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For The Legislature.

To the Democratic Voters of Halifax County:—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Legislature from this county subject to the Democratic primary, which meets on the sixth day of August, 1914. Thanking you for your past support and hoping my past service will merit your support in the coming primary, I am

W. P. WHITE.

For State Senator.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the State Senate for Halifax County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. I will fully appreciate the support accorded me by my friends.

N. L. STEDMAN

For The Legislature.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from the county of Halifax, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries to be held on the 6th day of August. The support of the Democracy of Halifax county will be greatly appreciated by me.

W. L. LONG.

For County Sheriff.

To the Democratic Voters of Halifax County:—Pursuant to the request of my friends, I announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Halifax County to fill the next term of office, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I have hitherto served the people of Halifax county as Sheriff, for which honor I am profoundly grateful, and when acting as their public servant I ever sought to do equal justice to her citizens, and if my friends will elect to honor me by re-election, I pledge it my unflinching purpose to discharge the duties of that high office for the common weal of the people.

J. R. PATTERSON.

For County Sheriff.

I hereby announce that I shall be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Halifax county, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary to be held on the 6th day of August next. If nominated and elected I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Thanking you for your past courtesies shown me and assuring you of my appreciation of the support given me this time, I will endeavor to again discharge the duties of this office to the best interests of the county.

J. A. HOUSE.

For County Treasurer

To the voters of Halifax County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic primary, which meets on August 6, 1914. Thanking you for your past loyal support I hope, my services heretofore will meet with your approval and merit your continued support. Yours very truly,

J. E. BOWERS.

For Superior Court Clerk.

I hereby announce that I shall be a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax county, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary to be held on the 6th day of August next. If nominated and elected I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and with courtesy and fairness to all who have dealings with the office, as I have tried to do in the past. I fully realize my obligation to the people of my county for their support in the past, and will fully appreciate whatever support given me in the coming primary.

STERLING M. GARY.

For Register of Deeds.

To the Voters of Halifax County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Register of Deeds, subject to the Democratic primary to be held on August 6, 1914, and if elected I pledge to the people of the county the same promptness and courtesy extended to one and all. Thanking the people of the county for the past support given me, I am

J. HUNTER NORMAN.

For Good Roads Commissioner

I hereby announce myself a candidate for member of the Good Roads Commission of Halifax county subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held on August 6th.

Yours very truly

A. B. SCHLICHTER.

For Clerk Superior Court

To the Democratic voters of Halifax county: A great many of my friends throughout the county have expressed the desire that I become a candidate for the nomination for Clerk Superior Court at the Democratic primary to be held on Aug. 6, 1914. I hereby declare myself a candidate for that position subject to the action of said primary. The primary was called sooner than was anticipated therefor it will be impossible for me to see every voter in the county personally between now and Aug. 6, so I take this method of informing you of my candidacy. I belong to no faction or combination, and if nominated and elected, will try to perform the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the whole people. I am appreciative of the consideration shown me by the people of Halifax county in the past and will thank them for their support in the primary.

W. T. CLEMENT.

THE SPIRIT OF PROGRESS IN SCOTLAND NECK

After a period of many years of sleepy indifference, dreaming the dreams of supreme satisfaction, the town of Scotland Neck has aroused to a realization of the fact that to keep pace with her sister towns she must do something in the way of improvements, both municipally and privately, and today the old Rip Van Winkle is fully alive and the town in the midst of perhaps the greatest wave of industrial activities in its history.

There are evidences of progress on all sides, and almost every one you meet is just bubbling over with the progressive spirit and material prosperity. The old factional strife that has cursed the town for the past decade or two is rapidly passing away, and one seldom hears another kicking or crying extravagance.

Among the most noted improvements that are taking place here is the handsome new bank building being erected by the Scotland Neck Bank on the corner of Main and Depot streets. This will be a modern banking house and will cost when completed around \$30,000.

There is the new municipal building that is just being completed by Mr. A. Paul Kitchin, in which are several handsome offices on the second floor besides the town hall. On the ground floor are the Palace Theatre and the Model Barber Shop. This structure, which adjoins the postoffice building, completed early this year, cost Mr. Kitchin about \$8,000.

Material is being placed on the premises by Mr. R. J. Madry for his new theatre building, which will cost around \$20,000. The architect who drew the plans for Mr. Madry says it will be one of the most complete play houses to be found anywhere. Besides the opera house, which will be on the ground floor in the rear, entrance to be through an arcade leading from Main street, there will be a large store room in front and a number of splendid offices on the second floor.

