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Editorial

NOMINATIONS IN ORDER

We understand that the Woman's Club went on record in their meeting this week as favoring at least two women on the town Board of Zebulon and that the names of Mesdames Lela B. Horton and J. D. Davis were endorsed for the positions.

We are glad that the women themselves were interested enough to name their candidates and that the ladies were modest enough to wait till the call came. These women are among our best citizens. They have unusual good business judgment and are deeply interested in every phase of the community life. The Record believes the town could do no better in selecting the next Board of Alderman than to elect these two progressive citizens. We wish to second their nomination. While we do not have a vote in the election, yet we shall heartily give our moral support in the coming local election only to clean, upright and conservative candidates.

STATE W. M. U. MEETING

It was the pleasure of the editor to "sit in" on Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Winston-Salem. The First Baptist church was filled to capacity with leading church women from all parts of the state.

We noted a few things men might learn. They began on time and closed on time. All committees met after the session and not during it. A carefully prepared program had been arranged and Mrs. W. N. Jones followed it to almost the minute. No one spoke who had not made previous preparation. There was no applause. Every one seemed to take the meeting most seriously.

We saw no lip sticks, face powder or mirrors in evidence. At the noon hour we dropped into the ten cent store and it was filled with delegates except for a few scattering preachers! Yes, men may still learn a great deal from the women, especially when it comes to conducting a religious meeting. We begin to wonder if Paul did not get it wrong when he said if a woman would learn anything, let her ask her husband. Now if he was referring to a religious service—and we believe he was—he would need reverse his statement to apply to modern times.

PAGE THE PEOPLE

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headline that the Appropriation bill as adopted by the Committee is well above the budget figures, with a substantial increase for both general and highway funds.

The people sent their representatives to Raleigh to find relief from the heavy tax burdens, and not to increase anything. For sixty days they have been in session and so far as real relief is concerned they have given to the people none. From present prospects when adjournment comes, the situation will be aggravated rather than relieved. Let the legislature cut expenses. We see no other way to relief. Let them cut salaries to the very lowest possible, then cut out all new road projects and upkeep as far as possible. If that will not bring the necessary relief, then let us cut even the schools. First, cut the state schools to the very quick, then if need be the public schools to six months, or even less. We say do this, if no other way is found to get relief. Just now, in the minds of many, nothing is sacred but the people's rights and nothing is desired but relief.

THE STATE ROAD HOG

Intentional, or otherwise, the road program of North Carolina appears to be a regular road hog. First, when the Attorney General suggests combining road funds with others, they cry that this tax is sacred to the roads. Numerous suggestions have been made that the present road expansion be held up till the legislature had acted on its budget for the next two years. But have they done it?

When it comes to spending money and wanting the cream of the taxes the highway program seems to be some road hog.

ABOLISH THE FEE SYSTEM

(Reprint of an editorial published in the February, 1933 issue of the National Municipal Review.)

Consider the delinquent tax collector of Allegheny County, Pa. Receiving a fee of 10 per cent on collections his net commissions in 1930 were shown by a recent audit to have totalled \$106,265.

Consider the town tax collector of New York state who receives a fee of one per cent if he collects taxes within 30 days of the due date, a fee of five per cent on taxes he collects after 30 days, and a fee of two per cent of taxes he does not collect at all.

Consider, too, the town supervisors of New York state most of whom are paid a fee of one per cent of the money they spend. On permanent improvements, they get two percent, since they collect one per cent when the money is spent and one per cent when the bonds are retired.

These are examples picked at random to illustrate the operation of the fee system of compensation in local government in this country. State law after state law puts a premium upon inefficiency and extravagance through provisions for compensation on a fee basis. Pennsylvania and New York state are no worse than many others. Today, when economy in government is a necessity, it is essential that such provisions of law be subjected to critical scrutiny.

There was at one time justification for the fee system of compensation—

it is, of course, a relic of pioneer days when all public officers were part-time officers and when the work of government was largely a matter of individual services to neighbors or passersby. The increased complexity of government as it relates to the fee system has had the following results: 1. overpayment of most officials and underpayment of some; 2. inefficiency in administration; 3. expansion of the spoils system; 4. development of the commercial attitude in public office.

