Sunday, the school reaching a good attendance mark. Rev. W. M. Smith preached from the subject "Mother's Great Task," a discourse that was very appropriate to the occasion and well received.

The strawberry crop is an abundant one this year in this section. The greatest trouble with this and other crops is the profitable marketing of them in a small place like this. It is next to impossible to find a market for many of the products of our farms in a small town for the reason that the crop comes all at once and is often offered in poor condition for use. For instance, most of the berries brought to town are not gathered until too ripe. They will ripen after being picked and soon decay. Another thing that makes it hard to market produce is the time of day it arrives. No merchant can handle fresh vegetables if they arrive later than the time of day the cook begins dinner. They must be gathered late the evening before and placed on sale early in the day. This would help distribution of produce much. It would apply in either case where they are sold from the farmer on the street or from the store and delivered. If possible many crops should be timed to ripen so that all the crop would not be placed on sale at once. For instance, just now cabbage are hardly worth harvesting on account of the abundant supply and small demand. They all come to market at one time. The same thing is true of beans. It would almost pay the farmer to throw half his crop in the river that the other half would be more valued.

Congressman W. C. Hammer was in town Sunday and looked over our school building, complimenting our community very highly on the splendid building.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Finson attended the old soldier's memorial service at Siler City last Sunday. They speak very highly of the impressive service held there in honor of the Confederate soldiers. Hon. W. D. Siler was the speaker of the day and made a very fine address.

Mr. E. H. Bray and family and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Burgess spent Saturday and Sunday with his father, Mr. W. W. Bray, of Lane's Mill.

We are glad to learn that Dr. Waite Lambert, of Moffitt's Mill, will locate at Ramseur July 1st for general practice. Dr. Lambert has taken all the courses and passed all the boards required to practice medicine in North Carolina and has just spent a year in Cooper hospital, Camden, N. J.

We have known Dr. Lambert from infancy and can say the community is to be congratulated in the coming of Dr. Lambert. He is a young man of sterling character and genial disposition. We predict a successful career for him and while we have two good

COMPRESSED AIR TANK EXPLODED AT ASHEBORO HOSEIERY MILLS MONDAY

Monday about 11:00 o'clock an explosion occurred at the Asheboro Hosiery Mill which created much interest throughout the town. The compressed air tank which is on the second floor in the knitting room exploded. It happened that no one was near the tank at the time of the explosion and no one was injured, but considerable damage was done to the property. A hole ten feet square was blown in the roof, and the floor was also damaged. As the tank exploded, the pipes of the sprinkler system were struck turning loose the water. The damage is estimated at about \$10,000. No reason is advanced for the cause of the explosion except perhaps a weak place in the tank.

MR. L. C. MOSER RESIGNS AS CHAIRMAN ELECTION BOARD

Mr. L. C. Moser has resigned as chairman of the Randolph County Board of Elections, and Mr. J. T. Wood, of Asheboro, has been appointed as his successor. Those having business with the board of elections will hereafter address their correspondence to Mr. Wood.

The Courier Honor Roll.

New subscribers handed in by our field representative: C. P. Styers, W. C. Massey, R. E. Coltrane, W. P. D. Brown, H. A. Jiggins, J. C. Pepper, Fred Payne, E. V. Moore, Douglas Foster, E. V. McLeod, R. H. Beck, H. L. Miller, G. L. Moser, M. C. Coble, Bettie Craven, Mrs. Phil York, J. G. Reitzel, Prof. J. E. Allen, Dr. G. A. Foster, Rev. J. D. Williams, S. J. Buckner, G. B. McClintock, C. I. Cox, C. C. Stroud, T. S. Black, Dr. R. D. Patterson, B. H. Reitzel, W. H. King, C. E. Butler, W. H. Lennard, J. R. Wilson, A. H. Thomas, C. C. Brown, L. M. Welch, Mrs. Effie Luther, Mrs. C. H. Husband, James M. Allred, A. J. Brown, J. A. York, Mrs. M. L. Heathcock, Mrs. Maud Skeen, H. K. Rush, W. T. Barnes, W. C. McLeod, W. P. Rich, I. O. Rich, D. F. Bell, T. K. Pugh, Marvin Walker, D. N. Trogdon, J. L. Hodge, C. C. Bailey, M. B. Rumley.

