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Republicans Oust Welfare Supt. Rose

Two County Board In Joint Session; Mrs. D. J. Thurston Elected To Succeed Rose.

VOTE THREE TO FOUR

That the Republican party means to run this county government while they are in power strictly along party lines, without fear or favor, or without consideration for efficiency, was more clearly demonstrated here yesterday morning than has been since they assumed control of affairs last December. The test came when the election of County Superintendent of Public Welfare was brought before the joint boards of County Commissioners and Education. The candidacy of three people was before the boards for consideration, viz.: H. V. Rose, who has served in this office for the past six years, Mr. W. C. Massey of Princeton, Mrs. D. J. Thurston of Clayton. There was little speech-making connected with the decision. Mrs. Thurston was represented by several of her Clayton friends, a few of whom strongly endorsed her for the position. Mr. Rose stated in regard to his own candidacy that he had requested all of his interested friends to refrain from appearing before the board in his behalf, thinking that the boards would not care to devote a great deal of time to hearing endorsements.

The question went before the boards and the voting was strictly partisan, the Board of Education voting solidly to retain Mr. Rose and the Board of Commissioners casting four votes (Mr. J. W. Jones, chairman of the board, was absent due to illness) for Mrs. Thurston. Mr. Massey did not receive a vote.

On the face of things, it would appear that nothing of a political nature actuated in their stand for Mrs. Thurston, both she and Mr. Rose being Democrats and Mrs. Thurston's husband having been prominent in the last primary for a seat in the House of Representatives. But facts of recent date have come to light which discredit Thurston's democracy as of the "Simon Pure" variety, and there is little doubt that the disgruntled stand he took in the last election and outspoken criticism of the Democratic party since then, have strongly recommended the candidacy of Mrs. Thurston for political remuneration from this Republican board, and that is how it became expedient, from the Republican standpoint that a change in this office should be made.

Mr. Rose stated that he would need some two weeks in which to complete his files and close the office. In the meantime, Mrs. Thurston will familiarize herself with the legal requirements preparatory to assuming the duties of the office by August 1.

Mrs. Thurston's election still awaits the sanction of Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, before she can take legal charge of the office. The law requires the holding of a certificate from the State University for public welfare superintendents. There are other legal provisions as to age and former training and it is thought that Mrs. Thurston can qualify under the requirements.

The news of Mr. Rose's discharge from this office will be regret in many sections of the county. During his six years of office he has applied himself to the requirements and has initiated a very thorough and efficient work in all lines pertaining to social service in the county. He is a licensed lawyer and will probably open an office here for the practice of his profession in the early fall.

P. L. Wood Captures A Home-Made Still

Mr. P. L. Wood, Deputy Sheriff of Cleveland township, captured a first-class home-made still last Friday on Mrs. A. Gower's land near Swift Creek. A tin tub was used in the still's make-up, but the copper worm was without a seam in it, and was declared by authorities to be the finest

Boards Work on School Budget

The County Board of Education and the County Board of Commissioners met in joint session here yesterday to consider the school budget and to fix the tax rate for schools in the county. With the exception of Mr. J. W. Jones, chairman of the board of commissioners, who is ill, there was a full representation of the two boards. The budget as prepared in the office of the county superintendent of schools calls for approximately \$441,000, and the two boards are re-checking in detail the budget to find some possible way of reducing this amount. Yesterday only two or three townships were checked and it will probably be several days before the two boards are ready to fix the rate.

BILL HOLT WINS ATTENDANCE PRIZE

The Smithfield Kiwanis Club held its first regular July meeting here last Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in the May San Tea Room, president E. J. Wellons officiating.

Opening with the song "America", the meeting got away to a lively start. While the members were eating the first course, several letters were read, and the financial statement for the first half of the year was made by the Treasurer.

Kiwanian Bill Holt won the attendance prize, given by Louis Cohen, sheriff of the Club. Joe Davis was lucky on the first draw, but being accused of entering into a frame-up with Cohen, Davis laughingly refused the prize. It was after this that Miss Irene Myatt drew the number which Mr. Holt held. The prize was a fashionable neck-tie, taken from the stock of the Davis Stores, of which Mr. Cohen is manager.

