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Rutherfordton-Spindale Election Carries

Expect Large Vote In Forest City Election

759 REGISTER TO VOTE IN SPECIAL CITY ELECTION

Registration Books Closed Saturday Night—Election Will Be Held Next Tuesday.

A total of 759 people registered to vote in the special election to be held here next Tuesday to decide whether Forest City shall retain or sell its public utilities plants.

The registration books closed Saturday night. Mr. J. E. Caldwell, city clerk, was registrar.

According to Mr. Caldwell, the normal vote within the town of Forest City is from 1,000 to 1,200 votes. The full voting strength of the city is not registered. Many of the voters favoring the selling of the plants did not register, as they expect to be away on election day. If a registered voter fails to vote it counts against the sale, as the ballot will be against the registration.

Speculation as to the probable outcome is being freely indulged in. Many are of the opinion that it will carry by a safe margin, while others feel that the vote will be extremely close.

Four ballots will be used. The ballots will be marked: "For Sale of Water Works System to Southern Public Utilities Company"; "Against Sale of Water Works system to Southern Public Utilities Company"; "For Sale Electric System to Southern Public Utilities Company"; and "Against Sale of Electric System to Southern Public Utilities Company." The election will be held next Tuesday, and the ballot box will be at the city hall.

WORTH LATON SHOT FRIDAY

Forest City Youth in Hospital Suffering From Accidental Gunshot Wound.

Worth Laton, twelve years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Laton, of this city, is in the Rutherford Hospital with a 50-50 chance for recovery as the result of being shot with a shotgun Friday morning about 9 o'clock.

Horace Butler, 16 years old son of John Butler, also of this city, was arrested and charged with the shooting.

According to young Butler he heard dogs running in the woods back of the old laundry Friday morning about nine o'clock. He went to the house and got his father's gun. His father was in Rutherfordton at the time, but his step-mother was at home when he got the gun. He went with three other boys, Worth Laton, who was shot, Lawtus Butler, a friend and Broadus Butler, a brother, into the woods to see if the dogs were after a rabbit. He says a rabbit jumped up in front of him and he aimed the gun Worth Laton jumped in front of him. Young Butler denies that he pulled the trigger. He says as he aimed the gun it went off. Laton received the load from the gun in his right side.

While on the way to the hospital it is alleged that Worth Laton made a statement about the affair. As a result, police arrested Horace Butler.

Horace Butler claimed that he and Worth Laton were good friends, and had never had any arguments.

Butler was given an examination Tuesday morning and bail was fixed at \$300, which was posted, and he was now out of jail.

ARRANGE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC DEBATES

Democratic and Republican County Chairmen to Meet on Hustings This Month.

Rutherfordton, Sept. 8.—Attorney S. P. Dunagan, chairman of the Rutherford County Democratic Executive Committee, who was recently challenged to a series of debates by Attorney Fred D. Hamrick, chairman of the Republican County Executive Committee, has accepted the challenge, and dates have been arranged.

Mr. W. W. Nanney assisted in arranging the dates for the debates. The chairmen of the two parties will appear in a public debate at Rutherfordton, in the court house, on Monday evening, September 22, at eight o'clock. On Friday, September 26, the two opponents will debate at Caroleen and on Tuesday, September 30 will be at Ellenboro.

COTTON ESTIMATE 14,340,000 BALES

Government Report in Excess of Figures Expected—Price Immediately Drops.

Cotton declined 40 points when the government's estimate on the 1930 cotton crop was issued at 11 o'clock Monday, giving the number of bales at 14,340,000. Because of the dry weather over the entire belt, it was felt by local farmers, ginners and buyers that the estimate would be lowered from that of a month ago. It was lower by 22,000 bales, but this was not enough to stimulate the price.

At noon Monday New York was quoting October for southern delivery at 10.80; December 10.98 as compared with Saturday's close Oct. 11.30, December 11.49.

The yield per acre is given at 153.2 pounds, the ginnings as of Sept. 1st, 1,878,253 bales and the condition 53.2.

The report one month ago set an estimate of 14,362,000 bales.

FOREST CITY NEGRO KILLED MONDAY

Tom Smith Electrocuted by High Tension Power Line in Cleveland.

Shelby, Sept. 8.—Tom Smith, young negro man of Forest City, was killed around noon Monday when he came in contact with a power wire carrying 2200 volts while working on top of a cotton warehouse near the Mauney company store in the Union section of Cleveland county.

