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## Election Eve Finds the Interest in Outcome Primary at Fever Heat

One of the Most Interesting Campaigns in History of County, Conducted on High Plane  
IS BELIEVED THE VOTE WILL BE HEAVIEST EVER KNOWN

Right here on the eve of what many believe will be the most important and greatest primary in the history of Union county an unusually large number of candidates stand on the threshold of victory or defeat and cast a wistful eye to candidate's fair and happy land where their possessions do or do not lie.

The campaign has warmed up to where it is really interesting, although it is being conducted on a high plane. Some have charged that certain of the candidates are breaking the speed limit, but Chief Spoon declares that all speed laws for candidates have been lifted and the county and judicial districts turned over to them.

Will Hon. A. M. Stack, Union county's candidate for judge, beat the present incumbent, Walter E. Brock? That's the question around which the greatest interest of this county centers. Mr. Stack's friends believe that Union will pile up a vote sufficiently large to give him the necessary majority.

But perhaps the hardest campaigning at all is being done by the candidates for solicitor of this judicial district. Union seems to be the battleground with them, and Gilbert H. Russell of Laurinburg is seeing the rivers, F. Donald Phillips of Rockingham is fishing with a long pole, A. A. Tarlton of Wadesboro is using a new kind of bait, while M. W. Nash of Hamlet is pulling a drag net in an effort to retain the job.

W. T. Lee and A. C. Avery will make the race for a place on the corporation commission, but they don't seem to be muddying the waters. Perhaps very few Union county citizens are personally acquainted with either of these gentlemen, but a prominent citizen of the county who knows Mr. Lee states that we cannot go wrong in supporting him.

What about William C. Heath and William P. Kendall for the state senate? One of these gentlemen will represent this district in the next general assembly at Raleigh, and not only Union but Anson and Stanly are keeping watch with a vigilant eye.

Will Jesse F. Milliken, J. C. Braswell or C. Vance McNeely be the representative from this county in the next legislature? All three of these gentlemen are popping the question that Mr., Mrs. and Miss Voter must answer tomorrow. The job is not a lucrative one and nobody will be expected to vote for a friend on financial grounds. It is at least one office that should be filled by the most competent man in the race, regardless of any other consideration.

And then, there's the sheriff's office to be filled! Will the present incumbent, Clifford Fowler, be allowed to hold the office a second term, or will he be succeeded by Joel H. Myers? Here again fitness for the work should be the first consideration. Your answer will be F. or M.—"For Fowler" or "Myers."

Oh, yes, we are to select a coroner, too, that officer who alone is imbued with the authority to arrest the sheriff. The present incumbent, Mr. Davison, is a mighty good man, but he has allowed the office to run down to where there is nothing in it, having had no work to do for four years, and he refuses to stand for re-election. But there are four other perfectly good gentlemen in the county who are willing to take over the inheritance and make an effort to rehabilitate the work. They are Dr. Paschal Abernathy, John T. Griffin, W. V. B. Gullidge and J. S. Plyler.

Although the county commissioners are always freely discussed and then just "cussed," there are at least eight men willing to take it. Two of the present incumbents, W. D. Bivens and A. A. Secrest, stand for re-election, while Charles L. Bowman, T. C. Eubanks, John Griffith, H. G. Nash, Dr. W. R. McCain and H. F. Parker are the others who are open for business. Three are to be elected, so the defeated candidates will be in the majority anyway.

J. D. McRae, the present road elector at large, will be opposed by T. L. A. Helms only. S. E. Belk's name is on the ticket, but he refuses to be called a candidate and states that he wishes to be left alone in peace.

The county board of education—that august body that sits in judgment on things educational! The terms of two of the present members, John Beasley and Zeb M. Little, have expired and Mr. Beasley is not a candidate for re-election, while Mr. Little asks for another term. J. Z. Green and W. D. Hawfield are candidates that will fill the places of Mr. Beasley and Mr. Little unless the latter out-runs one of them. Mrs. Walter Crowell's name is on the ticket, but she has decided not to make the race. There is some speculation as to whether she will serve if elected against her request.

And then there are the township offices to fill—road electors, constables and cotton weighers. In some instances there are as many as four candidates for township road electors, a great deal of interest centering around this office, and it is believed that this interest will be instrumental in getting out a heavy vote.

