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Wets Gain In Poll As Literary Digest Tabulates Votes

"But the South hasn't spoken yet, and it's still anybody's race, The Literary Digest said this week in announcing the results of the third report of the prohibition poll.

This week those favoring modification lost a step, those favoring enforcement lost half step and those who are for repeal of the Eighteenth amendment gained a step and a half.

Votes from 20 states and the District of Columbia are given in this report in which 1,244,483 votes are tabulated. Out of this number 333,978 favor enforcement of the prohibition amendment; 383,117 citizens are for modification, and 527,388 favor repeal.

The questions propounded by The Literary Digest are: (1) Do you favor the strict enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and Volstead Law? (2) Do you favor a modification of the Volstead Law to permit light wines and beers? (3) Do you favor a repeal of the Prohibition Amendment?

The Digest poll is regarded as specially significant because of the accuracy with which the magazine has forecasted presidential elections, and because it is the first opportunity the citizens have had of making themselves heard on this question where it has not been confused with other issues.

Baptist To Hold Series of Meetings

Dr. Charles E. Madry, Raleigh, General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, has planned a series of forty-five Mission Rallies to be held at central points throughout the State during March and April. The meetings are open for everybody and it is expected that hundreds of leaders in the Baptist churches, men and women, will attend them. The purpose of these Rallies, Dr. Madry explains, is to carry fresh information to the people, thereby inspiring and encouraging them to greater missionary activity.

Dr. Madry has requested about forty pastors to aid in conducting these special Rallies, which will begin in each case at ten o'clock in the morning and continue till about four o'clock in the afternoon.

The following is the itinerary for the week of March 31-April 4, for this division of the State; Greensboro, Monday, March 31; Durham, Tuesday, April 1; Henderson, Wednesday, April 2; Scotland Neck, Thursday, April 3; Chowan College, Friday, April 4. The speakers for these Rallies are: Dr. George T. Waite, Richmond, Va., Dr. J. A. Easley, Rev. J. B. Turner, Rev. G. H. Payne, Rev. J. L. Carrick, Rev. Oscar Creech and Dr. Charles E. Madry. During the same period, March 31-April 4, Rev. R. E. Brickhouse will speak in Mission Rallies at Smithfield, Buie's Creek, Raleigh, Mt. Gilead and Sanford.

B Company Stands Federal Inspection

Annual Federal Inspection of Co. B was held here in the Armory on Friday night with Captain Page of the U. S. Army inspecting officer in charge. The officer and enlisted personnel as well as the clothing and equipment was given a thorough check.

Though the outcome of the inspection is not known at present, it is generally felt by those who are familiar with the militia that this organization will be given a creditable rating by Capt. Page.

Captain Page, Federal Inspector, and Major Demsey of Wilson, State Inspector, arrived Friday afternoon and inspected the company's clothing and equipment. That night the officers and men were inspected by the officers.

General J. Van B. Metts, Adjutant General of North Carolina, Col. David U. S. A. Senior Instructor for North Carolina, Capt. Woodward, U. S. A. 1st Battalion Instructor, and Sgt. Lange, U. S. A. Sgt. Instructor, assigned to the 1st Battalion, were also present for the inspection. After the check-up and before the company had been dismissed, Gen. Metts told the officers and men that he was proud of Warren county and the type of soldier that the county has always produced. Col. Davids and Major Demsey also made short talks.

The company was in command of 1st Lieutenant Harold R. Skillman in the absence of Capt. Claude T. Bowers, who is attending a Company Commanders' School held at Fort Benning, Ga.

OFFICERS TRAVEL WHEN MAN FIRES

Deputies Abandon Car And Catch Rides To Warrenton and Norlina

CLARK CALLS FOR GUN

By HOWARD F. JONES JR.

Judging discretion the better part of valor. Federal Commissioner J. C. Hardy and Deputy Sheriff Elmore abandoned their car between Macon and Warren Plains and hitch-hiked their way homeward Tuesday noon when they were approached by Ekum Clark, white man on the property of Jos. C. Clark, and ordered away with profanity and a gun dangling from his side. As the men disappeared into the woods a shot was fired.

