

CURRITUCK COMMISSIONERS MUST DECIDE BRAY AND BAXTER CONTEST

Supreme Court Reverses one of Lower Courts Findings Making Election of Register of Deeds a Tie.

Much interest was evoked here yesterday and no doubtless more will be called forth in Currituck by the announcement that the supreme court has handed down its decision in the case of Bray vs. Baxter and finds that in the election of the register of deeds for Currituck county the vote was a tie, and that therefore neither candidate was elected.

So it appears that there will be another chapter in one of the hardest fought and most bitter election cases ever staged in this section. For it will now be the duty of the county commissioners to elect the register of deeds, and in the time which must intervene before a meeting of that board can be called it is possible that all the excitement and feeling which swept the county at the time of the contest may be fanned into flame.

Readers of this paper will remember that when this case was heard by the referee, Judge J. B. Leigh decided that Baxter was elected by a majority of three votes. Judge Harry Wheedbee, before whom the case came up at the March term of Currituck Superior Court, sustained the referee's findings throughout except in one immaterial finding of fact, which did not alter the vote.

Bray appealed the case to supreme court and the final decision was handed down Wednesday evening. The point in which the supreme court reversed the finding of the referee was that in which the referee found: "That three of the four votes for Bray not counted in Grandy precinct were properly thrown out." The votes for Bray thrown out at Grandy were not counted because in these three cases the voters had voted for more than three county commissioners—the number which constitutes the board of county commissioners in Currituck County. As to the vote for the register of deeds, however, the tickets were properly marked and indicated Bray as the voter's choice. The supreme court held that they should have been counted for him.

The members of the present board of county commissioners are W. M. Stewart, chairman, W. S. Newbern, and E. M. Walker. Pending decision of this case Mr. Baxter has been serving as register of deeds and as clerk to the board.

SCHOOL OPENS AT COLUMBIA

Columbia, N. C., Sept., 15—The graded school opens here to-day with three ladies teaching. Miss Hodges who taught here last year is back again.

Mr. Clem Flowers of Beaufort County is visiting Dr. C. A. Flowers and Dr. Charlie Flowers.

The Branning Manufacturing Co. will shut down one week for repairs, beginning next Monday.

Charlie McKeel, son of Dr. C. B. McKeel, left this morning for Philadelphia where he will complete his studies in pharmacy.

Miss Dean who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Hayman left this morning on the John H. Small.

Dr. C. A. Flowers is moving his office to larger quarters.

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

Rev. I. N. Loftin will speak at Blackwell Memorial Church Sunday morning from the subject "A Man and his Lord." Sunday evening at seven-thirty "The Devil's Captives."

Mr. Loftin has just closed a successful meeting at Bethel near Edenton, where he assisted the pastor, Rev. E. L. Wells.

POPLAR BRANCH DEFEATS RIDDLE

Poplar Branch, N. C., Sept., 14—Poplar Branch and Riddle ball teams crossed bats on the local diamond Saturday afternoon. The game scored 11 to 9 in favor of Poplar Branch. This game closed the season. Poplar Branch team has been organized three months and has been exceedingly successful.

Mr. William Harrell has accepted a position with Mr. D. W. Woodhouse as clerk.

Miss Louie Evans is visiting her sister, Mrs. Morgan, at Oak Grove, Delaware.

Mrs. C. C. Crank has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Powells Point.

Captain Arthur Hampton, Mr. Ernest Wright, Misses Sudia Wright, and Beatrice Parker were guests of Miss Alice Snowden last week at Currituck.

Miss Pearl White is attending the Norfolk High School this year.

Mr. Warland Parker was in Elizabeth City Saturday.

AT CHRIST CHURCH

Services at eleven in the morning and eight in the evening will be held at Christ Church Sunday. Morning subject, "Feast of Tabernacles." Evening subject, "Isaiah." The Men's Bible Class meets at ten o'clock in the morning.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has determined to put in a Parish Paper and this will appear soon.

