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**THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET—STATE, DISTRICT, COUNTY**

- (The following is the State and county Democratic ticket, which will be voted in the November election.)
- United States Congress.  
Senate:—Josiah W. Bailey.  
House, (10th District)—Zebulon Weaver.
  - State Corporation Comm.  
George P. Pell.
  - Solicitor.  
18th Judicial District:—J. Will Pless, Jr., Marion.
  - State Senate.  
27th Senatorial District:—Peyton McSwain, Shelby; W. K. McLean, Tryon.
  - House Representatives.  
O. R. Coffield.
  - Sheriff.  
W. C. Hardin.
  - Clerk of Superior Court.  
M. O. Dickerson.
  - Register of Deeds.  
W. O. Geer.
  - Treasurer.  
Mrs. Minnie F. Blanton.
  - County Commissioners.  
J. P. Jones, Geo. H. Blanton, A. W. Deck.
  - Board of Education.  
J. T. Harris, W. W. Nanney, J. C. Hames.
  - Coroner.  
W. C. Hightower.

**THE UTILITIES SALE ELECTION.**

Within a short time the people of Forest City will be called upon to decide whether the town shall retain its public utility plants, or sell them to the Southern Public Utilities Company.

The proposition has been discussed to such extent of late that it is doubtful if anyone in the city is not fully acquainted with the advantages of such sale by now. The old rumors that the Southern Public Utilities Company will charge a large amount for each fire hydrant; that the company will not expand the utilities, and dozens of other rumors as equally groundless have long since been "spiked." Many of the most bitter opponents of the proposition have since become boosters for the sale.

Forest City will surely not let such golden opportunity pass! The Southern Public Utilities are operators of a large chain of public utilities plants, and as such can better operate the plants than can a town. A municipality is not in the electrical business solely as a means for raising revenue, but to furnish to the people a necessary commodity. A municipality cannot operate one plant as cheaply and efficiently and give the service expected of a company operating a chain as does the Duke interests. A municipality must make the plants pay expenses; the Southern Public Utilities can operate at a loss, or break even.

Another big feature connected with selling the plants is the opportunity presented in taxing them. In writing about this feature, in last week's issue of The Courier, Mr. O. J. Holler had this to say, which we believe is worth reprinting:

"In the first place the properties in question, of very considerable value, are at present not subject to taxation. Being owned by the municipalities they are exempt by law. If these properties are sold to the Duke interests they will immediately become taxable, not only by the cities in which they are located, but all three of them by the county. Such an increase in taxable values as this would represent, would enable Rutherford county to quickly, if not immediately, make a substan-

tial reduction in tax rates. Tax rates have recently been increased and our people are going to be more burdened than ever as a result."

**THE WRONG ANGLE.**

The neighboring Rutherford Sun, under new control, takes editorial exception in a recent issue to some of the statements made by Clyde R. Hoey in his address to the Democrats of Randolph county. The new editor declares that Mr. Hoey, described as an eminent statesman that paper hopes to see in the United States Senate some day, was talking nothing but bunk when he charged the existing hard times to President Hoover. "The silver-tongued orator," says the Sun, "is far too intelligent to believe that President Hoover is responsible for the hard times."

Perhaps The Sun placed the wrong interpretation upon the Hoey meaning. Could it not be that Hoey was chiding Hoover not because of hard times, but because the times are hard instead of prosperous as Mr. Hoover promised? In admitting that Mr. Hoover himself did not bring on the hard times, why does not The Sun therein see the opportunity of taking the President to task for promising prosperity when prosperity was not in his power? If a President cannot bring on prosperity or economic depression, why should he attempt to win votes, and win votes, by promising prosperous conditions? If elected on the unfair promise to bring on an era of good times, is it any more unfair to razz him for causing hard times?—Cleveland Star.

**THE IDEAL CITIZEN.**

An ideal citizen is the one who sees clearly and ever something good in the city and never loses the opportunity to spread that good news abroad that others might derive the benefits thereon, whose selfishness prompts him to want others to share opportunities, health and pleasure which his home city offers.

Loyalty is the first requisite for the ideal citizen. The love for the place and his neighbors which dismisses the thought of self interest or policy and resolves itself into the knowledge of duty when he does all in his power to make the city a better place in which to live.