Not in years has such keen interest been manifested and it is predicted by those in close touch with the

### PLEASED WITH WORK OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

Publicity Given Through The Journal Attracted Considerable Attention at National Conference

Mr. C. W. Orton, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has received the following letter from H. S. Stanton, supervisor of industrial rehabilitation:

In reply to your letter of May 25th, enclosing application of Lewis Bivens, and recommendation of the Union County Rehabilitation Committee, I wish to advise that we are requesting the J. E. Harger Artificial Limb Company, of Washington, D. C., to have one of their representatives call on this man to investigate the case and to take his measurement if it appears feasible to fit him with an artificial limb.

Under separate cover we are mailing you some application forms and some forms for use in furnishing us recommendations of your committee.

At the National Conference on Rehabilitation recently held at St. Louis, Missouri, I displayed the advertisement on rehabilitation work in Union county, which was placed in the paper by your Chamber of Commerce. It attracted considerable attention and received much favorable comment. It will soon appear in the Rehabilitation News Notes published by the Federal Board of Vocational Education.

I want to say that we are greatly pleased with the work of your committee.

### A False Alarm for the Woman Voter—Snows in July

To the Editor of The Journal—Certain advocates of the candidacy of Squire C. J. Braswell for the legislature have been talking and publishing contentions which inferentially hold that unless Squire Braswell is nominated for the legislature the women will be subject to poll tax and jury service.

Persons making this contention are either woefully ignorant of the law or else, knowing the law, are seeking to mislead the voters (especially the women) on the subject. The tactics seem to consist in either event in setting up straw men to knock them down and entice the vote for the hero who kills the dummies.

The constitution of North Carolina Article V Section 1 provides for poll tax and says the legislature may levy a capitation tax on all male inhabitants of the State between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years."

It would take an amendment to the Constitution of North Carolina by a majority of the popular vote to make women liable for poll tax. No legislature in North Carolina, in the absence of such an amendment could subject women to payment of poll tax, and there will never be a legislature elected which would do it if it could.

Provisions for jury service are contained in the Consolidated Statutes Secs. 2312 et seq., qualifications being stated in Section 2312. This section was amended in the year 1899, and under it the women stand as much show of being made to serve on juries as they did in the good year 1899.

Of course Squire Braswell is opposed to women voting and serving on juries. He is absolutely safe in his opposition, and his friends are making safe promises for him on the subject. I am opposed to snows and sleets in the month of July, which are more probable than the menace the Braswellites see for the women, but I wouldn't stultify myself by running for the legislature on a ticket in which my friends stated, "Do you want snow in July? If you don't, your better vote for Bill, he's opposed to them." BILL.

### Found, An Awful Booger!!!

And "Marshville Voter" has discovered that unless Squire Braswell is elected to the Legislature the ladies will have to pay poll-tax and sit on juries!!!

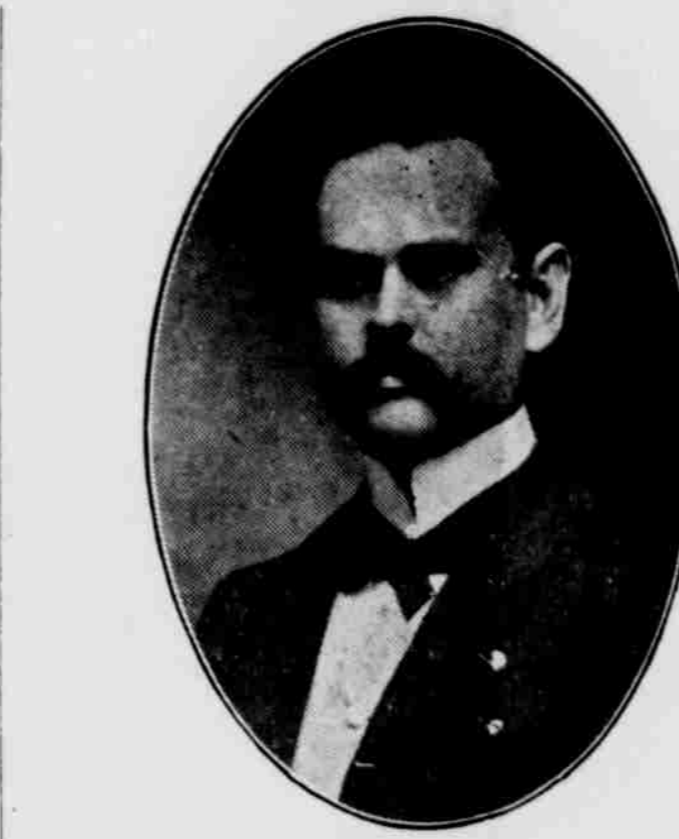
If he will look at the Constitution of the State he will find that poll tax can be imposed only on males and if he will use his noggin he will see that before the ladies can serve on juries the Legislature will have to pass an act authorizing and requiring them. There couldn't be a change made without the Squire discovering it, therefore vote for him. When platforms consist of platitudes and propaganda of ghost stories and scares, somebody is trying to hypnotize the electorate.

