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MRS. JANE SYKES MOORE FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Died Early Yesterday at the Home of her Daughter, On Simmons Avenue

WAS 79 YEARS OF AGE

Elders Moore and Cowin Conduct Services; Interment Will Be Made in Baptist Cemetery

Mrs. Jane Sykes Moore, one of Williamston's oldest and best loved women died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Harrell, on Simmons Avenue here early yesterday morning from heart failure. While Mrs. Moore had been in feeble health for several months she was apparently getting along real well until late last Friday evening when she went to visit her daughter. Rapidly she weakened, the end coming peacefully early yesterday morning. The attack resulting in her death was the second Mrs. Moore had suffered. About a month ago her condition was considered grave, following an attack of the heart, but gradually her condition improved and she was getting a long very well when she left the home of her son, Judge Clayton Moore, to go for a few days' visit with her daughter.

The daughter of James Williams Sykes and wife, Theodosia Sykes, Mrs. Moore was born in Plymouth February 21, 1851. Her father died when she was a young girl, and she with her mother, came to Williamston to live. Mrs. Moore also lived in Hamilton, where she attended the old Hamilton Academy. She also studied at the Williamston Academy.

In 1870 she was married to the late James E. Moore, one of the leading lawyers of the State. He died in 1898, leaving Mrs. Moore and six children, Mrs. Bettie M. Harrell, of this place; Virginia, who died in Raleigh several years ago; Miss Mattie Kent, who married and lived in Newport News until her death a number of years ago; James Edwin Moore, who died in early manhood; Judge Clayton Moore, and Maurice S. Moore, of this place. Ten grandchildren also survive.

When a young girl, Mrs. Moore joined the Episcopal Church, but following her marriage she united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Skewarkey, where for more than half a century she was one of its most faithful members. During the past few years she headed a movement to repair and conserve the building, one of the prominent landmarks in the county.

The funeral services are being held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harrell by Elders J. C. Moore, of Whitakers, and B. S. Cowin. Interment will be made by the side of her husband in the Baptist Cemetery here.

TAX COLLECTION COSTS ARE SMALL

Five Cents Is Cost for Collecting \$100 Federal Tax in North Carolina

Raleigh, May 12.—The cost of collection of \$275,000,000 in Federal taxes expected to be paid by North Carolinians this fiscal year, which ends June 30, will be five cents per \$100, Gilliam Grissom, internal revenue collector for North Carolina estimates.

Last fiscal year Mr. Grissom collected \$254,494,000 at an actual cost of six cents per \$100, compared with a nationwide average cost of collection of \$1.17 per \$100 for Federal taxes.

Since he took charge of the office, Mr. Grissom has reduced the cost of collection from a figure of 24 cents on the \$100 the last year before he took the office to the actual six cents figure last year and an estimated five cents on estimated collections for this year.

Make Preparations to Build A Golf Course Here

Preparations for the building of a miniature golf course here are under way, Mr. Sammy Carson, of Greenville, having placed much equipment on the lot between the home of Mrs. J. B. H. Knight and the courthouse. Few particulars could be had relative to the course, but it is understood that play will be in order within a comparatively short time.

The miniature golf course, often called "Tom Thumb," is very popular throughout the State, many of the towns in this section already having them.

G. D. Ward Owner of Unusually Old Mule

Turning attention from politics, "hard times," and the farm outlook to the animal world, it was reported this week that G. D. Ward, farmer of near Robersonville, had a mule 34 years old. It was also stated in the report that the animal plowed much of the time, and was considered very gentle until a few days ago when the owner fed her a certain brand of feed and she attempted to run away.

BRUMMIT HANDS DOWN RULINGS FOR PRIMARY

Answers Questions Relative To Conducting The June Primary

With the primary elections only a few weeks off and as the Australian Ballot will be used for the first time, generally, the following rulings by the attorney general relative to the conduct of the primary are timely and interesting. Many questions have been asked about the approaching primary, and to avoid confusion it would be well, if possible, for every voter to study the following closely:

Text of Ruling

The ruling of the Attorney General follows: At your request, I undertake to answer a number of questions which have reached you or this office, relating to the conduct of the approaching primary elections, to be held June 7.

It should be remembered that the law is designed to afford a means whereby political parties may select their candidates for public office. Prior to the enactment of the primary law, in 1915, such candidates were selected, except in isolated instances, under the voluntary rules or plans of organization established by each party for its guidance. The purpose of the act is to establish a method whereby under the law all members of a party may participate in the nomination of its candidates and to restrict participation in a party primary to those who affiliate with the particular party in whose primary the elector offers to vote.

