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REV. A. COREY WILL NOT TAKE PART IN DEBATE

Declines Challenge Made By Editor Several Days Ago

MANNING WILL SPEAK

Jamesville Minister Challenges Right of Editor To Make Appointment Without His Consent

A debate a la Lincoln-Douglas style in this county during the present campaign was removed from the proposed schedule this week when Rev. A. Corey, of Jamesville, declined an invitation of Editor W. C. Manning for an open discussion on the Simmons-Bailey senatorial contest. Challenge for open debate was made several days ago, but no answer was made until this week, Mr. Corey stating, "I feel it necessary to decline your kind invitation because it would not, in my opinion, be for the best interest of the Democratic Party, nor do I feel that because you and I differ as to who the candidate should be of any moment to the public generally."

After it had been learned that the challenge had been declined, the editor when questioned, expressed regret that a debate could not be arranged, but regardless of non-acceptance of the challenge, the show would go on, that he would speak tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Farm Life School auditorium.

Commenting on the non-acceptance of the challenge, the editor stated that he would invite Mr. Corey to attend the meeting and extend him the privilege of having the remarks published.

Mr. Corey challenged the right of Mr. Manning to make an appointment, adding, "Therefore, I am not bound by any action of yours. The principals in the contest are not having joint discussions, and I do not think or believe that it would be for the best interest of the Democratic Party for you and I to engage in the debate you propose."

LABORERS BEG FOR WORK HERE

Fifty Applications Received from Outside for Work on Factory Here

That the labor situation in this section has reached an acute stage is borne out in the demands for employment at the peanut factory under construction here. Numbers and numbers of men are turned away each day. Mr. Pritchard, superintendent, stating that he is oversupplied with all classes of labor and that many of those turned away are badly in need of work.

Written applications from near-by sections literally begging for work have poured into the superintendent's office. Practically all the requests are necessarily turned aside, leaving the applicants not even the hope for a place to turn for work.

Luxuries in the section have been cast aside by hundreds upon hundreds, and the conditions have reached that point where food and clothing are considered most. Considering the unfavorable financial conditions the number out of work is believed to be very small, and the number considering food and clothing first is limited, it is understood.

Conjure Doctor Held In Poison Case at Wilson

Wilson, May 22.—George Henderson, Negro "conjure doctor" was arrested here today for allegedly selling George Gay, of Snow Hill a poison which the latter is charged with having given his wife and caused her death.

Gay is held without bond in the Greene County jail at Snow Hill on a charge of murder. Greene County officers were expected to come here some time today for Henderson.

Mrs. Gay, 22-year-old mother of two children, died three weeks ago under what officers termed suspicious circumstances. The body was exhumed ten days after her death and an analysis made of the stomach's contents.

W. B. Morrill, coroner of Greene county, yesterday reported the analysis revealed a poison in sufficient quantity to have caused her death.

Date for a preliminary hearing for Gay has not been set.

17,200 Primary Ballots Received in This County

Approximately 17,200 ballots have been received in this county for use in the June primary, Chairman Sylvester Peel stated yesterday. Of the number, 7,500 are Democratic ballots for United States Senator and members of the corporation commission; 7,500 Democratic ballots for solicitor of the second district, and 2,000 Republican ballots for United States Senator. Two hundred and twenty of the 17,200 ballots are samples. In addition to the ballots, Mr. Peel received 200 absentee A and B application blanks and return envelopes.

Work on the county and township ballots will be started tomorrow, it is understood.

Four File For Places On County Educational Board

MORE FACTS IN RECENT CRIME AT BATTLEBORO

Arrest Walter Brantley In Connection With Crime

Apparently there is much to be learned in the Battleboro crime mystery. Joe Powell, father of Elizabeth Powell alleged to have been attacked and criminally assaulted, was arrested in connection with the shooting of Frank Crickmore and released this week. Walter Brantley, young white man of Battleboro continues in jail, and yet officers continue their investigation, unofficially stating that they hope to make additional arrests.

"I think she (Miss Powell) knows who shot me," Frank Crickmore wrote as he lay yesterday in a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday when questioned.

Reports relative to the affair state, "She might know, but officers of Edgecombe county do not. Having abandoned the Negro attack theory, as far as their present investigations go Sheriff W. E. Bardin, accompanied in his investigation by Solicitor Don Gilliam, are working on the theory that the attack was not the work of drunken Negroes but the result of a jealous hate caused by Crickmore's intimacy with Miss Powell. They are also considering the possibility that the crime was committed not by two Negroes, but by a white man, accompanied by either a Negro or another white man."

