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AS THE ELECTION DRAWS NEARER

Local Politics Centers About the Contests Between Taylor and Nunn, and Tuttle and Chilton—Speculation As To Results of Australian Ballot.

As the summer swings into the latter half of the year, and the election though yet more than twelve weeks distant, approaches apace, much and greater interest appears in politics, especially local politics. A great deal of speculation is heard regarding the possible results from the operations of the new Australian ballot, which was tried in the primary, but which was not rigidly in action as it will be when the two old enemies, the Democratic and Republican parties, come to the bat in November.

The public is largely guessing on the results. Nobody can say with certainty what will happen when the voter must come up and be his or her own judge, and not be dinged or cajoled or persuaded or intimidated as to how to vote. The law strictly says no one can handle any tickets except the officers of the election. No one can approach the polls within 20 feet except to cast a ballot. No one can electioneer a voter within prescribed limits and there will be no leading up to the polls as has been the rule these long years.

The contest between Taylor and Nunn for the office of Sheriff will be extremely spirited, as the contest over the Sheriff's office has always been. But this contest will be approached in interest this time by the battle for the Clerk's office between the friends of Tuttle and Chilton. Can Taylor defeat Nunn as he defeated him before, or will the effects of the great split-up of two years ago still be felt, and will this enure to the advantage of Nunn? The friends of Nunn point out that there is a strong reaction in favor of their candidate, which has never appeared before, and that he will defeat Taylor this time. On the other hand the Taylor supporters declare that a man who could be elected by a good majority when all other Democrats went down in crushing defeat by large majorities, will be elected again by an increased majority.

Will Chilton come back with his old-time strength, and win over Tuttle hands down. Chilton is known to be the hardest worker, and he visits all gatherings and shakes hands with everybody. What effect will the episode at Walnut Cove, when many people believe Fagg was handed an unfair deal, have on the election of Chilton. Fagg had many strong supporters in the county who think that he should have been

SAW OTTO DAY BEFORE ESCAPE

Stokes Officers In Raleigh Talked With Noted Character At State Prison, Who Has Effected His Fourth Escape.

A. G. Sisk and Berkley Smith, of Danbury, visited the Raleigh penitentiary last week, and talked with Otto Wood, and bought cococola from him. Next day the notorious prisoner effected his fourth escape.

Mr. Sisk had accompanied Deputy Sheriff Smith to Raleigh with a number of prisoners sentenced at our last term of court. The Stokes' officers were shown about the grounds of the penitentiary by the officials. One place of interest visited was the prison store or commissary, which was kept by Otto Wood. Here they talked with Wood and purchased a bottle of cococola from him. Wood had been put on his honor by Gov. Gardner and entrusted with the management of the supply store, and it was while he was supposed to be attending to this business that he made his get-a-way. It is believed that a woman on the outside assisted Wood in his escape. He has not since been heard from, though officers everywhere are looking for him.

Oil Companies Find A New Process

New York, July 14.—Oil companies representing 80 per cent of the refining capacities of the United States have been brought into association in one company by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey for the purpose of controlling a new process capable of yielding two barrels of gasoline where only one was produced before, the Standard Oil Co. announced today.

The new company, the announcement says, has been named the Hydro-Patents Co., organized under the laws of Delaware. It is to control in the United States the process which has been developed by Standard Oil research engineers.

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No other contests arouse any particular interest except the Sheriff's and the Clerk's. Around these two offices the greater interest will revolve.

NEWS ITEMS FROM KING

Death of A Child—Several Births Recorded—Preparing To Re-surface King-Pilot Mt. Road—Two Ball Games.

King, July 15.—Clyde, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hall, who resided near Capella, died in the Martin hospital in Mt. Airy Saturday, following an attack of appendicitis. The funeral service was conducted from Mt. Olive Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Interment was in the church cemetery with Rev. O. E. Ward and Rev. Mr. Adams in charge.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. William Sally, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mitchell, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bowman, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Knight, a son and to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Nemsun, a daughter. Capt. Lamm, of the State Highway Commission, is here with a force of men putting on a coat of oil and stone on the highway between here and Pilot Mountain.

