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Absentee Ballot Reform Bill Goes To The Senate

(By Dan Tompkins)

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—All, local laws affecting the voting of absentee ballots in the General Elections will be repealed, and the casting of absentee ballots in primaries will be done away with throughout the State, if the Senate passes the Absentee Ballot reform bill that passed the House of Representatives, this morning.

Besides repealing the absentee laws as they now affect primary elections, and repealing all local laws, including the present special statute for Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Clay, Graham, and some other western counties, the bill went through the House today will place greater restrictions about the gathering and casting of absentee ballots, and will impose severe penalties for the violation of the law.

Attempts were made to exempt Cleveland, Rowan, and some other counties from the operation of the bill but the House seemed in no mood to adpot any amendments to the bill which a committee has been working on for several weeks. Led by Gregg Cherry, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, who plead with the House to carry out the pledge of the party for genuine election reform in the State, the House voted down all amendments of every kind, and sent the bill to the Senate.

Proponents of the bill stated on the floor of the House that this was the first real effort that has been made within the past ten year to remove either the election laws or election practices in the State, and that the bill as passed [illegible] is almost identical [illegible] now in operation in [illegible] States regarding absentee [illegible] that in those States [illegible] been no charges of fraud.

[illegible] from the [illegible] Johnston [illegible] passed up the Senate [illegible] ington in a [illegible] session. The bill was introduced some weeks ago by Representative Tompkins of Jackson. He and others led the fight for the bill in the House, after having similarly voted it through both the committees on agriculture and appropriations. The chief opponent of the bill was Representative Pickens of Guilford, who sought by amendment to get the money out of the agriculture fund instead of the general fund. He took this course, hoping that if the agriculture fund, which is raised by farmers' tax payments on fertilizer, should be made to pay the price that the bill would be killed. The Japanese Beetle is a new insect in North Carolina. It has been found around Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Salisbury, Wilmington, and Elizabeth City. Last summer one beetle was caught in a trap in Asheville. The Japanese Beetle is one of the most destructive insects that has come to our shores. It attacks all kinds of fruits, most trees, nearly all of the deciduous shrubs, practically all of the vegetables, and the silks and tassels of corn, preventing the corn on the ear from maturing. It also gets in the ground in the spring and attacks the roots of grass, completely destroying pastures, lawns, and golf courses. The bill was introduced as an emergency measure, so that the work by the State, in cooperation with the federal government may begin at once, before the grubs come out of the ground and begin to fly. The method that has been adopted by the federal government is said by experts to be practically 100 percent effective. Another reason for being in a hurry was the assurance that the measure was the assurance that unless the federal government that unless the State made the appropriation this spring, the entire State would be placed under federal quarantine. This would prevent the movement from the State of all fruits, including apples, all vegetables, beans, cabbage, and the like, all flowers and bulbs, all nursery stock, and the shipments had been inspected by federal agents. This, of course, would do untold damage to the fruit and vegetable growers of the State, and would put them to a great deal of trouble and extra expense. If the Senate passes the Tompkins bill, there will be no federal quarantine of the State, and the fruits and vegetables can move forward out of North Carolina as freely as they have done heretofore. The State Grange, the Peach Growers, Apple Growers, Truckers, and other groups and associations of farmers supported the bill. The writer believes that he can accomplish nothing else during the present General Assembly, that in sponsoring and piloting this bill through the House, he has not wasted the winter and spring.

Appropriations and Revenue bills have both come out of the Committees to the floor of the House, where the entire membership of that body can begin to wrestle with the big money measures. That leaves but one bill of general import to come forward, and that is the School Machinery Act. This bill has been before the sub-committee for some time but little has really been done with it except for the members of the subcommittee to exchange ideas. It will take shape when it has been certain how much money there will be to expend this coming month [illegible]

It seems [illegible] now that a tax bill will be ready [illegible] both the Revenue and Appropriations bills in the House. Western Carolina Teachers College will see a slight increase in the amount now allowed, in order that it may become a member of the Southern Association of Colleges. A bill to be other members of the General Assembly asking that this be done has been signed by Patton of Macon, Cherry of Gaston, Bryson, of Swain, Penland of Clay, Crawford of Graham, Palmer of Haywood, Kimsey of Transylvania, Tompkins of Jackson, Finch and Jarvis of Buncombe, Rogers of Polk, Withrow of Rutherford, Flowers of Catawba, Robinson of McDowell, Jarrett of Cherokee and Bailey of Madison.

Another attempt at an increase in the appropriation that will be made will be that wherein it will be sought to put the amount allowed for advertising back to $125,000 for each year of the biennium. The figure set by the Committee on Appropriations was $90,000, which is $35,000 a year less than the appropriation at present.

