

**CREATION OF NEW COURT FOR STATE STARTS JOB RACE**

Washington, Feb. 26—The names of fifteen aspirants for the five major offices created by the establishment of the middle federal judicial district of North Carolina have already been put into the race.

So far as is known here, no candidate has formally announced himself, but 14 Republicans and one Democrat are said to hope for appointment to offices in the new district.

Indications here are that President Coolidge will make no appointments of officers in the new district before the adjournment of Congress on March 4, but that shortly thereafter he will make recess appointments. If any of the President's appointments should precipitate a fight on confirmation by the Senate, the fight would have to wait until December.

Judging by endorsements coming to members of Congress from the state, it would appear that Johnson J. Hayes, of Greensboro and Frank Linney of Boone, are running as leaders in a close race for the new judgeship. It is reported here that A. H. Price of Salisbury and H. F. Seawell of Carthage are also candidates for this office. Linney and Hayes, however, seem to have the inside track.

Mr. Linney, now United States District Attorney for the Western District, is moved into the new district as the middle district, as drafted, contains Watagua, his home county. If he wants it, it is believed that he can have the place of district attorney for the district without any trouble. If he can be judge of the new district, however, he naturally

would not want it. If Linney is not named judge of the new district, it is thought that there will be only four offices to be filled with outside talent.

The Democratic North Carolina delegation in Congress will not, it is understood take any part in the fight among the Republicans for the various offices. Their sympathies, however, are divided.

Thomas J. Harkins, of Asheville, seems to be the leading candidate for district attorney of the Western North Carolina district, although it is reported that Jake Newell, Charlotte lawyer of "Razor Girl" fame, will also seek that office. In the middle district, in the event that Linney does not want it, Marshall L. Mott, Jr. of Winston-Salem and H. S. Williams of Concord are expected to seek the office of district attorney. E. L. Gavin of Sanford, is also understood to be a candidate for this office.

Kenneth Smathers, who made an unsuccessful race against Representative Zebulon Weaver for Congress last fall, is said to be a candidate for assistant district attorney for the western district. Archie Elledge of Winston-Salem is said to seek this place in the middle district.

Three Republicans are understood to be in a receptive mood for appointment as United States Marshal for the middle district. They are Clarence Call, of Wilkes, T. E. McCrary of Davidson and Heenan Hughes of Alamance.

The only Democrat expected to secure a place by virtue of the creation of the new district is J. A. Harkness, of Statesville. Clerks of the court are named by the judges and it is reported that Judge E.

**MR. GASKILL DENIES RUMOR PUBLISHED BY JOURNAL**

Ravensford, Swain Co., N. C., February 23rd, 1927

Mr. Dan Tompkins, Editor, Jackson County Journal, Sylva, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Tompkins:—

Answering the question in your editorial of Feb. 16th, 1927.

The Whitmer-Parsons Pulp & Lumber Company did not at any time change its operating policies on account of the National Park Project. The Company was logging in the spruce area when the National Park was suggested. Contrary to these false rumors of hurried and increased production, the Company curtailed production beginning last October and are on a basis of curtailed production now.

I know it is not your intention to be unfair but your remarks about the Sunnerest Lumber Company and the upper reaches of Pigeon River are unfair because you do not carry on and say that the economic conditions, were and are such that Lumber manufacturers could not and cannot practice genuine forestry under past and present economic conditions. While we all acknowledge this truth of fact and get together for a square deal all around genuine forestry can be made possible by federal legislation in co-operation with the states. The method has been suggested and considered workable but that the people as a whole would not be interested in considering the cost of it so long as lumber could be purchased at a reasonable price (reasonable in comparison with other countries in the civilized world.)

During the twelve years lumber operations were carried on at Sunburst approximately eight million dollars were paid out in wages and two and a quarter million dollars for supplies purchased locally or in the twelve years ten and a quarter million dollars were distributed in Western North Carolina by this one operation. Does it not intrigue the imagination to picture what this ten and a quarter million dollars contributed towards building up this section of

the state? In closing I want to say that the rumors, referred to in our editorial had been called to my attention, but as rumors I did not consider answering them. I want to thank you for the opportunity to deny them.