A revival meeting will begin at the Baptist Mission here on Sunday night.

This section was visited by a refreshing rain Sunday, which has revived crops wonderfully. The King Tigers put one over on Mt. Airy Thursday, with a score of four and seven.

The King Tigers played a double header on the King diamond Saturday. The first game was played with Francisco and resulted in a score of 10 and 7 in favor of the home team. The Tigers were not quite so lucky in the second game with Walkertown, this score being 11 to 4 in favor of the visiting team.

Little Miss Pearl Bliss Walker of Winston-Salem, is spending her vacation here, being a guest of Misses Geneva, Thelma and Ozella Fulk.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet White, of Hamlet, formerly of King, are spending a few days here as the guests of Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. J. R. Hutchins.

W. A. Petree, prominent planter of the Mizpah section, was here Saturday on business.

Forest Fire On Mountain Last Week

Forest fires raged for several hours on the Sauratown mountain Saturday afternoon, damaging timber to some extent. Game warden R. R. King summoned help and the blaze was soon extinguished. Uncle Leander Bennett, who resides near the scene of the fire, was reported to have had his beard singed by the blaze.

Hawkins Reunion On August 3rd

There will be a reunion of the Hawkins family at Moore's Springs, near Danbury, on Sunday, August 3. Dinner will be served at 1 o'clock. All relatives are requested to attend. Come, everyone, and bring a well-filled basket and enjoy the day together.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nat Westmoreland, Mattie McGee and Paul Moser, of Germanton, enjoyed a delightful trip to Blowing Rock and other places Saturday of last week, returning on Sunday.

MUCH MONEY HELD FOR CO-OPS

\$500,000 To Be Distributed To 90,000 Members As Soon As Attorneys Fees Can Be Adjusted.

Raleigh, July 11.—Only a decision in the appeal of three attorneys seeking \$75,000 in additional fees stands in the way of a distribution of about \$500,000 to some 90,000 members of the defunct Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-Operative Association.

The appeal of the attorneys, Powell W. Glidewell, of Reidsville; B. W. Buford, Lawrenceville, Va.; and the late Willie M. Person, of Raleigh, is now before the United States Circuit court of appeals at Richmond. The petition for the \$75,000 in additional fees was denied by Judge I. M. Meekins in Federal court here.

The receivers, Jas. H. Pen, of Raleigh, H. S. Ward, of Washington, N. C., and M. L. Carey of Richmond, have disposed of practically all the tobacco held by the association when it was placed in receivership, in June 1926, and except for a few very small bills are ready to make a disposition when the \$75,000 petition is finally disposed of.

State Farm Grew Big Wheat Crop This Year

Raleigh, July 14.—The North Carolina penitentiary farm, in addition to raising Otto Wood, has harvested and threshed sixteen thousand and five hundred bushels of wheat on the Caledonia farm. The crop was grown from pure seed and the State authorities will sell a large portion of it to the farmers of the State for seed.

The State's farm averaged about 20 bushels to the acre. It is fair to guess that this is near 100 per cent better than the average in the State.

The State farm also has in cultivation enough corn to produce 75,000 bushels of grain, provided seasons are fair.

The wheat and corn produced on the farm at Caledonia will feed the entire population of the State prison, including man and beast, it is said.

The State has also been selling hogs on the Richmond market from which considerable revenue was derived.

Don't Criticise Your Newspaper's Errors

In an ordinary newspaper column there are 10,000 pieces of type; there are seven wrong positions that a letter may be put in; there are 70,000 chances to make an error, and millions of chances for transpositions. In the short sentence "to be or not to be," by transpositions alone, it is possible to make 2,759,002 errors.—Ex.

LIONS PROMOTING STOKES FAIR

Joint Meeting of Clubs of Kernersville, Mt. Airy and Stokes To Be Held At Piedmont Springs—Will Have Music and Dancing.

