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Young Men Of Bess City Throng To Polling Places

Registration Places Were Crowded For Hours in the Early Morning With men Seeking Their Registration Certificate

At three o'clock this afternoon 124 had registered in the first ward; 154 in the second; 125 in the third, and 193 in the fourth.

No sign of "the slacker" was evident at the various registration places here today. From seven this morning until nearly twelve the registrars were kept rushed with men, colored and white, anxious to have their names recorded at the service of Uncle Sam.

Women and girls were at each polling place with ribbons from the Chamber of Commerce bearing the world, "Betsey's Braves" to pin on the men as they procured their registration certificates. Men who have registered are on the streets in quite a large number and their ribbons of honor are seen at every turn and older citizens are somewhat envious and more inclined than ever to wish that they were young again.

Robinson Cruso Skiles was the first man to register in the first ward; Miles L. Clark in the second; William Duckworth Glover in the third; and B. E. Hopkins in the fourth.

ZEIGLER-FRANK

Mr. Claud Zeigler and Miss Lena Bell Frank were married Tuesday afternoon at one-thirty at the home of the bride's parents on Martin St.

The room was decorated in white and green. The immediate members of the family were present.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Frank and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Zeigler of this city.

They left on the 2:30 train for Baltimore and other northern cities.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. B. Culbreth.

GUARANTORS HAVE CHAUTAUQUA TICKETS

The Chautauqua Guarantors met Monday night and received each his proportionate share of the tickets for the season. Each guarantor has six senior tickets and two juniors, and as it now appears that all season tickets will be sold this year it behooves every Chautauquan to get his season ticket early. Friday night the guarantors will meet again and return any unsold tickets to the committee.

Judging by the way things have gone most of the guarantors will easily dispose of their apportionment of tickets before that time.

AT WALKER'S MEMORIAL

An ice cream supper will be held at Walker's Memorial Methodist Chapel on Southern Avenue Thursday night for the benefit of the orphans. The public is cordially invited.

MRS. LUTON WHITEHURST DEAD

Mrs. Luton Whitehurst died at her home on Bell Street Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock after being ill for some time.

Mrs. Whitehurst is survived by a husband and four children and a sister, Mrs. B. C. Jones of South Mills.

The funeral will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. C. B. Culbreth at their home.

COMMISSIONERS MEET SATURDAY

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting Saturday for the purpose of revising the jury box.

ALDERMAN ELECT CITY MANAGER

W. A. JONES GETS THE JOB WITH P. G. SAWYER AS MAYOR, C. B. WILLIAMS AS HEALTH OFFICER AND M. B. SIMPSON CITY ATTORNEY

The new board of Aldermen held its first meeting Monday night and in less than half an hour had elected W. A. Jones City Manager, P. G. Sawyer Mayor, Dr. C. B. Williams Health Officer and M. B. Simpson City Attorney.

The Board went into no further business Monday night as a number of its members and the mayor expected to take an active part in the work of registering the young men of the town who are liable for military service under the draft act.

The election showed the Board evenly divided just as it was two years ago, the first and second wards this time being arrayed against the third and fourth. The deadlock was broken, just as it was two years ago, by chairman Owens casting two votes one as representative of the First Ward, and the other as chairman.

The new board met with Mayor Sawyer presiding, the mayor holding over until his successor was elected. Mathias Owens and P. C. Cohoon were nominated for chairman and the vote stood Owens and Ferebee, Sawyer and Anderson for Owens; and Pappendick and Cohoon, Gaither and Pritchard for Cohoon. Mayor Sawyer broke the tie, casting the deciding vote for Owens.

Mr. P. G. Sawyer, his term expired, thereupon surrendered the chair to Owens, who declared that the election of a mayor was next in order. The nominees were W. C. Glover and P. G. Sawyer. Again the vote arrayed Ferebee, Owen, M. N. Sawyer and Anderson against Pappendick, Cohoon, Gaither and Pritchard. Owens promptly broke the tie, casting the deciding vote in favor of Sawyer and declaring P. G. Sawyer duly elected Mayor for the next two years, surrendering the chair to that re-elected official.