The first two points are sufficiently obvious so that elaboration is unnecessary. The fee system has contributed to the increased distribution of political spoils through the pyramiding of fees under provisions of state law. The list of fees received by various local officials in most states would fill pages and pages. Relatively unimportant administrative positions have been converted into important political jobs through the piling of new fees on top of new fees. The commercial attitude in public office has been fostered by this system, naturally enough. A local official receives a fee every time he makes a move of any kind; and he is not likely to make a move unless he does receive a fee.

The fee system of compensation for public officers should be abolished. Without exceptions save those dictated by constitutional provisions and temporary expediency, all officers should be put on a salary basis. When part-time positions are not sufficiently important to warrant salaries, these positions should be abolished and the function transferred to other officers. The legislatures of 43 states are meeting at the present time. In their efforts to reduce the cost of government, they would do well to give serious thought to this matter.

(We have an idea that N. C. state city, and county government would invite investigating along this line to the profit of the tax payer. Legalized graft and rake-offs seem to have honey-combed the whole system of government. Sometimes it seems a good thing would be to chuck the whole business overboard and start anew.—Editor.)

MIDDLESEX NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Murray and family attended the funeral of Mr. William Cone in Zebulon Saturday afternoon. He died at his home in Rocky Mount Friday night after several weeks' illness.

Sunday morning services at the Baptist church were well attended. Rev. Arnold delivered a very interesting sermon. He used as his subject "A Despondent Heart Made Glad," the text being found in Mark 1:41. Special music was rendered by the Baptist and Methodist choirs combined.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Chapman, of Griffin, were week-end visitors in town.

Miss Sue Murray and Mrs. Leo Jewers, of Middlesex, visited Mrs. Wesley Liles, of Zebulon, Saturday p. m.

Misses Bettie Murray and Martha Manning spent Tuesday night in Wilson with Miss Manning's sister, Mrs. Roy Holdford.

Several people motored to Raleigh last week to hear Gene Austin.

Mrs. C. A. Barber has returned to her home after an extended visit with her sister in Georgia.

P. D. Chamblee, Jr., is still confined to his bed after an operation for appendicitis several weeks ago. We hope he'll soon be out again.

Mr. A. G. Parker will leave here Tuesday to return to Washington, D. C., after spending some time with his family. Pet High will return with him to visit his uncle, Mr. Leslie Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. "Tut" Kemp, of Wilson, spent Sunday with Mr. Kemp's father.

Miss Jettie Kemp spent last week in Wilson.

Wakefield News

The Sunday School Teachers' meeting will be held with Mrs. E. H. Green next Friday night.

Miss Ethlyn Green was home from N. C. W. for the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Green.

Mr. Carl Honeycutt is another of those who have had pneumonia. He, too, is improving.

E. H. Bunn is not improving as fast as had been hoped for. His wife and daughter, Miss Helen, were both sick in bed last week.

On the night of Feb. 23, a number of people from the Philathea and Baraca classes of the Wakefield Sunday School went to surprise Mr. Charlie Pace with a birthday social.

Miss Irma Ragan, of New Hill, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. S. Bridges.

Miss Lavinia Perry, who attends school at Middlesex, was home for the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Perry.

Mrs. Edward Knott, of Oxford, visited Miss Daphne Eddins last week.

Miss Daphne Eddins left last Saturday for a visit with Mrs. A. N. Jones, in Henderson.

Jessiah Chamblee, of Richmond, has been home for a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chamblee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Green have moved from Mrs. Willie Green's to the Blake Stallings farm near Wakefield school.

The Fidelis Class and Y. W. A. gave a program and a supper at the church on Monday night to raise funds to send a delegate to the State meeting at Winston-Salem.