The Stokes County Lions held their regular meeting at the Danbury Cafe Monday evening. County Agent Trevathan reported that \$600 had been subscribed as capital stock for the Stokes County Fair and that the directors had authorized \$500 as cash prizes including the \$250 offered by the Lions. Mr. C. E. Davis and Mr. M. O. Jones then agreed to raise \$100 from the four branches of the Bank of Stokes County, if the other members would raise the remaining \$150. J. E. Trevathan then agreed to raise \$25.00 of this amount from Trevathan Hatchery. It was then voted that all other Lions be asked to secure \$10 each within ten days and report same to W. F. Marshall, secretary of the fair.

The next meeting of the Lions will probably be at Piedmont Springs, and it is expected that there will be a joint meeting with the Lions of Kernersville and Mt. Airy. According to the proposed plans the Lions will bring their wives and an orchestra will be engaged to furnish music for those who care to dance.

J. E. TREVATHAN,
Reporter.

24 Carloads Peaches Are Shipped

Raleigh, July 14.—North Carolina's 1930 peach crop began to be shipped out of the sand-hill section in carload lots last week and through Friday 24 cars had been moved to northern markets.

During the week-end R. E. Keller of the bureau of agricultural economics, Washington, and a staff of expert inspectors, established headquarters at Candor and began the work of grading the fruit being shipped.

Mr. Keller reported Hileys, medium to large size, selling at \$2.75 to \$3 a crate.

Based on conditions as of July 1, the forecast for the 1930 crop in the State is for 1,428,000 bushels, compared with 1,400,000 bushels last year.

Pine Hall Farmer Puts In First Barn Tobacco

Madison, July 12.—Marvin Flynt, farmer of the Pine Hall section, put in his first barn of tobacco Thursday. This is the first of the weed to be pulled in this section.

County Agent J. E. Trevathan was here from Walnut Cove to day enroute to the northern part of the county.

POSEY RHODES IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Charged With Seduction Of Eva Stephens, Fourteen-Year-Old Daughter of J. H. Stephens—Arrested in High Point Tuesday and Placed Under \$1,000 Bond.

Posey Rhodes, the 17-year old son of W. W. Rhodes, of Danbury Route 1, was arrested in High Point Tuesday on a warrant sworn out by Eva Stephens charging seduction under promise of marriage. The Stephens girl is the daughter of J. H. Stephens, a farmer living 5 miles north of Dabbury.

The arrest of Rhodes was made by a High Point policeman, accompanied by Sheriff J. J. Taylor and Deputy Sheriff Berkley Smith, of Stokes.

Rhodes was brought to Danbury and placed in jail, but was immediately released under \$1,000 bond, signed by his father, W. W. Rhodes.

The warrant charges that Rhodes has seduced the girl who is only 14 years of age, and that he had promised to marry her. The age of consent in this State is 16 years.

A hearing has been set for July 26th at Danbury.

It is reported that the young lady in the case is now in an advanced state of pregnancy.

The warrant for the arrest of Rhodes was issued on the 4th inst., and the defendant disappeared on the 5th, before the paper could be served. Since that time he has been in hiding. He was arrested at the home of an uncle, John R. Rhodes, in High Point.

Both families involved in the affair are among the county's best citizens, and the incident which has attracted wide interest, is greatly regretted by friends of both families.

Number of Teachers Is Cut Short

Raleigh, July 14.—The number of teachers employed last year was 831 less than there was in 1928-1929, according to the last issue of School Facts, the official publication of the department of public instruction.

During 1929-1930, that paper points out, there were 23,550 teachers, principals and supervisors employed in the public schools, whereas in 1928-29 there were 24,381. The 1929-30 total or 382 less than the number of teachers in 1927-1928.

Hail Punctures Melons In Eastern Carolina

Fayetteville, July 14.—A terrific hailstorm that visited this section the past week did some odd things. Hailstones as large as hen eggs fell and water-melons were punctured through by the stones.