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FIVE CENTS

Saturday's Primary Will End Unexciting Political Campaign

Small Vote Expected; Sheriff's and House Race Lead in Interest

Politics, which has been at a low ebb all season, despite the effort of some to inject the issue of prohibition vs. A. B. C. stores, took a slight spurt this week, as the primary campaign, such as it is, entered its final week and headed for The Day of Saturday, May 30, when the polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Voting in Southern Pines precinct will be at the Municipal Building at the corner of East Broad street and New York avenue.

The line-up for Democrats to select from in casting their votes in this year's primary is not complicated. Only one county office is contested by more than two candidates, and many of the candidates have no opposition at all.

Grim Race for Sheriff

In the race for Sheriff of Moore County are the incumbent, Sheriff C. J. McDonald of Carthage, who has held the office for 14 years, and his opponent, Herman H. Grimm of Carthage, former deputy sheriff under McDonald. Both the candidates feel pretty good about the way things are looking, they said this week, but they both admitted they'd feel better when it is all over.

J. Hawley Poole, farmer of West End, who served in the 1937 and 1941 sessions of the General Assembly, is seeking the Democratic nomination to the House of Representatives against Haywood H. Fry of Carthage, surveyor who has trekked about the county a good deal. These opponents inadvertently met at the Masonic Temple Barber Shop in Southern Pines the forepart of the week and joshed each other some. Both seemed in good humor and ready for the final balloting Saturday.

Bailey vs. Fountain

For the U. S. Senate, Josiah W. Bailey of Raleigh will be joined on the ballot by Richard T. Fountain of Rocky Mount, former lieutenant governor, who is trying to unseat the Senator. In the Eighth Congressional district race, W. O. Burgin of Lexington is again facing his perennial opponent, Giles Y. Newton of Gibsonville, who conducted his usual clean, personal and dry campaign this year.

Of local controversy and interest has been the fight for County Commissioner's seat now held by Wilbur H. Currie who got his nomination to the State Senate without opposition. Clyde B. Shaw and L. Reid Flinchum, both well-known Carthage men, are seeking to replace Currie, and it is expected that this contest may produce one of the closest votes.

Three for this Township

For some time after Frank Cameron of Cameron said he wouldn't seek to represent Greenwood and McNeill townships on the county commissioners board, no one else came out. Then, just before the filing of candidacies closed, three men jumped into the race. This is the only three-sided race in the local ticket. F. L. Taylor of Vass, Thaddeus L. Blue of Eureka section and J. O. (Oe) Blue of Lakeview have been stumping the townships for votes.

As for the other offices, well, it's all cut and dried. John Wilcox for Clerk of Superior Court, Miss Bess McCaskill for register of deeds, J. Vance Rowe for county recorder, and W. A. Leland McKeithen for county prosecutor are all without opposition in the primaries.

There you are. You takes your pick and you casts your vote—Saturday, any time between 6:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

MOORE COUNTY DEMOCRATS GET DISTRICT PARTY POSTS

At the State Democratic Party convention in Raleigh last week, several Moore County Democrats were elected to posts in the Eighth Congressional District. S. R. Hoyle of Carthage is on the State Executive committee from this district. On the district executive committee is H. C. Blue of Aberdeen; on the Resolutions and Platform committee, S. R. Hoyle of Carthage; who is also on the committee on permanent organization.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home, a two-story log structure, of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ring two miles from Vass on the Loblelia Road last Monday afternoon. Part of the furnishings were saved.

ICELANDER, NOW



COL. HARRY R. PIERCE

There's quite a contrast in temperature from Col. Pierce's former assignment at Fort Bragg and the present assignment in the near Arctic climate of Iceland, where he is in charge of the Anti-Aircraft forces of the United States. Col. and Mrs. Pierce have made their home in Southern Pines for the past few years, and Mrs. Pierce is now occupying the Pierson house in Weymouth Heights. Col. Pierce is shown here standing before one of the structures which house the Army personnel on the island country which has been under the protection of Great Britain and United States. His outfit gives an idea of the type of weather they're having this summer—and it is summer because the nights are now only two hours long, according to last reports from Col. Pierce.

To Resume Defense Classes this Week

Air Raid Wardens, Fire Watchers and Messengers Meeting Wednesday

Following a week's suspension of training courses for civilian defense personnel, regular classes will be resumed next Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. for air raid wardens, fire watchers and messengers at the high school.