"I tell you the truth, I don't know," wrote Crickmore in the answer to the question, "Were you shot by white men or Negroes?" in his first newspaper interview today.

"The next question had to do with why he and Miss Powell were parked and young Crickmore, whose nerve has not been broken despite the fact that he lay for days on the point of death and, if he recovers, will never be able to talk, declined to answer.

Crickmore is said to have stated that he believed the girl's father not guilty.

CALL 6 CASES IN COUNTY COURT

Last Tuesday Session Of Interest to General Public

With a half a dozen cases on the docket, the last Tuesday session of the recorder's court carried very little interest, the session ending before the noon hour. Very few attendants heard the proceedings, which were confined to one or two road sentences and a small fine.

Probable cause appearing in the case charging Mary Lou Roberson with larceny and receiving, the defendant was bound over to the next term of superior court under a \$300 bond.

Walter Gary was sentenced to the roads for four months when he was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

The case charging Alfred Walker with abandonment was continued.

Found guilty of violating the liquor laws, Spencer Hyman was fined \$15, the court adding a six months' suspended road sentence. Hyman entered a plea of not guilty.

The cases charging Jason Parker and John Smallwood with larceny and receiving were dismissed, the court finding no probable guilt in either of the causes.

53,802 Pounds Poultry Sold in This County

More than 25 tons of poultry were shipped from this county during the months of January, February, March, April and May, according to complete reports announced yesterday afternoon by County Agent T. B. Brandon. The shipments totalling 53,802 pounds sold for \$11,292.39.

The majority of the loadings were accumulated small lots, there being only one or two poultry raisers offering in excess of one or two hundred pounds.

Prices, as a whole, for the past season were unusually low, but even then many of those patronizing the car reported good profits.

Will Conduct Revival at Hamilton Baptist Church

A series of revival services will be held in the Hamilton Baptist Church, beginning next Monday evening and continuing through the following Sunday, it was announced yesterday. Rev. Chas. B. Howard, president of the B. Y. P. U. convention, will conduct the services, it was stated. Rev. Howard is from Louisville, where he serves several churches.

Services will be held each morning during the week, and each evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear Rev. Mr. Howard and take part in the services.

URGE DECREASE IN DETERMINED LAND VALUES

Ten Counties Represented At District Meet Held At Courthouse Here

PLANS FORMULATED

Practically All If Not All of Old Board Members Are Expected To File Today

Aside from a last-minute rush which is expected, the filing curtain in Martin County politics was almost completely drawn late yesterday when Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, announced the candidacies of Messrs. J. Eason Lilley, W. O. Griffin, R. W. Salsbury, and J. T. Barnhill for members of the Martin County Board of Education. According to that report, and it was impossible to get a later one, there are now 32 candidates in the field. That's all!

It could not be officially learned, but it is understood that practically all, if not all, the present members of the educational board will file some time today. In the event that they do, the race for a board of education seat will be second to that for county commissioners, in which race there are eleven aspirants.

The zero hour is only a few days off, and, as Editor Goerch said of the Beaufort County candidates, the aspirants over here are naturally tracking the county. Even if they all can't get elected, the campaign has reached that stage here that everybody knows every body by the first name, and it's "Howdy, George," "Howdy, Jim," "Howdy, Tom, Dick, and Harry."

The chief trouble in the entire campaign is confronting the chairman of the election board and the printer. Just how to get all the names on the county ballot is a perplexing problem, and so far nothing has been found in the "more or less" secret Australian Ballot Law providing for two tickets of the same-kind. It is believed that there will be around 30 names on the county ballot.

The final curtain for filing will be lowered tonight at midnight, and a complete list will appear within the next few days.

Robbers Enter Hamilton Postoffice Wednesday

The postoffice at Hamilton was entered last Wednesday night, the thieves stealing only a few pennies. No stamps were taken and other property was unmolested, it was stated.

According to the beliefs of the authorities there, the thieves were only amateurs, and were after easy change.

An entrance was gained through a window, it was stated.

Tennis Tournament Winners Determined

In the tennis tournament, on the Godard court in New Town this week, Oscar Anderson, jr., and Jim Rhodes, jr., won by defeating Ben Hopkins and Hardy Rose. In the semi-finals, the winners encountered strong opposition in the play of Billie Watts and Tom Rose. The win in the finals was easy, it was reported.

Final arrangements for a tournament where only singles will figure have not been made at this time.

