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COLONEL PRATT ENDS SERVICE AS HEAD OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

At the meeting of the State Geological Board, held in Raleigh February 1, Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt tendered his resignation as State Geologist and Economic Survey, a position he has held since 1906. His letter to Governor Morrison said: "I herewith tender my resignation as State Geologist of North Carolina, the same to become effective March 1, 1924."

"It is with regret that I feel compelled to take this step, but inasmuch as the General Assembly of 1923 passed a bill which automatically relieved me from the position of State Geologist at the expiration of the present Governor's term of office in January, 1925, it is necessary for me to look ahead and arrange for other means of livelihood."

"In accepting the resignation of Colonel Pratt, Governor Morrison wrote: 'It is with deep regret that I accept your resignation as State Geologist and Director of the Geological and Economic Survey of our state.'

"I am sure that few men in our generation have rendered this State greater service than you have during the nineteen years you have filled the position from which you have just resigned."

"I deeply appreciate your very great service myself, and I am sure the intelligent citizenship of the State does also. The studies and surveys you have made of the State's resources will continue to be a source of strength and help to the State for many years to come."

"I think the act of the last General Assembly to which you refer, which was passed on the last day of the session, must have been enacted without much consideration by the body. In my judgement it was a mistake and I regret very much its enactment."

"Wishing you much success in your new field of endeavor, and again assuring you of what I believe to be the deep appreciation of the State for your great service to it, I am,

"Very truly your friend,

"(Signed) CAMERON MORRISON."

Before adjournment the Geological Board passed the following resolutions: "Whereas Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt has tendered to the Governor his resignation as State Geologist, to be effective March 1, 1924; and,

"Whereas, Colonel Pratt has held the position of State Geologist for a period of about nineteen years; and incidentally Mr. Frank R. Hewitt, a member of this Board, has served for the same period, and he and the other members of the Board are familiar with the activities and services of Colonel Pratt:

"Now, therefore, resolved, That the Board make public recognition of the invaluable services rendered to the State by Colonel Pratt:

"He has been loyal, industrious and effective in the investigation of the natural resources of the State, and in giving them publicity and in devising plans by which they might be utilized for the upbuilding and the progress of the State. Many new industries have been established and non-residents have been attracted and have united their wealth and energies with those of the people of the State. In all those activities in which Federal cooperation has been available, he has been unusually successful in securing both expert and financial aid from the Federal Government. Altogether, Colonel Pratt has made an enviable record of service, which should be a source of gratification to him, and which should earn for him unstinted recognition and gratitude from the people of North Carolina."

"Resolved, that the Board regret exceedingly the resignation of Colonel Pratt, and wish for him personally and professionally good health, happiness and prosperity in any future work which he may undertake."

"Resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and that the secretary to the Director be directed to deliver a certified copy thereof to Colonel Pratt, and also furnish a copy to the press of the State."

Colonel Pratt is now actively engaged in his new work as President of Western North Carolina, Inc., an inter-county association whose purpose, as its name indicates, is the advertisement and general development of the resources and material and social possibilities of the rapidly prospering mountain section of the State.

The New Director Immediately upon Colonel Pratt's resignation Governor Morrison announced that he would tender the position of State Geologist and Director of the Survey to Brent S. Drane, widely known civil engineer of Charlotte. Mr. Drane through training and experience and active work with the Federal Government, and in cooperation with the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, was considered to be splendidly qualified to carry on the organization Colonel Pratt had built up. After giving the question consideration for some days, Mr. Drane decided to accept the appointment.

PLEASANT GARDEN NEWS

Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr. filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon.

A number of people from Greensboro attended church services here Sunday.

Mrs. John Fentress spent the weekend with her daughter in Greensboro.

O. F. Ross left last week to spend several days in Bladen county.

Lynn and William Hunt, of Chapel Hill, visited their parents Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ross visited relatives in High Point Sunday.

Mrs. J. Frank Ross has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Emma Brown, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Misses Ina Kirkman and Nellie Stewart of Greensboro, attended church here Sunday.

The school here observed February 22 as a holiday. The boarding students and teachers going to their various homes to spend the week end.

Break Inmate Between President and Western Republicans

(By Richard Linthicum.) Evidence is accumulating to justify the prediction that there is to be a break between President Coolidge and a large number of western Republican Congressmen as a result of divergent and incompatible views on the subject of tax reduction. There is a further forecast that Mr. Coolidge will lose the "firmness" which has been advertised as characterizing his insistence on cutting the higher surtaxes from a maximum of 50 to a maximum of 25 per cent.

Western Republicans realize that while the President might obtain a certain political and financial support for his nomination and election by favoring the special interests that Secretary Mellon represents in the administration they can expect nothing but denunciation and hostility from the farmers, wage-workers and small business men who constitute their respective constituencies.

