

Wherein a Pair of Shoes Change a Man's Politics

Judge Robinson Didn't Like Squeaky Brogans and the G. O. P. Lost a Voter

(By H. F. Seawell, Jr.)

People that didn't know him had heard about him. He was one of the best Judges that ever sat on the bench in North Carolina and he held his last term of court at Carthage. Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson was an Irishman, a Catholic and a Republican. The Irish is all right and so is the Catholic but to be an Irishman, a Catholic and a Republican may sound a little strange to a man well grounded in the principles of the recent campaign, "Jeffersonian Democracy."

As a Republican, Judge Robinson is credited with having made at least one more vote to the Democratic party. It could have happened in Montgomery County or even Chatham County but they say it happened in Moore. The Judge was noted for his nervous disposition which he spoke of himself as his "idiosyncrasies." They say he used to put cotton in his ears when the lawyers made speeches to the jury. An old man lived in the upper end of the county who had voted the Republican ticket for twenty-five years on a stretch and had never seen a Republican officer holder in his life. When he heard Judge Robinson was to hold court in Carthage he decided to go down and take a look and see just what a Republican Judge would do. It was about fifteen miles but he walked every step. When he reached Carthage his shoes were all right on top but gone on the bottom. He needed the shoes but mostly out of respect for the new Judge he decided to buy a new pair, so, he went to one of our popular hardware, grocery and dry goods stores and bought a new shade of the best brogans. Every time he took a step it sounded worse than the squeaking of a single tree on a new Tyson & Jones buggy and the noise of his hob-nail heels was anything but melodious.

No Ear Cotton

Thus fully equipped, he entered the rear door of the Court room and marched up the aisle with the windows rattling at every step. It happened to be one of the Judge's "Idiosyncrasies" days and he was also out of cotton. When the old man finally took his seat on the front bench the Judge ordered procedure suspended and ordered the old man to stand up. He thought he was being recognized because he was a Republican but being a Republican was farthest from the Judge's thoughts. He'd probably forgotten he was a member of the Catholic Church but one thing he hadn't forgotten and that was his Irish, so he said, "Old man, stand up. What do you mean by coming in here and disturbing this Court. I ought to put you in jail for wearing such shoes. You're got no respect for anything. You get you some goose grease or something and oil them things up. Now you get out of here and don't you come back in here till you get them things fixed."

Everybody else saw the humor but the old man got up and walked out. It was too much for him. They say he lived many, many years after that. His shoes were always well greased and you couldn't hear him coming if you didn't listen "close," and Abraham Lincoln himself couldn't have persuaded him to vote the Republican ticket again.

But Judge Robinson also had his serious side. A man had recently died. He had been severely criticized by a good many people due to the way he had lived. After his death some one asked the Judge what he had to say about the man and they say he gave them this reply, "When God puts his hands on a man, I take mine off."

CARTHAGE

Special Easter Program

There will be a special Easter program given at the Baptist church Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30. The program will be composed mostly of Easter music, instrumental and vocal. The public is cordially invited.

Program by Third Grade

The following interesting program was presented last Friday morning by the third grade, Miss Norman McKeithen, teacher. A song was sung, "Can a Little Child like me." The Bible reading was given by Joseph Crutchfield, the 15th psalm. The little prayer usually sung by the school at these programs is very sweet. The poem given by Ethel Myrick, "A Mortifying Mistake," was good. The class sang a lovely little song, "The Windmill." Thomas Caddell gave a reading, "Wishes." Then came the most interesting feature of the program the little play "Hansel and

Gretel." Those taking part in the play were Gretel, June Fry, Hansel, A. E. Underwood, Mother, Carlton Fry, father, Ike Wilhoit, Dew Cary, Kathline Dowless, witch, Louise Caddell, cuckoo, Altha Stutts, Sandman, Jack Carter. The program was enjoyed by everyone.

The Annual Athletic Banquet

The members of the Athletic Club of the Carthage high school enjoyed their annual banquet, at the Hotel Lang Monday evening. The members and a few invited guests were served a most delicious dinner. The color scheme, green and white, was carried out in the decorations and through the menu. Miss Mary Ruth Harrington was mistress of ceremonies, being captain of the basket ball team. Twenty-nine members and guests were present. Miss Howell, coach, was also present to direct and see that everyone had a good time.

Book Club Meets

Miss Annie McKeithen was charming hostess to the Book Club, Thursday evening, March 21. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Blue. The minutes were read and approved. The study for the evening was "Idealists." Miss Blue read a very interesting paper on "The Life and Ideals of Woodrow Wilson." Miss Mary Spencer gave a sketch of "An Intimate Glimpse of Theodore Roosevelt." Miss Judith Wainer also read an interesting paper, "William Jennings Bryan, as Prohibitionist and Fundamentalist."

The club had as their guest, Misses Margaret Blair, Margaret McLeod, Annie Howell, Louise Williams, Francis and Norman McKeithen, Mesdames Golden, N. A. McKeithen, F. S. Blue and L. R. Sugg. Salad, sandwiches and tea were served.

Impromptu Program

An interesting impromptu program was given Sunday evening by the Epworth League members. "All Hail the Power of Jesus Names," was sung. Janie Gibbs gave a Bible reading. Readings were also enjoyed, given by Rudolph Womack, Mary Fowler Spencer, Rozell Williams, Mary Robert Shields, Clara Whitlock, Mezell Way, and Howard Muse. After the business meeting the song, "Old Rugged Cross" was sung and the league was dismissed with the league benediction.