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Holloway's Hits

By James H. Holloway

The Cabinet selections made by President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt seem to meet with the approval of the people all over the land if the absence of criticism is a good sign. It is somewhat of a disappointment to the Democratic voters of North Carolina to see both her sister states, Virginia and South Carolina, win Cabinet honors right under our nose, but it is rumored, that there were about fifty applications filed by aspiring North Carolina Democrats for major political honors and the appointing powers became somewhat disgusted with the numerous claims for appointment to high positions. Mr. Shuning, of Greensboro, is in line for the Internal Revenue Commissioner appointment but even that is not certain.

Business fails to register any improvement and the whole country is waiting with bated breath for the inauguration of Roosevelt. Something must be done speedily to relieve the situation and the Democratic Party and President will have a wonderful opportunity to display their peculiar brand of statesmanship.

The North Carolina General Assembly is marking time while awaiting the report of their Finance and Appropriation Committees and the popular unrest and dissatisfaction throughout the state is growing by leaps and bounds. This body bids fair to leave Raleigh after adjournment some week hence, the most bitterly detested legislature that ever convened here. Their methods of procedure the past two weeks have been so vacillating and irregular it has created the impression back home among the voters that this General Assembly is going to betray the people as shamelessly as the Legislature two years ago did. The promises made by the various legislative candidates during the primary have been forgotten and a large number of the Solons are listening with too much interest to the arguments and blandishments of the big business interest represented by sharp lawyers in any out of the General Assembly. This crowd is moving Heaven and Earth figuratively speaking, to put a sales tax on the poor people. Unless the folks back home arouse themselves and express their disapproval of this most nefarious of all forms of taxation, they will soon find themselves burdened with a general sales tax.

The Democratic voters of Wake County elected four men last November to represent them in the present General Assembly but they got only one real representative from the quarter and that is Doctor S. E. Douglas, who is the only one of the Wake delegation who has so far sponsored any measure to help the people. He not only introduced a popular bill but he put it through the House by a large majority in the face of the most active and violent opposition of his colleagues from the country. This bill proposed a cut in the Highway Commission employee salaries with the largest cuts in the higher brackets. It is the fairest bill that has been presented so far and should become a law.

God only knows what is going to happen before this General Assembly goes back home. Every member by his own individual and pet plan for relieving the situation. It is almost impossible to harmonize the great variety of views entertained by the solons and whatever laws are finally passed will be amended to death.

The City of Raleigh is getting ready for the Spring Elections and every candidate is wearing a happy smile and his hand clasp is freely handed around. W. S. Murchison, the man who was responsible for the Carolina Power and Light Company putting or buses in place of the old dilapidated street cars, at a five cent fare, is going to make the race against George Isley for Mayor and this will be a hard fought battle, with the odds favoring Isley. He has been in the number of some kind ever since he was inducted into his present office, and he has never been popular. It is generally believed that Mrs. Isley is the real Mayor of the city and her husband is simply a set-up. There are a number of aspirants for all three commission chairs and a merry fight is promised. It will be possible to give a list of the various candidates, next week.

If your illimitable SWASHBUCKLER could be spared for a couple of weeks to come to Raleigh and give the legislative solons the real low down on themselves it would be helpful to them. They need someone with a trenchant pen tipped with the finest kind of sarcasm to bring them to a realizing sense of their unimportance. THE SWASHBUCKLER WOULD DO THE JOB RIGHT.

HALES CHAPEL

Remember Sunday school next Sunday morning. Let's everyone be on time.

Miss Ella Price spent last week with Mrs. Corlie Hinton, of Emitt.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Driver spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Norren, of Antioch.

Preston Chamblee, of Baltimore Md., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Chamblee.

The Young Boys' Class entertained the Girls' Class last Thursday night. Everyone reported a nice time.

Hilliard Kemp and John Hilliard of Middlesex, spent last week-end with Neal Chamblee.

Neal Chamblee and Ernest Price went to Clayton to play the first game in the Johnston County tournament. Both boys and girls won both games.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Liles spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Gattis Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Price spent Sunday with Mrs. Florentine Joyner near Middlesex.

Rolesville News

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rogers visited at Wake Forest Sunday.

Mrs. N. B. Daniel, of Zebulon, R. F. D., visited her grandfather, Mr. W. B. Bowling, Monday.