There is the peanut factory, being erected by the American Spanish Peanut Company opposite the passenger station of the Atlantic Coast Line. This company is composed of local capitalists, and will be a big thing for the town and community. The Masons are planning to erect a magnificent Masonic Temple on North Main street at a cost of about \$10,000. This building will be two stories high, and possibly three. The ground floor will either be used for a store room or a town market house, the lodge rooms being on the second floor.

The municipal electric light and power plant is to be tripled in capacity, the contract for the additional machinery being let last week. To show how anxious the contractors are for Scotland Neck business, there were nearly forty bids for this work. The additions to the light plant, which are made necessary by the constantly increasing demands will cost around \$12,000. The following apparatus was purchased: One Harrisburg-Fleming four valve Corliss engine, 400 horse power; one General Electric Company generator, 250 kilowatt (80 per cent P. F.); one Stirling water tube boiler, 250 horse power. The consulting engineer states that the plant is most fortunate in getting such high grade apparatus. It will be installed and in operation it is thought by October 15th.

The Mint Cola Bottling Company under the management of Mr. T. F. Whitley, is another enterprise just being installed and will soon be in operation. The capacity of the plant will be sufficient to take care of any demands that may be made upon it.

The town commissioners are figuring on the probable cost of installing a system of waterworks and sewerage, a survey having already been made and experts are now engaged in making a map of the district with estimated cost of putting in a modern system.

Besides these mentioned there are quite a large number of homes being erected in different sections of the town and various minor improvements upon premises all over town. Let the good work go on, and let some of the other towns in this section take notice, or Scotland Neck will become the metropolis of Eastern North Carolina.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Good Roads Commissioner at the coming election, subject to the Democratic primary to be held August 6, 1914.

JOHN L. PATTERSON
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

A Word of Endorsement.

The following letter from a former citizen of Scotland Neck is highly appreciated by the editor of The Commonwealth. It is from Colonel A. L. Smith, of Charlotte, and says:

"I am enclosing my check for \$1.00 subscription to your paper for 1914, and take this opportunity to congratulate you on the improvement in the paper. It should be made \$2.00 per year instead of one.

"I see you are going at things in the right way, going to the seat and not minding matters, but endeavoring to wake the citizens up from their long slumber and telling them what they should do to improve the town.

"Two things you need badly, first of all is water system; this is all important for sanitary reasons and insurance rates. Then you should have that peanut factory which you have suggested; this would be a good asset for the town and a great convenience to the growers.

"I note in your last what you say about the blue laws, not allowing ice to be sold on Sunday. Our ice wagons make regular deliveries on Sunday just as they do during the week, but the drug stores do not sell soft drinks except on the sly, no cigars or cigarettes.

"I wish you well in your worthy enterprise."

Mr. J. H. Hopkins.

Mr. J. H. Hopkins, who had been confined to his room for the past few weeks, died at his home in Scotland Neck Monday afternoon at half-past six o'clock. The burial services were held in the Baptist cemetery late Tuesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. R. A. McFarland, pastor of the Baptist church.

Mr. Hopkins' health had been failing for the past three years, but up to about four or five weeks ago he was frequently seen on the streets and about his home.

He was the oldest of a family of twelve children, all of whom survive Mr. Hopkins, save one brother, who died several years ago. Those of the family now living are Mrs. Cornelia Hopkins, the mother, of Dunnellon, Fla., and five brothers, J. W. Hopkins, living in Florida, W. D. Hopkins, of Atlanta, Ga., G. F. Hopkins, of Scotland Neck, A. G. Hopkins, who lives in the far west, C. L. Hopkins, of Florida; there are five sisters, Mrs. E. L. Stryker, of Alenhurst, Ga., Mrs. R. H. Weeks, of Leggett, Edgecombe county, Mrs. Augusta Williams, Miss Addie Hopkins and Mrs. Sallie May Manero, all of Dunnellon, Fla. Only one of these was present, Mrs. Stryker, who has been here for the past two or three weeks.

Mr. Hopkins was born in Halifax county 52 years ago, and had lived in and around Scotland Neck all his life. He had been twice married, his second wife surviving him. There are three children living, one boy and two girls, all by the first marriage.

Mr. Hopkins had engaged in farming all his life, and at one time operated one of the large farms on Roanoke river, being very successful in his undertaking. When his health began to fail about three years ago he was forced to sell his farm, which he had considerably improved in value as well as in fertility.

He was one of the town's most familiar figures and will be sadly missed by his friends and family, to whom the tenderest sympathy of the community is extended in this hour of bereavement.

After an absence of three years, Dr. James Cannon, Jr., principal of the Blackstone Female Institute for the first seventeen years of its existence, has been re-elected by the board of trustees as principal of that great school. Dr. Cannon is at present leading the State-wide prohibition campaign in Virginia, but will take charge of the work at Blackstone in September, immediately after the State-wide election.