Convicts Revolt

Monday, May 8, fourteen convicts were shot, some being slightly wounded while two were perhaps fatally so, when the convicts at the South Carolina Penitentiary revolted against the authority of the guards. For weeks dissatisfaction has been evident, and the revolt Monday was the result. Fire was discovered in the chair factory and a portion of the hose removed in order that the fire might not be put out. As a result of the revolt the prisoners were deprived of the ruling which has been in effect for several years that the prisoners might wear civilian clothing instead of the stripes.

Rowan Republicans Split.

J. H. Ramsey, chairman, has issued a call for Republican county convention to recommend candidates for the fall election, to be held May 20. R. A. Kohloss, who claims to be chairman of the county organization, brands the call as unofficial and the work of insurgents. The split in the party in Rowan, which showed just before the state convention, and which produced the only contest at that convention, does not appear to be healing.

Dr. Harris Killed.

Dr. R. Harris, of Rowland, was instantly killed May 6th, while attempting to stop a runaway team of mules, carrying a wagon load of school children, none of whom were hurt.

He was a native of Michigan, and located in Rowland several months ago where he had built up a large practice in veterinary surgery and gained the esteem of the entire community.

Mr. Farlow Hit By Train.

Thomas Farlow, of Sophia, was struck by a string of box cars attached to a shifting engine on West Broad street crossing in High Point Thursday. A freight train had just passed and Mr. Farlow drove on the track just in time to be hit by the box cars attached to the shifting engine. He received numerous bruises and painful, but not serious as was announced by the hospital authorities where he was taken. He was knocked about 15 feet. The truck was almost completely demolished.

Child Labor Law Unconstitutional.

The child labor law enacted in 1919, intended to regulate the employment of children up to fourteen years of age in any mill, cannery or other manufacturing establishment, or in any quarry under sixteen years, by imposing an excise tax of ten per cent upon the net annual profits of those employing such labor, was on May 15, declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The opinion was delivered by Chief Justice Taft, with no dissent announced. The opinion was delivered by Chief Justice Taft, with no dissent announced. The opinion was delivered by Chief Justice Taft, with no dissent announced.

REDUCED VALUATION TO STAND UNTIL LEGISLATURE ORDERS CHANGE

Owing to the fact that a report has been circulated in this county that the State Revenue Commission has increased the valuation of real property in Randolph county and the same has been circulated throughout the county, Col. A. D. Watts makes denial of the report that a recent order had been made by the state board of equalization restoring the 1920 valuations of real estate in counties which made reductions in 1921 was contained in a statement issued by Revenue Commissioner Watts, prompted by the publication of the report in at least one state newspaper.

Declaring the report is entirely without foundation, Colonel Watts explain the revaluation status submitting an opinion of Attorney General Manning and having the following to say on the subject:

The Law in the Case.

"The facts are that a large number of county officials had written asking if the law permitted further general reductions in the assessments of real estate to be made by the county commissioners this year. The commissioner was of the opinion that the provisions of the machinery act of 1921 providing for general reduction by the three methods herein set forth—horizontal reductions, revaluations and reductions in individual cases, under one of which all counties had acted—were limited to the year 1921, and that the assessments finally made for that year would stand until the general assembly provided for another assessment of real estate. Attorney General Manning agreed with the commission in a written opinion, which opinion, together with the letter from the commissioner, have been sent to the clerks of the boards of county commissioners.

"Of course, the provisions of the law for increasing the assessments where buildings have been erected since the assessments were made last year, and for reductions where buildings have been destroyed, apply to all years.

Reduced Values Stand.

The state board of equalization approved all the general reductions made in 1921 in all the counties of the state. The reduced values stand until the general assembly provides for further revision, which in regular course will be done at its next session.

"For the past 15 or 20 years there have been two sections in the machinery act, to-wit: 77 and 78, which constitute the board of county commissioners the board of equalization for the counties, and it is provided that this board for this purpose shall have a meeting on the second Monday in July, giving notice of the meeting, and it shall hear all individual complaints of over-assessments or under-assessments and shall take and hear testimony and decide the individual cases presented to it; the purpose of this being to equalize values in the county and not for the purpose of making any general revision of tax values made during the assessment years. The supreme court held in 1910 and 1911 that this board could not discharge this duty except on the second Monday in July of each year."

The attorney general's opinion on this question follows:

Manning's Opinion.

"I regret there is some misapprehension as to the condition of the general values of real property which was fixed under the machinery act of 1921.

