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**BOARD PLAYS
PARTISAN POLITICS**

Ever since the Republican party went into power here last December The Herald as a newspaper has done what it could to give full publication to the official acts of the party, and such acts as have been praiseworthy this publication has been in the forefront in giving full credit to the Republicans for them. We have believed that they went into office holding the welfare of the people above any partisan politics, and some of their acts would justify this opinion. But their action in failing to reelect Mr. H. V. Rose as county welfare officer here yesterday, placed them before the people in a way nothing else has done. The question of the best interest of the people versus the currying of political favor with a disgruntled Democrat and town came before them, and they chose to pay a political debt rather than do the best thing for the people's interest.

In 1919 when the legislature passed the Act creating the Welfare Department of the State, one of the fundamental ideas of the workings of this department was that politics should play no part in appointing persons to perform the duties of welfare superintendents. The fundamental idea has been carried out in Johnston County until yesterday. During the six years Mr. Rose has served in the capacity of County Welfare superintendent, no complaint has been made of his work, either of omission or commission. He has maintained a high type of efficiency which is recognized in the State Department in Raleigh. His work has taken him into every nook and corner of Johnston County, through heat and cold, in the day and at night. He has worked unceasingly and tirelessly, and the only charge which the Republican Board could bring against him is that he is a staunch and loyal Democrat, and that he has remained true to Democratic principles.

On the other hand, the newly elected superintendent, who can hardly hope to become as efficient until as many years have elapsed, is the wife of a man who devoutly fought the welfare work two years ago, classed it as a useless expense, and who refused to be recommended for re-election on the County Welfare Board because his conscience forbade his countenancing such a waste of the taxpayers' money. He did all in his power on the stump, in mass meetings and in legislative halls, to have the welfare work in Johnston County abolished. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

Red Cross Report on Disaster

The American Red Cross has issued a sworn statement of receipts and disbursements of the Coal Glen Mine Disaster Relief Fund. They announce total receipts of \$38,798.08 and total disbursements of \$38,585.07, leaving a balance of \$213.01.

This statement, they claim, does not include administration expenses, which are provided for by the American Red Cross out of separate funds appropriated for that purpose. All disbursements reported were made for the direct benefit of the sufferers. Of the funds received, \$12,606.19 was announced as having been contributed by organizations and individuals, while the remainder was sent in by Red Cross chapters and from Red Cross National Headquarters. Johnston County people contributed around \$50.

Favors Tax Reduction

Hon. E. W. Pou, Congressman from the fourth district has announced himself as favoring an early re-

duction in surtax rates. He believes rates of 25 or 20 percent as income tax would not be too low, and thinks that though his constituents are for the most part farmers, "very few of them are satisfied with a bill so discourages the use of capital as to impair, in the end, the purchasing power of those who till the soil."

Ford Buys Ships

Henry Ford has entered a bid for 200 ships the Shipping Board is offering for sale for scrapping. Ford's bid is the last and highest offer in the hands of the Board.

The President's Vacation

Although President Coolidge is vacationing at the summer White House in Swampscott, Mass., his cabinet officers have access to him for discussion of pressing affairs of state. The war debts and the Chinese question are among topics which have had his attention recently.



MR. MYATT COMMENTS ON WYATT CASE

A letter has been received by the editor from Mr. Gilmore Myatt, from Babylon, N. Y., in which he comments as follows on the Wyatt case:

"I was interested in the Stephen Holt murder case, therefore didn't want the paper to stop, the more on account of this case. I don't expect to see this man Wyatt, however, get hardly any sentence out of it.

"I do not know the exact facts connected with the case so should not say what I think of it until the testimony is all given.

"Long Island has had many cases similar to this. One noted case east of Babylon was a duel at night between a prohibition enforcement agent and a supposed bootlegger. In this case, Downs, who held a special dispensation from the Ku Klux Klan as well as being a prohibition agent, was killed. Ryan, who it was supposed did the killing, was acquitted, his plea being he took the officer's automobile for a party of hi-jackers trying to hold up his car for the liquor. Testimony also was introduced showing the dead man wore Klan regalia, which the defending lawyers vigorously attacked and was a strong point in favor of the accused. The town of Southampton even refused to pay compensation to the widow of Downs, claiming he was in Brookhaven township outside of his territory of deputization. The trial was held in Brooklyn after a long but successful effort to get a change of venue.

MR. FLOWERS CONTINUES

Editor The Herald:

Please allow me space in your paper to continue my article on General Topics:

Chapter 4 (Continued). We have been taking lots of interest in our school affairs, and roads for 12 or 15 years and have made some improvements and some mistakes. Now we should come together on a county unit as to running our roads and school system. We have local school and high, local roads and main roads, so they are run on a different scale. You use one to get to the other. When we come to work in union on our most important affairs, why then we can run our county government much cheaper. There isn't any section of country that can get along without some help from us, so the same thing applies to helping the other section of get help for our section.

