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ELECTION HELD IN BEAVER DAM TNSHIP TUES.

To Levy Special Tax For Support Of a Strong Central School.

ADVOCATES FAILED TO CARRY ELECTION

Only Required 65 Votes To Carry The Proposi- tion and then Were Able to Cast Only 60, While Those Opposing Polled 67 Votes.

The proposition to consolidate the four schools in Beaver Dam township and to levy a special tax for the support of a strong central school lacked just five votes of carrying in the special election yesterday. With 129 voters registered and 65 necessary to carry the proposition, its advocates were able to poll only 60 votes; there were 67 votes cast against the proposition, and two registered who did not vote, thereby counting against the proposition.

The campaign has been waged very earnestly, and it was conceded by both sides that the election would be very close. If the election had carried, all the schools of the township would have been consolidated and a strong graded school established in the center of the territory with provision for transportation of children who live beyond walking distance. This would have displaced three two-teacher schools and one one-teacher school. All of these schools have small enrollment, and none of them has more than the regular county term. Beaver Dam is one of the three townships in the county in which there is not a special school tax district.

When seen this morning, Superintendent Underwood expressed his great regret at the result of the election, but his entire willingness to abide by the decision of the people. He said: "I think the advocates of the proposition did very well to poll as many as 60 votes considering this was a brand new idea with the people. The more or less sentimental attachment to the old school buildings, the fear of the practical workings of the transportation of pupils, and the disinclination to be taxed for the support of the scheme were hard to overcome. Still, good will result from the campaign. Seed have been sown which will yet bear fruit. I am particularly pleased that the contest has been settled without bitterness of any kind."

The introduction of the consolidated school into Pitt county has simply been delayed. It is bound to come sooner or later. The people are beginning to realize that the country children are entitled to better advantages than they can get in the 1 and 2 teacher schools, and they are not going to be satisfied with this type of school much longer. Unfortunately, questions of this kind will be settled finally from the standpoint of what is really best for the children involved.

THREE VICTORIES WON BY DANIELS

Navy Secretary Scores For Improvement and En- largement of Sea- Forces

Advocated Reform Soon After Entering Office; Committee Reports Favor- ably; Armor Makers Forced To Compete. More Midshipmen and Better Equipment.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Daniels has won three decided victories for the improvement and enlargement of the navy. One of the first persons in the United States to recommend the establishment of a government plant to make armor for the navy, was Mr. Daniels. Soon after he got on to the inside of the Navy Department he realized that Uncle Sam was being cheated out of thousands of dollars annually by armor makers who pooled their interests in bidding for contracts. He then spoke out for a government plant. In the House, Mr. Daniels forced the armor makers to actually compete for the armor contracts of the navy. In that way he saved the government about \$1,000,000.

In the House yesterday, two bills, both of which Mr. Daniels suggested, were passed by unanimous vote. These measures represent the first questions relating to the great issue now before Congress to be brought to an actual vote. One of the bills provided for adding about three hundred midshipmen to the entering classes at the naval academy at Annapolis. It was passed by a standing vote of 173 to 0. The other measure called for equipping the navy yards at New York and Mare Island for the construction of authorized battleships numbers 43 and 44. It passed without a record vote.

Mr. Daniels is very much in sympathy with both of these bills. He has been advocating their passage for some time. He thinks they will pass the Senate. All three of the propositions are now in the Senate.

TAX DODGERS

In commenting on income tax dodging in North Carolina, the Progressive Farmer has this to say among other things:

It is nothing less than disgraceful to find a county like Cumberland in which the city of Fayetteville is located, and a county like Pitt in which the city of Greenville is located, listing not one single income of \$1,250 or over. Isn't that a snarler for their Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade which have been boasting of what "prosperous, thriving, growing" cities these are. The fact is just as disgraceful as it would be for the farmers in some county of North Carolina to return no livestock or farm machinery for taxation. Presuming that the farmer is right, it is up to the people of Greenville and Pitt county to clear their skins. There are people here who have incomes of more than \$1,250 a year and they should not be classed as tax dodgers.—Greenville Reflection.

More rain and more crop for Farmville. Let us hope the weather may soon clear up that our city farmers may be given a fair chance to make some money and needed improvements in their fields.

SOUTH NOW IS ON PROSPERITY WAVE

February Report of Federal Reserve Board Makes Fine Showing For Sec- tion. Farmers in Caro- lina in Better Condition Than in Long Time.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The February report of the Federal Reserve Board shows that the South is very prosperous. The Richmond and Atlanta districts are in fine condition. The report on the Richmond district with which North Carolina banks do business says:

"General business conditions in the fifth reserve district during the past 30 days have been satisfactory in almost every line of activity. Retailers report that routine business is good and further advise that holiday sales were gratifying in both quantity and quality. Both city and country merchants are placing orders with manufacturers and jobbers more freely than for two or three years, especially in the metal industries.