Smith was at work on the tin roof of the warehouse, which is to be operated by W. E. Dye, of Forest City. About 1 o'clock someone noticed that he could not be heard at work and made an investigation. They found his body toppled over with his neck on the two wires which ran above the building. Just how long he had been dead when found is not known. And since no one witnessed his death it is not known, it was said, whether he reached up and touched the wires or fell against them. He appeared to be about 30 years of age.

The wires were those of the line which serves the Polkville-Union sections, a cooperative line which purchases power from Shelby. The line is owned by the residents of the section, meters being at end of the Shelby city limits to determine the amount of power used.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



Rutherford Fair To Have Many Attractions This Year

Henderson, McDowell and Polk Counties to Participate in Fair.

The Rutherford Fair, which is being sponsored this year by the counties of Henderson, Polk, McDowell, and Rutherford, will be held September 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. The premium list amounts to about \$2,000 and is very much the same as last year. The Krause Greater Shows will be on the midway all week with clean shows, at least six rides and legitimate concessions. The Ohio Fireworks Company will furnish fireworks each night. The fireworks this year are said to be the most brilliant ever exhibited in this section. The program will be changed each night.

The free acts in front of the grandstand will be one of the features of the Fair while many local attractions will also be put on.

The local attractions for the week follow: Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock with C. S. Royster in charge; Charleston contest for whites, Charleston contest for colored, 100-yard dash for boys over 16 years of age, 100-yard dash for boys from 12 to 15 years of age, 50-yard dash for boys under 12 and 50-yard dash for girls from 10 to 15 years of age. For these contests \$26 in cash prizes are being offered. Fifteen dollars, \$5 for first prize and \$2.50 for second prize, are being offered for the best pony on cart on the track and best pony under saddle on the track Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock with J. W. Whitesides in charge: Mule running race, two heats, first prize \$20 second \$15, third, \$10, four, \$5. Best buggy horse or mare shown to buggy on track, first prize \$5, second \$2.50. Best pair mules to wagon on track, first prize \$5, second \$2.50.

Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock with Dr. A. C. Duncan in charge: for best saddle horse, first prize \$5, second \$2.50. Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock with D. J. Long in charge: mule race, two heats, first prize \$20, second prize \$15, third prize \$10, fourth prize \$5. Tuesday, the first day of the Fair,

NEGRO WOMAN CUTS HUSBAND

Lizzie Mayse of Grahamtown Wields Blade on Spouse, Who is Near Death.

Infuriated because her husband left her to go to church by himself Sunday, Lizzie Mayse, a negro woman of Grahamtown, colored section of Forest City, turned on her spouse with a razor and brickbat when he returned and so battered and cut him that he is not expected to live.

Isaiah Mayse, the husband, started to church and Lizzie threw a brick through the windshield of his car. On his return, she pulled out a razor from her clothes and started in with a fury that did not relent until Isaiah was near death. The woman's brother, George Hamilton, rushed in and tried to separate the fighting couple, but when Lizzie turned on him, he changed sides and helped her battle her husband.

Police Chief Price, who related the incidents of the fight, arrested the trio, placed Lizzie in jail and took the wounded man to the Rutherford hospital where he was found to have a fractured skull and many cuts. The Hamilton negro was also cut and bruised. Thirty-five stitches were required to sew up the cuts and wounds on Mayse' head and face, while a large number were required to close wounds on other parts of the body.

Mr. A. C. Jones is at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Mary Putnam, in Shelby, who is quite ill.

will be school day and all school children of the County will be admitted free.

This is expected to be one of the biggest fairs ever held in the County. Henderson, Polk, and McDowell counties have accepted invitations extended them by officials of the Fair to join with Rutherford County in having the fair and many exhibits from these counties will be on display.

Lightning Strikes County Court House

Rutherfordton, Sept. 10.—Lightning struck the Rutherford County Court House here Monday afternoon, resulting in a small damage. The lightning hit the southwest corner of the building, and broke off a large portion of the cornice and stonework at the top of the building. This fell to the street below, striking the cars of register of deeds W. O. Geer and Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin. Both cars were damaged.

JOSEPH BEASON, AGED 82 YEARS, DIED THURSDAY

Aged Citizen of Cliffside Community Passes—Leaves a Number of Descendants.

Mooresboro, R-2, Sept. 8.—Mr. Joseph Beason, aged 82 years, died at his home near Cliffside Thursday morning. He had been in ill health about ten months. He suffered a stroke of paralysis shortly before his death, which hastened the end.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Mt. Pleasant (C) Baptist church. Rev. Zeno Wall was in charge, assisted by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey. Interment was in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery. The Mooresboro Masons had charge of the interment services.