Funeral of Mrs. McNeill

The funeral of Mrs. Emma S. McNeill, was conducted from the Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Buffalo. The active pall bearers were J. V. Williamson, W. A. Stuart, W. H. Currie, Clyde Shaw and R. A. Bryan; the honorary pallbearers were Judge W. J. Adams, D. A. McDonald, P. K. Kennedy, G. H. Humber, I. W. Williamson, A. T. Lewis, W. J. Harrington, Frank Blue, R. B. Cameron and E. T. McKeithen.

Mrs. McNeill celebrated her 81st birthday on March 12. She was first married to James a Worthy, a distinguished member of the Carthage Bar, and later married to Colonel A. F. McNeill, of Carthage. Mrs. McNeill was one of the most loved women of Carthage. She was a woman of wide culture and an unusual capacity for friendship. She numbered her friends by the score. Mrs. McNeill was a devoted member of the Carthage Church from childhood and had given a lifetime of devotion to its cause. She will be greatly missed in her home and community. Surviving here are two sons and one daughter, Mrs. U. L. Spence of Carthage; Mr. Kenneth S. Worthy of Columbus, Ga.; and Mr. Ford S. Worthy of Washington, N. C.

Personals

E. C. Stevens of Southern Pines spent Monday in Carthage.

Mrs. George Muse is spending the week with relatives in Aberdeen.

Mrs. Louise Williams and Miss Margaret McLeod spent the week-end in Dunn with Miss Williams' mother.

Dr. E. W. Larkin of Rocky Mount spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Alice Watson.

Miss Susie Hurwitz spent the day in Raleigh Tuesday.

The following were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wainer Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Lipman of Rockingham, Miss Helen Lamberg of New York and Mrs. Clara Lepsom of Fayetteville.

Miss Mildred Sinclair spent the day in Charlotte recently.

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Barrett were in Hamlet for the week-end.

Mrs. W. K. Pleasants visited Mrs. Ruth McLeod Sunday. Mrs. McLeod has been quite ill for several days,

but is much improved we are glad to know.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sheffield and Murd Stutts spent Sunday in Erwin.

Harvey Lee Miller is home for the holidays.

Mrs. John Beasley has as her week-end guests Mrs. Fredericks and daughter, Francis, and Mrs. Beasley, mother of Mr. Beasley.

Mrs. Woltz of Gastonia spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seawell have moved to the home of Mrs. Hubert Williamson.

The out of town friends who attended the funeral of Mrs. McNeill Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ethredge, Charles Moore, Mr. Ross, Mr. Weston of Washington, also Mr. Kear of Washington, N. C. Mrs. Coke, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Tillery of Raleigh, Mrs. Annie Pegram, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Stephen Worthy, Mr. and Mrs. James Worthy of Jonesboro, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wheatley of Franklinville, Mr. and Mrs. Jae H. Brodie of Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Spence of Asheboro, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander of Charlotte, Miss Mary Glenn Tyson of Albemarle, Mr. Thomas Tyson of Charlotte, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Caddell and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McKeithen of Aberdeen, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. King and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crews of Hamlet.

Mrs. B. C. Wallace and Mrs. L. C. Wallace were in Greensboro Friday.

Mrs. G. C. Spencer spent the week-end in Greensboro.

Mrs. Alice Harrington spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Harrington.

Albert Lang was home for the Easter holidays.

Mrs. R. L. Phillips has returned home, after spending the winter in

Raleigh, the guest of her daughters, Misses Eliza and Elizabeth Green.

Judge and Mrs. Adams with their son William, spent the Easter holidays at home.

E. B. Emory of Pinehurst was a visitor to the city Saturday.

O. D. Wallace and B. C. Wallace went to Thomasville on business recently.

Otis Baker spent the holidays at home.

Robert Cagle was a week-end visitor with his family and friends.

Mrs. Hobbs and son, Turner, were in Carthage Tuesday seeing friends.

Herman White and Charles Hovory of Raleigh were visitors in Carthage Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Fry and Misses Laland and Myrtle Fry spent Wednesday in Fayetteville.

MANY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contributions continue to come in to the office of Howard Burns, secretary of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, for use in the work of that body during the year 1929. Mr. Burns reported at the Tuesday meeting of the board of directors that several large contributions were received during the past week, among them those of a number of the hotels of Southern Pines. A solicitation campaign is soon to follow the mail campaign which has already been waged, and it is expected that sufficient money will be contributed to carry out the progressive plans which the Chamber has in view for this year.

Struthers Burt, vice president, presided at the weekly meeting of the board of directors in the absence of the president, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, who was suffering from a cold.

Prize Money Doubled for 1930 Tournament

The Board of Governors of Pinehurst Country Club yesterday announced that the prize money to be awarded in the North and South open tournament next year would be doubled. This will mean a cash disbursement among the professional winners of \$5,000.

Pinehurst allows the competitors three days free hotel accommodation during the period of the tournament, which means that the increased prize money places the North and South among the leading cash tournaments of the South.

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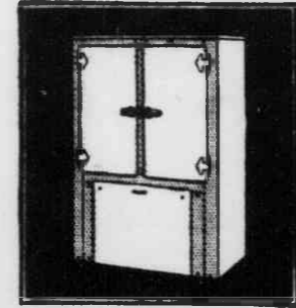
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