Do you want your wife to cuss and chaw and your daughter to spit and swear? If you don't, you'd better vote for Braswell for the Legislature, he is opposed to these things. GOOSE CREEK RAMBLER.

### "How We Cleared Our Summer Home of Rats," by Mrs. Perry.

"When we opened our seaside home last May, it was alive with rats. They gnawed all the upholstery. We cleaned them out in a week with RAT-SNAP. I prefer this rat killer because it comes in cake form, no mixing. Saves dirtying hands and plates." Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Smith-Lee Co., Monroe Hardware Co., English Drug Co., Union Drug Co.

situation that at least six thousand votes will be polled in Union county tomorrow. The woman vote, that new factor in politics, is to be reckoned with, and politicians are guessing as to how many, how much and just how the women will vote.



A. M. STACK  
Union County's Candidate for Superior Court Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial District

### WHY NOT ASK FOR EXPERT WEATHER PROFIT ALSO

And He Should Then Furnish a Rabbit Foot to Every Man, Woman and Child in the County

Editor Monroe Journal:—In a recent issue of one of the city papers I find the following suggestion from Dr. H. D. Stewart:

"The commissioners should pay enough to get one of the best expert soil chemists and experts on markets, soil bacteria, farm pests, drainage, etc., to be found in the United States. Our county needs a man who can market beef cattle for them at a profit; who can readily direct the farmer to the most profitable market for any farm product; who can anticipate future prices; who can analyze the soil and tell what it needs; who can help us do away with fertilizer bills and time bills."

Bully for Dr. Stewart! He has struck a hot trail now and is giving the animal the chase of his life. And yet it seems that he has greatly underestimated the extensive duties of an expert farm demonstrator. Said agent should not only be able to accurately "anticipate future markets," but should personally market every bale of cotton, all the beef cattle, all the milk and butter, pork and mutton, hams, middlings, sausage, backbones and spare ribs, cotton seed, oats, rye, wheat, molasses, rabbits, second-hand farm implements, etc., etc. We've already lost lots of money in Union county because we have stupidly refused to employ a man who can do all these things, and then some.

If an "expert" can do the things suggested by Dr. Stewart his abilities will be so unlimited that even after performing these tasks his mind will be idle a good portion of the time. Therefore and moreover, he should be a good veterinarian and treat all the sick cattle, hogs, mules, horses, chickens, cats and dogs that may need his services.

Since there is no need to let the master mind of an "expert" be idle and rust out, the farm demonstrator wanted by Dr. Stewart should be well posted in edical science not just a common ordinary doctor but an "expert" in his line. There are thousands of poor families in Union county that are not able to "anticipate" a low market in which to buy medical service and they are not financially able to pay the arbitrary prices fixed by the medical trust. Hence a farm demonstrator could become a real benefactor in this line of service. He should also be an "expert" surgeon, ready at all times to perform difficult operations for poor farmers who are not able to stand the unionized-trust prices that are demanded at commercial hospitals.

In conclusion let me say that there never was a time in the history of the country when an "expert" demonstrator such as exists in the practical mind of Dr. Stewart, was more imperatively needed in Union county than just at this time. The boll weevil is now threatening us and an expert in "farm pests" could not only destroy all the boll weevils that have already crossed over into the county, but he could keep any more of these pests from crossing over the Lancaster and Chesterfield county lines. If the county commissioners, after serious and elaborate consideration, should finally decide to employ a farm demonstrator of this type special provision should be made in the contract demanding his prompt expulsion from official position if he should permit any more boll weevils to cross the southern boundary line into Union county. J. Z. GREEN.

### Women at University Celebrate 25th Year

Chapel Hill, June 1.—Women students of the University, past and present, are preparing for a big celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of co-education here. They will take part in the general alumni program on Tuesday of Commencement week, June 13, and that evening will have a banquet of their own.

Miss Mary McRae was registered in 1897 as the first woman student. Now Mrs. Robert L. Gray of Durham, she will be the chief guest of honor at the forthcoming reunion.

The University is laying plans for the greatest Commencement of its history. The Pharmacy School, as well as the women students, will celebrate a 25th anniversary, having been founded in 1897. There will be reunions of the classes of 1892, 1893, 1902, 1907, 1912, 1917, and 1921. There will be an alumni association meeting and a Board of Trustees meeting. United States Senator Carter Glass will deliver the Commencement address on Wednesday, June 14.