Everetts Woodmen Will Organize Baseball Team

Special efforts will be made to organize a 100-per-cent Modern Woodmen baseball team, at a meeting of the Everetts Modern Woodmen Camp next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

Plans for a big July 4 celebration will also be formulated at that time, it was stated, and all members are urged to attend.

In announcing the meeting, Clerk Paul Bailey stated that the session was not a secret one and that the public is cordially invited to attend.

Prepare Large Rafts at Roanoke River Wharf

Huge rafts of logs, measuring 100 feet or more, are being made just above the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina warehouse on the river here, and work on the rafts are now underway. They will be handled in tow by tug boats to Norfolk, it is understood.

Approximately 7,000 Cross Ties Are Shipped Here

Approximately 7,000 railroad cross-ties were loaded for shipment on the river here this week by R. S. Critcher & Sons. For several days five men have continuously rolled the ties one by one into the hold of the large barge. The ties will be delivered to the Jersey Central Railroad at New York, it was stated.

126 REGISTER IN THIS PRECINCT FOR PRIMARY

Last-minute Rush Expected To Materially Increase Registration Figures

LARGEST ON RECORD

Registrar States That In Spite of the Large Registration, Many People Have Failed To Register

Aside from a new or special registration, all records were broken in this precinct when a check was made late yesterday showing that 130 citizens had added their names to the list of eligible voters. The books close tomorrow and it is believed that the registration will reach the 150 mark by the closing time.

In spite of the record-breaking registration, Registrar Luther Peel states that there are many citizens who have failed to add their names to the list of eligible voters.

According to unofficial information, any one who fails to register before the books close tomorrow evening, it will be possible for that citizen to register next week or any time before the primary with the chairman of the county board of elections. In any such case, the citizen has to offer valid reasons why he failed to register before the books closed.

Although the procedure is looked upon as an unnecessary one in this precinct, the books will be opened on Saturday of next week for a challenge of any of the names entered.

LEGION MEETING MONDAY, MAY 26

Adjusted Compensation To Be Meeting Topic In City Hall Here

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion will be held at the City Hall next Monday night, May 26, at 8 o'clock. A matter relating to adjusted compensation will be brought up, showing how the Legion interests itself in the ex-Service man and in his family in the event of death. A most interesting case of a casual of the war and delayed compensation because of failure of his family to send properly filled out information blanks to the Veterans' Bureau will be told so that all ex-Service men may know how to proceed in the event of any such application being made in the particular. It is of the utmost importance that the ex-Service men keep in touch with the Legion and with its work, for the organization is solely and entirely for the benefit of the ex-Service man and gladly puts itself at the disposal of every man who needs its services.

Program of Services at The Methodist Church

Sunday school, 9:45. Professor W. R. Watson, superintendent. Classes for every age. Large Men's Wesley Class, R. L. Coburn, teacher.

Morning worship at 11. Sermon by the pastor. This is the last sermon the pastor will preach here till the second Sunday in June as there will be no evening service and he will be away in revival the first Sunday.

During the summer months there will be no service at the Methodist church fourth Sunday evenings. This is done to give the people and the pastor an opportunity to attend other churches in Williamston.

Monday evening there will be an Epworth League Union meeting of all the leagues in this end of the district. Hi-League meets Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Prayer service, Wednesday at 8. Mr. D. J. Spruill, of Columbia, will speak at the Methodist Church Sunday, June 1 at 11 o'clock.

Rev. C. H. Dickey Returns From Portsmouth Hospital

After a several weeks stay in a Portsmouth hospital, Rev. C. H. Dickey returned to his home here last Wednesday evening. After suffering high blood pressure and other complications for some time, Mr. Dickey reports his condition as greatly improved, adding that he will be back in his regular capacity in church and civic affairs as soon as he regains his strength.

His many friends here are glad to learn of his recovery and to know that he has returned home.

Schedule Two Baseball Games For Next Week

After discussing the possibility of forming a four county baseball league, the first real steps toward organization of play were taken this week when two practice games were scheduled between Bertie and Martin. The games will be played next week, the exact dates to be announced later, it was stated yesterday.

All young men in this county interested in taking part in the league are asked to get in touch with Mr. Leslie T. Fowden here as soon as possible.

WOMAN KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE AT EVERETTS

Mrs. Gus Roebuck Crushed To Death by Auto Last Night

DRIVER UNDER BOND

Funeral Services Will Be Conducted Tomorrow at the Home in Everetts

Mrs. Gus Roebuck was almost instantly killed when struck by a trailer attached to a Hudson car, owned and driven by E. G. Langley in Everetts early last night. According to reports Mrs. Roebuck was walking along the highway in the town beside Barnhill Brothers' store when struck, but it could not be learned whether she was thrown against the wall and crushed by the trailer or the wheel ran her down. She died within twenty minutes after she was struck.