Miss Clara Covert, who has given most satisfactory service as organist since last February will leave the last of the month to study music in Philadelphia. Mr. S. W. Wells will be her successor.

SOCIETY RESUMES WORK

The Ladies Aid Society of Blackwell Memorial Church met in the church parlors Tuesday afternoon. Various members had returned from trips and summer outings and a large attendance of enthusiastic ladies resumed work and discussed plans for greater activity during the fall and winter months. At the close of the business session delicious refreshments were served by the officers of the society and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

MANTEO BRIEFS

Manteo, N. C., Sept., 13—Miss Mattie Griffin left this week for the State Normal College at Greensboro.

Miss Annie Jones left the first of the week for Morehead where she will teach this year.

Miss Nannie Jones left last week for Georgia where she will teach this year. Miss Jones has for a number of years given efficient and faithful service as a teacher in this county and along social, civic, and religious lines has accomplished great good. The communities in which Miss Jones has labored regret deeply her leaving the county for work in other fields.

KNOTTS ISLAND PLAYS BALL

Knotts Island, N. C., Sept., 13—Knotts Island and Creeds crossed bats on the local diamond Saturday afternoon. A large crowd witnessed the game, the feature of which was Dr. Maynard's pitching and batting for Knotts Island. The score was eleven to two in favor of the home team.

Miss Mattie Banks has returned from a short stay at Virginia Beach.

JOYNER URGES CO-OPERATION

Announces Dates of Opening for Dare County Schools and Manteo High School

Manteo, N. C., Sept., 13, 1915.
Editor Herbert Peele,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

I wish to announce through the columns of your paper that all Dare County Schools except Wanchese, Stumpy Point and Hatteras which are opened by special order will open on Monday, October 4th. The opening date for Manteo High School has been postponed from September 20, to October 4th. The Board of Education have made this change in order that we may begin in the new high school building which will be ready by that time. All prospective boarding students from other points of Dare County are requested to bear this in mind and come, if possible, in time to be here on the opening day, October 4th. It will be better to write the principal what day to expect you. Arrangements have been made by which excellent board and room are offered boarding students in private homes at very reasonable rates.

The hearty support and co-operation of all patrons, pupils and teachers of the county are solicited that we may make the ensuing year the banner year in educational work for Dare County. A number of teachers have already signed cards pledging themselves to devote some time to the "Moon Light Schools" teaching the old men and women of the county who cannot read and write. As citizens of Dare County, let us be proud of the fact that our county is fourth best county in the State in adult illiteracy, our rating being only 6.8 per cent. as compared with 14 per cent. for the State average. We should not be content, however, until we stand at the head of the list and all our men and women are able to sign their names. Let every man who can not read and write his name call on the teacher who will teach him to sign his name and make him glad of the year 1915 and the day he learned to write.

The Northeastern District Association of County Superintendents will hold its meeting here on September 28, 29, and 30, the program for which will be announced later. State Superintendent, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, and State Director of high schools, Prof. N. W. Walker, will be here on these dates and it is hoped that the high school building at Manteo will be completed so that the dedication may take place while we have these leading educators of the State with us. All friends of education in Dare County are invited to attend these educational meetings. It is proposed to have an educational rally for the entire county and further announcement will be made and invitation extended some time during next week. Thanking my friends in Dare county for the support they have thus far given me in the school work of the county and thanking you, especially, for your loyal support in everything that makes for the uplift of our county, I am,

Sincerely yours,
E. W. JOYNER,
Dare County Supt. of Education.

ASHBY MAKES SWIMMING RECORD

Clarence Ashby, son of Rev. C. A. Ashby, recently made an enviable record among the boys of his age in the city by swimming from the Texaco wharf to the beacon on Cobbs Point, a distance of two miles.

Mrs. W. H. Jennings has returned from a visit to relatives at Milford, Delaware.

TIGERS GIVEN FOUR MONTHS

Error Made in Allowing Cases to go up to Superior Court Without Hearing.