Investigating rumors that whiskey was being manufactured on the Powell property, which is located near the farm of Jim Frazier, the Federal Commissioner and Deputy Sheriff went to the place Tuesday morning. After scouting over the property, the officers came in contact with a negro working in a field. While conversing with him Mr. Clark approached in a car and the officers started walking away. Mr. Clark ordered them to halt, it was said, and got out of his car with a gun in his hand and came to where they were standing.

With a countenance of wrath and vocabulary spiced with profanity the tenant told them to leave the property, according to the officers. The Federal Commissioner and Deputy Sheriff kept their guns under cover and agreed to leave as soon as possible. With anger increasing and oaths between his demand that they clear out, Mr. Clark called for his wife to bring the shot gun from the house, it was stated. His wife was on her way to him as the officers headed for nearby woods, but whether or not she had the gun they were unable to say. As they disappeared into the ambush a shot was fired back of them.

The two officers found their way to Macon where Mr. Hardy caught a train to his home at Norlina, and Mr. King rode a truck into Warrenton. Later Mr. King returned with Officer R. O. Snipes and brought this car to town.

Shady Grove To Have An All-Day Program

An all day program will be held at Shady Grove church, Inez, on Sunday morning, March 30, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, the Rev. S. E. Wright, pastor, announced yesterday. The five churches embraced in the Warren circuit will take part in the program.

Dr. G. T. Rowe, of Duke University and Dr. M. T. Plyler of the North Carolina Christian Advocate are to appear on the program. Their subjects have not been announced, but it is understood that they will talk on the subject of "Pentecost."

The meeting will open with a musical program and various phases of church activities will be discussed both at the morning and afternoon services, it is said. A basket dinner will be served picnic style on the church grounds at noon. The public is invited to attend.

Judge Rodwell Tries Two Cases Monday

Only two cases were before Judge T. O. Rodwell in Recorder's court at Warrenton on Monday.

B. B. Brown was charged with setting the woods on fire. The verdict of the court was that he was not guilty. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in the case of State against Jack West, alias Ernest West. West was charged with trespass.

PRACTICE UNDER WAY

Practice is well under way for the senior class play of the John Graham high school, it was announced here today. "All at Sea" will be presented in the auditorium of the local school on Friday night, April 4, and indications are that this year's attraction will score a hit equal to that of the past two years.

U. D. C. TO MEET

The regular meeting of the U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. N. M. Palmer on Friday, April 4, at 3:30 o'clock.

IT'S COURTING SEASON



Warren Ginnings Greater In 1929-30 Than For 1928-29

Notwithstanding the boll weevils and heavy rains of last year the cotton crop of Warren in 1929-30 exceeded that of the year previous if ginning reports are an indication. According to figures released this week by J. L. Johnston, special agent, of the Department of Commerce, Warren this year ginned 18,744 bales of cotton compared with 17,657 bales for the previous season.

Junior Society To Present Program

The Junior Missionary Society of Emmanuel Episcopal church will give a play, "Visitors From Colonial Period," in the Parish house at Warrenton on Saturday evening, April 5, beginning at 8 o'clock. The young people will contrast the life of George Washington's day with the present time. The performance, which has been practiced for some time by the young boys and girls of the society, is under the general direction of Mrs. W. K. Williams.

In addition to the entertainment by the children, Mrs. Hannah B. Arrington will play several popular old time favorites on the piano, and Mrs. R. B. Boyd Jr. will also entertain those present with instrumental numbers. Mrs. Van Davis will give a reading, "When We Were Very Young," by Alice Melne.

No admission charge will be made but a silver offering will be taken for the benefit of St. Andrew's Mission at Leaksville, N. C., in which the Junior Society has been interested since last Fall.