The law as passed in 1915 (now C. S. 6027), required that at the first primary held under its provisions a new registration book should be provided and that when a person theretofore registered offered to vote, he should be asked: "With which political party are you affiliated?" and the party affiliation of the voter should be entered upon this registration book. When a new voter appears for registration, it is directed that the registrar should ask the same question, and the party affiliation of the voter entered in the registration book in accordance with the answer. This declaration of party affiliation by one who offers to vote in a party primary is general and applies to all States where party candidates are selected in a legalized primary.

When one has registered and had his party affiliation entered upon the registration book as required, he is presumed to be entitled to vote in the primary of the party with which he has declared his affiliation. If he has not declared his party affiliation either at the time of registration or does not do so upon demand at the time he offers to vote, the elector would have no right to participate in the primary of any party.

There are two, and only two, political parties selecting their candidates at the primary to be held June 7—the Democratic and Republican parties. Certain questions have been submitted with respect to the process of registration and the right to vote in these primaries:

Registration Questions

(1) What inquiry should the registrar make of a person with respect to party affiliation when such person seeks registration?

The single question relating to party affiliation which the registrar should ask the applicant for registration is as contained in C. S. 6027: "With which political party are you affiliated?" The party affiliation of the applicant should be entered in the appropriate place on the registration book in accordance with the answer if such answer is definite enough for such purpose. Other inquiries may be made when the right of the elector to participate in a party primary is challenged under C. S. 6031, and this will be covered at another place in this letter.

(2) Can an independent vote in a Democratic or a Republican primary?

No. When one registers as an Independent, he thereby states that he is not a member of or affiliated with either of the two parties holding primaries this year. Therefore, so long as he remains registered as an Independent, he would have no right to participate in the selection of candidates for either the Democratic or Republican party.

(3) Does the law provide for putting Independent candidates on the ballot in the general election?

Yes. Provision for and the method by which may be done is set out in Section 6 of the Australian Ballot law.

No Split Voting

(4) Can a voter, registered Republican, vote part or all of the Democratic primary ticket in the primary election?

No. When one is registered as a Republican, or upon going to the primary, declares that to be his party affiliation, he should be given the official primary ballot of that party. He has no right to receive the Democratic primary ballots. One cannot vote in the primary part of the Republican ticket and part of the Democratic ticket. In the primary the voter is assisting in the selection of the nominees of the party with which he is affiliated and of which he is a member.

(5) Can a voter, registered as an Independent, vote part of the Democratic primary ticket and part of the Republican primary ticket?

No. So long as he remains an Independent, he is not a member of either party, and therefore, the law confers upon him no right to participate in the primary of either.

It should be remembered that these answers relate to the primary. Confusion on the subject may arise because one fails to differentiate a party primary from the general election. All qualified voters have the right to participate in the general election. All qualified Democratic voters have the right to participate in a Democratic primary election, and all qualified Republican voters have the right to participate in a Republican primary election.

Can Change Affiliation

(6) May one change his party affiliation?

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POOR COTTON STANDS FOUND IN THE COUNTY

Many Goose Nest Farmers Are Replanting for the Second Time

ROTTEN SEED CAUSE DRY WEATHER AND PLANT SHORTAGE ARE THREATENING TOBACCO CROP IN THIS SECTION

Another problem is presenting itself in certain sections of this county where farmers are finding it necessary to plow again their fields to replant cotton seed that have rotted and failed to come up. According to information coming from Goose Nest township, farmers in that district are experiencing the greatest trouble with poor stands than any other planters in the county.

The condition there has reached that point developing a scarcity of seed, it was stated.

In addition to the trouble caused by rotten cotton seed, the farmers are also handicapped in their tobacco transplanting on account of the shortage of plants. Last efforts are being made to locate plants, and while it is hardly safe to transplant the crop later than this week, some farmers are planning to continue the work into next week, it is understood.

General reports state that the plant situation has been greatly aggravated in this section by dry weather, that first plantings were very unsuccessful in many cases.

While a decrease in acreage is generally conceded, accurate reports pointing to a definite result are not available just at this time as many farmers are continuing their efforts to obtain plants at the last minute.