### Automobiles Must Stop

The General Assembly of Virginia has passed a law under which drivers of automobiles and other vehicles must come to a full stop before crossing a railway track at grade. The law provides that drivers of all vehicles on approaching any grade crossing of a main line railway track outside an incorporated town must stop at a point not less than 10 feet nor more than 100 feet from the nearest rail; penalty for violation, ten dollars.

## REVIEW OF ROAD AND BRIDGE WORK DONE IN UNION COUNTY

Many Projects Have Been Completed, While Others Are Under Construction

### EQUIPMENT ON HAND FOR THE PROPER MAINTENANCE

It Is Believed That Work Is Now in Such Shape That All Roads May Be Kept in Good Condition.

The road-building program in Union county is attracting more attention than any other endeavor, because of the fact that good roads are one of the most important of all developments, and that it takes a great deal of money to construct them. The following review of the work of the road commission will prove intensely interesting and will also serve to clear the minds of the public as to just what has been done and as to what projects are now under construction:

**Goose Creek Township**  
Finished the construction of the Concord Road; built five steel and concrete bridges; constructed road from Concord Road to Unionville; constructing Morgan Mill Road through Goose Creek; contract let on road from Unionville to Morgan Mill road; built Hopewell church road from Mrs. M. E. Morgan's to Cabbarrus line.

**New Salem Township**  
Finishing construction of Morgan Mill road; contract let for Monroe-Olive Branch road; completing the Marshville-Euto road from Mullis bridge to Euto; contract let for Mullis bridge across Richardson Creek on Marshville-Euto road, (this bridge being a 200-foot steel and concrete bridge); constructing road from Marshville to Olive Branch and from Marshville-Olive Branch road to Anson county line near Fountain Hill; contemplate extending Marshville-Olive Branch road to Rocky River, and Marshville-Euto road to Rocky River, also to Morgan Mill bridge.

**Marshville Township**  
Constructed the Marshville-Mt. Olive road from Marshville to Five Forks; constructing Marshville-Olive Branch road; bridge constructed across Lanes Creek at White Mill on Marshville-Mt. Olive road; contract let to complete road from J. C. Austin's, near Marshville, to Carelock place.

**Lanes Creek Township**  
Contract let to finish Pageland road from Monroe to South Carolina line; contract let to complete Marshville-Pageland road from Carelock place to Marshville; contemplate building the Hornsboro road from Hollis Smith's to Landsford road; constructed steel and concrete bridge at Bell's mill, constructing bridge across Lanes Creek at Carelock place; contract let for construction of bridge across Carolina Branch near Martin Baker's.

**Buford Township**  
Contract let for the completion of Stack road from D. W. Flow's to South Carolina line; constructing Wolf Pond road from Monroe to South Carolina line; construction of Rocky River road from Rough Edge to South Carolina line.

**Jackson Township**  
Constructing Providence road from Waxhaw south to Walkup's store; constructing Monroe-Lancaster road via Wilson's old store to South Carolina line; constructing Waxhaw-Indian Trail road; contemplating constructing Waxhaw-Marvin road from Waxhaw to Marvin.

**Sandy Ridge Township**  
Constructing Providence road from Waxhaw to Mecklenburg line; constructed Weddington-Matthews road; contract let for road from Providence road to Marvin; reconstructing New Town road from W. R. McCorkle's to Marvin; constructing Waxhaw-Indian Trail road.

**Vance Township**  
Considerable work done on Secrest Short Cut road; fill put in at Armond Bridge across Crooked Creek; contemplate building road from Hemby Bridge via Indian Trail to Matthews-Weddington road Antioch camp ground; several other short roads in this township under consideration.

**Monroe Township**  
Constructed road from Lee's Mill to Center Church; constructed Wolf Pond road; contract let to complete construction of Stack road; constructed about one mile on Davis Gold Mine road; completed construction of Concord road; contract let to complete Monroe-Olive Branch road; contract let for steel bridge 200 feet long at Lee's Lower Mill; reconstructed New Town road from McCorkle's to township line; contract let to finish Monroe-Lancaster road.