While the particulars have not been definitely established, the accident was considered unavoidable by eye witnesses.

According to the story told here, the accident followed when Jimmie Roebuck started to drive from the J. B. Barnhill filling station, just across the street from the Barnhill store where Mrs. Roebuck was walking. He had driven his car partly on the pavement, and upon seeing the Hudson approaching, he stopped. Mr. Langley, apparently thinking that the Roebuck car was moving into his path, turned off the pavement and cleared objects to either side of him. However, when he turned to the left to take his driving position, the trailer swirled and hit Mrs. Roebuck. He stopped his car within twelve feet of the place of the accident, it was stated.

Officers, investigating the tragedy, classed the accident as unavoidable, but bond was arranged in the sum of \$1,000 for the man's appearance at a hearing to be held next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock probably before Justice of the Peace C. B. Riddick, at Everetts.

Mrs. Roebuck, age 55, lived in Everetts and is survived by Mr. Roebuck and four children.

Funeral and burial arrangements had not been announced early today, but it is understood that the last rites will be held tomorrow.

Orphanage Singing Class In Concert Here Tonight

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, made up of sixteen fine young girls and boys, arrived here this morning for their engagement in the high school auditorium this evening at 8:00 o'clock. The young singers are accompanied by Miss Anna Morrison, their directress, and Mr. L. W. Alderman, the manager.

The young people are offering splendid concerts throughout the State this year, and many people are expected to hear them here this evening. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be solicited.

The little folks are being entertained in private homes here today and tonight. Tomorrow they go to Woodland for an engagement there, it was stated.

Order Increase of Intra-State Freight Rates

Raleigh, May 22.—Revision of North Carolina intra-state freight rates, estimated to involve an increase of 25 per cent on single line hauls, has been ordered by the State Corporation Commission. The revision is effective June 6th.

The commission issued the order yesterday in compliance with the recent ruling of the Interstate Commission upon complaint of the Virginia commission.

The complaint was that Carolina intra-state rates were so low as to be discriminatory in comparison with rates to and between Virginia points.

The revision ordered in the North Carolina rates brings them on a level with inter-state rates in effect in the southern rate territory.

Special Service at Local Baptist Church Sunday

A special service at 11 o'clock, welcoming the pastor, Rev. C. H. Dickey, home from the hospital, will feature the worship program at the local Baptist Church next Sunday. The heads of the several church organizations will make short talks, and while it was not definitely announced, it was stated that the Rev. Mr. Dickey would take a short part in the service.

The other services and program will be held at the regular hours, it was announced.

Sunday Services at the Local Christian Church

At the 11 o'clock hour in the Christian Church, the teachers and children of the Sunday school will appear in a children's day program. Preaching at 8 p. m. by the pastor. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the services.

School Officials In District Meet Here

BADLY HURT IN ACCIDENT AT JAMESVILLE

Lloyd B. Roberson Not Expected To Live Result Of Accident

Lloyd B. Roberson, young white man of Jamesville, was seriously and probably fatally injured last Wednesday afternoon when a heavy log cart ran over him. He was removed to a Washington hospital where very little hope is held for his recovery.

Mr. Roberson was hauling logs for Fleming and Roberson, and was near the Jamesville Methodist Church on Highway No. 90 when his horses jumped suddenly and threw him under the cart wheel. The weight of the load crushed his liver, burst his diaphragm, and broke and splintered several ribs.

At the hospital an operation was performed, the surgeons removing much blood from the body. Blood transfusions have been made, but in spite of all efforts to save his life, little hope is entertained for his recovery, it was pointed out in reports on his condition received here at noon.

Mr. Roberson is 33 years old and served in the army over-seas during the war.

SUMMER SCHOOL OPENS MAY 28TH

Professor L. B. Wynn Will Assist Principal Wm. R. Watson

The special session of summer school planned here will begin in the high school building Wednesday of next week, approximately one dozen pupils having registered for work. Principal W. R. Watson announced yesterday. Several other boys and girls are planning to attend the six-weeks session, it was stated.

Professor L. B. Wynn and probably one other teacher will assist Principal Watson with the work. Classes will begin each morning at 8:15 and continue until 12:15.