There are three distinct attitudes which a citizen may assume toward the place in which he lives, which furnishes him food, shelter and association for himself and family, to boost, to remain quiet or to knock. The booster is that ideal citizen who is never forgetful of the obligations which is due the home city. He is ever found at the front when any movement is launched which might tend to the advancement of the interest of the city. While others see darkly, to him good is visible at all times. The quiet citizen is satisfied to let the neighborhood do the work and content to lull the city asleep and let it rest. The knocker is the man who is without a country. There is no room for him anywhere. His presence dampens the enthusiasm of every man or group of men who unfortunately comes in contact with him. Having no faith in his own ability to go forward, he naturally lacks faith in his home city to do.

You have the chance to belong to either of the three classes. If you are a booster, your neighbor knows it and will boost you. If you are aligned with the quiet, indifferent class, you will not be regarded one way or the other, for the man who selects to steer in the middle of the stream, gets no support from either side. If unfortunately you are a knocker, get ready to be knocked, for eventually it is coming to you. As you give, so will it be meted out to you.—Clinton (S. C.) Chronicle.

**OCRACOKE RECORDS FIRST CAR DEATH**

Ocracoke, N. C., Sept. 2.—Ocracoke's recent fatal motor accident, the first in its history, brings to mind the fact that this beach village of 800 population was about the last place in the United States to welcome the auto. It was not exactly welcome, at that.

There were no streets. Lanes carried the traffic, which has been limited to a half dozen pony carts. The inhabitants live by fishing, except those who go to sea. They wondered where the first cars would be operated. The owners showed them—on the beach below high water mark, where the sand was hard and smooth. Ocracoke's strand made a nearly perfect motor road.

First cars to reach the town are said to have carried red and green side lights, on the starboard and port sides, respectively, while in operation at night. That is a good old maritime custom. The only two in the community at one time crashed in a head-on collision, giving Ocracokes something to talk about. No one was injured. It was only a few years ago.

You will find all the latest magazines at Stahl's 5-10-25c Stores.

A legislative appropriation may be either an extravagance or an economy according to your political viewpoint.

Get your Sunday papers at Stahl's 5-10-25c Stores.

If the pen is mightier than the sword why do criminals dodge it with such ease?

When the meek inherit the earth what are they going to do for truck drivers?

Secretly all of us believe that we have the hardest business in the world in which to make a real success.

**NEW HOPE NEWS**

Harris, R-1, Sept. 2.—Mrs. J. B. Taylor, who has been sick for several days is improving her friends will be glad to hear.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Kennedy and Mr. Buford Kennedy, spent Sunday with relatives at Blacksburg, S. C. Prof. J. R. Wilkie, of near Hendersonville, spent a part of last week at the home of his brother, Mr. L. D. Wilkie.

Miss Gladys Randall spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Lila Mae Hines.

Misses Fernie and Bernice Hines visited Misses Clara and Mary Randall one evening last week.

Miss Vivian Kennedy spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. J. V. Honeycutt.

Those visiting at the home of Mr. L. D. Wilkie on Sunday were: Mr. L. D. Wilkie, Durham, Messrs Broughton Strickland, Marvin and Clint Turner, and Earl Randall, Misses Mary Clara Etheleen and Eugenia Randall, Ola and Eunice Kennedy.

Miss Lois Hines went to the hospital at Asheville Monday to have her tonsils removed.

Mrs. Buford Kennedy spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gossett, near Trinity.

Miss Eugenia Randall, of near Ellenboro, is spending the week with her cousin, Miss Belle Wilkie.

Little Miss Helen Harris, who has been in the hospital at Rutherfordton for several weeks, isn't improving much her friends will be sorry to hear.

Mrs. L. J. Hamrick, of Spindale, spent last week at the home of her brother, Mr. L. D. Wilkie.

Mr. L. D. Wilkie, Mr. W. P. Wilkie and Mr. Lee Cudd were visitors in Chesnee Tuesday.

Mr. Broughton Strickland and Mr. Marvin Turner left Monday for Boiling Springs where they will enter college.

**HOLLY SPRINGS**

Harris, R-1, Sept. 1.—The farmers of this section are having some dry weather and the cotton is opening very fast.

