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UNPRECEDENTED VOTE FORECAST NEXT TUESDAY

Record Registration for National, State and County Elections

BOTH PARTIES HOPEFUL.

With the National registration in excess of 43,000,000, the registration in North Carolina at approximately 700,000, and Moore County figures topping all existing marks, a record Election day approaches to determine who shall govern the Country, State and County in succession to the present incumbency.

Definite figures are not available as to the total registration in Moore County as The Pilot goes to press, but from scattered districts the lists of eligible voters appear to have swollen to undreamed of proportions. In many instances the percentage of registrations is about the same as in the district of Southern Pines, where Bruce H. Lewis informs us that of a total registration of 980 names, no less than 357 are newly enrolled on his election books. This proportion would seem to have carried pretty much throughout the State, the figures for North Carolina showing 700,000 registered as against a total vote in the Presidential campaign of 1924 of 482,687.

Both Claim New Voters.

Both parties are claiming benefits from the increased registration, the Republicans believing that, in this State particularly, many are preparing to vote for their candidates in the belief that the time has come when they can turn the State into the Republican column. On the other hand, the Democrats believe that the personal popularity and effective campaign waged by Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York is responsible for the great influx to the polls this year. A few days will tell which prognostication is correct.

Tomorrow is Challenge day, but it seems to be generally understood that neither party will take any unfair advantage or split straws this year. For one thing, neither party is sure just how any given person is going to vote, party ranks having been "shot to pieces," as it were. No risks of challenging anyone's right to vote when his vote may be on your side will be taken, it is believed. Never before has there been such a lack of party solidarity as this year.

Landslide Unlikely.

Polls will be open next Tuesday from sunrise until sunset. When the election results will be known is problematical, but it is figured that certain pivotal states which should be heard from reasonably soon will forecast the final outcome with a fair degree of accuracy, so that it should be known by midnight Tuesday whether the country is to be governed during the next four years by Herbert Hoover or Alfred E. Smith.

Election odds have narrowed perceptibly during the past two weeks, and the landslide which was being predicted when Wall Street wagers were being made on Mr. Hoover at odds of four to one has gradually diminished until even Republicans are

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Jarrell Wins Prize in Oratory Contest

Will Represent This District in American Legion Finals at Raleigh.

James Jarrell of Thomasville, N. C., won first prize in the American Legion High School Oratorical contest for the 7th district held last Monday night in the Pinehurst High School, taking the \$25 in gold offered by the Sandhills Post, No. 134. Second prize of \$15 went to Miss Daphne Spanhour of North Wilkesboro. The other contestants were Herbert Ehrhardt, Jr., of Pinehurst, and Edward Monroe of Biscoe. Commander Roy E. Pushee of Sandhills Post, Past Commander Max Backer and A. P. Thompson acted as judges.

The final contest will be held at Raleigh next Monday evening, November 5th, when the winners of the various district contests will compete for the State championship. The subject of the contest is, "The Citizen's Duty to Vote."

FRIENDS HONOR H. F. SEAWELL AT CARTHAGE

Six Counties to Pay Homage to Moore County Candidate Monday.

MR. NEWELL TO SPEAK.

Republicans and supporters of Herbert Seawell for Governor, regardless of party, will pay him homage at a gathering in Carthage at 1 o'clock next Monday afternoon. The clans will meet at the Court House to celebrate "Seawell Day," and do honor to Moore County's candidate for the high office of Governor of North Carolina.

Representatives and delegations from Moore, Richmond, Randolph, Chatham, Lee and Harnett counties will be on hand to help the home folks show their leading citizen they are with him in his gubernatorial fight. The American Legion Band will render martial music and Jake F. Newell will be the speaker of the day. The candidate himself will be on hand to accept the inspiring confidence his supporters have in him, and all in all it is expected to be a gala occasion in the county seat.

Busy Campaign.

Mr. Seawell, just up from a sick bed after an operation for appendicitis, has waged a strong campaign since the first of October, speaking throughout the State on State and National issues. He has been well received at all points and is confident that he will poll an exceptional vote next Tuesday. That he will be ably supported by his friends and neighbors of Moore County is a foregone conclusion.