Following this Kiwanian Geo. Y. Ragsdale, who was the official delegate at the St. Paul Kiwanis International Convention held June 22-25, made his report to the Club. He briefly outlined the trip the party took, some of the things they saw and did, and touched on the high spots of the Convention. Following this he made several suggestions and recommendations as to the Club's future work, in terms of what he learned at the Convention.

The next meeting of the Club will be held July 23.

Charlotte To Have 20-Story Building

Charlotte, July 9.—A 20-story office building will be erected here by the First National Bank of Charlotte, instead of the modest building originally planned, according to an announcement today by officials of the institution. The cost of the structure will exceed \$1,000,000, it was said.

When completed the structure will be the tallest in the Carolinas, according to tentative plans drawn by the architect. The Jefferson Standard Life Insurance building in Greensboro, is 17 stories high, as is the Woodside National bank building in Greenville, S. C.

The stockholders of the bank yesterday voted unanimously to authorize the directors and building committee of the bank to proceed with any type of modern building their judgement dictated. They reached a decision to erect a building that would meet increasing demands for uptown office space for years to come.

specimen they ever inspected. Two gallons of whisky and six barrels of beer were destroyed by those making the raid and the outfit itself was brought to the sheriff's office here. The operators were not "at home" and No arrests were made that night.

BUDGET ALLOWANCE FOR INSTITUTIONS

Education To Receive Biggest Share; Compare Cost of Educating City and Rural School Children.

OTHER STATE NEWS

Raleigh, July 13.—Raleigh sweltered during the past week with average temperature which ranged close to 95 degrees and official circles were unusually quiet. Governor McLean in order to speak and perhaps to get cool went to Asheville where he encountered temperatures which were not much lower than those of the capital.

The first day of the week, Governor McLean issued a statement showing to what extent the institutions and departments would be allowed to go in the matter of expenditures during the first fiscal year, 1925-26, under the Executive Budget Act. The Department of Public Instruction announced the costs of educating its rural population as compared with city children; the first move toward a decent Union Station for Raleigh was made, farm college editors of the nation met at State College; the national guard encampments opened and various other matters of lesser interest took place.

Governor McLean's figures for the coming year show that \$10,070,518 will be allowed for general expenditures while bond issues for permanent improvements will amount to \$5,125,000. Educational institutions will receive the largest individual shares of the funds as \$2,288,162 will be spent for support of the institutions and \$2,000,250 for the public school system. In addition, the institutions—meaning the colleges—will receive bond issue funds for improvements amounting to \$3,619,000. The charitable institutions—hospitals etc.—will receive \$1,669,600 for maintenance and \$767,500 for permanent improvements. The reformatories will receive \$21,000 for maintenance and \$688,500 for permanent improvements.

An exclamation of relief tinged with unbelief went up from the population of Raleigh last week when it became known a survey was being made of a union station site by the city administration which will take the matter to the railroads and ask for their cooperation. This means little—Greensboro has been waiting for years on a decent station—but it is a start and the people are hopeful. It is believed that the capital city should be able to do better by its visitors than with present equipment.

There are six times as many children attending the rural schools, the Department of Public Instruction says, than are attending the city schools but the amount spent for their education is only about three times as much. In other words, about two dollars is being spent on each city child for one dollar on each country child. North Carolina has done a great deal in education but it still lags far enough behind other states for the populace to go ahead and act rather than to talk of what has been done. The average spent for education of a school child throughout the nation in 1920 was \$64.15 and this has constantly increased. The average spent in North Carolina last year was less than half that amount.

The capture of the members of the mob which mutilated Joseph Needleman in Martin county was to have cost the state a large sum in rewards, about \$25,000. However, the Governor stipulated the men were to be delivered to State Prison when he offered the rewards of \$400 each. They were delivered to county authorities and it is not known yet whether the State under the "economy" administration will take advantage of the technicality to refuse to pay the rewards. The matter has been the subject of a conference.