On last Wednesday Mrs. Lola Cole, Mrs. Bessie Roach, Mrs. Annie Briscoe, Mrs. Susan Henderson, Miss Maggie Cole and Mr. Rector Robbins attended the Woman's Association at Green's Creek.

There was a large crowd at the B. Y. P. U's Sunday night.

On last Saturday part of the Intermediate Sunday school classes of Holly Springs church took a trip to Marion and Polly Spout. They seemed to enjoy it very much.

Many of our people attended the singing convention at Mountain View church Sunday.

On last Friday Mr. Pink Robbins died and was buried Saturday at Holly Springs church.

Mr. Robbins spoke of his going. He stated that he had a hope, a bright hope and thought that all would be well with him.

He leaves a wife, six children, fifteen grandchildren, one brother and four sisters and a number of friends to mourn their loss.

Mr. Robbins was sixty one years old. Rev. Fikes, of Harris and Brock, of Henrietta, had charge of the funeral service and Huntley had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Miss Ena Robbins spent Saturday night with Misses Etta and Ellie Mae Cole.

Mrs. Annie Briscoe spent the week end in Green River section visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Lloyd Owens will leave today for Boone where he will enter school work.

**TRIBUTE TO THE NEGRO.**

One of the most beautiful and eloquent tributes ever paid the negro slaves of the South was by Henry W. Grady when he said: "History has no parallel to the faith kept by the negro in the South during the war. Often 500 negroes to a single white man; and yet through these dusky throngs the women and children walked in safety, and the unprotected homes rested in peace. When the master going to a war in which slavery was involved said to his slave, 'I leave my home and loved ones in your charge,' the tenderness between man and master stood disclosed. He rejoiced that when freedom came to him after years of waiting, it was all the sweeter because the black hands from which the shackles fell were stainless of a single crime against the helpless ones confided to his care."—N. C. Christian Advocate.

**ODD EPITAPHS ON TWO ENGLISH GRAVES**

Bolsover, England, Sept. 2.—The proudest boast of this obscure village is that one of the quaintest epitaphs in England is inscribed in its churchyard.

The epitaph is that of a watchmaker buried nearly 100 years ago. It reads:

"Here lies in a horizontal position the outside case of Thomas Hinde, clock and watchmaker—who departed this life wound up in hope of being taken in hand by his Maker, and being thoroughly cleaned, repaired and set going in the world to come on the 15th of August, 1836, in the 19th year of his age."

Nearby is this two-line epigram of a butcher:

"Here lies the body of poor John Higgs, A famous man for killing pigs."

Our delicious Candies are always fresh. Stahl's 5-10-25c Stores.

**JAMES HINER THOMAS CLAIMED BY DEATH**

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Honorary pallbearers were: B. B. Doggett, G. B. Harrill, W. S. Moss, O. C. Turner, J. B. Long, Fed Harrill, J. R. Moore, K. S. Tanner, S. E. Elmore, J. L. Taylor, Fred Hamrick, Clyde Hoey, M. E. Herndon, W. R. Harrill, G. T. Moore, D. H. Sutton, A. C. Duncan, Chas. S. McCall, J. F. Weathers, J. Worth Morgan, Dr. R. H. Crawford, Vassey Hardin, George Blanton, J. T. Harris, M. J. Harrill, J. W. Smith, H. B. Doggett, W. G. Magness, and R. E. Biggerstaff.

G. M. Huntley and Son, local undertakers, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Many from Rutherford county went to Pleasureville, Ky., following the service here. Among them were Mr. B. B. Doggett, Mr. Howard Doggett, Dr. A. C. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Alexander, Mr. E. O. Thomas and Mr. Gus Thomas. Others attending the service at Pleasureville were: Mr. Giles Carter, a brother of Mrs. Thomas who came here for the service; Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. McCardwell, of Mooresboro; and the four Thomas children. Mrs. Thomas made the trip on the train the body of her husband was shipped on.

