

Noah Bright as Candidate For Council Vacancy Puts Fear In Hearts of Three

Anderson's Friendliness Toward Latest Prospective Disturbs Kramer, P. C. Cohoon and Hughes

GAS PURCHASE NEXT?

Citizens Expected to be Heard From at Council Session Tonight, When Appointment Comes Up

Evidence of an unexpected accession in strength on the part of Noah Bright, manager of the local branch of the Coast Oil Company, and potential successor of L. W. Anderson on the City Council, came suddenly apparent Monday on the eve of the Council session at which Anderson's successor was to be appointed.

Until Monday, it had been regarded as practically certain that Charles M. Griggs, furniture manufacturer, would be the Council's choice for the vacancy. Mr. Griggs was supported by Councilman Kramer, P. C. Cohoon, Hughes, and, supposedly, by E. J. Cohoon. Now comes the news from what are apparently absolutely authentic sources that Councilman E. J. Cohoon is pledged to support Mr. Bright, and that Councilman Armstrong has agreed to follow Mr. Cohoon in the matter. With Councilman Morgan seemingly also being Mr. Bright, and Councilman Davis expected to fall in line, it looks like a four-three majority for him.

Thus far, the only argument brought against Mr. Bright is the contention that Street Commissioner Anderson is for him. Those who are opposing Bright's candidacy seem to fear that his election would mean the continuation of the Anderson influence on the Council—and they express apprehension as to the hearing that influence might have in the event that the predicted further move to "unload" the holdings of the Gas Company upon the city materializes.

Councilman Davis was out of town Monday and was not expected to return until 7:30 o'clock—the hour at which the Council meeting was scheduled to begin. His attitude on the question of a successor to Mr. Anderson is not yet definitely apparent, and those who are opposed to the appointment of Mr. Bright, knowing Mr. Anderson's friendliness to him, are basing their last lone hope on the possibility that Mr. Davis may pull with them.

Councilmen Kramer, Hughes and P. C. Cohoon are expressing a willingness to compromise on virtually any candidate who is generally known as a progressive and public spirited citizen, and who is clearly not in any way connected with the Anderson political element. They do not know that Mr. Bright is thus connected, but they fear him by reason of Mr. Anderson's activity in behalf of him these last few days.

There were indications Monday afternoon that a considerable delegation of citizens would be present at the Council meeting, prepared to be heard from when the matter of selecting a successor to Mr. Anderson came up.

BUNCOMBE CLUB GIRLS STUDY BETTER SEWING

Asheville, March 1.—Club girls and farm women in Buncombe County are studying better sewing methods under the leadership of Miss Anne Edwards, the new home agent recently placed in the county. During the past week there were meetings of the different clubs at Jupiter, Fairview, Black Knob, Tweed and Sand Hill. Many of the club girls are learning to measure for patterns and to draft and cut them for use in sewing. The women of the Tweed community are also making money weaving and selling rugs.

ANDREWS WANTS COMMISSION TO STUDY DRY LAW

Washington, March 1.—Creation of a commission to study the general prohibition question in all its aspects was proposed today by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the Treasury in charge of dry law enforcement. With both Senate and House preparing to take steps to inquire into conditions under prohibition and with wet and dry organizations engaged in bitter controversy over it, Mr. Andrews declared that he believed the time had come for a thorough study of the question in its economic, social, and all other phases. Unwilling to make an estimate of the various effects of the law himself, the Secretary declared that if enforcement was to proceed with success some action must be taken to quiet the public mind.

WAR MEMORIAL PLAN ADVANCED BY CIVIC CLUBS

Representatives of Rotary and Kiwanis Present Matter to Board of County Commissioners.

ENDORSEMENT GIVEN

Appearing before the Board of County Commissioners, in monthly session Monday representatives of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs presented preliminary plans for formation of a World War Memorial Association here, to sponsor erection of a suitable memorial of a type to be decided upon later. The commissioners endorsed the proposal, reminding the visitors that they already had a committee on it, comprising Chairman W. T. Love, Sr., W. R. Perry and Solicitor Walter Small.

The first meeting of the association will be held Thursday night, March 11, at 7:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. It was announced in addition to the organizations named, the City Council, the American Legion, the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Woman's Club will be invited to send representatives.

President J. Kenyon Wilson, of the Kiwanis Club, and A. B. Houtz, member of the board of directors of the Rotary Club, appeared officially before the commissioners in the matter, asking the body give its endorsement to the plan. This was accorded readily. Mr. Wilson stated that it was intended to raise \$2,000 to \$5,000 for a memorial, the type of which would be decided later.

