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EDITORIALS

Of People and Things

Stokes Board Of Elections Charged With Fraud By Defeated Republican Politicians, Who Desire The Ousting Of Ellington And Mitchell

A committee of Stokes Republican politicians, incensed at the late Democratic victory, visited Raleigh this week and before the State Board of Elections made charges of fraud and irregularities against the two Democratic members of the Stokes County Board of Elections, in their conduct of the late election.

The Stokes County Board of Elections is composed of A. J. Ellington, Chairman; J. G. H. Mitchell, and J. W. Hall. Mr. Hall is the Republican member of the Board.

The politicians alleged in their complaint that the absentee ballot had been misused, and asked the State Board to oust chairman Ellington of the Board, and member Gid Mitchell.

Specifically: That Ellington absented himself from his office and "denied ballots to people seeking them, and that to many electors who did not ask for those absentee ballots he gave only a partial ticket." And that when Jerry Mabe made application for an absentee ballot to be cast by his son, he was denied the ticket.

Worth D. Henderson, prominent Republican lawyer-politician of Greensboro, appeared for the Stokes petitioners.

The Reporter interviewed Democratic members of the Stokes County Board of Elections who denied in toto the allegations of the petitioners, declaring that they had conducted the election in a fair and lawful manner and in several instances made rulings which were in favor of the Republicans, when they could very easily have discriminated legally against them.

In the case of the specific allegation in regard to Jerry H. Mabe, Chairman Ellington stated that mabe came to his home at 10 o'clock in the night for an absentee for his son, in the armed services, when Ellington was not in possession of the necessary tickets and blanks, and that this was two weeks after the books were open and two weeks before the election and when the boy came himself he was given tickets all except a township ticket which was not yet printed.

On this incident was probably

based the charge that incomplete ballots were given out.

Ellington and Mitchell are both men of the highest character and competency.

The Democratic members say they have in their possession evidence of serious various irregularities of the petitioning Republicans themselves.

Francisco Students Buying War Bonds

Joe Francis was here today bringing \$500.00 for students of the Francisco school to be invested in war bonds.

The schools of Stokes county, particularly Sandy Ridge, Francisco and others, are making wonderful records of patriotism in the purchase of the bonds that mean money to whip the enemies of America.

Mr. Francis, who was accompanied by Dennis Rogers, has two sons in the service as follows: Dillard at Fort Sill, Okla., lately promoted to technician corporal.

Willis at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Death Of Mrs. Harriet Hutcherson

Mrs. Harriet Poore Hutcherson, aged 86, of Sandy Ridge, died at 4 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of a grandson, J. N. Hutcherson, after a two-week illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of the grandson, with Rev. J. A. Joyce and Elder Watt Priddy officiating. Interment was in the Poore family cemetery.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Mattie Martin, of Patrick Springs, Va.; three grandsons, J. N. Hutcherson, of Sandy Ridge, and Orin and Lowell Hutcherson, both of Winston-Salem; one granddaughter, Mrs. J. D. Johnson of Asheville, and 17 great-grandchildren.

J. R. Rhodes of Madison called on the Reporter last week. Mr. Rhodes says his health is not at all good. He is now past 80.

MAKE WAY FOR THE NORTH WIND

Woe betide him who dares to fight the Russian in his native element, which is a temperature of 40 below and a wind that cuts through the heart of invading armies.

It was woe for Napoleon, who in such a foolhardy enterprise lost his army of 500,000—plus his unholy empire.

In four days of fighting this week more than 150,000 Germans have been killed, wounded and captured. Hitler's loss will be millions before he conquers vast unconquerable Russia.

On the frozen steppes of Stalin's domain certain death rides ceaselessly for those who are not immunized.

The Russian fights best when the German is paralyzed in the grip of the inexorable frosts. The Russian can eat the hide of polar bears and suck icicles for dessert while he shoots the enemy.

Two main factors are involved in the beginning of the end for Hitler. One is the Russian winter; the other, the second front where British and Americans and Fighting French are driving the foe into the Mediterranean.

The news coming in today is fine, but it is no time for hasty conclusions or undue elation. The way is long yet and bitter. But the ruin which awaits the master scoundrel of the world is certain and irretrievable.