Born, June 28, 1889, Mr. Thomas was 41 years and two months of age at the time of his death. On April 30, 1910, at Lexington, Ky., Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Margaret Carter, of Gratz, Ky., to which union were born four children, all of whom survive. They are: James Hiner Thomas, Jr., Jordan Witt Carter Thomas, Robert Farmer Thomas and Helen Margaret Thomas. Mr. Thomas is also survived by his father, Mr. Robert S. Thomas, Gratz, Ky.; one brother, Robert F. Thomas, also of Gratz; and one sister, Mrs. Y. L. McCardwell, of Mooresboro.

Mr. Thomas was a member of the First Methodist church, of Forest City. He was also a thirty-second degree Mason, a Shriner, member of the Rutherford County Club and a member of the Forest City Kiwanis Club. In addition to these he was a member of several bankers and manufacturers clubs. Mr. Thomas was well known in North Carolina as well as having a large acquaintance in New York and other cities outside of this state.

Mr. Thomas was at one time president of the Farmers Bank & Trust Company of this city, which failed last February. It is thought that Mr. Thomas' death was hastened by worrying over this bank and it is said that he had an insurance policy amounting to \$110,000 in which the Farmers Bank, which is now in the hands of a liquidating agent, was named beneficiary. It was while attending a sale of the Farmers Bank property here in June that Mr. Thomas was stricken with paralysis.

J. H. Thomas was born at Gratz, Owen county, Ky., June 28, 1889, a son of Robert S. and Susan Kelley Thomas. After attending the public schools of Gratz he received an appointment to the University of Kentucky, which he declined in order that he might qualify for a business career. He was connected with the Gratz Deposit Bank for a year and then, when 19 years of age, he left home and accepted a position with the bank at Sherbourne, Ky. After being thoroughly trained in banking affairs, Mr. Thomas came to Rutherford county, becoming a resident of Caroleen in 1910.

After coming to Caroleen Mr. Thomas organized the Caroleen Savings Bank, of which he became cashier. On February 3, 1915, he organized the Farmers Bank & Trust Company, at Forest City, with which the Caroleen bank was consolidated. In the following November Mr. Thomas and associates acquired and merged the First National Bank of this city with the Farmers Bank.

Under Mr. Thomas' management this bank prospered and at one time was the strongest country bank in the Tenth Congressional District. At one time the deposits in this bank were over two and one-half million dollars. The bankruptcy of the Chimney Rock development, causing the Rutherford County Bank to fail and straining the resources of the Farmers Bank, was the cause of its closing after a run had been made on it, when the Rutherford County Bank failed to open.

Before his forced inactivity, caused by illness, and before the financial depression Mr. Thomas had many large and varied interests, being connected with the following enterprises: Treasurer of the Henrietta Mills before they were sold to Northern capitalists; treasurer of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc.; treasurer of the Carolina Mountain Power Company; treasurer of the Chimney Rock Scenic Company; president of the Smith-Thomas Lumber Company, of Alabama; president of the Chimney Rock Trust Company; president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company, of Spindale and Rutherfordton, which merged with the Commercial Bank, of Rutherfordton, under the name of the Rutherford County Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Thomas gave up his interest in the Bank following the consolidation.

Other business interests were: Director Johns-Carroll Lumber Co., of Alabama; president Spindale Mills, Spindale; director Stonecutter Mills, Spindale; director Clover Mills, Clover, S. C.; president Forest City Motor Co.; president Blackwood Lumber Co., Wallaceville, S. C.; president Industrial Loan & Investment Bank of Forest City.

Many of these concerns do not now exist. Mr. Thomas, following the failure of the Chimney Rock development, withdrew his capital from many of them in an effort to

save the local banks, causing many of them to go into the hands of the receiver.

In the passing of Mr. Thomas Rutherford county has lost one of her greatest citizens, a great financier, a born leader of men, a man of sound business judgement. For two years Mr. Thomas by his great knowledge of banking held together an institution that had been greatly weakened by the financial depression that hit this county following the bankruptcy of the Chimney Rock development. This institution was the Farmers Bank & Trust Co., at Forest City, and this bank was closed not so much as a failure but as a last resort to protect the depositors following a run that had started when the Rutherford County Bank failed to open.

The fact that Mr. Thomas took the welfare of the people of his adopted state and county so much to heart was one cause of his early death. Grieving because the bank, one that he had helped to organize and build, until at one time its total resources were nearly three million dollars, had been forced to close. Knowing that he was being blamed for an act over which he had no control, all of these helped to destroy his resistant power and indirectly were the cause of his death.