Roanoke Rapids Defeats Hobgood

In a fast, snappy baseball game last Friday Roanoke Rapids defeated Hobgood, the score being 10 to 0 in favor of Roanoke Rapids. The game was played on the Roanoke Rapids base ball diamond. It seemed that the Hobgood boys were unable to "get themselves together" that day. Batters: Hobgood—Darden, Bass and Leggett. Roanoke Rapids—Hayes and Floyd.

RHEUMATISM ARRESTED

Many people suffer the tortures of lame muscles and stiffened joints because of impurities in the blood, and each succeeding attack seems more acute until rheumatism has invaded the whole system. To arrest rheumatism it is quite as important to improve your general health as to purify your blood, and the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is nature's great blood-maker, while its medicinal nourishment strengthens the organs to expel the impurities and rebuild your strength. Scott's Emulsion is helping thousands every day who could not find other relief. Refuse the alcoholic substitutes.

PROFESSOR C. J. EVERETT DIED MONDAY MORNING

Perhaps the most universally regretted death that has ever occurred in Scotland Neck was that of Professor C. J. Everett, superintendent of the local graded schools. Professor Everett had been critically ill for about two months, being one of the victims of the typhoid fever resulting, it is generally believed, from ice cream served at a reception given to the graduating class and teachers of the school during commencement week. Professor Everett was the first to develop the fever, and soon one of his little boys was stricken. Following these two cases perhaps more than fifty per cent of the party developed the fever in rapid succession. All the other patients, while not well, are considered out of danger, some of them being able to be out.

Professor Everett frequently assured Mrs. Everett and those attending him that he would recover and not to be alarmed, and for sixty days his strong constitution and wonderful determination struggled with the disease, but on Monday morning about one o'clock death gained the mastery and his soul departed to the great beyond. Mrs. Everett and two little boys survive Professor Everett, and the sincerest sympathy of the community is unflinchingly bestowed upon them.

The remains were immediately embalmed and prepared for burial, and were taken Tuesday morning to the former home of Mrs. Everett, near Creswell, in Washington county, for interment. Those accompanying the body from Scotland Neck were Rev. L. T. Singleton, Mayor J. E. Shields, Sam Hoffman, A. L. Purrington, C. L. McDowell and S. F. Dunn. Mrs. Everett was not able to take the trip.

Professor Everett came South from his native State of Pennsylvania, fourteen years ago, and ten years of that time was spent in Plymouth as superintendent of the graded schools of that town. He came to Scotland Neck just one year ago, having been unanimously elected superintendent of the schools at that place.

The schools under his management last year reached a height of proficiency never before attained, and his death is a severe blow to the educational interests of the town and community. Quiet and unassuming, he attended strictly to his own affairs, and he received the undivided support of both the patrons and pupils. Never during the entire school year was there the slightest friction or a complaint from anyone as to Professor Everett's management of the school or his treatment of the children under him. He had already been unanimously elected for another year, and had he lived, and wished it, would have continued to succeed himself indefinitely.

Professor Everett gained the love and respect of every pupil under him from the very first day of school, and many of them shed bitter tears when told of the untimely death of their leader, he having made companions of his pupils, and the smaller children looked upon him almost as they do their father, so gentle and kind, yet positive, was he toward them.

The town has lost a splendid citizen and the State one of its ablest educators.

Taken to Hospital in Rocky Mount.

The friends of Mr. A. W. Outerbridge, a former citizen of Scotland Neck, but for the past several years has been living in Whitakers, will regret to learn that the injuries received by him during a storm about six weeks ago have become so alarming that it has been necessary to carry him to a hospital in Rocky Mount where he is now confined.

The last reports received here by friends are that it is feared an amputation of one of his lower limbs, which was broken during the storm, will be necessary.

Some Fine Crops

Uncle Billy Whitmore says the crops on Roanoke river this year are the finest he has ever seen, and that he is willing to stake the lands down there against any lands in the world for real, genuine fertility. Uncle Billy says he will also stake his reputation as the veteran judge of this section and the "sage of the Roanoke" that when it comes to raising everything at all seasons, the Roanoke river lands have them all on the go.

And when Uncle Billy says a thing you may bet your bottom dollar that he knows what he is talking about, for those Elberta peaches he brags so much about are certainly above the standard—and they are a product of these same Roanoke river lands.