At this juncture, Attorney Walter L. Cohoon, who happened to be present, addressed the commissioners, asking that steps be taken to move the body of Corporal Seth Edward Perry, killed in battle in the World War, from its resting place on the courthouse lawn to a suitable cemetery plot. Mr. Cohoon characterized as a serious mistake the burial of the body where it now lies, declaring emphatically that public opinion on the occasion of a large public demonstration here, arrayed to move the body of Perry, would be much stronger if it were moved.

Corporal Perry was killed while delivering a message under fire, and after having volunteered for the task. This occurred in the last days of the war. When his body was brought back in 1919, it was the occasion of a large public demonstration here, arrayed to move the body of Perry, yielding to strong sentiment at the time, his relatives agreed to the burial of the courthouse grounds. Last spring, the county commissioners voted an appropriation of \$500 toward erection of a World War monument, and there was a move to raise additional funds for the building, however, largely through lack of sufficient organization on the part of its sponsors.

SEAPLANES HOP OFF FROM CHARLESTON

Charleston, March 1.—Two seaplanes piloted by Commander John Rodgers and Lieutenant L. W. Curtiss hopped off here today for Fernandina, Florida, on the way to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where they will join the United States fleet in maneuvers. The planes arrived here Sunday afternoon, from Hampton Roads via Morehead City, North Carolina.

CHICAGO OUTLAWRY SUBJECT OF MEETING

Washington, March 1.—A special meeting of the Senate immigration committee has been called for tomorrow to consider the petition of the better Government Association of Chicago and Cook county for Congressional investigation of outlawry in Chicago. Chairman Johnson issued a call today after examination of a report which was presented to the Senate by Vice President Dawes.

UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN ARE FED BY CLUB GIRLS

Jackson, March 1.—About 30 children who are 10 per cent or more underweight are being studied by the home economics class in the Rich Square school, reports Miss Mary Sue Wiglet, the home agent of the county. The home economics girls are working with the undernourished children, weighing them each week and making growth charts so as to help them overcome their deficiencies. Meanwhile the home agent and the teachers are visiting the mothers of these children and are securing their co-operation in feeding the proper foods, such as milk and eggs.

WEST IN SADDLE IN SENATE BUT EAST IN HOUSE

Chairmanships of Senate Safe in Hands of West Which Holds Winning Hand in Rank

SMALL POPULATION

Three Most Important Committees Presided Over by Senators from Least Populous States

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Washington, March 1.—The election of the grip which the far west has upon the United States Senate is reflected today in the fact that sixteen of the thirty-three chairmanships of the Senate are presided over by men from west of the Mississippi River. Most of them are from points along away west of that dividing stream.

Not only are the chairmanships today safely in the hands of the west but in the matter of ranking members, or those in line to succeed to the chairmanships, the west also holds a winning hand. It has ranking members on no less than seventeen of the thirty-three committees.

The Middle West, including Kentucky, has six Senate chairmanships and the East has eleven. This is a marked change from a few years ago when the Senate virtually was in the grip of New England. But that little section, not to be denied its place in the sun, has its first President in the White House for something like 70 years.

The most remarkable phase of the situation in the Senate is the fact that three of its most important committees are presided over by men from states having about the smallest population of any in the entire American Union. Smoot, of Utah, presided over the all-powerful committee on finance, which corresponds to the committee on ways and means in the House. Senator Warren of Wyoming, presides over the committee on appropriations. Senator Borah of Idaho has succeeded in the chairmanship of the committee on foreign affairs.

When it comes to electing a President of the United States Utah, Idaho and Wyoming have a total of 11 votes. New York has 45. In the house of Representatives the East still holds sway, due largely to the tremendous influence of Republican Pennsylvania, and stranger. Due to its size, the House has many more committees than the Senate—sixty one in fact. Of these the East claims 29; the Far West 19 and the Middle West, including Kentucky, 12. The South has one committee chairmanship, because Tennessee insists upon sending certain Republican Congressmen back to the House time and time again.

Recently the Pennsylvania Senators arose on their hind legs and made loud and long complaint that the keystone state, backbone of Republicanism in the East, was not getting its proper share of the Federal patronage, the big jobs handed out by the administration. Here is the list: Banking and currency, enrolled bills, expenditures in the Navy Department, foreign affairs, industrial arts and expositions, insular affairs, judiciary, military affairs, naval affairs, postoffices and post roads and printing.