But while there were some who blamed him, others still loved and admired him, and while he lay in his last sleep at his beautiful home here on East Main Street, sorrowing friends by the hundreds called to pay their respects to this great man who had dropped by the wayside; this person who often had befriended many of them in times of need, and who always had an encouraging and cheerful word for all.

**MISS SARA COWAN RICHARDSON WED OSCAR RICHARDSON**

Rutherfordton, Sept. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cowan has announced the engagement of their daughter, Sara Louise, to Oscar Leonard Richardson of Monroe. The wedding will take place in October.

The bride is one of Rutherfordton's most charming and popular young ladies and is a graduate of the North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro. She has taught here, at Monroe and Shelby. The wedding will be a social event of the early fall season in Rutherfordton.

**COTTON CO-OP ASSOCIATION OFFERING 9c FOR COTTON**

The North Carolina Cotton Cooperative Association announces that it will advance 9 cents per pound for cotton. Last year the Association advanced 15 cents on cotton, and held it until better prices prevailed before placing it on the market. The Courier will endeavor to give full details regarding the Association's proposition next week.

School bags for the children from 25c to \$1.00. Stahl's 5-10-25c Stores.

SPECIAL—Mavis talcum powder 25c size now 15c at Stahl's 5-10-25c Stores.

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Value of Kleenex . . 50c  
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**MORRISON SAYS HOOVER INSULTED ALL THE SOUTH**

Charges That Republicans Thrived On Sectionalism—Appeals for Support of Democratic Ticket.

Boone, Sept. 2.—Declaring that President Hoover's "unparalleled disregard of the south" in the selection of his cabinet has been an insult to that section, former Governor Cameron Morrison of Charlotte stirred the Democratic convention of Watauga county Friday afternoon as it has seldom been stirred before.

The governor was scheduled to keynote for the mountaineers, but it was generally predicted that his speech here Friday will be accepted in the nature of a keynote for the entire state.

H blazed the trail in his opening speech which will doubtless be followed by the hundreds of other Democratic orators who are about to take to the stumps. He drew two parallels; one to record and achievement of the state government under Democratic administration, and the other the record "of sectionalism and special privileges" of the federal government under Republican administration. He declared that the Democrats would stand pat on the record of Governor Gardner's administration and he challenged the world to find fault. He dealt with the Republican charge of extravagance by pointing out that "we have tried to give proper care to our unfortunates, our mentally sick and our deaf and dumb and blind, but we have done that at a cost of 90 cents per person a day." He mentioned the progress in roads, schools and industrial development; and then he turned his attention toward the federal government under Hoover.

Mr. Morrison characterized the Republican party as an organization having two major practices, one being to breed sectionalism by appealing to the northern states to ignore the south, and the other being the bonding together of special interests and big business for the purpose of plundering the people's sectionalism.

He thought the world war would eliminate sectionalism, he said, and he expected President Hoover to disregard one Republican practice by gathering around him some few Southern statesmen to aid in the shaping of the policies and the direction of the affairs of his administration. He thought the new President might even call a Hoover Democrat, who, he said, had more brains than Hoover could have found anywhere else, but "we lived to see an insult to the south which surpassed anything of its kind in history," Mr. Morrison declared.

Then he waited for a dramatic pause and his deep voice boomed, "And not a single southern Republican had the nerve to stand up and denounce Hoover for his insult to this great section, which departed from its ancestral teaching for the first time and gave him the vote of many of its largest states."

Touching the prohibition question, he said that Hoover has no sympathy for it. He pointed to Hoover's endorsement of Dwight W. Morrow's candidacy, who was nominated on a wet ticket in New Jersey, and he reminded the audience that Andrew Mellon, who has profited by the liquor trade, was still the republicans' chief advisor.

Mr. Morrison was unstinted in his praise of Josiah William Bailey, Democratic nominee for United States Senate. He said, "No matter how you voted in the primary you will be proud of Bill Bailey after he gets in the Senate." He called him North Carolina's best orator and possibly the best writer, and said he is able, brilliant and always incorruptible.

"Democrats, let's come together," he pleaded, adding, "We are our country's only hope."