1-ROOM SCHOOLS SHOW DECREASE

Only 1,887 Are Now Left in North Carolina; 835 for White Children

Raleigh, N. C.—North Carolina now has only 1,887 one-room schools, 835 for white children and 1,052 for colored children, it is learned from the current issue of State School Facts, published by the State Department of Public Instruction.

According to the Office of Education, Washington, D. C., quoted by School Facts, there are now 153,306 schools of this type in the United States. Since 1917-18 there has been a decrease of 42,094 one-room schools throughout the nation, 22,303 of which have been in the sixteen southern states.

At present, School Facts further points out, Illinois has the largest number of one-room schools with 10,105 and Rhode Island the least with 97. Five other states each report more than 7,000 schools of this type.

The North Carolina publication presents a table showing the number of one-room schools in the sixteen strictly southern states for 1917-18 and 1927-28, the ten-year decrease in number of such schools and the per cent of teachers in this type of school.

Georgia leads these states in eliminating the largest number, 3,915, since 1917-18; and as a consequence, among these states, has the least percentage of her teachers employed in one-room schools. North Carolina ranks second in this respect among southern states by having abandoned 2,774 one-room schools and thereby leaving only 8.1 per cent of all teachers in such schools.

Sketch Of Jos. W. Ward's Life During The Civil War

For the subject of our third brief sketch of Martin County boys taking part in the Civil War, we have the life of Mr. Joseph W. Ward.

Born in Williams Township in December, 1846, Mr. Ward is now very active for his four-score, three and one-half years. At the age of seventeen, or four years before he was old enough to vote, he joined Captain John Ashley Manning's company in the Seventieth Regiment of Junior Reserves until the late fall of 1864, when he started on the long tramp with his command to the battle fields of Virginia. Rheumatism checked his action, and he was forced to resign his place in the ranks when he reached Bellfield.

At the close of the struggle, he started the homeward journey, as did hundreds of his comrades, afoot and broke. He settled down on the farm and for a number of years farmed and did a general carpenter work. He later moved to Pitt County, just across the line, and while he now resides in the neighboring district he states that he is strictly a Martin County man.

Mr. Ward is noted for his broad

FEDERAL AID IS GIVEN TO A FEW MARTIN FARMERS

Approximately \$3,000 Lent To Applicants In The County This Week

The first of the \$7,000,000 seed and feed loan fund was received by farmers in this county yesterday. The amounts of the loans could not be determined, but with one or two exceptions the loans went through all right, and the cash was forwarded directly to the applicants. It is believed that approximately \$3,000 will be lent in this county.

Ranging in size from \$150 to \$700, a majority of the loans was made to small farmers, it was unofficially learned. The receipts of the money by the several applicants in this immediate section renewed the farmers' hopes, and while they are off to a late start, they are out in earnest and where nothing but bloom and despair reigned there is now a spirit of optimism as to the outlook.

The loans are not many but in those cases where money was lent it was almost a matter of life and death almost.

WARNS AGAINST BEAN BEETLE

Must Fight Mexican Bean Beetle Or Do Without Any Snapbeans

Experiencing much trouble with the Mexican bean beetle last year, local gardeners are warned against the bug again this year. C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist stating that the gardeners may begin to make preparations now to either fight the beetle or do without snapbeans this season.

Mr. Brannon states that the insect has now spread over the entire State. It enjoys the tender foliage of garden beans. Feeding usually is done on the under side of the leaves though when infestation is severe, all parts of the plant above ground are attacked. In some cases the bean beetle will injure cowpeas and soybeans but will not attack these as long as a plentiful supply of garden beans is available. The first choice is snapbeans, then lima or butter beans, and then beggar weed.

But the beetle may be controlled says Mr. Brannon. The gardener must be careful in his treatment or he will kill the plant as well as the bug. Bean plants are tender and easily injured by poisons which are too strong. Exact amounts of the poisons to use should be weighed, he says. Then the poison must be applied to the under side of the leaf.

The best poison, Mr. Brannon finds, is magnesium arsenate. It is also best to use this poison as a spray. Place five level tablespoonsful in three gallons of water and apply at the rate of from 90 to 100 gallons an acre. One wishing to make up large quantities of the spray should use one pound of the magnesium arsenate to fifty gallons of water.

If dead beetles are not found after spraying, do not become discouraged, Mr. Brannon warns the gardener. It is often difficult to find dead beetles in a thoroughly poisoned field. However, spraying should begin as soon as the beetles are noticed on the plants. Stop spraying snap beans when the pods begin to form.