On the seared walls of his black soul are printed in baleful letters these words of doom:

"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin."

IMPROVED POSITION OF THE FARM

"It looks like about everything is leaving the farm nowadays but mortgages and tax receipts."—From the Winston-Salem Journal.

The Journal paragrapher is rather screwy. He has his facts messed up, at least.

Tax receipts have not for many years been so plentiful on the farm, nor mortgages so scarce.

A well known Stokes county banker was complaining of feeling very blue the other day because he saw no fine prospects aheads for loans.

Taking Stokes as a fair example, the list of sales of real estate for taxes annually advertised at this time of the year, is the smallest for many years. This shows that there is evidently a much enlarged bunch of tax receipts on the farm.

As for mortgages, more deeds of trust on Stokes land have been liquidated this fall than for probably 25 years.

High farm produce has enabled the farmers to pay off their mortgages and increase their cancelled tax tickets.

The farmer now holds the world by the tail in a down-hill drag.

WHAT IS EATING JAPAN

In every clash between American and Japanese naval forces, the Jap loses in overwhelming proportion. And he cannot afford this. The American fleet is much the largest. Equal losses would be bad for the Jap. But American ship-building and replacements are tremendously greater. The mutual attrition means sure defeat for the yellow rats.

Donald M. Nelson Addresses Plea To Stokes Farmers To Turn In Scrap For The War--Badly Needed

Death Of Mrs. Lizzie Howard

W. B. Howard, manager of the Duke Power interests of Rockingham, Stokes and other counties, headquarters at Madison, was here Monday. Mr. Howard has the sympathy of friends in the death of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Howard, which occurred at her home at Cycle. She sustained a stroke 24 hours before her death. She was aged 73.

Lieutenant Cliff King

Clifford Hensley King, formerly corporal, has been promoted and commissioned second lieutenant at the Antiaircraft School at Camp Davis, N. C.

Clifford is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. King of Danbury, who now have three sons in the armed services of the United States.

The Community Sing Big Success

The community sing and Thanksgiving service held in the court house Sunday afternoon was attended by a large crowd in spite of the inclement weather. The singing was led by Miss Lowry of Oak Ridge. Various groups of singers were present and afforded much enjoyment to the crowd. Sid Johnson of Germantown was the chief sponsor of the occasion.

Promoted

Corporal Allen White, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White, of King, has recently been promoted to his present rating. He entered the army January 16, 1942, and received his basic training at the Jackson Air Base, Jackson, Miss.

Stokes Boy Wounded In The Solomons

Corporal Chas. L. Wolff has been wounded in the left side in the battle of the Solomons.

Corporal Wolff is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wolff of Walnut Cove. He has been in the marines 2 years. Was a student at Germantown high school.

The Danbury Reporter today received a telegram from Donald M. Nelson, chief of the war production at Washington, D. C., addressed to the farmers of Stokes county:

Mr. Nelson in his wire says: "The government is asking the American farmer to dedicate the remaining few weeks of 1942 to an intensified scrap hunt. Steel mills no more have scrap and the farms are one of the best sources of this metal. We need your further help in this farm drive and in aiding our salvage committees to continue this effort throughout the next few weeks. The Nation is looking to the American farmer. I am sure with your help we will come through."

"DONALD M. NELSON, Chairman."

Buying Bonds Is Now The Pasttime Of Stokes County Patriots—Quota Doubled First Two Weeks

Miss Grace Taylor, chairman of the Stokes county war bond committee, is happy.

Why—because the county's quota was doubled the first two weeks of the November campaign. The hardheaded business men, the farmers, the professional people—everybody is buying the best buy in the world, and at the same time helping in the battle for victory.

One of the pleasantest angles is that the schools are now on the job—the fine students of all the schools are bringing in from their respective families the cash to buy war bonds.

The Reporter expects to print just what the schools are doing—it will amaze you.

In the meantime, turn in every scrap of iron and steel and rubber, and then buy bonds.

Splendid investment, and the safest buy in the world today.

Manager Long of the Hanging Rock State Park was in town this week.



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