The teachers are also expected to make a fight to have the appropriation for the eight months' schools boosted considerably.

It is stated that the revenue and appropriations bills now balance, or that they nearly do. Any great changes in either would upset the apple cart, and necessitate a protraction of the session. It is now believed by competent observers that the Assembly can adjourn between March 15 and April 1.

Western North Carolina Fishing Season Extended

The fishing season for all species of fish except trout, in and west of Wilkes, and Ruther ford Counties and west of Highway No. 18 in Burke and Caldwell Counties, has been extended to April 1st, it was announced today from the Asheville office of the North Carolina Division of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The season was originally set to close March 1st, but due to a great demand from the people and recent cold weather which will delay spawning somewhat, it was concluded that there would be very little harm done to the spawning fish by extending this closed period. The season as now set for large and small mouth Bass, Bream, Crappie and all other species of fish except trout, closes the 1st day of April and extends to June 10th at which time it opens again. The trout season is now closed and will not open until April 15th. Under special regulations, Lake Santeetlah in Graham County is now closed to all fishing and will not open until June 10th.

In view of the granting of this extension and the equalizing of the large nad small mouth Bass season, also the plans for a wide-spread public restocking plan, the Division earnestly requests that should any fisherman catch any of the various species of game fish which looks to contain roe or spawn, that they will wet their hands and carefully release these fish back into the water. Each fish [illegible] having [illegible] some 5 or 6 [illegible] young.

No Fires on Nantahala Forest

Since the beginning of the new year, the Nantahala forest has gone [illegible] Forest Service [illegible] upon [illegible] reported [illegible] fires [illegible] of January and February.

The week of the fourth, March, is [illegible] commencing. High winds and [illegible] burning will make fire conditions very hazardous. All residents of the Nantahala Forest are asked to be especially careful with fire. Farmers should arrange to obtain burning permits from either the Forest Ranger at Andrews or Franklin. Visitors to the forest should be especially careful in their smoking and in building camp fires.

PTA To Meet Tuesday

The Sylva Parent Teacher Association will meet Tuesday afternoon. The meeting will be held in the Elementary school auditorium.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT YOUTH CRUSADE RALLY

(By Rev. J. H. Carper, District Director of Young People's Work.)

There is to be held Tuesday night, March 7th, 7:30 P. M. at the First Methodist Church in Waynesville, a Dstrict Wide Youth Crucade Rally. The Waynesville District is composed of the following counties: Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Cherokee, and Clay. From these counties it is expected that 1000 young people will attend this great Youth Crusade Rally.

These young people will hear two most outstanding addresses: "Youth Moves On" and "Ready for Life's Opportunities" by the Rev. W. A. Kale of Mount Airy, N. C., and Dr. W. A. Stanberry, of Asheville, respectively. We are confident that other speakers and Christian Men and Women could not be found to inform and inspire the Youth of the Waynesville District.

The young people themselves shall have the responsibility of the program. The leaders of the two Young People's Unions, Haywood County, and the Jackson Swain Counties, will be in charge of the program for the most part. Special music and a mixed double quarter will be an outstanding feature of the evening. The Rev. W. L. Hutchins, Presiding Elder of the Waynesville District, and the Rev. M. Teague Hipps, Conference Director of Young People's Work in the Western North Carolina Conference will be present to lend their assistance and spirit. The entire program is to be completed by 9:00 P. M.

The youth of the entire Methodist Episcopal Church South are entering into this [illegible] become informed as to their tasks in their local churches, and [illegible] with a challenge [illegible] such an hour as this. Youth everywhere is being [illegible] Crusade of one sort or another, especially the youth of American Methodism, are [illegible] a crusade of [illegible] and service. Naturally [illegible] some objectives which we [illegible] the youth crusade [illegible] in the future years. They are:

1. "A vital religious experience on the part of our youth."
2. "The enlistment of youth as the followers of Jesus."
3. "Making the life and teachings of Jesus vitally effective in personal and social living today."
4. "The discovery of the nature and purpose of the Christian Church."
5. "Specific preparation for the enlarging tasks of the church."
6. "Participation in the world mission of the Christian religion."

These objectives cannot be attained unless youth and the leaders of youth give themselves with abandon to Christ and His kingdom. Never was there greater opportunity and challenge for young people to do and dare great things in the name of the Christ our Savior.

J. H. Carper, District Director of Young People's Wor in the Waynesville District.

Eagle Store Changes Managers

Mr. Jack Fitzgerald has arrived, from Lexington, and has taken over the management of the Eagle Store here. Mr. Walter Lane has been transferred to another Eagle Store.

Court Adjourned Today

The February term of Superior Court, Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding, adjourned at noon today. In the case of Ray Cogdill, charged with rape, a jury selected from a special venire acquitted him. Jack Reid, charged wit hembezzlement, was acquitted.