President Coolidge can garner delegates from the South by means of the Federal machine to insure his nomination, but the western Republican Congressmen have no such device to get votes to guarantee their election.

These representatives of agrarian regions and interests will not support the Mellon plan. They have given every indication that they will rather anger the President than alienate their own constituents. They understand that Secretary Mellon holds his office by appointment and may continue in the Cabinet, whatever the fate of his bill, until the end of the present administration. He doesn't have to seek election next November—and they do.

The Mellon plan is dead and every one seems to know it but President Coolidge.

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS URGED

Under the conviction that every person who has tuberculosis has a right to know it, to be properly treated for it, and to be so supervised that he will not communicate it to others, the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association endorses the nationwide health movement, "Have a Health Examination on your Birthday".

Whatever will detect tuberculosis in its earliest stage and will enable the patient to make the most intelligent fight to overcome it—and this is claimed to be the object of the periodic health examination—the State Association is for.

The three reasons given for having a health examination are first, that one may know whether he is 100 per cent healthy or not, and if not what he may do to become healthy and enjoy life to the full; second, that he may increase his chances for a long and useful life; and third, that the human body, a finely constructed machine, like all other machines, needs overhauling and repairing at intervals to avoid the catastrophe of the "one boss shay".

Promoting the movement of having a health examination at least once a year is the National Health Council, and organization which includes thirteen other national health organizations, the National Tuberculosis Association being one of the number.

The health examination, according to the council, is a thorough physical and mental examination of an individual made by a competent physician. It is a human appraisal. It reveals whether he is 100 per cent healthy or not. It shows him what he may have to do to become healthy and efficient. It will indicate what repairs and overhauling, if any, are due to the human machine.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administrator on the estate of W. T. Ledwell, deceased, before D. M. Weatherly, Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Randolph, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said decedent to present same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make prompt settlement.

This the 29th day of January, 1924.
C. W. REDDING, Adm.,
Trinity, N. C.
6t 1-31-24

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN ASHEBORO GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OF A NEW REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in Asheboro Graded School District, in Randolph County, North Carolina, on Tuesday the 18th day of March, 1924, at the County Court House as polling place, pursuant to the provision of Chapter 115, of the Private Laws of 1923, for the purpose of determining the will of the qualified voters of said district upon the question of issuing not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars of serial bonds of the Asheboro Graded School District, in Randolph County, North Carolina, (in addition to the bonds heretofore issued), and levying a sufficient annual tax to pay the same with interest. The proceeds of said bonds are to be used for the purpose of completing the erection, enlargement, alteration and equipment of school buildings including a teachers' home and acquiring land for school purposes in said district.

New Registration of the Voters For said election a new registration of the qualified voters of said district has been ordered; and C. L. Scott, address, Asheboro, N. C., has been appointed registrar, and J. B. Ward and C. M. Hayworth, address, Asheboro, N. C., have been appointed judges of election. The registration books will be open from the 14th day of February to the 8th day of March, 1924, inclusive, Sundays excepted. The new registration will be made under the rules and regulations prescribed for the registration of voters for regular municipal elections.

At said election the voters in favor of the issuance of said bonds and the levying of said annual tax shall vote ballots on which shall be written or printed the words "For bond and tax" and the voters that oppose shall vote ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Against bond and tax".

By order of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Asheboro, N. C., this the 10th day of January, 1924.
JAMES B. NEELY, Clerk.
7t-1-10-24

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of E. P. Spoon, deceased, late of Randolph County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Asheboro, N. C. on or before the 24th day of January, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

MRS. E. P. SPOON,
Administratrix of deceased.
A. I. Ferree, Atty.
6t 1-24-24.

Causes of Bank Collapse in Northwest

(By Richard Linthicum.) Conditions which have caused the collapse of banks in South Dakota and Montana are regarded as typical in the Northwest, where thousands of farmers and livestock producers are insolvent after three years of adversity.

Inability to collect loans to cattle men and farmers on their chattels and lands, it is reported, was the cause of the failure of the Commercial National Bank of Miles City, Montana.

The Republican tariff on cattle and agricultural products has not been collected by the farmers in the Northwest, while it has at the same time increased the cost of all they have had to buy in the way of clothing, furniture, tools, hardware, building materials and other needs.

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C. C. Cranford, 13 days at \$4.00	52.00
E. B. Leach, 12 days at \$4.00	48.00
198 miles at 10c	19.80
Total	402.40

NOTICE OF ENTRY TAKER

P. F. Garner and N. R. Thornburg has this day entered 25 acres of land more or less in Union township, Randolph county, adjoining the lands of J. W. Birkhead on the South and East and on West by Hill heirs land on North by Geo. Addertson lands and others.

This 2nd day of February, 1924.
LEE M. KEARNS,
4t pd. 2-7-24 Entry Taker.

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