The 13th annual conference of agricultural college editors of the nation was held at State college during the week. F. H. Jeter, editor for State college and the extension division, had charge of arrangements for the convention which was reported as entirely successful.

A Good "Devil"



Lewis Henry Martin better known to his friends as "Luke." His co-workers in The Herald office declare that he's a genuine "good devil," and that's a high compliment in printer parlance.

JESSE WYATT TRIAL SCHEDULED TUESDAY

Raleigh, N. C.—The case of State against Jesse Wyatt is scheduled to be called for trial in Wake County Superior Court on next Tuesday and the people of North Carolina will have a legal battle on which they can focus their attention at closer range than is possible in the case of the Scopes trial at Dayton, Tenn.

The case has attracted tremendous interest since June 1, when Wyatt, then captain of the plainclothes squad of the Raleigh police force, and Chief of Police Winder Bryan thought the car in which Stephen S. Holt, prominent Smithfield lawyer was riding was a rum runner. Wyatt fired and the bullet killed Holt instantly.

An indictment charging Wyatt with murder, on which Solicitor W. F. Evans has stated he would not ask for a verdict greater than murder in the second degree, was quashed at the special June term by Judge Frank A. Daniels.

At that term an array of defense attorneys after battling three days for a continuance hit upon the expedient of moving to quash the indictment on the ground that the grand jury indicting Wyatt was drawn last December by a child over ten years of age, contrary to the statute. The motion was allowed and it will be necessary for the Solicitor to send a new indictment at the term which begins on Monday.

It is regarded as a foregone conclusion that Judge W. A. Devin, who was commissioned by the Governor to hold the term in the place of Judge Garland E. Midyette, who is ill, will have to pass on numerous motions by counsel for the defense. At the time the indictment was quashed defense attorneys thought they had succeeded in carrying the case over until the September term as the grand jury for July had been already drawn by the same boy who drew the preceding grand jury. However, it was discovered that the jury had been ordered to report on July 6 instead of on July 13 and a new venire of 36 men from whom will come the 18 grand jurors, was drawn under a special statute by Sheriff D. Bryant Harrison, Register of Deeds W. H. Penny and Justices of the Peace E. Lloyd Tilley and J. E. Owens.

Defense attorneys have already intimated they will attack the validity of the drawing on the ground that Mr. Tilley is also assistant clerk of the Wake County Superior Court. Inquiry has also been made as to whether Mr. Owens, one of the oldest justices in the state, is duly qualified.

Chief Bryan has refused to deny that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan and the same charge has been made against Wyatt and this element

Young Man's Death Caused By Storm

CHURCHES REAPING REVIVAL HARVEST

Additions Are Made To Local Churches and Also Churches In the Country.

LAYMEN ARE BUSY

The first Sunday following the closing of the Ham-Ramsay meeting found a number of additions made to the various churches not only in this city but other churches in the county. Forty members were received into the Methodist church at the morning service, there being no regular sermon but the hour being given over to the baptismal service and the taking of the church vows. Eight or ten others are expected to join by letter at an early date. In the afternoon, Rev. A. J. Parker, the pastor, immersed eleven candidates for membership in the Methodist church at Holt Lake. This bathing resort witnessed an unusual scene as this service was conducted. Bathers were numerous but perfect order prevailed when they were asked to come out of the water until the religious rite should be performed.

Unusual interest characterized the church services at the other churches in town, eight members being received into the Presbyterian church and four giving their names for church membership and being baptized at the evening hour. Sixteen were baptized at the Baptist church on Wednesday night of last week.

The work of the Laymen's Federation goes on apace and reports yesterday from the services held on Sunday and during the past week, are gratifying. A total of fifty have united with the Pisgah Baptist church, five miles from town, to date, and approximately the same number has been added to the Pine Level Free Will Baptist church. Groups of laymen held services Sunday at Smith's Chapel, Johnson's Chapel, Sardis, Baptist Center and Pisgah. Nineteen Center to date. Delegations also attended services at Wilson's Mills and Pine Level.