The Grand Jury submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Z. V. Nettles, presiding Judge; February term Superior Court, Jackson County, 1939.

We, the Grand Jury make the following report:

We find that the men's quarters at the jail are not in as good condition as it should be, possibly being overcrowded, there being 31 prisoners in the jail at the time of the inspection. We find there is not sufficient bed-cover, also we find the need of a new kitchen sink. Some plastering in the women's quarters need replacing, complaint about not enough heat in the building by all prisoners. The new heating plant is being installed which we think will be all right, and will take care of this situation. County Home in good condition. 17 inmates, plenty of food; in need of a washing machine and cook stove. We find no complaint in any of the offices at the Court House. Janitor service is excellent.

Report On County Schools:

Report from Barker's Creek School has leaky roof and needs painting. Wilmot School: Leaky roof, several window panes out, dangerous stove flue.

Qualla School: Needs extension of water line for convenience of children.

Kingsboro School: Needs fire escape, new sash from roof out.

Green's Creek School: General repair.

East Fork School: Roof painted and window lights.

Hay School: Needs new window, also coal bin; boys toilet needs repair.

Pumpkin Town School: In good condition; buses crowded, also hauling WPA workers.

East LaForte School: In bad condition—lack window panes out, and in need of general repair.

Tuckaseigee School: Steps repaired and needs painting.

Glenville School: In good condition, buses not overcrowded.

Cashiers School: In good condition.

Canada Schools: Roads too rough to inspect school.

Rocky Hollow School: General repair.

John's Creek School: In bad condition; general repair; buses haling W. P. A. workers.

Balsam Grove School: In bad condition; needs general repair.

Webster School: Water supply not sufficient to operate rest rooms. Buses overcrowded; glasses out of buses. Work needed on grounds. WPA workers riding buses. Old school building needs removing.

Beta School: In need of new building; lives in present building very dangerous.

Willits School: Needs painting, eaves and blackboard.

Addie School: Needs painting; eaves and blackboard; leaky roof and windows.

Sylva Colored School: In good condition; needs new seats.

Sylva School: In good condition, except some plastering needs repairing. Few WPA workers riding buses.

Balsam School: In bad condition; need of new floor.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR BRYSON, Foreman

This the 23rd day of Feb., 1939.

Better Farming

"Fifteen year ago, 41 carloads of hay were shipped into our community at Wake Forest; last year only one car was shipped here," said E. S. Fort of Wake Forest, route 2, in commenting on the better farming practices followed as a result of extension work.

Annexation Bill Probably Will Not Be Introduced

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

Raleigh, February 27 — Senator Chester Cogburn, of Canton stated today that he probably will not introduce the bill that h asbeen requested by a large number of citizens of Balsam, to cut off upper Scott's Creek township in Jackson County and annex it to Haywood. He stated that there is considerable sentiment also in Haywood for the proposed measure, but that he is telling the folks in Waynesville that he will not introduce the measure in the Senate, because even if it should pass the body, it will meet with opposition in the House from the Jackson Representative. He takes the position that there would be little likelihood of the House passing the measure over the opposition of Jackson County and its Representative in the General Assembly.

Dan Tompkins, Jackson's Representative, informed Senator Cogburn in reply to his question, that he would most certainly oppose the bill, should it be introduced, not only in the Senate Committe to which it would be referred, but also in the House of Representatives, in the event the Senate should pass it. He expresses himself as being in favor of the Balsamites being given the road and the school facilities to which they are entitled; but as being loath to give them up as citizens of Jackson. The top of the Balsam range, and Balsam Gap are the natural boundaries, and the Jackson representative wants the line between Jackson and Haywood to remain where it is, and where it has been, ever since Jackson county was formed, nearly a century ago.

This Week In The National Capital

Washington, Feb. 28 (Autocaster)—What will come out of the efforts of the majority party leaders in Congress to heal the breach between the old-line Democrats and the New Dealers is still a speculative question to which there is no apparent answer.

In the party caucus where the effort was made to get the entire majority membership to agree to cooperate for the salvation of the party in the 1940 elections, not headway was made.

In the nature of things, a united party is the first essential to success at election time.

There is little doubt that the undercover movement to take control of the Democrat National Convention of 1940 away from Mr. Roosevelt and his clique ,and nominate a candidate representing the conservative wing of the party, on a platform of economy, tax reduction and effeciency in government, is assuming formidable shape.

Nobody talks very much about it in public, especially the Vice-President. "Cactus Jack" Garner is too shrewd and experienced a politician to talk about what he is doing or trying to do until he is sure that he has the necessary backing to put it over.

