

Governor McLean Lauds Randolph
As County of Enduring Qualities

Spoke at Chamber of Commerce Banquet Friday Night As Guest of C. C. Cranford.

MR. R. E. ROSS PAYS A TRIBUTE TO CRANFORD

Dining Room Taxed to Capacity as Asheboro's Chamber of C. Members Gather.

The more than 130 members of Asheboro's chamber of commerce to-day gathered in the dining room of the Ashlyn hotel at 8 o'clock last Friday night at a banquet given by Mr. C. C. Cranford. The spacious dining hall of the hotel was taxed to capacity with what was perhaps the most representative gathering of Asheboro business men ever assembled in Asheboro. Governor A. W. McLean delivered the principal address.

Governor Lauds Randolph

The governor declared that he was enthused by the gathering; that such an assemblage of business men inspired him. It was one of the finest omen that could be observed in North Carolina—a spirit of unanimity on the part of all classes. He could see no evidence of politics, but the finest of the citizenship was represented in the meeting—preachers, doctors, lawyers, old men and young. It was the proper start for the chamber of commerce.

The governor lauded Randolph as one of the state's great counties, with an enduring quality of citizenship, that of morality and religion. Co-operation, he declared, was the principle on which great things are accomplished. Big achievements cannot be accomplished alone but when a community co-operates then will the results be seen, and these things he predicted would grow out of the meeting around the banquet table.

The governor said his desire to see the state go forward had led him to lay aside his personal interests for the time being. He pleaded for the co-operation of the people, because, he said, he could not do the great things he desired to do as governor unless he had the backing. He needed support of the people, "not only loyal but forgiving and sympathetic," he declared.

The governor's office, he said, was perhaps the most difficult place in the state to fill, and he doubted whether any man would take it if he

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Officers Are Elected For Randolph County Fair Assn.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Randolph County Fair Association Monday afternoon, A. I. Ferrer was elected president; J. D. Ross, first vice president; A. B. Beasley, of Randleman, second vice president; M. G. Edwards, secretary and manager; and E. S. Millsaps, Jr., assistant secretary and manager. James Neely was elected treasurer.

Minstrel Show at Gray's Chapel Next Saturday Night

On next Saturday night a minstrel show will be given at Gray's Chapel auditorium by the scholars of the local school. The show will consist of songs, jokes and instrumental music. The public is cordially invited and may expect a laugh from start to finish. Admission 15c, 30c.

MISS PETTY WANTS COUNTY LIBRARY HERE

Miss Annie Petty, of the State Library Commission, was in Asheboro the first of the week. Miss Petty is much interested in the establishment of a county library in Asheboro and has from time to time urged the citizens of Asheboro and throughout the county to take steps toward it. Miss Petty went over to the county in a library truck last summer and found many of the people in the rural sections interested in books, numerous loans being made on her visit. She says applications for loans have continued showing an increased interest in reading.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Layton Dead

Mrs. Sarah Jane Layton, aged 72, daughter of the late Eldridge G. Brothers and wife of John Layton, died at her home eight miles north of Liberty last Friday. Funeral services were held Saturday at Pleasant Union M. P. church by Rev. John A. Roman.

FARMERS' UNION WILL QUIZ ALL CANDIDATES

Prepare 35 Questions Which Those Who Seek Office Will Be Asked To Answer.

Representatives of the North Carolina Farmers' Union and the State Federation of Labor, meeting in Greensboro last Monday afternoon, adopted a questionnaire to be submitted to every candidate for public office in the State.

Those preparing the questionnaire are members of the executive committees of the two organizations, and they covered with their quiz a wide range from the Australian ballot to a query concerning American participation in the World Court.

They ask for an opinion on the desirability of the abolition of interstate and all taxation by means of a banking system owned and operated by the Federal government "for service to all the people alike, rather than a banking system for private profit."

Further, they ask the candidates whether they favor a law prohibiting the employment of women in industry at night; whether they are in favor of spending any more money on the governor's mansion; concerning a constitutional amendment increasing wage of legislators to \$500 per session and \$200 per special session.

The farmer-labor people want to know if candidates are in favor of taxing the debt on land and also the land mortgaged to secure the debt.

