

Town Election Lacks Interest, Yet Develops Into Close Race

Murphy McGirt Runner Up in What Turned Out to Be Very Close Race for Commissioner. Mayor Hasty and Board Go Back for New Terms of Office

In what had appeared to be an uninteresting election of Town officials on Monday, May 3rd, developed into a close and interesting race as far as the Commissioners race was concerned.

The vote as cast in the election was as follows: For Mayor: W. H. Hasty, 82; J. C. Daniel (write-in vote, he not being a candidate), 16.

Robeson Tobacco News From Lumberton Area

Lumberton, May 4.—Tobacco transplanting time for the Lumberton flue-cured area has arrived, with tobacco growers hit by blue mold and short on plants, according to the crop condition report just issued by Jasper C. Hutto, supervisor of the Lumberton tobacco market.

It was the fifth seasonal tobacco crop conditions report issued by the Lumberton supervisor, who says the present is one of the crucial stretches of the tobacco growing period.

Jackie Cogan At the Air Base

Jackie Cogan, one of the first and most famous kid stars of the movies, having appeared in the star production, "The Kid" with Charlie Chaplin, and in other stellar roles, is now in uniform at the Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base, says "The Slipstream," the Air Base newspaper.

PIGS

On January 1, 1942, there were 60,377,000 hogs on U. S. farms. It is estimated that the 1943 pig crop may total 125,000,000 as compared with 105,000,000 last year.

Observation Tower Off 24-Hour Duty

Army Places Civilian Observers on Stand-By Orders.

C. A. Hasty, chairman of the Civilian Defense as it relates to the maintenance of the local observation tower for the spotting and reporting of aircraft, has been notified by the U. S. Army that it will not, beginning last Monday, be necessary to man the post on a twenty-four hour basis.

Last Chapter In WPA Is Written

The Works Projects Administration (WPA) ended its 8-year \$9,042,928,000.00 April 30. That depression-born service produced a great volume of construction—buildings, roads, airfields, etc.

But the WPA proved a curious mixture of good and evil. It wasted many millions. It had harmful influence on politics. But principally it tended to instill in many—not all—an artificial attitude toward work, which fortunately the demands of the war have offset.

Jobs may again have to be provided by the Government in periods of business slump. Out of an experience costing nearly \$1,000,000 a year for close to a decade, ways should be found to preserve the morale of the needy who have to have help through no fault of their own.

Cigar Business Shows a Pickup

Confronted by the contradictory facts that cigar factories are working on greatly increased schedules and that cigar sales measured by revenue stamps remain stationary, the Cigar Institute of America reasonably concludes that American soldiers and sailors are developing a taste for cigars.

What Your Bond Money Will Buy

The \$18.75 with which you buy a \$25 War Bond will pay for: 7 1/2 life preservers, or—1/10 of an Army mule.

DEMONSTRATION

G. D. Scroggs, Clay county, grew cowpeas on 2 acres of a 6-acre field, cut them for hay, and then limed the two acres. He planted the whole field to wheat and estimates he will make as much on the 2 acres as on the remaining 4 acres which were in corn last year.

Prof. and Mrs. Key Both In Service

The following news item clipped from a South Carolina paper will be of great interest to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Key, former members of the Presbyterian Junior College faculty.

Several instances of father and son serving in the same outfit have been found at Fort Jackson, but the first case of a married couple, with the wife a member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and the husband holding the position of assistant field director of the American Red Cross, was reported at the post today.

Third Officer Wilma Howie Key has been assigned to Fort Jackson's WAAC recruiting station and assumed her duties at the post Monday.

A native of Rockingham, N. C., Lieutenant Key attended George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tenn., and subsequently taught school at Jacksonville, N. C., her last station before joining the WAAC.

She is the wife of Edward Key, assistant field director of the ARC, assigned to an organization at North camp, Fort Jackson.

May Slash Farm Prices Soon

New increases in the general level of prices received by farmers raised the question today of whether the Government may have to invoke more rigid methods of price control if President Roosevelt's hold-the-line order against inflation is to be followed.

Food Administration officials weighed a report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics that farm product prices advanced nearly 2 per cent between mid-March and mid-April.

Tentative figures compiled by the bureau indicated that farmers received nearly \$1,400,000,000 from commodities sold during March, compared with about \$982,000,000 in the same month last year.

Federal farm officials, who expressed hope that agricultural prices would level pointed out that most commodities having a direct effect on the cost of food had been brought under price ceilings.

The demand for farm products during the next several months, at prices prevailing under present ceilings, will remain in excess of supplies available, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics said, adding, however, that rationing would minimize the pressure of the excess demand.

PASTURE

D. S. Rhyne of Gastonia reports that one hour of grazing on 10 acres of pasture by his dairy herd is giving him an extra 25 gallons of milk per day, according to Assistant County Agent W. Z. Smith.

News Bits From The AirBase

Army chow is the next best thing to home-cooking, according to a group of Flora Macdonald College girls from Red Springs, who visited the Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base recently for a glee club performance.

The 392nd Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron has a Victory Garden all its own and most afternoons you'll find some of the boys digging or planting in two plots covering about 12 1/2 acres.

The base's new finance officer is Captain Francis L. Linton who comes here from Bowman Field, Ky., where he served for more than a year in a similar capacity.

The men got a big kick out of "Soup to Nuts," New York musical comedy revue which was staged recently at the base theater by USO-Camp Shows.

A popular canine character here is Thor, the Great Dane pet of Lt. Stanley B. Virkler.

Maxton Firm Is Reorganized

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Ration Board Has Blanks for Retailers

Mrs. Clyde Lanning, price clerk of the Red Springs District Rationing Board, has announced that the blanks for registering meats and fats by retailers are now available at all rationing boards in North Carolina.

Birth Announcement

Sgt. and Mrs. J. J. Hunckler announce the birth of their daughter, Patricia Ann. The baby was born on May 1st at the Laurinburg Hospital. Sgt. and Mrs. Hunckler are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Evans of Maxton.

Womans Club To Have Meeting

The Maxton Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Henry Carter Friday, May 14, at 4:30 o'clock. Mrs. W. A. Webb, chairman of the fine arts department, will have charge of the program for the afternoon.

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Maxton Citizens Protest Against John L. Lewis

A representative group of Maxton citizens joined with other communities and towns of Robeson county in a protest against John L. Lewis, leader of the United Mine Workers Union.

Robert R. Reynolds, Josiah W. Bailey, United States Senator, and J. Bayard Clark, Member of Congress, Washington, D. C., are serving and fighting on every front, both at home and abroad, to preserve the liberties of the American people.

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