Philip J. Weaver, education director for the local defense council, said training for only these groups of defense workers was scheduled for the coming week.

However, he pointed out that all those in the Emergency Food and Housing committee should be taking the nutrition courses now being given at the Civic Club Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10 a. m. until noon.

Special police and auxiliary police who have not completed the training required by the Office of Civilian Defense should see Chief Ed Newton, Weaver said.

A repeat course of the basic training classes, which were conducted Monday through Thursday since the middle of April, will be announced next week. This course will be given for those who have not had any of the training and also that those who missed hours during the first classes may make them up. Weaver said a list of the individuals who had taken the defense training classes and the number of hours of study with which they were credited would be placed on the bulletin board at the post office, so that each may check on whether further training is required.

Captain's Life is Filled with "13's"; Little Wonder He Thinks It's Lucky

Captain Leon J. Harton, of Daytona Beach, Florida, stationed at Knollwood Field, is one person who harbors no fears about the number 13, in fact, he likes 13 and considers it lucky.

"I realized 13 was my lucky number the day I was married," Captain Harton said when questioned. He was referring to his wedding day, Friday 13, 1922.

Captain Harton first recalls the importance of 13 as the day he enlisted in World War I. It was on the 13th of December, 1918, to be exact, and there were 13 men in the group that "joined up." Further the group arrived in France on July 13, 1918 and stayed overseas for 13 months. Incidentally all 13 men returned home safely.

The importance of the number 13 continued after the World War. Captain Harton maintains, for it was in

Class of 1942 Commencement Exercises Beginning Sunday; Graduation Thursday

Twenty-Nine to Receive Diplomas From Local High School; Dr. Binkley to Deliver Sermon Sunday Evening; Dr. Childs Giving Graduation Address

Beginning Sunday morning, a group of 29 students at Southern Pines High School will begin commencement exercises which complete their year of public school training and set them forth on various new paths in the world.

Four programs are planned for the week, beginning Sunday evening, May 31, at 8:15 p. m. with the commencement sermon to be delivered in the Church of Wide Fellowship by Dr. Olin T. Binkley, head of the department of religion at Wake Forest College. Class night will be held at the High School Auditorium Tuesday evening at 8:15 and Honors Day is to be observed Wednesday morning at 11:15.

Graduation exercises Thursday, June 4, at 8:15 p. m. in the High School bring to a close the public school career for the 1942 graduating class. Dr. B. G. Childs of the department of education, Duke University, will deliver the commencement address.

Members of Class of '42

Members of the 1941-42 graduating class are as follows: Arnette Avery, James Steed de Berry, Walter Emmette Blue, Jr., Marjorie Elizabeth Burdett, Leo O'Callaghan, Jr., Barbara Ann Corbett, Claude Jerrell Dutton, Helen Grey, Louise Hall, Betty Lee Holt,

Doris Helen Russell, Janice Kimball, George Aaron McCormac, Neil Thomas McDonald, Mary Irion McElderry, Hannah Lewis Moger, Jane Morrison, Irene McMillan Olive, Marguerite Osborne, Palmer, Doris Adelyn Phillips, Katy Lee Sessoms, Calvin N. Stephenson, Sara Carol Thomas, Georganne Thompson, Day Dennis Turner, Dana Utley, Vivian Kathleen Williams, Joyce Evelyn Wilson, Robert Dunn, Catherine Ann Prizer and Lloyd L. Woolley, Jr.

Members of the 12th grade who will receive certificates are Ruby Pearl Crissman, Mary Grey, and Marie Louise Porter.

Dorothy Phillips is first honor student and Doris Russell is second honor student. Marshals for the commencement, selected on the basis of scholarship, are Norris Hodgkins, chief; Mona Beall Shepard, Sara Katherine Hayes, Lewis Haynes, and Ruth Alice Cunningham.

Two Main Programs

The program for the commencement sermon Sunday evening will begin with an organ prelude by Mrs. Charles M. Grey. The Rev. Voigt O. Taylor will give the invocation, following which the Glee Club will sing the anthem, "Tenebrae Factae Sunt." The Rev. E. L. Barber will give the scripture reading and the Rev. J. Fred Stinson will offer the prayer. (Continued on Page 8)

Peach Growers to Decide on Proposal to Restrict Shipments of Poor Grades

BEES' BLACKOUT

A swarm of honey bees were responsible for an unanticipated preliminary blackout in Aberdeen, Pinebluff and the West side of Southern Pines Wednesday night. Three men near Aberdeen, who had been watching a bees' nest in a tree, were finally rewarded with seeing the bees enter their nest late Wednesday afternoon. Out came axes and down went the tree. But in falling, it struck another tree which in turn hit the main feed line of the Carolina Power and Light Company, servicing the three towns. Lights went out about 6:53 and were back on at 7:43.