Members of the society taking part are Ann Scoggin, president, Elizabeth Wagner, vice president, Vivian Lawson, treasurer, Betsy Taylor, secretary, Katherine Williams, Sara Massenburg, Kitty Gregory, Nancy Ellis, Belford Wagner, Berlyn Smiley, Thomas McIlhenny, Vernon Dickerson, John Cawthorne, Charles Terrell, Thomas Frazier, Raymond Modlin.

THAD PAGE HERE

Thad Page, son of Robert N. Page, former candidate for the Governorship of North Carolina, was in Warrenton yesterday afternoon in the interest of the candidacy of Josiah W. Bailey for the United States Senate. Mr. Page reported much enthusiasm for Mr. Bailey from over the entire state and said that indications were that he would defeat Senator Simmons.

SON BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport of Sanford on March 26, a son. Mrs. Davenport before her marriage was Miss Eunice Adams. She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibbs of Warrenton.

Lespedeza Brings Profit To Hastings

In the Spring of 1928 County Agent C. L. Hall, Halifax county, Va., secured forty pounds of Korean Lespedeza seed from the Virginia Extension Division with the understanding that the entire amount was to be loaned to the one man who would plant this seed and give it the best care and attention. J. S. Hastings agreed to meet all the requirements.

The forty pounds of seed were planted on wheat in the Spring of 1928. When the crop had matured it was threshed with an ordinary wheat threshing machine. Approximately 300 pounds of seed were saved in this way. In the Fall of 1928 about 30 acres were seeded to wheat and rye on the Hastings farm. This was seeded in the ordinary way with a wheat drill. Around the first of last March the entire 300 pounds of Lespedeza seed were sown on the thirty acres of wheat and rye and harrowed in with a peg toothed, iron drag harrow. The Lespedeza crop received no other attention until the seed was ripe and ready to harvest.

An ordinary hay rake was used to bunch the Lespedeza soon after cutting. The crop was then put into cocks and threshed with a new threshing outfit equipped with a self-feeder and clover seed attachment. When the crop was all threshed it was found that 16,000 pounds of Lespedeza seed had been harvested from the thirty acres.

Veterans Have Until April To File Claims

World War veterans have until April 6th to file claims and evidence in disability cases, it is announced. Evidence must be submitted prior to this date, to show service connections for a disability other than a nervous and mental disease, etc., unless there is an official record of the injury during service or at the time of separation from active service. These limitations by section 206 and 209 of the World War veteran act.

Fiddlers To Hold Meet At Vaughan

A fiddlers convention will be held at the Vaughan school house on Friday evening, April 4th, at 8 o'clock. Prizes will be awarded to the best players. Every one is cordially invited. A small admission charge will be made. The convention is for the benefit of the Vaughan Methodist Protestant church.

DISTRICT MEETING OF U. D. C.

The district meeting of the U. D. C. will be held at Oxford on Thursday, April 3. All members who can arrange to go are requested to notify Mrs. F. M. Allen as soon as possible.

Robbers Make Hauls In Various Sections of County

A series of robberies reported from various sections of the county has disturbed the peace and caused loss to many. Either robberies or attempted robberies have been reported for Saturday night, Sunday night, Monday night and Tuesday night. Whether they were committed by the same person or persons is not known. In every case the robber or robbers made their escape.

Turning the switch on a Ford with a pocket knife here about 11 o'clock on Saturday night, an unknown negro was heading for Macon when he stalled the car near the Allen Service station on the edge of town. Abandoning the machine he attempted to run off with the car of Mr. Allen and had succeeded in running it about 10 yards when he stalled the second machine.

Hearing the noise, Mr. Allen came from the service station nearby and the negro made a break for freedom, in his hurry leaving his cap in the machine. Mr. Allen was joined by Percy Davis and Jake Lester and the trio chased the man into the nearby woods, where he succeeded in escaping his pursuers after an extended game of hide and seek.

The Macon Grocery Company was entered on Sunday night by an unknown person or persons who broke into the back door and stole several hundred dollars worth of merchandise and about 200 pennies from the cash draw. The safe was not bothered. The robbery was discovered early Monday morning when Mr. Gilland, one of the partners, came to open the store.