The applicants for City Manager were D. Walter Harris Sr., W. A. Jones, and W. E. Dunstan. Dunstan got one vote that of W. G. Gaither, Harris three and Jones four. Mayor Sawyer broke the tie, casting the deciding vote for Jones.

By this same decisive vote of the mayor Dr. C. B. Williams was elected Health Officer and M. B. Simpson city attorney. The four aldermen constituting the minority voted for W. L. Small for city attorney and for Dr. R. L. Kendrick for health officer.

All this was done so quickly that some who went up to see the fun did not get in until the board had adjourned.

But though the machine worked much more expeditiously than it did two years ago, when it took about three days to break the deadlock, it did not work without a squeak or a hitch. The four aldermen representing the third and fourth wards registered a protest against the double vote of Mr. Owens. There is some talk of a law suit—but not half as much as there was two years ago. Probably the talk now will amount to nothing—as it did then.

It seems that under the present charter as long as the board is equally divided the chairman of the board and the mayor may have everything their own way ad infinitum.

Misses Ida Ballance and Mary Jones of this city spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va.

NATIONS MILLIONS FOR WAR SERVICE

TEN MILLION YOUNG AMERICANS GO TO POLLS TODAY TO PLACE THEIR NAME ON THE "LISTS OF HONOR"

(By United Press) Washington, June 5.—The manhood of the nation offered itself before the altar of democracy today.

Young Americans are at the polls casting their vote for world democracy and registering for service.

Reports reaching the United Press early in the day showed the weather fair practically throughout the country, and that the nation's youth was pledging itself bright and early at the country's call. Heavy listing was reported during the first three hours.

No city yet has reported any disturbances and it is apparent that the impromptu machinery called into service in the hour when America is selecting her men to fight Germany is running smoothly.

In a wonderful outpouring of patriotism such as the country has never seen, ten millions of men are giving themselves to the services of their flag from the teeming cities of the East, through the wide stretches of the Middle West to the Pacific, from every city, hamlet and remote cross-road the millions are streaming to the polls to place their names on the "lists of honor."

Every home—the milling tenement and the lonely farmhouse—is offering its sacrifice.

The whole nation is stepping forward to volunteer. It is a stern holiday of sacrifice—one of the most momentous days in the history of the country.

At the hour of seven o'clock the polls opened at the regular voting places throughout the country. Men began streaming to the polls to procure their registration certificate—the badge of their offer of service.

In some states the day assumed the air of a festival. The cities were in gala attire with flags flying and the streets filled with townspeople stirred by the spirit of the day. Patriotic speeches and parades featured the celebration in Middle Western states.

In many towns whole families went to the polls with their loved ones—mothers bravely led their first born to offer them for the cause of democracy.

Only estimates can be made of the number of men that are registering today. Officials of the census bureau placed the number at over ten million—one of every ten souls in the nation. Until the totals are in—and it will take days to compile them—the officials cannot tell.

Every man between the ages of twenty-one and thirty is to present himself at his polling places before nine o'clock tonight. From hundreds of cities the registration cards of the absentees and wanderers were pouring in to the county clerks today.

In this nerve-center of the nation the men who constructed and set in motion the gigantic machinery of the registration sat back to watch it do its work. With few hitches the task went on with the precision of a machine.

At least a dozen states of the Central West had made every preparation for the registration days before and at the stroke of seven were ready. Others had various difficulties.

This is the working of the machinery in every precinct and county of the United States.

As each man presents himself at the polls his answers to the questions are recorded, he is given a certificate of registration after the closing of the polls the reports are forwarded by the registrar to the county clerk or sheriff; in turn they are compiled and wired to the Governor; after another compilation the results are telegraphed to the office of the Provost Marshal General in this city.

After today the local authorities have another task—that of running to earth the "slacker" or none-registrator, and checking up on false registrations. They will get little mercy. A long term of imprisonment with no alternative is provided.