The case against Edgar Williams and F. A. Crank, charged with selling whiskey, came up before Judge Sawyer in Police court Thursday morning. Both defendants entered a plea of nolo contendere and were sentenced by the court to four months on the county roads.

It was on Wednesday, September 1st, that Crank and Williams were taken at Lamb's Ferry by Chief Thomas and Officer Gregory at about three o'clock in the morning with twelve gallons of "bottled in bond" in pints in the automobile which they were driving. They were brought to Elizabeth City and put under bond for appearance in police court at nine o'clock that morning.

At some hour after daylight and previous to nine o'clock they both left town in an automobile which Crank had been driving and to which N. R. Parker held title. They went to Norfolk and for some days thereafter tract was lost of them, though the automobile in which they made their getaway was retained.

Just one week after the day of their arrest Williams got in communication with the police here and advised them that he would return on the night express of that date. He was met by an officer on his arrival and again bond was arranged for his appearance in police court. Thursday morning Williams waived the preliminary hearing and asked for trial by jury, giving bond for his appearance at the next term of Superior court. Crank, who arrived a day or two later than Williams, took a similar course.

So the Elizabeth City public thought the matter settled until next week, but Thursday morning the news got about that both would appear in police court at nine o'clock. A considerable crowd was on hand, but the case was disposed of in short order. It seems that the court erred in sending this case to superior court without a hearing and without judgment in the first instance. Rather than suffer delay which would follow the error if it were allowed to run its course both defendants agreed to appear before Judge Sawyer yesterday morning.

TRAVIS BRIEFS

Travis, N. C., Sept., 13—Mr. Edward Owen is visiting relatives in this section.

Miss Maggie Armstrong has returned to her home in Ayden after a visit to friends here.

Mrs. Mattie Ward entertained a large number of friends at her home last evening.

Mr. Curtis Overton is visiting relatives and friends in Roper.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Owens of Shiloh are visiting friends here.

J. D. Furlough has returned from a short visit to Coinjock.

The meeting at the Methodist Church here closed last week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. B. C. Henning will preach on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock from the subject "Time to Wake Up," and on Sunday evening at seven-thirty, from the subject "What to do with what we hear."

NIGHT SCHOOL OPENS

Mrs. M. E. Smith will open up her private school at her residence, 407 First Street, September 20th. Night school from 7:00 to 9:30.

R. T. White of Hertford was here Wednesday.

POPLAR BRANCH SCHOOL OPENS

And Opening Day is Marked by Inspiring Speeches and Excellent Enrollment.

Poplar Branch, N. C., Sept., 14—The Poplar Branch High School opened September 13th. Many patrons from this and other districts were present. Supt. Isley, Prof. and Dr. Griggs addressed the audience.

Prof. L. L. Lohr is the new principal of the school, with Miss Passmore as assistant principal. Miss Katie Bray returns as music teacher. Miss Gladys Jerome is substituting for Miss Carrie Parker who has been ill and is unable to return.

There are 158 students enrolled; 35 in the first and second grades, 35 in the third and fourth, 28 in the fifth, sixth and seventh, and 60 in the high school. There are 22 music students. There are 36 pupils from other districts in the high school, 18 of these being boarders.

A reception will be given in honor of the new high school students Thursday night. The patrons of the school are extended a special invitation to this entertainment.

ENTERTAINS SCHOOL BOARD

Roper, N. C., Sept., 14—Mr. B. S. Clark entertained the school board and teachers at his home Tuesday evening. Those present were:

Misses Augusta Carstarphen, Ethel Bailey, Bernice Fagan, Agnes Speight, Prof. G. H. Weaver, Messrs W. C. Thompson, B. S. Clark, N. W. Spruill, T. R. Hassell, Mrs. T. R. Hassell and Mrs. B. S. Clark.

Mr. J. P. Clagon has recently remodeled his home on his plantation near Roper and has made of it a most attractive residence.

Miss Isabel McAllister left Wednesday for the State Normal School at Greensboro.