Oil on Way for New Double Road, Kiwanians Hear

Rev. Murdoch McLeod's Conquest of Movie Magnates in Canada Reported.

A. B. CAMERON SPEAKS.

At the Kiwanis Club dinner at the Civic Club in Southern Pines Wednesday the pleasing information was given out that the Highway authorities have the oil on the way for the new double road from Southern Pines to Pinehurst, and that as soon as it arrives the finish will be put on top of the road.

Talks on Sandhills.

Charlie Picquet told of a great conquest in Canada when the Rev. Murdoch McLeod in an address to the congress of moving picture men at Toronto talked Sandhills of North Carolina to the 800 delegates from all over creation. The convention soaked up information regarding this section, and applauded until they nearly wore out their hands.

Another building and loan drive among the boys was proposed because of the success of the first one, which has led a large number of boys and girls to join the association and become thrifty savers, and some of them to get to college as the result of their accumulations.

Occupational Report.

A. B. Cameron, of the county schools, read the result of a tabulation of questions he had given the members concerning their occupation, and he reported answers from thirty-nine. Of these the largest number, five, were engaged in real estate or insurance, and the others were scattered over twenty-three other occupations. Twenty-four of the men who answered had chosen the line of work they are engaged in. Thirty would follow the same calling if they had to choose again, and twenty-six would advise young fellows to adopt their occupation. Thirty-three signified a willingness to talk to the school children about their lines of work. Thirty-four confessed to following a hobby, one despised hobbies, and four said they had none. Mr. Cameron said he expected to make use of these answers in helping the boys and girls in school to gain some idea of the line of work they will follow after leaving school, and he will also undertake to study occupations more in school work with the hope of doing more to fit the children for what they may seem inclined for in life.

"THE HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE."



Scene of Early Battle of Revolution. This House, Where D. A. R. Will Place Marker on November 10th, Still Bears Bullet Scars of Battle for Freedom.

Program for the Unveiling.

Bugle Call	Scout Robert Abel
Song—"America"	Fort Bragg Band
Invocation	Rev. Mr. Cheatham
Salute to the Flag	Mrs. Sidney Cooper
Address of Welcome for Moore County	John Wilcox
Address of Welcome for Alfred Moore Chapter—	
	Mrs. James Swett
Song—"Dixie."	Fort Bragg Band
Resume of Battle of House in Horseshoe	Judge W. J. Adams
Greetings—	
War Department	Col. W. H. Butner
State Historical Society	James Boyd
American Legion	Roy E. Pushee
Poem	J. McN. Johnson
Presentation of State Regent	Mrs. N. O. Spencer
Address	Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker
Song—"Carolina."	Fort Bragg Band
Presentation of Boulder	Mrs. James Swett
Unveiling	By four young girls
Acceptance	Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker
Benediction	Rev. Mr. Cheatham

M'DONALD DIES AS AUTOMOBILE HITS ROAD BANK

Carthage Man Instantly Killed in Accident Near Biscoe.

FRIENDS ARE INJURED.

Charles McDonald of Carthage, engineer on the Norfolk & Southern Railroad, was instantly killed when the automobile which he was driving left the road and pitched over an embankment four miles from Biscoe on the road to Carthage last Tuesday.

F. S. Cole and Doug Shields, who were with McDonald at the time of the accident, were both severely injured, Cole suffering a broken arm and Shields a badly lacerated hand and arm.

"Charlie" McDonald was a son of J. H. McDonald, and was 35 years old. The funeral services were held yesterday morning at Union church.

JUDGE CHEATHAM DIES AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS

Virginius T. Cheatham, familiarly known to his many friends of Moore County as "Judge" Cheatham, died at his home in Manley last Saturday after a long illness. He was 59 years of age.

Judge Cheatham, a resident of this section for some ten years, had long suffered from heart trouble and last year his illness was aggravated when he was struck by a railroad train at the Pennsylvania avenue crossing in Southern Pines. He was at one time Justice of the Peace in Southern Pines.