"In the Carolina farmers generally are in better position both in relation to their debts and future prospects than for a long time. Last year's crops brought good prices permitting wholesale liquidation while diversification tended to make farms self-sustaining. A good acreage has again been planted in wheat and while many farmers announce their purpose to plant a large crop of corn it is possible that with a continuance of the present high prices for cotton the acreage of spring planted grains will be diminished.

LITTLE COMMERCIAL FER- TILIZER USED

For the reason that essential chemicals can not be had in supply sufficient to permit the employment of usual formulae in the manufacture of fertilizers in normal quantity manufacturers and consumers during this year will operate under most unusual conditions. In 1915 the farmers used little more than half the amount of commercial fertilizer to which they had been accustomed. The consequence of forced limitation in the use of chemicals, particularly potash may be shorter crops than could otherwise be expected.

The cotton movement has been very light. Its holders are unwilling to sell even at present prices. While it is admitted that current quotations mean good profits, it is a very generally held opinion that the coming crop will not be large and that in consequence prices will further advance.

"Tobacco growers hold a like opinion, reasoning that it would be impossible for them to make their crops without certain chemicals which they will not this season be able to obtain as usual."

MADDOO CONSENTS TO BE UNIVERSITY SPEAKER

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary McAdoo will be the commencement orator for the University this year. He accepted today an invitation extended some time ago by President E. K. Graham. Mrs. McAdoo, a younger daughter of the President, will accompany him. The McAdoo baby, a charming little girl, will pay her first visit to North Carolina at that time.

Secretary McAdoo has authorized Secretary Daniels to say that he will be at Chapel Hill.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS OF INTEREST TO Farmville and Surrounding Sections

Mr. J. M. Wheelers paid Bailey a business visit Wednesday.

Mr. J. W. Parker paid Rocky Mount a business visit this week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomas is very sick with tonsillitis.

Mr. Lyman Joyner came yesterday from a short stay at Lexington, Ky.

Her many friends learn with regret that Mrs. Haywood Smith is confined with illness.

Miss J. D. Cooper of Columbia is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. E. Ozlesby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moore, Jr., returned Monday morning from a short visit to Mrs. Moore's parents at Watha.

Mr. G. M. Holden is after our readers with another interesting message this week. Read it elsewhere in this issue.

There will be regular services at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night, to which the public is cordially invited.

Their many friends will regret to learn that Master B. O. Turnage is confined with diphtheria.

Teel Smith Co. have a special to housewives in this issue. Read what they have to say and phone them your wants in the Grocery line.

Friends learn with regret that Mr. John T. ... of ...

WOMAN'S LOCAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Met With Mrs. G. A. Rouse Tuesday Afternoon—Literary features of Much Interest; Large Number Present.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Farmville Methodist Church met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon Feb. 8th, at the home of Mrs. G. A. Rouse on South Main street with a large number present. It was one of the most successful and interesting meetings of the year. The literary features were inspiring and helpful to all present and each one felt that it was good to be there, and was inspired to go out and try to do more for this great world-wide plan and work of God.

Each one of the Society feels much indebted to the hostess for the warm and hearty reception given them in her lovely home and also for the delightful refreshments served them by the hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. G. M. Holden, in so warming manner.

The time passed so pleasantly and so swiftly that the sun was going down ere the members realized, so they expressed their appreciation and went to their homes with a greater love for each other, and we hope a stronger faith in the Father of us all.

young and promising attorney of ability, will locate here in the near future. He will occupy offices in the Pastime Theatre building on Main street.

Miss Genevieve McMillan, one of the teachers in the Graded schools here, who went to her home in Red Springs a few weeks ago on account of illness, returned to her duties here last Friday fully recovered.

We learn that as soon as our streets dry out sufficient for work to commence, our city dads expect to make some real permanent improvements. We hope this information is not without foundation, as we know of nothing at present quite so important.

Mr. D. E. Oglesby, the clever and efficient Norfolk Southern agent here, went to Columbia the first of last week, returning Thursday afternoon with his wife and young son. Father Oglesby has been wearing a smile for some time that won't rub off any time soon.

We welcome to our city Mr. W. R. Willis, of Morehead City, who recently came to Farmville to succeed Mr. F. C. Patterson as assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank. Mr. Patterson having resigned to be connected with Mr. C. R. Townsend in the Warehouse business.

Mr. H. L. Humphtey has let the contract for the erection of a brick building on his lot on Wilson street near B. S. & R. L. Smith's stable, and brick masons are now at work on the walls. We understand this building is being erected for a laundry for Farmville. We hope this information is true for Farmville has long needed one.

News reached this office yesterday that Mr. S. W. Bryin, who resides a few miles east of Farmville, and who has been confined with typhoid for some time, has now thought to have a bad case of pneumonia. We hope Mr. Bryin's condition is improved as some news has reached us that he is on the road to rapid recovery.

THOMAS--SMITH WEDDING

Mr. Roy Thomas, Promi- nent Young Farmer of Greene County Weds Miss Martha Belle Smith of Farm- ville.