Messrs. J. T. McAllister, J. B. Phelps and L. E. Hassell made a brief trip to Williamston Tuesday.

Messrs. W. C. Thompson, T. R. Hassell, Prof. W. H. Weaver made a business trip to Plymouth Tuesday in the interest of Roper High School.

Miss Virginia Lipscomb has returned to her home in Norfolk after a visit to her cousins, Misses Ethel and Lillie Barco.

Miss Lillie Sitterson left a few days ago for Powells Point where she will teach this year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Allen spent the week-end in Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Dillon spent the week-end with relatives near Elizabeth City.

Miss Sarah Leary of Norfolk is the guest of her son, Mr. J. L. R. Leary. Misses Eva Cahoon and Clara May Spruill of Columbia were guests of Miss O'Dell Spencer last week.

Mrs. W. J. Sparrow and Mrs. J. D. Swain of Washington are guests of the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ambrose.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith of Norfolk is the guest of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ambrose.

Misses Callie and Lula Ambrose of Norfolk are spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ambrose.

Mrs. J. E. Sexton has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Creswell.

Mr. Joseph Norman of Scuppernon spent Saturday with the family of Mrs. J. E. Sexton.

Misses Maude Norman and Elsie Wynn of Scuppernon were guests of Mrs. J. E. Sexton for several days this week.

Mr. J. E. C. Johnston and daughter, Mary, left Thursday on an extended visit to relatives and friends at Church Island, Currituck County.

STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD A FAIR

Minimum Stock Required Has Been Subscribed and now Definite Plans to be Discussed.

As a result of a few hours work yesterday afternoon another five hundred dollars was added to the stock subscribed in the fair association organized here on Monday night, August 30th.

This amount practically brings the subscriptions to stock up to the minimum requirement of two thousand dollars, and to-night at eight o'clock there will be a meeting of the stockholders at the courthouse to effect a permanent organization and to decide whether or not to attempt a fair this year.

The latter question is one in which a great deal of interest is being taken and which will be fully and openly discussed. All persons interested in making the fair a regular annual event and a success are invited to attend the meeting.

Among those subscribing to stock in the fair will be found farmers from Pasquotank and Camden counties and many of Elizabeth City's most substantial business men. It is believed that when the purposes and aims of the association are thoroughly understood subscriptions to stock will come in rapidly and almost without solicitation.

GREGORY TOXEY

Mr. Samuel W. Gregory and Miss Minnie Toxey, both of Shiloh, Camden County, were married here Wednesday by Rev. H. P. Lamb, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, at his residence on Broad street. The ceremony took place at about one o'clock and soon thereafter the bride and groom left on the north bound train for a tour of Northern cities. Upon their return they will make their home at Shiloh.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory are well known here where they have many friends. Mr. Gregory is a brother of Mr. Winfred Gregory of the firm of Sharber and White of this city.

ENTERTAINED MONDAY EVENING

Miss Jennie Cohoon entertained Monday evening at her home on Burgess street in honor of her guest Miss Ada Davenport of Columbia. Music and games were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were: Misses Amber Holloman, Mary Ward, Eva Berry, Lillie Seymore, Leslie Tolston, Lula White, Aurilla Strahl, Evelyn Munden, Ada Davenport, Jennie Cohoon; Messrs. Bryan Venters, Eddie Spires, Roscoe Wynn, Virginia Morrisette, Leslie Belangia, Willie Owens, Henry Newbold, Earl Chesson and Hugh Chappel.

On Tour of Middle West

Dr. S. W. Gregory, who is a member of a party now touring the cities of the middle west, including Buffalo, Niagara, Detroit and Chicago, reports from the last named city that the trip has been a most delightful one.

A. B. Walston has sold all his real estate holdings at Weeksville to the Weeksville Ginning Company. The price paid for the property was six thousand dollars. \$1500 was paid for the part of the property purchased when the plant was erected and the company has just bought the rest of the tract.

Prof. G. W. Weaver of McDowell County arrived last week to begin the year's work at Roper High School next Monday.