Judge Cheatham was a native of Granville county, eldest son of the late Theodore Cheatham. His wife, formerly Miss Lizzie Leach, and nine children survive. The funeral was held Sunday at Oxford, with burial in the family lot at the old Cheatham place where lie his ancestors of the past hundred years.

PARTY AT WHITE HILL.

There will be a Box Party at White Hill School House, Saturday night, November 10, at 8 o'clock. Old time banjo and fiddle music will be furnished.

Hoover Qualifications Superior to Smith's

Judge Way Declares His Intention of Voting for Republican Candidate.

Editor of The Pilot:

It seems customary before an election for citizens, prominent and otherwise, to make public through the newspapers their choice of candidates. Personally my selection of a candidate is not based on the preference of my neighbors. Learning their views through the press simply satisfies idle curiosity. If there be merit in this latter, I wish to state that I am going to vote for Herbert Hoover in the coming election because I believe, from the evidence at hand, that his qualifications for President of the United States are superior to those of Alfred E. Smith.

Yours truly,
W. A. WAY.

Southern Pines, N. C.
October 30, 1928.

ABERDEEN WOMEN IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Mrs. J. H. Suttentfield, Mrs. R. N. Page, Mrs. J. R. Page, all of Aberdeen, and Mrs. J. M. Fairley of Raeford, were the victims of an automobile accident while motoring to attend the State Synodical meeting held last week at Statesville. Due to the wet pavement, their car skidded and turned over. Mrs. Fairley suffered a broken collarbone, while Mrs. Suttentfield had three ribs broken.

Mrs. Fairley was taken to the hospital in Charlotte for treatment, but Mrs. Suttentfield was able to attend the meeting and make a report. However, since her return home she has not been as well and has been confined to the house for several days.

COUNTY SPENDS \$30.06 ON EACH RURAL SCHOOL PUPIL

Moore County spent \$30.06 as current expense on each child enrolled in its rural schools during the fiscal year 1926-27, according to figures compiled by the Department of Rural Social Economics at the University of North Carolina. The County's rank in the chart is 26th. Durham county led with an expense of \$50.16 per child. Alleghany comes last with \$17.98 for each pupil.

Daughters of Revolution to Commemorate Scenes of Fight for Freedom in Moore County

To Place Marker at House in Horseshoe Where Fanning's and Alston's Men Waged Bitter Battle in Early Days of War.

CELEBRATE EVENT NOVEMBER 10TH.

HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE.

Here occurred the skirmish between a band of Patriots under Col. Philip Alston and the Tories under Fanning on July 29th, 1781.

Erected by the Alfred Moore Chapter, D. A. R.
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(The above is the inscription on the bronze tablet set in a granite boulder to be unveiled Saturday, November 10th.)

When the Daughters of the Revolution gather next week to dedicate a marker to revolutionary valor in the Horseshoe they set up a plate and a monument that tell of one of a number of important acts that marked the beginning of this nation. The fight between Alston and Fanning at the place where John Wilcox lives now is only one of a long string of events that permitted the Deep River valley to be in at both ends of the Revolution, for Greene's campaign which climaxed at Guilford Court-house, three or four miles from the Deep River in its upper reaches, drove Cornwallis out of the State, and to his surrender at Yorktown a few months later, which practically terminated the efforts of the British to subdue the colonies. Likewise the agitation by the dissatisfied people of what is now Chatham, Randolph, Moore and Orange counties opened the fight, for the Battle of Alamance shed the first blood in that great war.

Trouble Started Here.