John Lang Entering Army at Fort Bragg

State NYA Administrator, Native of Carthage, to Enter Officers' Training School

Raleigh, State N. Y. A. Administrator John A. Lang of Carthage and Raleigh will report to Fort Bragg Saturday, May 30, for induction into the United States Army as a buck private to undergo the period of basic training leading to officers' training school.

Lang will take military leave of absence from his duties as State Administrator of the National Youth Administration for North Carolina for the duration of the war and expects to return to the agency at the conclusion of the war.

Warren T. Davis, Jr., of Nashville, present deputy State NYA Administrator, will become Acting Administrator in the absence of Mr. Lang.

A native of Moore County, Lang is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lang of Carthage. He attended Carthage High School and the University of North Carolina.

Voting Closes Saturday for North and South Carolina Referendum

North and South Carolina peach growers are voting this week on a proposed Federal marketing agreement program, and Moore County Growers were voting at County Agent E. H. Garrison, Jr., office, located in the Court House at Carthage.

Peach farmers may secure and cast ballots and sign peach marketing agreements at this office through Saturday, May 30, between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. Ballots cast after Saturday cannot be counted.

Most growers also receive ballots and marketing agreements by mail from the referendum agent in Charlotte and may return their completed ballots and agreements directly to him by mail Saturday, May 30, is the last day for growers to mail ballots.

All Moore County peach growers, whether or not they receive ballots and agreements by mail, are urged to visit the office of their County Agent to obtain help in filling out their papers.

Urges All to Vote

It is highly important, Mr. Garrison said, that each peach grower in the Carolinas, whether he approves or disapproves the peach program, take advantage of his right to cast a ballot so that the Secretary of Agriculture will have an adequate basis upon which to determine whether or not to place the program into effect. If the program is placed into effect, it will apply to all Carolina peach growers and handlers, even to those who do not vote.

The Secretary of Agriculture's order effecting the program can be issued if the agreement is favored by two-thirds of the voting growers, by number of growers or volume of peaches produced, and if the agreement is signed by growers and handlers of at least 50 percent of the volume shipped last season.

To Prevent Immature Shipments

The program, which was proposed by committees of North and South Carolina peach growers to the Agricultural Marketing Administration, would prevent the shipment of immature peaches in commerce from the Carolinas. It also provides the machinery for restricting shipments of inferior grades and small size peaches when such action is justified by harvesting and marketing conditions.

Georgia peach growers recently voted for a similar peach marketing program that is now in operation.

BENEDICT ASSIGNED TO AIR FORCE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Cadwallader Benedict of Pinebluff, one of the town commissioners, who was recently inducted in the U. S. Army at Fort Bragg has been assigned to the Air Corps Technical School at Keesler Field, Mississippi, with the 58th Technical School Squadron, Flight 325, Barracks 13.

WEST POINTER



LT. JOHN D. SITTERSON, JR.

Among cadets graduating from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., Friday, May 29, is Cadet John D. Sitterson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sitterson of Southern Pines, who are in West Point attending the ceremony. Cadet Sitterson expects to be commissioned in the Field Artillery. He was appointed to West Point by Walter Lambeth, former eighth district representative, after graduating from Southern Pines High School and attending State College at Raleigh for a year.

Council of Social Agencies is Formed

Local Groups Organize Coordinative Body, Adopt Constitution, and Elect Officers

Representatives of various church, civic, and welfare organizations in Southern Pines this week approved the permanent organization of the Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies to act as a coordinative and clearing body for all such work.

Meeting at the Civic Club Friday evening, the Council elected Carl G. Thompson, Jr. to serve as chairman of the Council until the first annual meeting to be held the first Tuesday in October. Other officers elected were Miss Burdilla Bair, vice-chairman; Eugene C. Stevens, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Towne and M. F. Grantham, members of the executive committee.

The purpose of the Council is to "advance the general welfare of the community by special attention to individuals or families requiring assistance for economic, health or other such conditions . . . to promote and coordinate welfare activities of other such agencies . . . to avoid duplication of efforts . . . and to maintain a clearing house of all social and welfare activities being conducted by various organizations and of those individuals or families receiving assistance."