A burglar entered the home of J. E. Banzet at Ridgeway on Monday night through a back window and stole a watch and Masonic ring from the bedroom of Mr. and Mrs. Banzet. Their sleep was not disturbed and no clues of the burglar were left.

On the same night the home of W. M. Gallier at Ridgeway was entered and several dollars was stolen from the trousers of Mr. Gallier and a pistol was also taken from the home. Again the burglar escaped.

The following night Wycoff's Store at Ridgeway was entered through the rear window and a small amount of merchandise was stolen. The robbery was discovered the next morning by Miss Alice Wycoff when she came to open the store.

PLAY AT MACON

"Miss Topsy Turvy," a three act comedy, will be presented by the senior class of Macon high school at the auditorium on Friday evening, March 28th, at 8 o'clock. This is an unusually humorous play and will be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, it was said.

Rooker Is Only New Candidate Of Week For Warren

W. T. Rooker of Norlina this week published his notice of candidacy and definitely announced that he was in the race for the office of Clerk of Court. A. L. Nicholson, merchant of Macon, also is seeking this office which is now held by John D. Newell who is seeking reelection.

Although the week has brought forth much canvassing and political talk it has witnessed no new situation other than the announcement of Mr. Rooker, though rumor has it that Sam Satterwhite of Manson will oppose Recorder T. O. Rodwell for the Senate and that J. A. Dowtin, candidate for the House of Representatives may be opposed by T. H. Aycock of Elberon and Jesse Gardner of Churchill. Mr. Aycock would not confirm the rumor when approached yesterday, but his friends say that it is quite possible that he will be a candidate. No word has been heard from Mr. Gardner as to whether or not he will be a candidate.

John Taylor of Littleton, W. W. Taylor, F. B. Newell, Sr., and W. C. Fagg of Warrenton are active in the race for Judge of Recorder's Court. Ben Tharrington of Inez, W. J. Pinnell of Atton, and R. O. Snipes Warrenton are seeking the honors and emoluments of the office of sheriff which is now occupied by O. D. Williams of Warrenton who is a candidate for reelection.

No opposition has developed against Joe Powell for Register of Deeds and P. M. Stallings for county Auditor.

All the present membership of the board of county commissioners, with the exception of F. B. Newell, Sr., are seeking re-election. R. Lewis Capps of Arcola and John H. Fleming of Norlina have signified their intentions of running for a position on this body.

No discussion has been heard concerning the membership of the board of education and it is quite likely that the present members, A. C. Blalock, J. D. Riggan, W. T. Carter, S. W. Powell and J. K. Pinnell, may have no opposition.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Mattie Wiggins Dameron arrived Wednesday to spend Spring holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dameron.

Miss Margaret Williams is expected to arrive tomorrow to spend the Spring holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Satterwhite of Manson visited friends here recently.

Mr. George Allen of Embro was a visitor here the first part of the week.

Mr. Walter Hundley of Norlina was a visitor in town on business this week.

Mr. Albert Bugg has returned from a business trip to Philadelphia. He was accompanied by Mr. Thomas Frazier.

Mr. J. M. Peace of Henderson was in town this week.

Mr. Joe Gupton of Arcola was a visitor here recently.

Mr. Robert Pittman of Grove Hill was here this week.

Mesdames Thomas White and John Powell of Grove Hill were in town this week.

Mr. Hugh Davis of Fishing Creek was a visitor here recently.

Messrs. Fuller and Stephen Bowden of Afton were in town recently.

Mr. Ed Turner of Sandy Creek was in town this week.

Mr. C. W. Cole of Wise was a visitor in town recently.

Mr. Arthur Rodwell of Warren Plains was here on business the first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rodgers and daughter, Patsy, were visitors in Raleigh on Sunday.

Miss Cate Gardner and Mrs. Robert Johns of Raleigh spent Thursday here.