"Section 28 and its subdivisions were amendments to the revaluation act of 1919 and were enacted by the legislature of 1921 to meet the unusual depression which had occurred in values of real estate generally throughout the state. In order to meet this condition which had followed the revaluation of real estate under the act of 1919, the legislature prescribed that the board of county commissioners, sitting in joint session with the board of review, could adopt for its respective county one of three methods, to-wit, horizontal reduction, revaluation of all real property or the hearing of petitions by individual owners of real estate.

"All of the counties of the state adopted one of these three methods reported their action to the state board of equalization and the state board of equalization approved the action of the respective counties. By these methods the values of real estate were fixed in the several counties in the state until the next general reassessment of real estate, which has been for many years in this state made once in each four years.

"There has been also in the machinery act of the state for the past 15 or 20 years, sections 77 and 78. Under these sections the board of county commissioners is created the county board of equalization and it is authorized to meet on the second Monday of July of each year and consider, having given notice of this meeting, individual complaints of over-assessment or under-assessment. It has power to hear evidence and take testimony and determine in each individual case whether the property is undervalued or overvalued as compared with the value of other real estate in the

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR OLD CLOTHING FOR NEAR EAST SUFFERERS

The Near East Relief headquarters at Raleigh has asked the people of Randolph county to send in a box of clothing for the Near East sufferers. These clothes will be shipped abroad at an early date to the relief workers in the field who will distribute them in the fall to people who would otherwise have none. The winters in the countries of the Near East are more severe than ours, and it is easy to imagine how children, and even grown-ups with only a single garment would suffer from the keen winds of that coastal plateau. Last year the people from all sections of Randolph county sent in liberal supplies of good clothing that their families had outgrown and cast away. These things will save lives. Wont you get up a bundle, get your neighbor to contribute, and send it to your county chairman? The last two weeks of May have been set aside in Randolph for this work, and people are urged to send their bundles to The Courier office in Asheboro as early next week as possible.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

MRS. H. W. WALKER,
Chairman.

SHOW BENEFIT FAIR ASSOCIATION HERE ALL WEEK

The Roberts United Shows arrived in Asheboro Monday morning and opened their tent on the new Fair grounds in North Asheboro Tuesday. The show is given under the auspices of the Randolph County Fair association, and will be open afternoon and evening every day this week. Admission into the grounds is free. It is reported from the various towns in which it has shown to be a clean show.

RANDOLPH TO SHARE IN EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Announcement was made by the State Board of Education Tuesday to the effect that half the counties in the state will share in the \$5,000,000 loan fund for the erection of new school buildings. A million dollars will be ready for distribution among the counties on a loan basis immediately.

Each county in the state will be given an opportunity to borrow its pro rata part of the five millions, that is, it may borrow the same per cent of this amount that the school population of the county bears to the state population, and the remainder of the fund will be loaned during the summer and early fall on this basis. Counties are advised by the board of Education to continue their building with assurance that this money will be available.

Randolph county's share in this quota is \$10,000, Montgomery \$6,000, Moore \$9,000, Davidson \$40,000 and Chatham \$6,600.

Letter from a Motherless Baby!

Dear Mr. Editor:
I am a little boy six months old and I want a mother. A kind providence sent me to the children's home society and I am growing fat and will soon be a big boy.

There are so many babies here I want some good woman to write to the superintendent of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Greensboro, N. C., and ask him to give me to her. I am sure he will do so as he has so many motherless babies and more want to come to the home. Write him today and I will come to some childless home.

With love,

"A Homeless Baby Boy."

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR LIBERTY POSTOFFICE

At the request of the postmaster general, the United States civil service commission announces an open competitive examination to be held on June 10, 1922, to fill the position of postmaster at each of the following named offices in North Carolina:

Camp Bragg, salary \$1,000; Hot Springs, salary \$1,500; Liberty, salary \$1,700; Wendell, salary \$1,800. The commission announces that the examinations will be held at Asheville, Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Raleigh.

In announcing the examinations, the civil service commission states that "this is not an examination under the Civil Service Act and rules, but is held under an executive order of May 10, 1921, providing for such procedure."

Application Form 2241, and Form 2223, containing full information as to the requirements to be met and the character of the examination to be given, may be obtained from any one of the vacancy offices listed, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

county or whether it is under valued. As the name of this board suggests it is the county board of equalization for real estate values in the county. It has no power of general revision and it has no power to make a general assessment of values of real estate in the county, but its power is limited to undertaking to equalize the values already established but undervalued as compared with the value of other real estate in the