There is a total of 35 questions. The first copies of the questionnaire will be sent to Senator Lee Overman of Salisbury and R. R. Reynolds of Asheville, who has announced for the Senator's seat.

Answers are expected from all candidates. Unless a candidate does answer, they say, it will be taken that he doesn't want to tell where he stands and the Farmers' Union people and the union labor people will draw their own conclusions when they go to vote.

M. P. CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:45 A. M. Sunday school, W. L. Ward, Sup't.
11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching by the pastor.
6:45 P. M. Senior and Intermediate Scholar's Endeavor.

Again, notice is given that on April 4 the revival services will begin. On April 5 Rev. R. A. Hunter, of Henderson, will come to do the preaching. Beginning with next week prayer meetings will be held in the homes in preparation for the meeting.

THANK OFFERING SERVICE AT WHY NOT M. P. CHURCH, 28TH

The Clyde Annum Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant church at Why Not will hold a Thank Offering service March 28th, at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. W. C. Hamner will speak on Mission Work in Japan, China and India, after which a missionary pageant, "The Song They Sang," will be presented by the young ladies of the Asheboro Methodist Protestant church, under the supervision of Miss Esther Ross. There are several members of the society who reside elsewhere and a special invitation is extended to them to attend the service.

MRS. LINEBERRY DIED TUESDAY

At the age of seventy-five years, Mrs. Martha Lineberry died from paralysis Tuesday night at twelve o'clock. Mrs. Lineberry was one of Randleman's most conscientious and substantial women, always deeming it a pleasure to render service to those in distress, sickness and sorrow. Her days were happiest when they were busiest and her life was an inspiration and a joy to those whose good fortune it was to know her.

M. P. YOUNG PEOPLE TO HOLD IMPORTANT MEET

A very important meeting for Young People will be held in the Asheboro Methodist Protestant church on Thursday evening, Mar. 25, at 7:30 P. M., and will be addressed by Rev. E. A. Soxsmith, D. D. of Baltimore, Secretary of the General Board of Young People's Work of the Methodist Protestant church; Rev. Lawrence C. Little of Greensboro, Pres. of the Board of Young People's Work of the N. C. Conference; and Rev. A. G. Dixon, D. D., President of the N. C. Annual Conference of the M. P. Church. The meeting is to be not only a rally for the local church but the nearby churches in the country and other towns are supposed to be present.

Spring Chic



Fashion, usually so frivolous in her dictates, takes a new turn by creating this practical sport hat of draped grosgrain ribbon in brown, with a narrow red band as it's only trimming. One of the practical features of this hat is that it can be crushed without damage.

R. F. TEAGUE DIES AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

R. F. Teague, aged 80, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Crouse, near Pomona, Thursday night of last week following an illness lasting a year. He was a member of Tabernacle Methodist church from which the funeral service was conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Teague is survived by his wife, and eight children. The children are: Mrs. Crouse, Mrs. W. C. Teague, of Siler City; Mrs. W. S. Gallimore, of Guilford county; J. C. Teague, of Randolph county; J. B. Teague, of Pleasant Garden; R. C., C. J. and C. C. Teague, all of Greensboro; a half sister, Mrs. R. Ross, of Asheboro; four half-brothers, Rev. T. F. McCulloch, and E. A. McCulloch, of Greensboro, and C. E. McCulloch, of Wilmington. Thirty-nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild also survive.

Democratic State Convention To Be In Raleigh In April

Democratic county conventions in North Carolina will be held April 24th and precinct committee meetings will be held April 17th, according to decision reached last week at a meeting of the Democratic state executive committee held in Raleigh last week. The Democratic state convention will be held in Raleigh April 9th.

Records Show Randolph Has Number of Convictions

During the year from July, 1923, to July, 1924, according to figures compiled by the University News Bulletin, there were in the Superior court of Randolph county 5,077 convictions for 1,000 inhabitants. Of this number 71 per cent paid fines or were sentenced to the roads or penitentiary, while the remaining 29 per cent received suspended sentences. In respect of number of convictions per 1,000 inhabitants, Randolph ranked 80th among the 100 counties of the State.