Commenting on the school yesterday, Mr. Watson stated, "The primary purpose of the summer school is to afford an opportunity for pupils to remove conditions on regular school work. In this way pupils may keep up regular grades without falling behind in difficult subjects."

The secondary purpose of the summer school is to give an opportunity for review and special work in subjects that have caused worry in the past.

The summer school is planned and operated according to the regulations of the State Department of Education. The length of the term is 30 days or six weeks. Credits earned are acceptable to any high school or elementary school.

Rev. Marshall Announces Episcopal Church Services

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector. Mr. Maurice Moore, Sunday school superintendent.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m.

St. Martin's Church, Hamilton, N. C. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon at 4 p. m.

Evening prayer and sermon at 8 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

Holy Trinity Mission—Bear Grass Road Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Afternoon service and sermon the first Sunday of the month. Midweek service every Friday evening at 7:30.

You are urged to come and are welcome. ARTHUR H. MARSHALL, Rector.

Presbyterian Services For Next Sunday

True sayings: "Smile until 10 o'clock each morning and the rest of the day will take care of itself."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—Mr. Jno. L. Rodgers, Superintendent. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.—"Holding On."

We invite you to come and worship with us. Our church is well screened, well ventilated, cool and comfortable. Come and let us worship our Maker together. A warm welcome awaits you in a cool church. Bear Grass The usual Presbyterian services will be held at 7:30 p. m. Sunday in the school house auditorium. We invite each and all to come and worship with us.

32 CANDIDATES IN THE COUNTY POLITICAL RACE

J. E. Lilley, W. O. Griffin, J. T. Barnhill and R. W. Salsbury Enter Race

FILING ENDS TONIGHT

Pass Resolution Asking That Change Be Made In Distributing The Equalizing Fund

In a district meeting held here yesterday afternoon, 25 school men representing ten eastern counties formulated plans whereby the several counties in the depressed financial area may ask the State Board of Equalization to reduce the determined valuation of the property in the district for the purpose of distributing the equalization fund to the counties in question. Ten counties, Beaufort, Washington, Tennoir, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Currituck, Hertford, Bertie, and Martin had representatives here and a pointed study of the situation was made.

With an increased enrollment and real property values expected to drop, the several counties are facing a period of uncertainty, it was stated. The determined value of property will be maintained by the equalization board if possible, and the gap will widen with the decrease in real property listings. The increased enrollments in the schools will call for more teachers, and unless the conditions are closely considered by the board, tax rates are expected to go up in this part of the State.

That the counties in this section will present their plight to the State Board of Equalization at a meeting to be held in Raleigh next Tuesday was almost made certain, the district representatives completing necessary arrangements for handling the matter.

Realizing the conditions in this section where crop failures have developed one of the worst financial depressions ever experienced in any one year, the representatives yesterday viewed the situation with much seriousness and looked to the future as a period of uncertainty without a rearrangement in the distribution of funds.

The resolution, adopted and passed yesterday, follows: "Whereas the counties hereinafter named during the year 1929 suffered a most disastrous crop failure in both quantity produced and inferior marketable quality

And whereas for the year 1930 each county hereinafter named will suffer a large loss in actual listed valuation of their property

And whereas due to the aforesaid crop failure and general financial conditions the actual value of their property has been decreased by a greater extent than their listed valuation

And whereas the counties hereinafter named are face to face with the worst financial condition that they have experienced in a generation.

Now, therefore, we the undersigned counties petition the State Board of Equalization of North Carolina that their determined valuation be reduced for the year 1930-31 not less than ten per cent."

The counties referred to in the resolution have been named, and the paper was duly signed by representatives attending the meeting held here yesterday afternoon.

At Least Four Ballot Boxes To Be Used in This Precinct

At least four ballot boxes will be used in this precinct at the June primary, according to instructions received yesterday by Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections. One of the boxes will be used by the Republicans in the selection of their senatorial nominee. The other three will be used by the Democrats, one for the selection of the United States Senator, one for the solicitor, and another for the county candidates. In those townships where there are township contests another box will be added to care for ballots in the particular contest, it is understood.

In addition to the four ballot boxes there will be two others, one to be used for the stubs and a second to receive any ballots that are discarded. All boxes will be under lock and key.

Miniature Golf Course Here Has A Successful Opening

The miniature golf course located on the lot adjoining the courthouse here opened last Tuesday evening with a large number of local people putting their way around. The course, costing approximately \$2,000, is attracting much attention, and will, no doubt, be the center of interest for the next several months.

Frank Carstarphen, local boy, is managing the course for Messrs. Samson and Baxter Carson.