Meanwhile the local exemption boards are to begin at once sighting out and selecting the men that are needed at home for the efficiency of the military machine.

MIDDLE WEST RESPONDS. Chicago, Ill., June 5.—The middle

VETS ENCOURAGE YOUNG WARRIORS

REBEL YELL CHEERS WASHINGTON YOUTH GOING TO REGISTRATION POLLS AND REACHES GREATER VOLUME THAN EVER BEFORE HEARD IN NATION'S CAPITAL

(By United Press)

Washington, June 5.—The rebel yell was heard in greater volume than ever before in Washington today when the Confederate veterans in convention cheered young Americans standing in line to register for war service.

Groups of "boys in gray" were at many registration places swapping yarns for the benefit of men who soon may have war stories of their own to swap. Former rebs who fought so hard for Uncle Sam half a century ago did all in their power today to make Registration Day a big event in Washington. Little squads of them marched up Pennsylvania avenue, while the bands played "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie." Thousands gathered to hear Wilson's second speech.

EPWORTH LEAGUE AT CITY ROAD

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE WELCOMED TO ELIZABETH CITY BY MANAGER AND PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS

Wednesday and Thursday young men and women will be pouring into the city from all over the Eastern half of the State. Thursday night Mayor Sawyer will welcome the Epworth League host to the city. "These young people are coming among us with the feeling that Elizabeth City is one of the most hospitable towns in the State. Let us not disappoint them," says Rev. C. B. Culbreth.

Services will be held at City Road Church every morning and evening throughout the Conference. To all of these services the people of the city are cordially invited. The 6:30 morning prayer services are spiritual in their nature and are enjoyed by all who attend them.

Chicago, Ill., June 5.—Twelve arrests were made here in connection with registration before noon. Ten of these were negroes who were taken from the train charged with fleeing from the South to evade conscription. FLORIDA REPORTS ENTHUSIASM. Jacksonville, June 5.—Florida registration reports reflect enthusiasm, and the same spirit is said to prevail throughout the South. The negro registration is running high.

NEGROES RESPOND WELL. Columbia, June 5.—With no signs of disturbance reported to Governor Manning from any section, registration of the South Carolina youth was well toward completion by noon. Early listing forecast the registration of about 137,000 for the state. The negro response exceeds all predictions. Ten negroes to one white man in some sections were in line as the polls opened.

RICHMOND HAS HOLIDAY. Richmond, June 5.—Registration here from forenoon indications will exceed all expectations. Enthusiasm is rampant throughout the city and the day is virtually a holiday. The negroes were lined up at the polls in long lines all morning. Eligible inmates of the state penitentiary here registered without disorder.

CLOUDY WEATHER DID NOT DAUNT. Raleigh, June 5.—Cloudy weather was insufficient to dampen the registration ardor of North Carolina patriots today. Indications up to noon point to normal registration throughout the state without untoward incident.

Y M C A MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WILL CLOSE AT 8 P. M. TONIGHT

Nearly Every Officer of The "Army" and "Navy" Has Agreed to Spend as Much or More Than Half Of The Day Working for "Recruits".

The Y M C A membership contest which began last Friday closes at 8 o'clock tonight. Every employer in the city who has members of any of the divisions in his employment has been personally requested by Commander in Chief Markham, to allow these men the day off to work for "recruits." Many of the Commanders and Lieutenants last night agreed to give their entire time to the work today. Others promised a half day and even some who are not members of any of the divisions volunteered to give their services during the day to encourage "recruiting."

A man or boy without a red or blue button pinned on his coat has stood little chance of being missed by a pair of recruiting officers. They have been on the streets, in the stores and even at the homes of unenlisted men since sunrise this morning and as the day has come nearer to its end they have become more active. Commander in Chief Markham has asked for 600 recruits by tonight and the officers are determined that his request will be granted if it is possible.

The report at last night's meeting was indeed encouraging. The army recruiting for the day was more than double its record for Friday or Saturday and added 28 more to its 19 members for the first two days.