CONCERT AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

The Cleveland Symphonic Quartet Promises Most Delightful Program. The concert tonight at the High School auditorium by the Cleveland Symphonic Quartette promises to be unusually enjoyable. The flute, the harp, the cello, and the violin will combine to produce a pleasing program of classical and popular music. Tickets may be bought and reserved at Bright's Jewelry Store today and at the High School tonight. The Woman's Club is sponsoring the musicale and hopes for a large attendance. The concert will begin promptly at 8:30 as the musicians have to leave on the 10:10 train.

Church Is Wrecked In Chinese Rioting

Chung King, China, March 1.—Students and soldiers during anti-Christian demonstration today wrecked the interior of the American Adventist church. Many persons were arrested.

SAYS WILL CUT OUTPUT GOVERNMENT LIQUOR

New York, March 1.—John A. Foster, recently appointed to take charge supervision of the alcohol industry throughout the country said, today that he plans a sweeping cut in the output of alcohol manufactured under Government permit. It is his aim, he said, to reduce the present output from six million gallons to two million a year.

In Her Uncle's Footsteps



Flo Fairbanks, niece of the famous Doug, is trying to become a movie actress. On her graduation from an eastern finishing school she went to Los Angeles and is now at work on the Fairbanks-Pickford lot.

New York Times Predicts Rosy Future For Carolina Coast as Resort Country

"Somewhere on the Carolina Coast there is sure to develop an Atlantic City of the South, built as cities are now built in Florida. Whether it will be near Wilmington or Charleston cannot be foreseen, but it will be built, and soon. On this coast there are hundreds of miles of fine beaches; bathing is excellent for the general public eight months in the year, and fishing is fine the year around. Already caravans of tourists are enjoying autumn and early springtime along the new Coastal Motor Highway. The foregoing, clipped from an article featured in the New York Sunday Times of February 28, discussing the present trend of business development, and particularly the resort possibilities of the Eastern Carolina Coast, is taken by Elizabeth City business men as additional evidence of the need for a modern hotel here. "With the public interest centering in this section, Elizabeth City is bound to share in the general prosperity," says W. G. Galter, vice president of the First & Citizens National Bank. "This community is a natural trade center, and with the developments which are taking place on all sides, Elizabeth City is in line for greater progress. "In order to reap the fullest benefit, a new hotel must be provided, in which to entertain the traveling public. It will be a splendid advertising medium for Elizabeth City; it will serve to attract and hold visitors in this community, and it should prove a very attractive investment. Plans for the campaign to finance construction of a hotel here, to cost \$200,000 to \$500,000, are progressing steadily, according to members of the central hotel committee, of which C. R. Pugh is chairman. Various sub-committees are being formed, and other preliminaries are being disposed of. Announcement of the opening of the campaign is expected in the next few days.

Sixty Three Dead Is Traffic Toll

Charlotte, March 1.—The south's weekly toll from traffic accidents last week was 63 dead, and 320 injured, the Associated Press survey revealed today. Florida led with 16 dead and 80 injured. North Carolina had 10 dead and 18 injured.

FOUR ARE HELD FOR MURDER OF AGED MAN

Albemarle, N. C., March 1.—Three men and a woman today were being given a preliminary hearing in connection with the alleged murder of Dad Watkins, asked man who disappeared several weeks ago and whose charred body was believed to have been found in the ruins of a burned barn. John Gray, Carl Sweet and wife, and Tom Drake, are held. Deputy Sheriff Pusey testified that he overheard Gray tell Mrs. Gray that he knew all about the killing and would tell at the proper time.

SAUNDERS HOLDS OWN IN A BATTLE WITH PNEUMONIA

Editor of the Independent and Widely Known Magazine Writer Resting Comfortably Today

HOPE IS HELD FORTH

Condition Complicated by Diabetic Trouble of Several Years' Standing, Doctors Declare

W. D. Saunders, editor of the Independent, published here, widely known as a magazine writer, and candidate for the House in the General Assembly in the approaching election, is seriously ill with double pneumonia at his home on First street here. He is being attended by Dr. H. D. Walker and Dr. John Saliba. "Mr. Saunders apparently is holding his own," Dr. Walker stated this afternoon at two o'clock. "He is resting more comfortably than heretofore. For the last two days, he has been a very sick man."

Mr. Saunders was taken Tuesday night with a severe chill. Late Wednesday afternoon, his condition failing to improve under ordinary home treatment, he called in Dr. Walker, and later, Dr. Saliba also. Saturday he was very sick. On Sunday morning, at the request of members of the family, prayers for his speedy recovery were offered in the churches of the city.

Sunday night, his condition apparently took a turn for the better. He enjoyed his first interval of rest, and apparently was holding his own this morning.