Cordially yours,  
Edwin A. Gaskill, Gen. Mgr.  
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Yates Webb will appoint Mr. Harkness as clerk of the western district. J. Y. Joordan, Asheville lawyer, is said to also be a candidate for this place.

In addition to the major offices created, there will be a large number of minor officers to be appointed by the officers of the district. These appointees will constitute the "army of Republican office holders" pointed to with dread by some members of the state delegation in Congress before they agreed to support the third district bill.

Friends of all the candidates are pouring in endorsements on North Carolina Senate and members of Congress, but the latter are planning to have practically nothing to do with the matter. They regard it as a Republican fight for officers in which they are not concerned.

Of course, the two Senators will have to vote on the confirmations of the officers appointed, but unless some charges are made against the appointees, it is doubtful if they will do more than cast a perfunctory vote for confirmation.

**LIGHTENING PLAYS HAVOC**

The severe thunderstorm, Tuesday night played havoc in sections of Western North Carolina. The home of J. M. Cavanaugh in Canton was fired by a bolt of lightning and Mr. Cavanaugh, who was alone in the house escaped with his life, though the house and its contents were badly damaged in the fire.

The barn of Golman Estes on Deep Creek in Swain county, was fired by the lightning and the building with the live stock and contents of the barn were destroyed.

**WEBSTER DOWNS HIGHLANDS**

Webster High School boys defeated Highlands High School, Thursday evening, by a score of 32 to 24 in one of the most interesting games played on the local court this season. While the Highland boys displayed a fast brand of basketball they were unable to get through the five man defense built around Fall-bright.

On the offense, Morgan was the high scorer accounting for twelve of the local points, while Hayes was the most consistent scorer for Highlands.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

By virtue of the power and authority conferred upon the undersigned, Walter E. Moore, by a certain deed in trust, executed by J. D. Hood, Trustee, to Walter E. Moore, Trustee on the 12th day of September 1925, securing certain indebtedness therein named, said deed in trust being recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for Jackson County, N. C., in Book No. 96 at page 70 et seq., to which reference is hereby had for full information; and default having been made in the payment of the notes or indebtedness therein secured by said deed in trust, and the same being past due and unpaid and request having been made by the owner and holder of said notes, that the undersigned do now execute the power of sale contained in said deed in trust: I, Walter E. Moore, Trustee, will on Monday, March 7, 1927, at noon, in front of the Court House door in the Town of Sylva, N. C., offer for sale, at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder, the following described lands in Scotts Creek Township, Jackson County N. C., and bounded as follows:

Being and comprehending the same two tracts of land, First Tract containing Two Hundred Eight (208) acres, and second Tract containing Five Hundred Eighty Two and 2/10 (582.2) acres, as fully described by metes and bounds in a deed dated of even date herewith (Sept. 12, 1925) from Kate T. Davis, widow, and W. Towson Davis, Trustee, to J. D. Hood, Trustee, which said deed is duly recorded in the office of Register of

Deeds for Jackson County, N. C., in Book No. 95 at page 244 et seq., to which said deed and record reference is hereby had for a full and complete description of said lands and the calls therein by this reference are made the calls herein as fully and completely as if same were set out herein. The Two Tracts containing 790.2 acres

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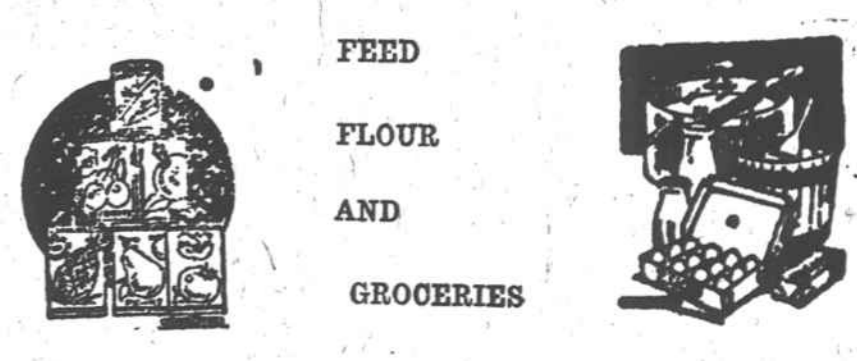

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