Mr. Beason is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ellen Bridges Beason and nine children, as follows: Mrs. C. C. Tate, Forest City; Mrs. R. S. Green, Cliffside; Mrs. M. C. Green, Kings Mountain; J. R. Beason, Gaffney; J. P. Beason, J. T. Beason, J. C. Beason and G. L. Beason, all of Mooresboro and P. S. Beason, of Cliffside. Two brothers and one sister survive, as follows: Ex-sheriff J. W. Beason, of Rutherfordton; Robert Beason, of Cliffside and Mrs. Emma McSwain, of Shelby. Fifty grandchildren and thirty-one great grand children survive.

The pallbearers were grandsons. Mr. Beason had been a member of the Baptist church for sixty years, and was a consistent Christian. He was one of the oldest and most loved men in Cleveland and Rutherford counties, being widely acquainted in both counties. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was a member of the original Ku Klux Klan, organized in Rutherford and Cleveland counties in 1868.

RUTHERFORDTON MAN PASSES

Wm. D. Walker Stricken With Heart Attack Wednesday While Fishing.

Rutherfordton, Sept. 8.—Mr. Wm. D. Walker, aged 58, one of Rutherfordton's best known citizens, died Thursday morning following a heart attack suffered Wednesday. Mr. Walker in company with two companions James Hall and Roy Weeks, were fishing Wednesday afternoon in the Green River Power dam lake, and while there Mr. Walker suffered a heart attack. He was at once returned to Rutherfordton by Messrs Weeks and Hall. His condition grew worse, and death claimed him Thursday morning.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church of Rutherfordton Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment followed in the Rutherfordton cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, eight children, all at home; one sister, Mrs. Charles E. Ford, Rutherfordton, and one brother, Joe M. Walker, farmer of near here.

TOWNS VOTE FIVE TO ONE TO SELL UTILITY PLANTS

Only Forty-Nine Votes Actually Cast Against Sale in Two Towns Tuesday.

HUNDRED TEN FAIL TO VOTE

Spindale and Rutherfordton Tuesday voted almost five to one to confirm the sale of their public utility plants to the Southern Public Utilities Company. Only seventeen votes were actually cast against the sale at Rutherfordton, while only 32 cast votes against the measure at Spindale. A few registered voters in both towns failed to vote, thereby causing their names to count against the sale.

The vote as cast in the two towns follow:

Rutherfordton.	
For Sale Electric Plant	366
For Sale Water Plant	365
Against Sale Electric Plant	82
Against Sale Water Plant	81
Total registration	448
Actual number votes cast against sale water plant	16
Actual number votes cast against sale electric plant	17
Not voting	65
Spindale.	
For sale electric plant	338
For sale water plant	336
Against sale electric plant	77
Against sale water plant	77
Total registration	417
Actual number votes cast against sale of plants	32
Not voting	45

As the balloting was against the registration, failure to vote automatically cast a vote against the sale. Sixty-five people in Rutherfordton failed to vote, while forty-five failed to vote in Spindale. Although counting against the proposition, some of the registered voters who did not vote were in favor of the sale. In two or three known cases the registrants were ill, and as there was no provision for absentee votes they could not vote. Some few were unexpectedly called away on election day and were unable to vote. It is estimated that one-half, or more, of those who failed to vote were in favor of the sale.

Confirmation of the sale at the polls Tuesday means that the Southern Public Utilities will immediately take over the two plants. The S. P. U. will pay \$205,000 for the Rutherfordton electric plant and \$90,000 for the Rutherfordton water plant. Spindale will receive \$95,000 for her electric system and \$110,000 for her water plants.

Spindale is the only one of the three towns who will not realize a profit on the sale. The cost of installing the waterworks system, about two years ago, was approximately \$165,000, while she will receive approximately the actual worth of the electric system.

CITY LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY

The City Public Library will not be opened next Tuesday, due to the fact that the town officials find it necessary to use the room for election purposes. All books due on that day may be returned on Saturday, September 13th.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING.

Willis Towery Post, American Legion, will hold its regular monthly meeting at the City Hall on Friday night at 7:30. There will be special music for the occasion. A good attendance is expected.

The ladies are invited to call at our new storeroom, near the post-office, and inspect our new line of hats. Mrs. A. C. Jones.