Washington county made the most creditable showing among all counties, having during that year only 50 convictions per 1,000 inhabitants, and therefore had presumably less number of cases on the docket than the other counties.

Funeral For Mrs. Sarah Wright

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Wright, who died at her home five miles west of Liberty March 14th, were conducted from Kivett's church Monday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. Edwards. She was 64 years old and widow of John Wright. She had been a member of Kivett's church for many years and was a faithful Christian woman.

MRS. MATILDA JONES DIED IN HIGH POINT

Mrs. Matilda Jones, aged 79 years, died Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. L. Yates, in High Point, following ill health for the past year. Mrs. Jones was born in Randolph county May 4, 1846, and had lived in this county until the death of her husband a year ago when she moved to High Point. Funeral services were held at Tabernacle church yesterday and interment made in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, H. H. Jones, of Washington, D. C., and A. L. Jones, of Phoenix, Arizona; and one daughter, Mrs. Lydia Yates, of High Point.

An Unusual Accident Last Week at Asheboro Chair Co.

An unusual accident happened at the plant of the Asheboro Chair Company in Asheboro, early last Thursday morning when the large fly wheel of the engine broke throwing its pieces in various directions. A large piece several feet in length and weighing several hundred pounds was thrown through the top of the building and several hundred feet across a street, landing in Walter Hunt's back yard hitting his smokehouse and knocking the end of it off. Damage to the plant and engine amounts to several hundred dollars.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET SUCCESS

Interesting Addresses Heard By Those Enjoying Affair At Local M. P. Church.

The Father and Son banquet at the Methodist Protestant church on Tuesday evening of this week was a very enjoyable affair and was considered a success in every sense of the word. Notwithstanding the fact that several who had accepted the invitation to be present were sick and not able to come, yet there were ninety-one persons gathered around the tables in the social room of the church. An elegant supper was served by the women of the church and every body had a good time. Rev. J. E. Pritchard, the pastor acted as toastmaster. Special music was rendered by the men's quartette. The principal addresses of the evening were delivered by Rev. Lawrence Little and Rev. L. W. Geringer of Greensboro. Mr. Little stressed the fact that the tragedy of this age is in the fact that the boys know so little about their "Dads". He pled with the fathers to spend much time with their boys and the boys to confide in their fathers. Rev. Mr. Geringer stressed the point that the biggest business a man can engage in is to bring up his boy so that he will be an honor to the father and the state.

Short impromptu addresses were made by Mr. R. R. Ross, Mr. J. W. Wolff, and Mr. W. L. Ward. Mr. Ross is one of the original thirteen members of the church. He spoke on the opportunities of service in a long life and of the real joy derived from helping others. Mr. Ross' joy was unbounded, having his sons and grandsons, and the many other men and their sons present. He concluded his remarks with a beautiful poem on The Shortness of Life. Mr. Ross learned this poem in his youth and it seemed to come to him on this occasion, for the first time in many years. The meeting was concluded with prayer by Rev. Robert Lloyd. Mr. W. L. Ward won recognition for having the largest number of boys present, having five of his own and one borrowed one with him.

Average Age of Inmates of State Prison is 25 Years

Ninety-six persons committed to the State prison during January and February for 21 classes of crime included 28 youths under 21 years of age, thirty-six between the ages of 21 and 30, seventeen between the ages of 30 and 40, seven between 40 and 50, six between 50 and 60 and two 60 years old. Of the 1400 in the State prison seventy-five per cent are under 30 years of age. The average age for the entire prison population is 25 years.

FUNERAL FRIDAY FOR E. E. ROUTH

Died Yesterday Morning From Complication of Diseases—Operated Mill.
Mr. Ernest E. Routh died at his home four miles west of Asheboro yesterday morning after an illness of three weeks from influenza, pneumonia and Bright's disease. Until he was stricken with his final illness Mr. Routh had been unusually strong and well. He was one of twelve children, being the son of the late LaFayette Routh of the Gray's Chapel section. He married Miss Annie Lineberry, a daughter of Scott and Martha Lineberry, of Millboro, Route 3, to this union there are the following children: Roselle, Wayne, Edith and J. C. In addition to the widow and children his mother and the following brothers and sisters survive: Messrs. M. M. Routh, and O. E. Routh, Asheboro, Route 2; Clarence Routh, Bennett; Clyde and T. E. Routh, Millboro, Route 1; and M. O. Routh, Randleman; Messdames L. D. Luther, High Point; M. M. Kirkman, Randleman; B. H. Lineberry, Millboro, Route 1; L. A. Fugh, Greensboro.