But the growing belief on Capitol Hill is that he is manipulating the strings to bring the candidate of his choice to the front, and that candidate is believed to be Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri.

If Vice-President Garner comes out in the open for Senator Clark, more than five minutes before the 1940 convention opens, everybody who knows his ways of working will be surprised.

On the opposite seats in both houses something much more like a workable party organization is being developed, especially in the House.

The shrwed policy has been adopted of not taking the lead as Republicans on such questions as divide the Democrats, but instead signifying the Anti-New Deal leaders that the Republicans are ready to go along wit h them.

This relieves southern anti-administration Democrats of the stigma which might attach to them back home that they are tagging along behind the Republicans.

More curiosity and speculation is going around as to the nominee of the President to fill the place on the Supreme Court bench vacated by the retirement of Justice Louis D. Brandeis just before Mr. Roosevelt sailed for the Caribbean, than there was as to the successor of Justice Cardozo.

Those in the know anticipated that Professor Felix Frankfurter would get the Cardozo seat, but the wise acres are at sea as to the pres-

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Six Marriage Licenses Issued During February

Registrar of Deeds Glenn Hughes issued license to wed to six couples during the month of February. The licenses were issued to: Ray Bryson to Mary Etta Parker, of Jackson County; Ray Parker, of Jackson to Josephine Neal, of Macon; Harry Patterson, to Ida Nations; both of Jackson; M. P. Smith, of Lutz, Florida to Annie Buchanan, of Jackson County; and Tom Shook, of Jackson County to Lizzie Ledford, of Clay.

Nominees For County Education Board

Raleigh, March 1.—Representative Dan Tompkins of Jackson county has turned over his list of nominees for members of the County Board of Education of Jackson County for the next two years, according to a statement made today by Mr. L. L. Burgin, of Henderson, chairman of the sub-committee on Education, in charge of the Omnibus School bill.

The names presented to Mr. Burgin by Mr. Tompkins are: John Deitz, Hut Middleton, Charles Smith, John Hooper and T. B. Cowan. These are the men who were nominated in the Democratic primary last June.

QUALLA

The Dillsboro Home Demonstration Club met with the Qualla Club at Mrs. Mary Kinsland's Friday. Mrs. Williams of Raleigh gave a very interesting a demonstration on "Build in Kitchen Equipment."

Mr. [illegible] Beck, who has belonged to U. S. Navy for several years, has returned to Qualla from California. He with Mrs. Beck are visiting Mr. J. H. Reagan's and other realtives.

Mrs. Rosa Goodson, of Bryson City, called on Mrs. J. E. Battle.

Mrs. Thad Beck, who has been seriously ill, is reported improving.

Mrs. D. C. Hughes and Patsy visited Mrs. Burton Bumgarner.

Mrs. Paul Kitchin and Willard Kitchin, of Whittier, were Qualla visitors, Sunday.

Mrs. G. A. Kinsland, Mrs. Ted Kinsland and Mrs. Chas. Worley called on Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Messrs. W. H. and Ed Oxner went to Haywood Monday.

Several Qualla folks are attending court at Sylva this week.

Some progress is being made on our new school building at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas have moved to Bryson City.

Mr. Kern Noland and family have moved to Swannanoa.

Class Officers Elected At Beta

The seventh grade of Beta graded school has elected Verlin Ashe, president and Mary Jean Fisher secretary. Superlatives chosen were: Prettiest girl, Audrey Fisher; most handsome boy, Edward Lee Cooke; best all-around girl, Audrey Fisher; best all-round boy, Buddie Bryson; wittiest girl, Willia Jean Davis; wittiest boy, Verlin Ashe; class baby girl, Mary Jean Fisher; class baby boy, George Brown; class tomboy, Mary Jean Fisher; class sissy, Verlin Ashe; class monkey, George Brown; old maid, Fay Bumgarner; bachelor, George Brown; quietest girl, Audrey Fisher; quietest boy, Adam boy, Adam Justice; laziest girl, Fay Bamgarner; laziest boy, George Brown; most modest girl, Willia Mae Ashe; neatest girl, Audrey Fisher; neatest boy, Verlin Ashe; most popular girl, Betty Sue Reed; most popular boy, Verlin Ashe; most conceited girl, Mary Jean Fisher; most conceited boy, Edward Lee Cooke; most athletic girl, Mary Jean Fisher; most athletic boy, Buddie Bryson; most religious girl, Mary Jean Fisher; most religious boy, James Lee Ensley; cutest girl, Betty Sue Reed; most attarctive boy, Verlin Ashe; most studious girl, Willia Jean Davis; most studious boy, Verlin Ashe; most polite girl, Audrey Fisher; most polite boy, Verlin Ashe.