JOSEPH W. WARD



CHALLENGES BAILEY MAN IN OPEN DEBATE

Rev. A. Corey, of Jamesville Remains Quiet In The Matter

ADDS MORE INTEREST Debate Said To Be Invited Strictly On A Political Basis; Both Men Much Interested In Contest

Interest in politics in this section was advanced several points when W. C. Manning recently extended an open challenge to Rev. Alexander Corey, of Jamesville, to meet in public debate on the Simmons-Bailey race for the U. S. Senate. The origin of the challenge could not be definitely determined this morning as the editor could not be reached. It is believed that the position of the two men, the minister for the Hon. Mr. Bailey and the editor for Senator Simmons, is so strong that the challenge developed in that way.

The first challenge was made by the editor several days ago, the last one being forwarded by registered mail. Neither of the two had been accepted up until noon today. It is understood that debate is being invited strictly on a political basis, each of the two men being regarded as sincere in his convictions.

In his first challenge to Mr. Corey on April 26, Mr. Manning states, "I understand that you are a very strong advocate of Mr. Bailey for the U. S. Senate and that you are working for him as a paid agent."

"I am for Mr. Simmons, not paid however, but in order that each side may be heard, I hereby challenge you to meet me at any place in the county and as many places you will and discuss the merits of the case."

In extending the challenge, Mr. Manning agreed to do all the advertising of dates and places.

Extending another challenge on May 3, and receiving no answer, he extended another, this time by registered mail. In closing his challenge of May 10, the editor closes by saying, "We might be able to do Democracy some good by an honest discussion."

When it was learned here this morning that the challenge had been made, an effort was made to get a statement from Mr. Corey, but it was impossible to reach him over telephone or by mail in time for publication today.

START WORK ON NEW FACTORY

Approximately 300,000 Feet of Lumber Ordered from Local Lumber Dealer

Construction work on the new Columbia Peanut Company's plant was started here yesterday. Approximately 300,000 feet of lumber have been ordered from the local plant of Murray and McCabe mill, and the placement of the heavy lumber will be underway within the next few days, it is understood.

Special superintendents of the company will supervise the construction of the plant, it was stated, and machinery will be installed as the building work progresses.

Very few employees are on the job at the plant site today, but a goodly number is expected there beginning tomorrow.

Work during the next several weeks will be centered around the main factory, the workmen turning from that part of the plant to the storage houses later on.

Walker Gave Bond of \$1,000

He will be given a hearing here on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock before Recorder W. J. Mode.

Issues Three Marriage Licenses Here Saturday

Awakening from a period of inactivity, the marriage bureau took on new life here last Saturday when J. Sam Getzinger sold three licenses in three hours. One of the licenses was sold to John D. Williams and Miss Ruby Hopewell, of Williams Township, the other two going to colored couples.

Local Firemen Enjoy Fish Supper Last Evening

Members of the local fire company enjoyed a rock supper at Roberson's market last evening, the chef-serving the fire fighters a varied and delicious menu.

Each spring, just before the fishing season closes, the firemen get together for such a meal as only Mr. Roberson can prepare.

2 More Candidates Enter Political Race

WILL RECLAIM VALUABLE LAND AT LAKE PHELPS

Northern Capitalists Visit Region Around Lake and Trent River

Enthusiasts or scientists are about to claim great riches for Eastern North Carolina from what the citizens of our earliest history passed by as ordinary black swamp land and common marl beds. Scientists and capitalists have secured options on large areas around Lake Phelps in Washington county and large tracts of marl beds along the Trent River, near New Bern.

According to press reports, Doctor Muller, a noted German scientist, advises that many valuable products can be cheaply made from the marl and lime deposits, naming such articles as building stone, insulation materials, tile and pottery. It is also pointed out that the marl along the Trent and the land around Lake Phelps when combined will make a good fertilizer.

Dr. William Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture in the Coolidge administration, heads the prospectors who are financiers of New York, Philadelphia and Detroit. The group visited the two sections a few days ago.

It is also claimed that a capital fund of \$1,000,000 has already been subscribed to perfect the projects which may or may not make Eastern North Carolina rich.

ANTI-TYPHOID CLINIC IN JUNE

Health Officer William E. Warren Is Preparing Schedule

The first of the free anti-typhoid fever treatments will be held in this county the first Monday in June, it was stated yesterday by Dr. William E. Warren, county health officer. The clinics will continue through a greater part of the month, the physician stated.