Besides the attending doctors, and members of his immediate family, a trained nurse has been in constant attendance since Friday. Mr. Saunders' brother and sister, C. T. Saunders and Miss Frances Saunders, came from Norfolk Sunday to be at his bedside.

Mr. Saunders' condition is complicated by diabetic trouble from which he has been a sufferer for several years, doctors stated, adding that he tended to handicap them in fighting the pneumonia. He had been feeling better for several months, and had neglected the usual precautionary measures observed in holding diabetes in check, with the result that when he was stricken with pneumonia, considerable excess sugar had accumulated in his system. The result was that the doctors were faced with a double fight—on the one hand, to check the diabetic condition, and on the other, to halt the ravages of pneumonia. "Everywhere on the streets this morning were heard expressions of solicitude over Mr. Saunders' condition, and the hope that he would recover quickly."

African Golf Game Lands Seven In Police Court

A game of African golf at the stables of the E. L. Williams road construction company on Dyer street late Saturday, in which a pint and a half of moonshine liquor is said to have figured occasionally as stakes, resulted in the appearance of seven colored residents of this city in recorder's court Monday morning, all of whom were charged with shooting craps, and one of whom faced an additional count alleging possession and transportation of whisky.

Of the accused, Wiley Griffin, William Eason, Weldon Sutton and Russell Smith pleaded guilty on the gaming charge, and were fined \$2 and costs each. Tom Alston, Lonnie Griffin and John Slaton denied guilt, were convicted, and were fined \$5 and costs additional on the liquor charge.

Leroy Griffin, colored boy about 14 years old, was the State's chief witness in the case. He testified that he had been employed as a lookout by the crap shooters and was of material assistance in identifying the accused. He also gave the names of others who departed before police could nab them.

It was in evidence that the game began shortly after "paying off" time Saturday afternoon and continued until the arrival of officers that night, about 7:30 o'clock. Patrolman Harris, a member of the raiding party, declared that when the officers approached, Sutton made off at full speed right through mules, carts, wagons and other impediments, as though he were traveling an unobstructed path. Leroy Ganders, colored, but not a member of the "golf" party, was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of simple drunkenness.

When some factory gets a lot of something it doesn't know what to do with, we have a new breakfast food.

FIREMEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE IN EXPLOSION

Chicago, March 1.—Twelve firemen fighting a blaze in a frame building on the South side early today missed death by a few seconds when the trembling of the two-story structure warned them to the street just before an explosion blew the structure into bits. The blast is believed by some to have been caused by dynamite. The bomb splintered every timber in the house. Mike Castell operated a grocery in the building and recently had received extortion threats.

JUDGE GRADY AT CURRITUCK

Superior Court Convenes There Today for Criminal and Civil Cases

Raleigh, March 1.—Two of the 17 Superior Court terms opening in North Carolina this morning will be presided over by emergency judges.

Governor McLean has named W. B. Snow, of Raleigh, as emergency judge to hold the regular Buncombe term of two weeks for the trial of civil cases. A special two weeks criminal term which will also open in Buncombe today will be held by Judge P. A. McElroy, of Marshall. The simultaneous terms in Buncombe are possible, due to the fact that that county has two court rooms.

The other emergency judge who will hold court this week is Judge C. A. Lyon, of Elizabethtown. He will hold court in Guilford this week, in lieu of Judge T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, who has been relieved for the week. The Guilford term is for two weeks. It will be devoted exclusively to the criminal docket.

Judge H. A. Grady, of Clinton, goes to Currituck County this week. Court in Currituck will last for one week. It is to be a mixed term.

Judge W. F. Harding, who would have held the regular Buncombe term, is in exchange with Judge McElroy, and by reason of the exchange, Judge Harding will preside in Mecklenburg. That term is a civil one, to last two weeks.

Judge Michael Schneck, of Hendersonville, and A. M. Stack, of Monroe, are also in exchange. Judge Schneck, therefore, will go to Henderson county, his home, to hold a two weeks mixed term, and Judge Stack will hold in Anson. The Anson term is for one week. It is a civil term.

Another exchange in effect this week is that of Judges W. A. Devin, of Oxford, and Romulus A. Nunn, of New Bern. By virtue of the exchange, Judge Nunn will hold the second week of the Green county term, began last Monday, and Judge Devin goes to Durham. The latter is a civil term, to continue through the second week.

Judges Thomas H. Calvert and M. V. Barnhill, of Raleigh and Rocky Mount, respectively, in exchange for some weeks, return to their regularly appointed courts this week. Judge Barnhill will preside in Wake and Judge Calvert in Edgecombe county. The Wake term of one week is criminal. That in Edgecombe is also for one week. It is a mixed term. In Vance, Judge E. H. Cramer, of Southport, will hold a one week criminal term.