At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Haywood Smith, on Church street, Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, Mr. Roy Thomas and Miss Martha Belle Smith were united in marriage by Rev. S. T. Moyle, pastor of the Methodist church. The ceremony was a quiet home affair, with only a few intimate friends and relatives present.

Mrs. Thomas is a daughter of the late Jesse Smith, well known and prominent citizen of Pitt. She is a young lady, who by a beautiful character and many personal charms, has won a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Thomas is a son of Mr. John L. Thomas, a well known citizen and successful farmer of the Lizzie section. He is a young and promising farmer with a bright future.

After the ceremony, the happy couple left for the home of the groom's father where a bounteous supper was served.

THE SOUTH AND PREPARED- NESS

We feel the greatest confidence in the correctness of our belief that the South is by an immense majority standing with President Wilson in his program for preparedness. In so far as we have been able to learn from personal conversations, from letters and from newspapers, the vast majority of our people believe in the wisdom of the program of the President. It goes without saying that there are none in the South, not one, who would stand up and announce himself as being for "peace at any price," and it will be found that there is only partisan personal support for Col. Roosevelt in any wild-eyed madness of preparedness program of his which might carry us far afield by its momentum.

For there is in the South the same spirit as in the years long gone. Our people in the sixties were jealous of the honor of their section, the South. Today they are jealous of the honor of their nation, the United States. When they are told by the calm, conservative, cool-headed Woodrow Wilson that there is need for military preparedness they believe him and they believe that he will ask only for what is the absolute need. That he would counsel this nation to do a vain thing is held by them as out of all reason.

So the South may be counted on as advocating the Wilson preparedness program. If put to a vote the decision of its people would be overwhelmingly in his favor and the vote of North Carolina would be with the leaders, no matter what his or that Congressman might say. It is because of this that we say that while we would very much like to have President Wilson visit the South, and to stop at points in North Carolina, yet if he feels he can do more in behalf of preparedness by staying close to Congress that let him stay in Washington. In the meantime the people of the South will make no mistake in writing letters to their members of Congress calling upon them to support the President whose purpose is recognized to be to uphold the honor of his country.

With our hearts in the balance there will be no man or woman here who will not stand up and say that the South will make no mistake in writing letters to their members of Congress calling upon them to support the President whose purpose is recognized to be to uphold the honor of his country.

We are very sorry that on account of so much sickness and around Fountain we are compelled to postpone our Valentine box party which was to be given on Feb. 21st. However we hope that we will be able to give a much better entertainment and that we will be able to give something to our friends.

JUDGE WHEDBEE IS SILENT AS TO HIS INTENTION

REFUSES TO GIVE OUT ANY INFORMATION TO THE PRESS

IS AT NEW BERN

Politicians Claim Must be Some Foundation For the Report

New Bern, Feb. 8.—Much interest is attached to Judge Harry W. Whedbee's visit to New Bern on account of the fact that he is prominently mentioned as a candidate for Congressman Small's seat in Congress. The judge is engaged in presiding over the term of superior court which convened here yesterday.

So far he has no statement to give out either confirming or denying the rumor of his candidacy and some word from him regarding this report is eagerly awaited.

It is believed that there is some foundation for the rumor, for if the judge had no intention of entering the race, he would in all probability give out a statement to that effect. His silence regarding the matter has caused several local politicians to assert that they believe he will be a candidate at the next congressional election.

THE WEEKS HAPPENINGS AT PROGRESSIVE FOUNTAIN.

(By A. F. EASON, Reporter.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Owens spent Sunday out of town visiting.

Miss Pauline Gardner, of Macclesfield, spent Sunday in town visiting.

Miss Ora Mae Moore was in town Sunday visiting Miss Estelle Forrest.

Messrs. Abner Eason and R. B. Owens were Farmville visitors last Tuesday.

There will be services here in the Presbyterian church Sunday night Feb. 13th.

Messrs. B. O. Turnage and W. Leslie Smith, of Farmville, were in town Friday afternoon.

Miss Bettie Lewis of Macclesfield, spent a part of this week here visiting Miss Annie Owens.

Messrs. C. C. Baker, B. B. Baker, G. W. and J. W. Jefferson and R. A. Gardner were Wilson visitors Monday.

Mr. W. M. Moore, one of Falkland township's most prosperous farmers, spent Wednesday night in town on business.

Misses Alline Smith, Nannie and Myrtle Owens, of near Sarafoga, spent the week-end here a guest of Miss Lillian Gardner.

Mr. C. M. Smith, member of the firm of Smith & Yelverton, spent this week in Baltimore, Md., buying his spring line of dry goods, notions, etc.

Rev. J. E. Kirk, pastor of the Baptist church here, held regular services Monday night Feb. 7th. He will conduct services again on the 3rd Sunday and night. Let's all come out and hear him preach. We had word that Mr. Kirk will have two good messages for us.