A group of eight or ten, including W. H. Austin and F. H. Brooks, went to Dunn Sunday afternoon in response to an invitation and report a splendid meeting. A revival has been in progress at the Methodist church there for a week, and the service Sunday afternoon was for men only. The laymen were urged to go back each evening this week.

The laymen continue to get calls to go to various places in the county and the revival begun in the Ham-Ramsay meetings keeps spreading. The Women's Federation has been represented in a number of the appointments and the women are no less earnest in carrying forward the work than the men.

A baptizing has been announced at Middle Creek near Mr. N. G. Rand's for next Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, when candidates for membership in Pisgah Baptist church will be baptized.

First Watermelons and Green Peas

Mr. Thos. W. Johnson, of Four Oaks, Route 4, carried the first load of watermelons and green peas to Four Oaks that that town had seen this year, of the home-grown variety. Mr. Johnson had ripe watermelons on the Fourth of July, and green peas were on his table a week earlier, but he took his first load to town for sale on Tuesday, July 7th.

is also expected to enter into the trial.

Solicitor Evans will be assisted by E. S. Abel, of Smithfield, and Brantley Womble, of Raleigh, while Wyatt will be represented by J. Wilbur Bunn, Pou & Pou and Jones, Jones & Horton.

The case is expected to consume at least three days.

Hubert Allen Drives Car Into Tree Blown Across Road and Is Killed Instantly.

BURIED ON WEDDING DAY

As indirect result of a tornado which swept an area 350 yards wide and two miles long near Four Oaks Saturday afternoon, Hubert A. Allen, eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Allen of Banner Township, died instantly at 11:30 o'clock Saturday night, with a broken neck and crushed chest.

The storm, which arose about three o'clock Saturday afternoon, wrought havoc in the woods, blowing a huge long leaf pine across the road about a mile of Blackman's Cross Roads and 2½ miles from Four Oaks. Travelers who passed that way in the late afternoon and early evening drove around the obstruction, but young Hubert Allen, returning home about 11:30 that night, failed to see it until too late. Persons in the road signaled the boy to go around, but misunderstanding them, and thinking, perhaps, that they were hold-up men, the young man increased his speed, heading straight down the road. Walter Dunn, a friend who was accompanying Mr. Allen home, says the driver saw the log just before the car struck it, and cried out, but the next instant the crash came, the impact hurling the two young men backward. Mr. Dunn was only slightly injured, but Mr. Allen died instantly with a broken neck and crushed chest.

Mr. Allen had been to call on a young lady, Miss Moore, whom he expected to marry on the following day.

The funeral was held from the home of the parents of the deceased, at 3:30 Sunday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Lee, of the Baptist church. There were about 750 people present.

Young Mr. Allen was well-liked and respected as one of the finest young men in his community. Mr. J. R. Allen, who gave The Herald the particulars of the unfortunate accident declared there was much sorrow among his friends and relatives at his passing.

REPORT IS MADE FOR N. C. CHILDREN'S HOME

A good start has been made towards making 1925 the greatest year in the history of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, according to report which has been issued for the first six months. During the first half-year 188 homeless children were given places to live. And during the first six months 266 foster homes were under the supervision of the representatives of the society.

The budget has covered the operations and there is a small cash balance left. Donations in June fell off but in spite of that fact it was said to have been the most satisfactory month of the year. Fourteen children were placed in homes during that month and five legal adoptions were executed. At present there are 33 children in the receiving home here, which is six less than there were at the first of the month. Twelve children were found and taken into the home because they needed a place to live.

To date the organization has placed over 2,600 children, children that were unfortunate, unwanted, homeless and abandoned; children that would not have had homes, if this society had not found homes for them. They have come from every section of the state and they have been placed carefully, always with an eye to their development.

John J. Boehm, state superintendent, has an abiding faith in the benefactors of the society and from the encouraging show which has been made for the first six months is confident that this year will be one of the greatest periods in the history of the institution and that the 33 children now at the home and the countless others who are yet to be picked up, will not be forgotten.—Greensboro News.