The Chatham term is also for one week, to be devoted exclusively to the civil docket. Judge N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, will preside.

Mixed terms of two weeks each open today in Wilkes and Swain counties. Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of Greensboro, will hold the Wilkes court, while Judge John M. Ogleby, of Concord, will preside in Swain.

The mixed term in Onslow is for one week. Judge W. M. Bond, of Edenton, will hold this court. Judge G. E. Midyette, of Jacksonville, goes to New Hanover for two weeks. Only civil cases are on the calendar for trial at this term.

The Rowan term will be held by Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City. It is a one-week civil term. Courts previously opened will continue next week in Greene, Robeson, Rockingham, and Caldwell counties, making a total of 21 Superior Courts in session during the week.

HUGE CROP OF POOR QUALITY DISPOSED OF BY COOPS. Fresno, Cal., March 1.—The Sun Maid Raisin Growers' Association has mailed checks completing payments to members for the 1925 crop, which, owing to its huge size and poor quality has been a problem of the raisin industry for the last two years. Final payments totaled nearly \$60,000.

TO MERT TUESDAY

The Woman's Bible Class will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. R. S. Sawyer on Riverside Drive. All members are urged to be present.

SATURDAY WAS DAY OF TRIUMPH FOR MR. MELLON

Saw Principles of Taxation For Which Has Contended Enacted Into Law and Integrity Unchallenged

VOTE WAS CLOSE

But for Cole Blaise of South Carolina Senate Would Have Investigated Squelching Suit

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Washington, March 1.—Saturday may be said to have marked the triumph of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. Not only have the principles of taxation which he has espoused for five years been accepted as law, but also the United States Senate declined on Saturday to take up the charges that he had used his official position to squelch action by the Department of Justice in connection with the activities of the Aluminum Company in which he is a large stockholder.

Senator Moses of New Hampshire, Republican, openly accused Senator Walsh of Montana, Democrat, during the debate, of aiming the attack at President Coolidge by attempting to convict his Secretary of the Treasury of alleged improper activity. The Senate by a close vote refused to pursue the inquiry any further and to that extent the Democratic minority has been deprived of an issue.

Mr. Mellon was warmly defended on the floor of the Senate by regular Republicans and the surprising feature of the debate was the way Senator Cole Blaise of South Carolina, Democrat, regarded as a radical, joined hands with another Democrat, Senator Bruce of Maryland, conservative, and saved the Republicans the necessary votes to save the Aluminum Company from investigation. The Democrats are non-plussed over the fact that two Democrats deserted them. They had drawn to their side several insurgent Republicans and it looked for a time as if the coalition formed in the last session of Congress would be revived. Indeed, the vote was so close that it can be regarded as significant of future votes. In other words, the administration is far from possessing steam-rolling strength in the upper House of Congress.

There is no relationship, of course, between the proposed aluminum inquiry and the new tax law, but several Senators on the republican side who might otherwise have been stamped into voting for the aluminum investigation felt that the Secretary of the Treasury was sufficiently popular at the moment to enable them to stand with him even on so intangible an issue as that presented in the Walsh resolution. Had there been a public opinion developed against Secretary Mellon in the aluminum controversy, even Republican Senators would have hesitated to vote against investigation.

The question was not whether the Aluminum Company had violated laws which had ordered restraint of trade to cease but whether the Senate should simply examine the facts. Usually every vote has its own history. In this case, the number who ranged themselves alongside of Mr. Mellon is an indication of how strong they think he is with their own constituencies.

As for the tax law, the Democrats supported it heartily by their votes that they can hardly attack it on the stump, though here and there murmurs are heard that the measure makes a substantial reduction on the income tax payment of millionaires and makes a relatively small reduction on incomes below \$100,000 a year. On the whole, Mr. Mellon has won a big victory, but it is not a personal one because he has mingled very little with the legislators. It is a vindication rather of his principles which in the last two years have been persistently proclaimed before bankers' associations, chambers of commerce and civic bodies so that Congress really felt the pressure from back home and took the Mellon plan almost in its entirety.

FIRE DAMAGES HOME

Fire of undetermined origin at the residence of Dr. H. E. Nixon, on South Road street, near the intersection of Main, caused damage estimated at \$500 by Fire Chief Flora yesterday morning. The blaze was discovered shortly before 11 o'clock, and was spreading rapidly under a roof when firemen arrived five minutes later. They succeeded in extinguishing it in a few minutes. The loss is said to have been partially covered by insurance.