In 1768 Orange county extended across the upper part of the State until it reached Rowan. South of Orange was Cumberland, reaching to Anson. Moore, Randolph and Chatham counties were made by the English governor later than this to split Orange county, which was alive with resistance to the officers of the government under British rule. So it was that while the resistance to objectionable taxation started in Orange county it was in that part of Orange which is now Randolph, Chatham, Moore and Lee and in the country fronting on Deep River. For on Sandy Creek the trouble began. Sandy Creek is a small stream entering Deep River on the east side, and there in the early days of North Carolina a considerable group of Quakers, Baptists and others, many from Pennsylvania, settled, and made a rather progressive community. Herman Husband, William Butler, James Pugh, the Coxes, Hendrys, Fudges, Hunters, Howells, Martins and other families seem to have been people of character and resolution. At any rate the "Regulators of Sandy Creek" assured by the support of Rowan and Anson counties, determined to pay no further taxes until they had passed on the levies and approved of them. Col. Edmund Fanning brought matters to a focus by asking for the militia to enforce the laws. The militia came, and encountered so many of the regulators that the troops were so few in numbers they were helpless and hopeless. Nothing was done.

The regulators pressed their determination to pay no taxes that were not regarded as fair and finally in May, 1771, the antagonism was so bitter that Gov. Tryon, with about 1,100 troops came into the region to enforce the laws. He was met by two or three thousand of the Regulators, a considerable portion not armed, but they put up a right good fight. The number killed and wounded on both sides seems to have been about a hundred. To make it more impressive Gov. Tryon had a number of others tried in the courts and a dozen were sentenced to be hanged. The army stayed in the corner of Randolph county about a week, and then, with terror reigning, the inhabitants were left to their bitterness.

Frightened by their experience they were amenable to the law for a while,

but never was the affair forgotten, and Deep River from that day in 1771 until the closing climax of the Revolution, was a disturbed quarter of North Carolina. The British authorities found trouble enough in the valley, and the settlers lost no chance to add to it. So war raged on big or little scale through much of the Revolutionary period.

By the time the New England folks brought matters to a crisis there in the battle of Concord and Lexington in April, 1775, the Deep River folks had arrived at a point where they were ready for anything, and as the influence of the regulators reached from the eastern extremities of Orange county to the boundaries of Anson and Rowan in the west, a wide territory was involved in the disaffection. At the same time many had been forced to swear to loyalty to the British authorities after the battle of Alamance already mentioned, and they attempted to maintain that loyalty. This divided the whole neighborhood, and in a territory fifty miles wide and seventy-five miles long, extending practically the full length of the Deep River disturbance was active. Marauding parties moved in from the outside, and as the war finally broke, and dragged its ruinous course through the eight years of its existence guerrilla work was the common procedure.

Fanning's Raids.

Among the adherents of the British cause was David Fanning, who is set down as a man of cruel and quarrelsome characteristics. He was successful in securing an appointment as a colonel of the forces that he could gather about him, and he made frequent incursions into the Deep River country. It is to be said of the resident people who took sides with the regulators that they gave Fanning excuses for his aggressiveness for the settlers were fairly active in paying Fanning for his atrocities, and some times they paid him in advance. The situation was by no means one-sided, and Fanning made frequent sallies into the Horseshoe, and the country around Carthage, Cox's mill, farther up the river, on Sandy Creek, on Brush Creek, and

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CAROLINA P. & L. CO. SELLS ISSUE OF PREFERRED STOCK.

A couple of weeks ago the Carolina Power and Light Company announced the offering of a limited number of shares of six per cent preferred stock in the company to help finance the big dams on the Pigeon river. This stock is scattered among the patrons and employees of the company. On Monday Ralph Chandler received notice to accept no more subscriptions as the allotment had been fully taken. The Carolina company has a fairly large number of small stockholders in this community, and the regularity of its dividend checks is appreciated by those holding the securities.

PATRONAGE WARRANTS EARLY OPENING OF THE CAROLINA.

The early opening of The Carolina at Pinehurst has attracted a good business, and Mr. Fitzgerald says the bookings indicate that the moving up of the opening date is working all right. Year by year the season is lengthened in that way, and the visitors seem to be ready to turn Southward when they find that conditions are ready to take care of them and provide the Carolina sports and amusements.

DEEP RIVER STONE IN DEMAND.

Colin Spencer announces that he has another car of his famous Deep River stone on the siding in Southern Pines and is loading another for use in the Knollwood development. This stone has been making a hit since the first lot of it was shipped out, and is apparently to prove a staple article of building supply in the Sandhills.