Miss Stephenie Moore of University of North Carolina has returned after a few days visit in the home of her uncle, Dr. T. J. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Massenburg and H. L. Faulkner were visitors at Richmond on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Edward Allen, Mrs. Numa Weaver and Miss Louise Allen were visitors at Rocky Mount yesterday.

Miss Katie Riggan is visiting friends at Raleigh.

NEGRO ENDS LIFE

Bennett Richardson, 51, negro, ended his own life on Tuesday near Hollister by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. No cause for the deed was given.

TAXPAYERS TO MEET SATURDAY

Tentative Plans Formed At Mass Meeting At Warrenton On Monday

DELEGATES ARE NAMED

Taxpayers of Warren are called to meet in mass meeting at Warrenton on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of offering resolutions, instructing the five delegates chosen at the Monday's meeting, and to perfect plans for a permanent organization over the county.

Notices have been sent out by Will Allen Connell Jr., secretary, and committees are at work in each township in order to have as large and as representative crowd present as possible.

Responding to an appeal from W. E. Turner, prominent farmer of Six-pound township, and individual members of the board of county commissioners, about 100 citizens gathered at the court house on Monday at 2:30. Frank H. Gibbs, Warrenton attorney, presided at the request of Mr. Turner, and Bignall Jones, editor of The Warren Record, was named secretary of the meetings.

Mr. Gibbs stated the purpose of the gathering and after hearing from Mr. Turner concerning the organization of a taxpayers union in Warren to join with similar unions in the 50 most eastern counties in North Carolina for the purpose of tax relief, the meeting was thrown open for discussion and for more than two hours grievances were aired, plans and counter plans discussed, with numbers of impromptu speeches interspersing.

Mr. Gibbs pointed out that the board of commissioners had appointed five delegates to attend the taxpayers meeting at Raleigh on March 31 and April 1. These men are Edmund White, Frank H. Gibbs, C. E. Jackson of Warrenton, Sam King of Littleton, and Sam Satterwhite of Manson. John S. Davis made the motion that these men represent the taxpayers union. Following discussion the sentiment was expressed that the meeting name five other delegates to represent the union and sit with the five men chosen by the commissioners. The following men were placed in nomination and unanimously chosen to represent the union: W. E. Turner, George Frazier, A. E. Paschall, Kasper Kilian and S. H. Dillard. John L. Skinner and John S. Davis were chosen as alternates.

John Skinner, secretary of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, outlined six plans of this body having for its objective the reduction of taxes on real estate, including limited sales tax, abolition of present exemption of tax on foreign corporations, classification of property for taxation, a 1 per cent tax on stock dividends, repeal of certain tax exemption, and the imposition of a tax on electric energy. Mr. Skinner also pointed out that any relief would have to come from the legislature as county officials were powerless to reduce taxes.

Mayor Gibbs read resolutions from the Buncombe Taxpayers Union giving its plan for tax relief. This union favors a sales tax; transferring schools to State to be maintained by indirect taxation, and limiting county expenditures to a specified percentage of the assessed valuation in each county, with a board of municipal control.

Clerk of Court John D. Newell made the point that it was not a question of amount of taxes paid but rather that the burden of taxation was unjustly distributed and real estate was bearing more than its just share. W. E. Turner, granted Mr. Newell's contention, and seemed to express the consensus of the gathering when he said "we don't care how they raise the money, but we farmers must organize to see that there is no further increase on real estate and fight to have some of the tax already on us reduced."

W. E. Turner was elected President of the Warren County Taxpayers Union and Will Allen Connell Jr. was named secretary. Those wishing to join are asked to sign the following pledge:

"We, the undersigned taxpayers and voters of Warrenton and Warren county, North Carolina, hereby join together and pledge ourselves to work for our common welfare and the reduction of taxes.

"We further pledge ourselves to withdraw our support from city, county or State official who refuses us relief and to support a candidate who is pledged to our relief.

"We are seriously opposed to any more bonds being issued for any cause whatever except to pay the debts we already owe and we defend the deed was given.

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