Mr. Routh had lived at Randleman for a number of years until last fall when he purchased his brother's roller mill, at Asheboro, Route 2, and has since that time operated it. He was an honest conscientious, straight forward man, always desirous of serving his fellowman. The funeral services will be conducted at Gray's Chapel at 2 P. M. Friday.

GEORGE H. BEAN DIES AT HOME ON STAR RT.

Funeral Held Yesterday Afternoon At Rock Springs Church—Was 60 Years Old.
George H. Bean, aged about 60 years, died at his home on Asheboro, Star Route, Monday afternoon following an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Bean had long been a prominent farmer of the county. Funeral services were conducted at Rock Springs church, near Seagrove, yesterday afternoon and interment made in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his widow who before her marriage was Miss Emily Jane Pressnell; three daughters, Miss Dena Bean, Mrs. Alle Lovett, of near Millboro, and another married daughter living near Randleman; two sons, John Bean, of state of California, and Frank Bean, of Orange county.

Success at Home



Ten years on big city newspapers, last of which were as managing editor, convinced this publisher, A. A. Hoopingsawer of Dover, Ohio, that success in the small town held as great rewards as in the city. So he returned to Dover, bought the local paper and in five short years put it across as successfully, that the bigger field heard and called again. He is the new editor and publisher of The American Press, New York. He expects to retain his Ohio property.

LIBERTY WOMAN DIED IN GREENSBORO 15TH

Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, aged 43, of Liberty, died Monday afternoon in a Greensboro hospital. She was before her marriage Miss Zilphia Cook, of Surry county. While she had lived at Liberty only a short while she had made many friends who mourn her departure. She was a member of the Christian church at Spray and was a devout Christian woman.

Sues The Railroad Company For The Death of His Son

The North Carolina Railroad Company is being sued for \$40,000 by H. L. Lomax, of this county, and J. R. Harrison, of Thomasville, administrators on the estate of Charles Lomax, who was killed May 20th at Landis in a crossing accident while on his way to be married to a Rowan county woman. The suit has been started in Davidson county Superior court.

Edgar Monroe Brady, Aged 15, Dies In Local Hospital

Edgar Monroe Brady, aged 15, died Thursday morning in the Memorial hospital, Asheboro, following a serious operation. Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Grove Christian church Friday afternoon by Rev. D. E. Moffitt and interment was made in the church cemetery. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Nepsy Brady Hardin; stepfather, Ed Hardin; one half brother, Walter, and two half sisters, Virginia and Margery, all of Bennett.

M. E. CHURCH MATTERS

Of the 137 white churches in Randolph county, 72 are Methodist of four branches; 40 of these are churches of our denomination.

With some of his friends the writer sat down to a sumptuous birthday dinner Saturday at Bro. Harris Rich's. This was his 64th birthday.

About 75 young Methodists from Guilford attended the district league meeting at our church on the 11th.

Brother Zeb Rush has recently taken a position in Rochester, N. Y.

The Asheboro church has members residing in the following states: Two in New York, one in Pennsylvania, two in Ohio, two in Illinois two in District of Columbia, one in Nebraska, two in South Carolina, two in Florida, one in New Jersey, and one in Michigan.

The pastor preaches at both hours Sunday and invites the public. The topics probably will be: "A Satan-Filled Boy" "A Spirit-Filled Church."

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET SATURDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the Dixon post of the American Legion will be held in the club rooms on the second floor of the Standard Drug Company building next Saturday night beginning at 8 o'clock. Every ex-service man of the county is invited to attend this meeting. Those who have joined the legion post at Asheboro will get their membership cards at this meeting. Refreshments will be served and many matters of importance to former soldiers will be discussed.