During the past few years there have been comparatively few cases of typhoid fever in this county, Dr. Warren pointed out, "and we should completely check it," he added.

A schedule for the clinics next month has not been completed just at this time, but the dates and places will be announced within the next few days, it was stated. The physicians handling the work will settle in certain localities one day each week until the treatment is made complete.

A similar clinic was held in this county in 1928, several thousand children having been given the treatments at that time.

The clinics will be held without cost to the subjects, and the health officer is urging all the people to take advantage of the treatment.

Rutherfordton Bank Man Arrested last Wednesday

Rutherfordton, May 8.—W. B. Walker, formerly cashier of the defunct Rutherford County Bank and Trust Company, was arrested in Hickory Wednesday afternoon charged with accepting deposits when he knew the bank to be insolvent; misappropriation of \$2,600 of the bank's funds by loaning to himself on worthless collateral; and unlawfully taking \$300 of the bank's funds by cashing a check signed by his brother, Herman Walker, of Statesville, when the latter had no funds in the bank.

The warrant was sworn out by J. H. Gibbs, Rutherford contractor. He said he deposited \$975 in the bank on the afternoon of February 3. The bank failed to open on the morning of February 4.

Walker gave bond of \$1,000. He will be given a hearing here on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock before Recorder W. J. Mode.

Many Masons Expected to Meet Here This Evening

Many visiting and local masons are expected to attend the regular meeting of the Skewarkey lodge here this evening at 8:00 o'clock. Members of the fraternal order are expected from Rocky Mount, Washington and Windsor.

Work in the third degree has been scheduled and all local members of the lodge are urged to attend.

Local School Board Holds Meeting Friday Evening

Meeting last Friday evening in the high school building, the local school board handled only routine matters, postponing the election of teachers until a later date. Many applications were considered, it was stated, but final action was withheld until late, probably until a meeting next Friday evening.

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26 CANDIDATES OUT FOR OFFICE IN THE COUNTY

Eight Candidates Out For Seat on County Commission Board

CANDIDATES ACTIVE

With So Many Candidates In The Field It Is Believed That Secret Voting System Will Be Welcomed

The announcements of Messrs. L. B. Holliday and J. Haywood Rogers yesterday for seats on the Martin County Board of Commissioners brought the number of candidates out for office in this county up to twenty-six, leaving the number of races unchanged.

As the political situation now stands the race for commissioner is the center of attention. In that field there are eight candidates, Messrs. T. C. Griffin, Joshua L. Coltrane, J. G. Staton, T. B. Slade, J. D. Woolard, H. S. Everett, L. P. Holliday and J. Haywood Rogers.

Including the list of candidates for commissioner, the ticket for the county is as follows:

For sheriff—C. B. Roebuck and R. B. Brown.

For clerk of superior court—R. J. Peel, J. D. Lilley and J. L. Rodgers.

For treasurer—C. A. Harrison, W. H. Garstaphen, Jr., E. Pope.

For register of deeds—J. Sam Getzinger and F. S. Powell.

For coroner—B. S. Courney and S. R. Biggs.

For judge recorder's court—Jos. W. Bailey and John L. Hassell.

For solicitor of recorder's court—W. H. Coburn and H. O. Peele.

For house of representatives—J. C. Smith.

Reports from the field indicate that an active campaign is underway in this county, the unusually large number of candidates making it almost impossible to determine the mind of the vote relative to the contests.

The large number of candidates all of whom embrace splendid qualities and avowed ability is apparently going to make the secret ballot an acceptable system throughout Martin county all right.

FOUR PERSONS DIE IN WRECKS

Nine Others Are Injured in Automobile Accidents During Week-end

Charlotte, May 12.—Four persons were killed in three automobile accidents on North Carolina highways, Saturday and Sunday.

Nine were injured.

Miss Lucy Sandlin, of Durham, and Sallie Haywood Scarborough, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Scarborough, of Wendell, were killed late yesterday when two automobiles collided near Wendell.

Col. Pannill Rucker, 60, prominent Martinsville, Va., business man, was killed late Saturday when his automobile ran off an embankment near Statesville.

H. M. Maltba, of Boone, died early Sunday in a hospital of injuries sustained Saturday night when a freight train demolished an automobile near Bakers, in Union county.

Maltba's companion, George Cottrell, of Lenoir, was seriously injured and is in a Monroe hospital.

Eight persons were injured in the Wendell crash. E. B. Morris, driver of one of the cars in the collision, was held by officers for investigation.

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