To the Citizens of Halifax County

This is the last appeal that I shall have the opportunity to make to you before the primaries which are to be held August 6th. In making up your minds as to whom you will support for the different offices, I ask you to consider what is best for your party, yourself and your country. If you believe in hereditary government where a few people control the whole system of government, you should vote to retain the same officers in office; but if you believe in a Democratic form of government where all the people should have an equal chance, you will vote to put a check on the tendency in this county to pool interests and stifle competition. I have tried to make my campaign on a high basis, and have appealed to reason and not to prejudice. I shall leave the matter with you to be settled at the primaries, Aug. 6th. It matters very little to me whether you nominate me for your next Treasurer or not individually, but I should like for you to vote to establish a precedent in the Democratic party, so that some young fellow could be recognized without having an office holding pool to fight as I have had and am having today. Thomas Jefferson advocated frequent elections and rotation in office, and it is pretty generally agreed that he was our greatest exponent of Democratic principles. If he had meant that we should nominate and elect the same people to fill the same office, he would have advocated frequent elections.

Gentlemen, the case is with you; take it and go the way your conscience leads you to vote and when you have voted according to the dictates of your conscience, you will have pleased me.

W. H. WHITE.

(Political advertisement)

United States Standard Clock

Although there is no perfect clock the one that nearest approaches perfection in this country, the standard clock of the United States, is kept in a glass case in a dark underground vault in the naval observatory in Washington. It is so placed that no changes in temperature may affect it, and it is wound half-hourly by electricity. Scientific officers of the government regularly detailed for this duty, watch over it day and night, constantly correcting it by observations made from the sun and stars.

Thus this clock, though of itself it does not keep time with the sun and stars and the earth, is made so accurate that even the scientists, who say that there is no clock in the world that is perfect, call its time "correct." Strictly speaking, we are assured, the only thing that does keep perfect time is the earth, changelessly rotating through space. But mathematicians and astronomers concede that the time of the big clock inside the glass case comes "near enough". That means within some thousandths of a second.

It is this almost perfect clock that sets the standard of this country. The inclosure in which it stands in observatory at Washington is surrounded by three walls with spaces between. It rests on massive stone pillars that reach far into the earth. The temperature is so maintained that should a human being step into the room the increase in temperature occasioned by this intruder would be registered on a thermometer of almost incredible delicacy. From the "almost perfect" clock which is in duplicate, wires pass to two time-sending clocks in another room of the observatory. It is through these that time passes out to the country.—New York Times.

BODY OF NEGRO WOMAN FOUND BY THE ROADSIDE

Wednesday morning of last week Mr. W. M. Hancock received a telephone message from Mr. Walter Bell, who lives on the Butterworth Farm, on Roanoke river, stating that the body of a colored woman had been found dead on the roadside leading through the farm, with the request that he come down there.

In company with Mr. S. B. Kitchin and several others Mr. Hancock went to the farm and found the body of Mariah Tillery lying just beyond the road path in a bunch of bushes, with several slight bruises on her face and signs showing she had bled freely from the ears. No other marks of violence were found.

A colored woman chopping cotton in a field nearby was questioned, but she could give no light as to the cause of the woman's death. She stated that she saw the woman on the road near the spot where the body was found, and she noticed that she had a coughing spell and sat down. After that she saw no more of her.

The dead woman's husband Berry Tillery, was questioned but he could give no light on the matter. He was not at all alarmed at his wife being away all night, as it seems she was in the habit of being away without his knowledge as to her whereabouts.

The county coroner was notified of the finding of the body, and Dr. O. F. Smith was authorized to make an investigation, which he did, but there was no evidence to justify the arrest of anyone, and his jury returned a verdict that the woman came to her death from causes unknown to the jury.

It is said by some that there is strong suspicion that the woman was murdered, but if this be the case the murderer successfully covered up all traces of his identity.

Route No. 2 Items

Roseneath, July 29—Our church which has been undergoing repairs, is nearing completion, and when finished it will be quite a neat, cozy church. While the church was being repaired the congregation held services in the Nahalah Presbyterian church.

Crops in this section are looking unusually fine this season, especially peanuts and cotton, and if nothing happens the farmers will reap a bountiful harvest this fall.

A protracted meeting will begin at Roseneath church on the third Sunday in August. Rev. N. G. Bethea will assist Rev. Davis. The hours of service will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Neal went to Enfield Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Phillips of Scotland Neck, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bell near here Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Fonvielle has returned to her home in Wilmington, after visiting her aunt Mrs. Lucy Ivey.

Mrs. Lucretia Ives Webb of Rosemary, is visiting Mrs. Enoch Simmons.

Miss Agnes Ivey returned home Thursday after a visit to her sister Mrs. R. H. Knight of Duke. She was accompanied home by Master Cecil Knight.

"It takes two to start a quarrel," said Mrs. Gabb.

"Oh, no it doesn't," replied Mr. Gabb. "A man and his wife are one."—Philadelphia Ledger.



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