**Total for County**  
In other words approximately 135 miles of top soiled road have been built throughout the county by the present road administration. The following bridges have also been completed: bridge at Twelve Mile Creek on Providence road; three bridges over branches of Twelve Mile Creek on Monroe-Weddington road; bridge at Twelve Mile Creek on Antioch-Wesley Chapel road; Crooked Creek bridge on road east from Indian Trail; bridge at Marion Sutton's on Monroe-Weddington road; bridge on Potter road at Howie's; Crooked Creek bridge on Secrest Short Cut; Long Branch bridge on Concord road; Crooked Creek bridge on Concord road; Duck Creek bridge on Concord road; clear Creek bridge on Concord road; Dempsey bridge on Unionville road; Ashcroft Mill bridge on Gibbon road; Bell's Mill bridge on Lanes Creek; Gum Log bridge near Smyrna; bridge across Lathan's Branch on Rocky River road; Willoughby road bridge.

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## COLUMN NEWS GATHERED FROM DAILY DISPATCHES

Many Stories of Interest Condensed For the Convenience of Busy Readers of The Journal

### BIG STORIES OF IMPORTANCE HANDED OUT IN A NUT SHELL

Tragic, Pathetic and Heart Rending Things of Interest Are Here Briefly Recorded

The house soldiers' bonus bill, amended in several important particulars, but with the much discussed bank loan provision retained, was approved by the senate finance committee by a vote of 9 to 4. Chairman McCumber proposes to report the measure to the senate within a few days and said he hoped to get action on it before the passage of the tariff bill.

Frost was reported from several points near Kinston Tuesday, the latest known in the section for many years. The temperature, almost of the overcast kind, may have established a record for the last week of May. Farmers reported no material damage from the frost, which failed to penetrate to sheltered spots, but said the cotton and tobacco crops would be "set back" by the chill winds.

The crew of the Coast Guard station at Cape Lookout Tuesday picked up and towed into Beaufort a sub-chaser of about 72 tons which had broken down east of Cape Lookout Shoals. The boat had no name and carried none of the usual ship's papers, according to members of the rescuing crew, but the Captain claimed to be from New York bound for Palm Beach. The sub-chaser's cargo consisted of 217 gallons of gasoline.

"I expect to live to see a woman Governor of North Carolina and there are many of them who would do a better job of it than some men have," declared Mr. Josephus Daniels in his address at Maxton recently at the Carolina College commencement. "Whatever man is put as a candidate for any political office, by whatever party, if his private life is up-clean, I want the time to come when he will be immediately blackballed at the polls by the women voters of the country," he continued.

William A. Sydnor of Wilkesboro, N.C., who was graduated Wednesday morning from the Langley field photographic school, was killed late the same day while flying over his uncle's farm four miles from Richmond, his single-seat army plane going into a nose dive and bursting into flames when it crashed. Identification was made by the uncle through a ring on Sydnor's finger. His face was charred beyond recognition. Early reports from the commandant at Langley field declared that young Sydnor had been reported missing by other pilots that had made an afternoon flight and returned.

Washington, May 31.—Maximum fair prices for spot coal in five districts were announced Wednesday by Secretary Hoover after reaching agreements with committees representing these fields, under the plan adopted at the general conference of operators from producing fields for preventing the runaway prices on coal at the mines during the strike. It was determined that in the Alabama district the fair price should be 25 cents below the final "Garfield scale," or a maximum of \$2.20 a ton to \$2.60 a ton. On the Harland and Hazard fields of Kentucky, the southern Appalachian fields of Tennessee and Kentucky, and the Pocahontas, New River, Tug River, and Winding Gulf field (smokeless coal districts of West Virginia) the maximum price was fixed at \$3.50 a ton.

Declaring the United States is disgraced the world over "on account of the mob law prevailing in many states," Representative Dyer, Republican, Missouri, in a letter today to Chairman Nelson of the Senate Judiciary committee, protested against further delay on the part of that committee in acting on the anti-lynching bill passed by the House. The House judiciary committee, the House itself and the Attorney General have all gone on record as of the opinion that the pending bill is constitutional. Mr. Dyer said, but he suggested that if the Senate committee held otherwise, it proceed to pass a bill which would meet the situation. "It is beyond dispute," the letter said, "that states are unable to protect citizens of the United States resident in the respective states where lynchings are going on."

### Will Vote For Mrs. Crowell

We, the members of the Van Dyke book club, desire to go on record as endorsing Mrs. Walter Crowell as a member of the county school board. We know Mrs. Crowell to be an experienced teacher in the city schools, highly efficient, capable, intensely interested in all educational matters, and an earnest student of educational problems. We believe that she would make a splendid member of the board, standing for betterment of school conditions. We believe that she would be conscientious and faithful, and would do all in her power to see that every child in the county had a chance to secure an education. To prove our faith in her ability and fitness for the place, and regardless of her withdrawal from the race, we will go to the polls on June 3rd and cast our vote for Mrs. Walter Clifford Crowell.—Members.