Recruiting in the navy, however, was nearly a hundred points above Saturday's record, 37 members being added to its former total of 59.

In the report of the divisions of the Navy Captain Houtz of the Hospital Ship for the third time led the record for recruits, scoring 155 points—one sustaining member, two junior members, and thirteen senior members. Captain Leigh of the Dreadnaughts scored 66 points—three junior and five senior members; Captain Pugh of Hydroplanes 55 points—two junior members, one employed member and four senior members; Captain Osburn of the Torpedo Boats 50 points—one sustaining member, three junior members, and two senior members.

In the army Commander Wells of the Artillery led with 110 points—11 senior members. Commander Hughes of Aeroplanes scored 65 points—three junior members and five senior members; Commander Griffin of the Infantry 60 points—six senior members; Commander Clark of the Ambulance corps 30 points—three senior members.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Jas. B. Black and after supper which was served by the ladies of Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church the report of the officers was heard. Commander in Chief Markham then announced that the final report would be heard tonight at eight o'clock at which time supper will be again served. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Cunningham closed the meeting.

Following is Monday's report:

Table with columns: NAVY, Points, Sus., Jr., Emp., Sr. Rows: Submarines, Torpedo Boats, Dreadnaughts, Hydroplanes, Hospital Ship, Total.

Following is the report of the 25 days work—by total number of points and members:

Table with columns: ARMY, Points, Members. Rows: Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Ambulance, Aeroplanes, Total.

Following is the report of the 25 days work—by total number of points and members:

Table with columns: NAVY, Points, Members. Rows: Friday, Saturday, Monday, Total.

Following is the report of the 25 days work—by total number of points and members:

Table with columns: WEATHER, Points, Members. Rows: Friday, Saturday, Monday, Total.

Fair tonight. Wednesday local thunder showers. Moderate south winds.

SUDDEN DEATH BY EXPLOSION

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF BURGESS MEETS DEATH IN PRIME OF LIFE BY EXPLOSION OF PRESTOLITE TANK

Mrs. J. W. Wilcox of this city received a phone message this morning from Burgess stating that her brother, Mr. J. H. Parker of that place had been killed by an explosion from his Prestolite tank. The cause or the details of the explosion are not known here but it is understood that Mr. Parker was filling the tank when the explosion occurred.

Mr. Parker was postmaster and a prominent merchant of Burgess. He was only forty-one years of age and in splendid health. When in Elizabeth City a few days ago visiting relatives he spoke of the satisfaction of his lights for country use.

Besides his wife Mr. Parker is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. H. Parker Sr. of this city; three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Wilcox and Miss Isa Parker of this city and Mrs. J. E. Moran of Burgess; three brothers, S. M. Parker of Charleston, S. C., L. W. Parker of Harrisonburg, Pa., and C. B. Parker of Burgess; four children Evelyn, J. H. Parker, Jr., Alton and William Parker, Jr.

The funeral will probably be conducted Wednesday. Mr. J. W. Wilcox went to Burgess this morning with Dr. B. C. Henning and returns this afternoon.

NOTICE TO THE PATRONS OF NORFOLK & CAROLINA TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY

This is to notify the patrons of the above named Company that under the existing laws we are compelled to have the various reports which we make to the Federal Government and to the State in on time or we will be penalized for failing to comply with the law.

We therefore request you to have your rent in the Company's Office, 509 East Fearing street, not later than the 10th of each month. Upon your failure to comply we will be compelled to discontinue your service from that date. Owing to conditions brought about by the present war we are unable at any price to purchase more instruments, and if we should be compelled to take out your phone we will be unable to restate you until conditions change. Therefore take notice and govern yourself accordingly.

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May 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, June 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.

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The following names were added to the Y M C A membership Monday night: Jennings, R. M., Jennings, Miles, Winslow, Joe, Gregory, J. G., Spragins, S. H., Turner, Roscoe, Parsons, S. B., Ayldett, E. F., Robinson, C. O.

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