Chapter 5. Now as to county unit as to a special tax, the majority of the local school districts have a special tax, but they all need a special tax so they can hire good teachers and the upkeep of the school. There's lots who live in special tax districts when they are giving in their taxes they claim that they don't live in the special tax districts so they get out of paying any special tax. Now I am going to call the attention of you "higher ups" who claim you pay the most taxes, and think you can send to the big schools and patronize the truck system, and get your children on a eight or nine months schooling, and the poor tenant who tends your lands has to house the crop with his children and send his children to the local school, which they are generally poorly equipped. Now, I ask you if those poor tenants aren't the main stay of your living? That being true, why not help the party who is helping you? Whenever we come to the point that we can realize when we are helping the poor and needy build up themselves, then we will build up for ourselves, and not be sore. Now, when a generation of people climb so high, don't they fall and some poor person come along and

bearer in a solicitor of this county, take the lead and make a great progress?

We had just as well to consider right now what is to be done to put Johnston County on a more moral and business basis to help build up a better citizenship. We may build all the big schools we please, but there is the greatest building yet to build, and it is going to take lots of good workmen to do this building. This building we will call it building up a good citizen, so this is the most needed building Johnston is in need of today. Over twenty years we have been letting rotten politics and making and selling be our standard bearer, now it will take us forty years of hard work to get back where we were twenty years ago. Up to twenty-five years ago we had a standard

When we have a good solicitor of our county the nwe have a standard bearer, and when we don't have a solicitor our next standard bearer is the high sheriff. Now let's make our sheriff the standard bearer and start the wheel rolling. I know any man who is capable of being sheriff can serve for two years if not any longer. Now, who has got backbone enough to come out and say he is going to help the sheriff of Johnston County be our standard bearer from now on?

There are too many people in this great county of our setting back not turning a hand to help make this a better county to live in and bring up our boys and girls in.

Now, I want to call all your attention once more. Now, for eleven and one-half years I have spent in trying to make this a better place to live in and I think it's high time for someone else to bristle up courage enough and get out and do something. You owe it to your family, county and state too. Why you would be doing your neighbor the best deed you ever did if you would go to him and tell him what he was doing and ask him to please quit or you were going to prosecute him to limit, and do so if he did not quit. But please don't wait until your community has got so bad you can't hardly stay at home in any peace. Why just come out and let your light shine and let everybody know just where you stand.

Chapter 6. Now I will have a few words to say as to our situation in Johnston County. Now please bear in mind I travel over lots of different roads and know their conditions better than most people do. We should have a county unit road system whether we have the circuit road system or not. The County Commissioners should set aside about \$25,000 every year for special road work. I know of two places in Elevation township which are in need of that amount at each place, and it's nothing but right for the whole county to help pay to fix it, and then move on to some other place and fix it and right on around until the whole county is reached.

The greatest mistake in the county today is not help those weak sections in building up bad places of roads and help up-keep them also. We must consider there are many sections in the county where there isn't a cent of automobile or truck taxes going back to help maintain the roads, and it is right for the County Commissioners to see that every person pays his just amount of taxes, and then spend a certain amount every year in putting those bad sections in good shape. So in ten years we would have very good roads all over the county and wouldn't miss

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

By N. E. H.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.
WE DROVE to Powhatan.
AND ON the way there.
MY WIFE asked me.
WHAT SORT of a place it was.
AND HOW many people lived there.
AND A lot of other things.
SO I took a deep breath.
AND DID my best.
TO MAKE it interesting for her.
AND I explained.
THAT POWHATAN.
WAS A community.
OF REMARKABLE progressive-ness.
AND THAT the stores.
WERE REALLY more elaborate.
THAN THOSE of Smithfield.
AND THAT the shady streets.

FORMED A picture.
OF INTENSE beauty.
AND THAT the homes.
WERE ALL surrounded.
BY VELVETY lawns.
AND BEAUTIFUL shrubbery.
AND I also went on to say.
THAT THE fire department.
WAS GENERALLY recognized.
AS THE most efficient.
IN NORTH Carolina.
AND THAT the street cars.
WERE OF the latest type.
AND WERE operated.
ON A regular schedule.
AND AS a matter of fact.
I BELIEVE I told her.
QUITE A number of other things.

ALL OF which were interesting.
AND HIGHLY educational.
AND I really believe.
THAT SHE appreciated it.
AND JUST about then.
WE TURNED a curve.
AND CAME to Powhatan.
AND SHE had a chance to see.
WHAT THE place.
REALLY LOOKED like.
AND SHE took a long look.
AND THEN.
SHE TURNED to look at me.
AND AFTER that—
BUT WHAT'S the use.
EVERY MARRIED man knows.
WHAT HAPPENED next.
I THANK you.

anything by doing so, and then we would be up-building the whole county. Will continue this article later.
R. L. FLOWERS.

PERSONNEL SMITHFIELD LAYMEN'S FEDERATION

These men are working individually and collectively for the salvation of souls and the promotion of God's Kingdom:

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L. Jones, Wilson; Duke Marshall, Selma; Jasper Starling, Selma, Route 1; Ira Whitley, Smithfield, Route 1.

Mr. Allen Johnson Dead

Late Saturday afternoon Mr. Allen Putnam Johnson, one of Meadow's citizens, died at his home. The burial took place Sunday afternoon in the family burial ground near his home, the funeral services being conducted by Elder J. B. Lee of Wilson.

Mr. Johnson was about seventy-five years old and was survived by a wife and three children. He was a member of the New Hickory Grove Primitive Baptist church for about thirty-five years and was a leader in that church.

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