This meeting will be held in place of the one scheduled for Saturday night of last week which could not be held on account of the bad weather.

LITTLE MISS MUFFETT WEDDING IS POSTPONED

On account of so much illness from influenza and severe colds the entertainment "Little Miss Muffett and Jack Horner Wedding" will be postponed from Thursday evening of this week to Tuesday evening of next week. The little folks are much interested in this performance and their teachers, parents and friends share their disappointment, but will look forward to the entertainment next week.

COURT CONVENE MONDAY MORNING

Judge Thomas J. Shaw Presiding—Civil Court This Week and Next.

Randolph county superior court for the trial of cases on the civil docket convened in the court house in Asheboro Monday morning with Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding in place of Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City, who is holding court this week in Guilford county. Judge Shaw will also be here next week. Judge Shaw has many friends in Asheboro, having married Miss Mary Woolen, who was born and reared in Asheboro.

Next week's court will be taken up with the trial of cases on the civil docket also, while the last week will be for the trial of criminal cases.

The following actions have been tried:

Maude Evins vs Claude Evins, issues answered in favor of the plaintiff.

Mary E. Steele, et al vs J. P. DeVinney, et al, plaintiff allowed 60 days in which to supply papers and the defendants granted 30 days in which to answer.

W. T. Strickland et al vs Rev. Laura Kearns, et al, issues answered in favor of the plaintiff.

E. C. Lineberry vs J. H. Hackett and T. R. Hackett, issues answered in favor of the defendants.

H. C. Petty vs A. J. Luck, trial yesterday afternoon as The Courier was put on the press.

Most Enjoyable Song Service Held At The M. P. Church

One of the most enjoyable services held at the local M. P. church in a long time was held last Sunday evening and it was known as an Evening of Music. The service consisted of solos, quartets, a violin solo and several old hymns which the congregation had not heard in a long time. There was very general praise of the service by the large congregation.

Value of School Property in County Half Million

According to figures given out by the State superintendent of public instruction, Randolph county ranks 53rd among the 100 counties of the State in the value of its white school property per child enrolled and 29th in the value of colored school houses. The figures for the school year 1924-25 show that Randolph county's white school property had a valuation of \$425,000. There were 86 school houses, making the average value of each house \$4,942, or an average value per child enrolled of \$73.87.

There were 19 colored school houses, valued at \$21,000, an average value per house of \$1,105, and \$22.29 per child enrolled.

The total value of all white school property in the State in 1924-25 was \$63,434,665.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Sizemore Dead

Zola Marie Sizemore, aged 17 months, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sizemore, died at the home of her parents in Liberty last Sunday. Funeral and interment were held at Coble's church, in Guilford county, Monday afternoon.

SIX INCHES OF SNOW SATURDAY

Big Snow Was Followed by Low Temperatures That Night—Unusual For March.

The deepest snow of the winter and the coldest weather of this year descended on this vicinity last Saturday and Sunday night.

Early Saturday morning a slow rain suddenly turned to snow and the temperature started down grade until some time in the night it registered ten degrees above zero. While there are no records for Asheboro dating back of this winter yet it is certain that this was one of the coldest spells of weather for this late in March ever experienced here. At Raleigh Saturday night the temperature was 15.9 which broke all records for Raleigh for this late in March, since the Weather Bureau was established there in 1888. The snow fall here last Saturday amounted to 6 inches and as it was driven by a fierce wind it drifted much deeper than that in places.

The average rainfall for March is 4.28 inches and according to the official record there has already been for the first half of March 3.13 inches.

North Carolina Leads in Number Accidental Deaths

While the Southern States last week yielded up the smallest number of deaths from accidents in many months, North Carolina topped the States in the number of deaths with 6 and 19 persons injured. Georgia had the largest number of persons injured, the total being 55.

The number of deaths in the 11 Southern States was 24 while 234 persons were injured. Every State had one or more deaths except Kentucky which had none and only 6 injuries for the week.

MRS. TALLEY DIES AT AGE OF 36 YRS.

End Came While in High Point Hospital for Appendicitis Operation.