Mrs. C. L. Bowling and Mrs. A. L. Pruden were in Raleigh Saturday.

Miss Ellen Royal Jones was in Raleigh Saturday shopping.

Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Baker spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fowler.

Miss La Rue Roberson spent the week-end with Miss Hazel Roberson.

Preaching at the M. E. church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. T. B. Hough.

Miss Sam Wiggins has returned to Dunn. She was here for the funeral of Mr. Jim Wiggins.

Miss Virginia Lewis is visiting Mrs. Berry Strickland, of Middlesex.

Mrs. Columbia Bailey is spending some time with her son, John, of Whitakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Callie Powell, Mrs. John Crowder and Mr. J. H. Faucette attended the Hales Chapel Sunday school fish fry at Hilliard's Lake last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Avon Hinton and Braxton Hinton, of Hales section spent Saturday night in Mr. Eugene Enley's home.

Miss Elizabeth Wood, of Wakefield spent Thursday night with Miss Jessie Lee Chamblee.

Mr. Herman Faucette spent Saturday night with Bernice Hunt.

Mrs. Eugene Bailey is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Bonnie Barham, of Rolesville.

Miss Lorean King, of near Knightdale, spent Wednesday night with Miss Grace Lewis.

Mr. Webb Kemp spent Saturday night with Ervin Lewis.

Mrs. Poy Brown is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Tillery who is sick.

Rogers Cross Roads

The Willing Helpers Club met with Mrs. W. G. Kemp Tuesday afternoon. There was one new member.

P. D. Chamblee went to Wilson or Monday for treatment, after undergoing an operation about four years ago.

Webb Kemp spent Saturday night with Irving Lewis, of Earpsboro.

Miss Rochelle Strickland spent part of the past week with friends of the Earpsboro section.

Miss Grace Lewis spent the week-end with Miss Leigh Kemp.

Mrs. Rocher Lewis and children, of Burlington, visited Mrs. P. B. Lewis Sunday.

The people of this section are glad to see the fair weather after so much bad weather.

Mrs. Ben Medlin was a Raleigh visitor Thursday.

Beginners' Day was observed at Middlesex high school, Tuesday. There is quite a number to be in school next fall.

Miss Lizzie Price, of Emitt section spent last week with Mrs. J. M. Driver.

Eagle Rock News

Mr. Zander Durcan left Tuesday for Greensboro, where he will work.

Miss Peggy Anderson spent several days with her friend, Miss Mildred Moody, of Raleigh, last week.

Mr. Bob Anderson, of A. C. C., Wilson, N. C., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Tuesday.

Mr. H. J. Scarborough has been visiting relatives in Franklin.

Mrs. S. T. Anderson and Mrs. J. P. Smith, of Rocky Mount, visited in the home of Mrs. S. P. Anderson, Tuesday.

Mr. B. A. Weathers continues ill.

Mrs. J. L. Anderson has been confined to her bed on account of sickness.

Misses Wilma Parker, Helen Wooten and Juanita Stott, all teachers in Wendell, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Martin, Monday.

Hopkin's Chapel

The women around here gave Mrs. Maggie Brannon a beautiful last Monday night. You should have seen Mrs. Brannon when she received the big box of packages. Was she pleased? Yes, as well pleased as a child when Santa Claus comes. Thanks to everyone that helped her.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerney Phillips, of Henderson, visited Mrs. Mary Patterson Wednesday p. m.

Miss Ruby Martin spent the week-end in Rocky Mount with her aunt Mrs. Coley Bridges.

Miss Erzell Pearce, of near Zebulon spent Monday night with her sister Mrs. Orin Brannon.

Marcus Perry has recently moved into the house that is known as the Old Branch Ferrell house.

Melvin Strickland, Hovle Bunn, and Miss Lily Bunn, visited Miss Thelma Bunn, near Jonesboro, Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Perry is ill.

Johnny Alford has recently moved where Willford Perry lived for the past three years.

Earpsboro Events

Miss Prentice Hunter, of Hales section, was the dinner guest of Misses

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