The Council is to consist of organizations operating wholly or in part in the field of social betterment and welfare within the Southern Pines School District. Each organization is entitled to one voting representative in the Council.

The Council aims to avoid duplication of welfare work, to see that needy cases are referred to proper organizations for their care and to provide quick relief to urgent cases. Its expressed intention is to cooperate fully with governmental agencies providing needed relief and to coordinate the activities of independent groups doing welfare work.

At Friday's meeting were representatives of the Church of Wide Fellowship, the local Tuberculosis Association, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, the Civic Club, the Episcopal Church, the Christian Science Church, and the Town of Southern Pines.

FATHER OF CARL THOMPSON, SR. DIES AT CANANDAIGUA, N. Y.

George T. Thompson, father of Carl G. Thompson, Sr., local insurance man, died last Thursday night at the age of 88 at his home in Canandaigua, New York, after a brief illness resulting from a heart attack. Mr. Thompson left here last Wednesday and was with his father at the time of his death. Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon for the 88-year-old man in the St. John's Episcopal Church, where he had been a warden for over 50 years. Among survivors in Southern Pines are his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson; and three grandchildren, Carl G. Thompson, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Lee Brown, and Mrs. Helen T. Fuller.

Half-Hour Blackout In Drizzling Rain Called Successful

Planes Fly Overhead as Town Puts Out Lights; Excellent Cooperation

In a drizzling rain, with what were probably Army airplane checkers flying overhead, the Sandhills section Wednesday night experienced another practice blackout, under direction of the Army.

In Southern Pines, the "red" signal flashed to key centers at 9:15 p. m. shortly after the late war-time dusk had turned into night, and a nearly complete blackout was achieved almost instantly.

Local Civilian Defense Officials reported spotting only three lights remaining on after the alarm had sounded. Two of these were extinguished in less than two minutes and the other one in about five minutes. In each case, the occupants of houses where lights were burning said they failed to hear the signal.

Also taking part in the blackout were Knollwood Field, headquarters of the Air Force Technical Training Command, and the town of Aberdeen, and in both places effective blackouts were reported.

Minimum of Notice

Wednesday's test was called on a minimum of notice—two days—and apparently caught many unprepared for the test. There was little question that some people were not sure that the blackout was merely practice, especially with the sound of planes over head.

Although the special civilian defense police were invested with authority to "use reasonable force" in extinguishing all lights, by virtue of a recently passed town ordinance, there was no report of this "reasonable force" being necessary or used.

From the control center at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the local blackout was directed, and after the sirens had sounded, John Howarth, defense coordinator, A. B. Patterson, chief air raid warden, and Police Chief Ed Newton made a rapid tour of the town, checking on the performance of the section workers and the blackout. They declared, after the extinguishing of the three lights, that the blackout was 100 percent.

At 9:45 p. m., the all-clear signal was given. The town's lights blinked on again through the rain. Above head, airplane motors faded, as the planes apparently headed back to home base.

KIWANIS CLUB VIEWS FILM ON SYPHILLIS

First Showing in Moore of Hollywood-Made Health Film

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday saw the Moore County premiere of a one-reel film, issued by the U. S. Public Health Service as a part of its educational campaign for the control of syphilis.

The film was presented by Dr. B. M. Drake, county health officer, as a demonstration of the straightforward manner in which public health officials are trying to reduce the toll of death and incapacity caused by this venereal disease.

As a prelude to the film, Dr. Drake said the county health department was conducting five regular clinics in the county and treating about 200 patients afflicted with syphilis. The film emphasized the point that this disease can be cured if treated by reliable medical practices and reported to physicians or health officers in time.

Several of Hollywood's frequently seen supporting characters took part in the film and one of them, now known as John Shepherd, was originally Shepherd Strudwick of North Carolina, a former Carolina Playmaker. The film, Dr. Drake said, was primarily for presentation to men.

The Kiwanis Club next week will meet jointly with the Southern Pines Rotary Club on Thursday at noon for a special program.

LEGION POST WILL HAVE MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

A special memorial Day service for the Sandhills Post of the American Legion will be conducted at the Church of Wide Fellowship Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Voigt O. Taylor, minister, will deliver the sermon and Charles W. Picquet is arranging the music for the service. All veterans are invited to attend.