Mrs. Bess Farmer Talley, of Randleman, died in the High Point hospital Tuesday night at 11 o'clock following an illness from influenza and appendicitis. Mrs. Talley contracted influenza after which an attack of appendicitis came on. She was taken to the High Point hospital Saturday, undergoing an operation Sunday morning and gradually growing weaker until the end came.

Mrs. Talley was a most estimable woman, possessing many admirable traits of character. She was the daughter of the late Clarence and Donnie Hayes Farmer and a niece of E. P. Hayes, with whom she lived after the death of her parents. She was married to Mr. Frank Talley, of Randleman, more than fifteen years ago and to this union there are five daughters, who are Eugenia, Mildred, Dorothy, Frances and Ruth, the latter having become two years of age the day her mother was taken to the hospital. Another singular coincidence is that Mrs. Talley's 36th birthday falls on the same date as that upon which her body will be laid in its final resting place.

The funeral service will be conducted at St. Paul M. E. church, in Randleman, by Rev. Barbee, after which burial will follow in the church cemetery.

THE EIGHTH DISTRICT LEADS IN "MOONSHINE"

The eighth district, comprising North and South Carolina and Georgia, according to federal prohibition agents, makes more moonshine liquor than all the other 45 states together. Bootleggers in this district, however, according to these agents, are comparatively honest. They concoct various and sundry portions of vegetables, an occasional bit of grain, throw in some concentrated lye and make mash which eventually reaches the flat white bottle and goes direct to the consumer with no deceitful pretense of having come from across the sea.

Though the eighth district makes the most contraband liquor, these federal agents say that the northern states consume the most of the forbidden spirits. These drinkers, however, do not get liquor as good as that made in the south. Any old kind of whiskey, agents say, is colored, branded with fancy brands and sold as imported liquor to these drinkers north of the Mason and Dixon line.

Walter C. Davis, Native of Randolph, Dies in High Point

Walter C. Davis, aged 66 years, died at his home in High Point Saturday morning following ill health for more than two years. Mr. Davis was born in Randolph county June 7, 1859, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alon Davis. He moved to High Point in 1900. His wife died Feb. 25th, this year.

Surviving are seven children, three boys and four girls: W. A. Davis, member of the High Point city council; McKinley Davis, of High Point; George H. Davis, of Thomasville; Mrs. Bertha Church, of Trinity; Mrs. H. A. Shipman, Mrs. J. Vernon Sechrist, and Mrs. Robert B. White, all of High Point; and two grand sons, Henry and Paul Davis, both of High Point; one sister, Mrs. Maggie Bonkameyer, of Greensboro; two brothers, M. L. Davis, of Jamestown, and Milton Davis, of High Point.

Carload of Pigs Shipped From Denton Last Week

A car containing 100 pigs was shipped to Richmond, Va., Monday from Denton by C. A. Sheffield, of Davidson county. The shipment was made cooperatively by a number of Davidson county farmers in order to obtain the best price for their hogs. Cooperative shipments of poultry have been made several times from Davidson county and also from many other counties in the state, including Randolph, but this is the first cooperative shipment of swine to be made from either Randolph or Davidson.

Mrs. Will Allen Dies At Home Near Kemp's Mill

Mrs. Will Allen, aged 58, died at her home near Kemp's Mill, at 6:30 yesterday morning. For some time Mrs. Allen had been in poor health but her condition was not considered serious until Tuesday evening when she was taken very ill, dying early yesterday morning. She was a daughter of the late Reuben Brown, Asheboro Star Route. She is survived by her husband, a sister, Miss Frances Brown, Asheboro Star Route, and three brothers, B. A. Brown, Asheboro, C. E. Brown, Kemp's Mill, T. F. Brown, Asheboro, Star Route. The funeral service will be held at Union Grove Christian church at 2 P. M. today.

Indications are that politics is warming up in Moore county. E. C. Fry will seek re-nomination at the hands of the Democrats to the office of sheriff. J. C. Kelly, of Cameron, wants the nomination also, and so does T. A. Cole. E. J. Wootley, of Jackson Springs, presents Moore county member of the lower house of the general assembly, has announced his candidacy for the State Senate.