

Where Tobacco Sells Higher

EVERYBODY FAVORS AUSTRALIAN BALLOT AT PUBLIC HEARING

Nobody in Sight to Divide Time With Opponents Who Include Several Prominent Political Leaders

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Notables like Pete Murphy and Miss Mary Henderson, the latter vice chairman of the State democratic committee, advocated the Australian ballot at a joint hearing before the senate and house committees on elections in the hall of the house yesterday, but it was Representative J. L. Gwaltney, of Taylorsville, who stepped into the center of the stage and clinched the arguments with a rousing argument in support of the Falls-Broughton bill.

All would have been over for a favorable report on the Australian ballot if it had not been desired to iron out rough spots and smooth the edges. Senator McNeill, of Ashe, who had introduced an Australian ballot bill, made a graceful speech in which he said he had pledged his constituents to do his part to get such a law, and in compliance with that promise his bill was in the hopper.

Senator Broughton had explained his bill, Representative Falls had told about the features to amend the absentee voter act, and then Mr. Murphy had pledged his support of the bill though he thought the polls should be kept open until sundown instead of 5 o'clock, as the bill provided. Mr. Broughton had paid tribute to Mr. Falls' notable fight of two years ago.

Proponents had been given 45 minutes and the same has been allotted to the opponents. The proponents talked not 45 minutes but an hour, but Dr. Livingston Johnson, the editor of the Biblical Recorder, didn't get tired. Nor the large number of women who had come to learn. No opponent appeared to divide time with the proponents.

The committee named to iron out the rough spots is composed of Senators McNeill and Broughton and Representative Connor, Wilson and Creech. Mr. Murphy moved that Representative Falls be placed on the committee, but as he is the chairman of the house committee, he exercised no voice.

Senator W. P. Horton, of Chatham, chairman of the senate committee on election laws, presided. Representative Gwaltney brought down from the mountains a rousing message of encouragement to supporters of the Australian ballot. He did not discuss history, as Miss Henderson had done when she quoted from Governor Cleveland's advocacy of such a law in 1868. He did not discuss the details of the Australian ballot, as Senator Broughton had done in an exposition of the merits of the secret ballot system of voting. He did not refer to the absentee voter law which Representative Falls had declared was being abused and must be remedied.

It was experience with the Australian ballot that gave point to the remarks of the legislator from the mountains. He had seen elections in which half dozen demagogues and politicians hung around the polls, and he knew all about how a sovereign voter had voted not once but 10 or even 20 votes in an election. He did not speak by the book, but of that which his own eyes had seen since the Australian ballot has been introduced two years ago in Alexander county.

He had heard about the buying of votes in Pennsylvania and Illinois. He was the remedy. It would blot out the practice of delivering votes at so much a head, he believed. Turning to Miss Henderson, he closed with this flourish:

"It will avoid many family fusses, for how is a husband or sweetheart going to fall out with his wife or sweetheart if he doesn't know how she voted?"

Mrs. Mary Cowper, of the Women's Legislative Council, spoke briefly in favor of the measure. That was the end of the speaking for the day with the exception of the brief endorsement of Pete Murphy.

"I was for it two years ago, and I am for it now," said Mr. Murphy. "I would insure a just and fair expression of the people. I think some penalty ought to be put in this bill to prevent hangers on around the polls, and I think it should be amended so that the polls stay open until sundown, but I am for it."

"They have this law in Virginia, and Virginia couldn't get along without it," said Mr. Murphy. "I have visited the fact that the president of Virginia universities, the leading banks and the leading newspapers are in favor of it."

"The measure of measures which I believe is the best," said Senator Broughton, who outlined the chief features of the bill. He outlined the distribution of ballots, the control of the ballot, the control of the voting, the control of the counting, the control of the results, the control of the law, and the control of the process.

Took 'Ma's' Place



The youngest governor Texas ever had now sits in the seat which his father has held for two years. The youthful Dan Moody was inaugurated January 18.

DECIDE STOP BORROWING

Commissioners Will Abolish Loans and Cut Construction

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Changing its tactics before the legislature considers making the change itself, the state highway commission has adopted the new policy of not accepting loans from counties in anticipation of future bond issues. According to Charles Ross, assistant attorney general to the commission, the county loan plan has served its purpose and will be discontinued, whether or not the general assembly passes the \$30,000,000 issue bill.

There has been recently considerable opposition to the commission's wholesale borrowing that has now totalled over \$18,000,000 and objection to the policy was expected in this legislature.

The reversal of policy means that the road building program for the next biennial will be considerably smaller than that of the present. Some \$12,000,000 of the expected \$30,000,000 will go toward the county loans, leaving \$18,000,000 for new construction. In addition to this there will probably be two surpluses of from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 from the gasoline taxes after the bond interest and sinking fund have been cared for and a federal appropriation of \$1,708,554. This makes a total of about \$29,000,000 to be spent on construction within two years.

For the past biennium the commission spent \$20,000,000 from the 1925 bond issue, about \$18,000,000 borrowed from the counties, some \$5,000,000 in gas tax surplus and \$1,669,169 of federal funds, making a total of \$44,669,000.

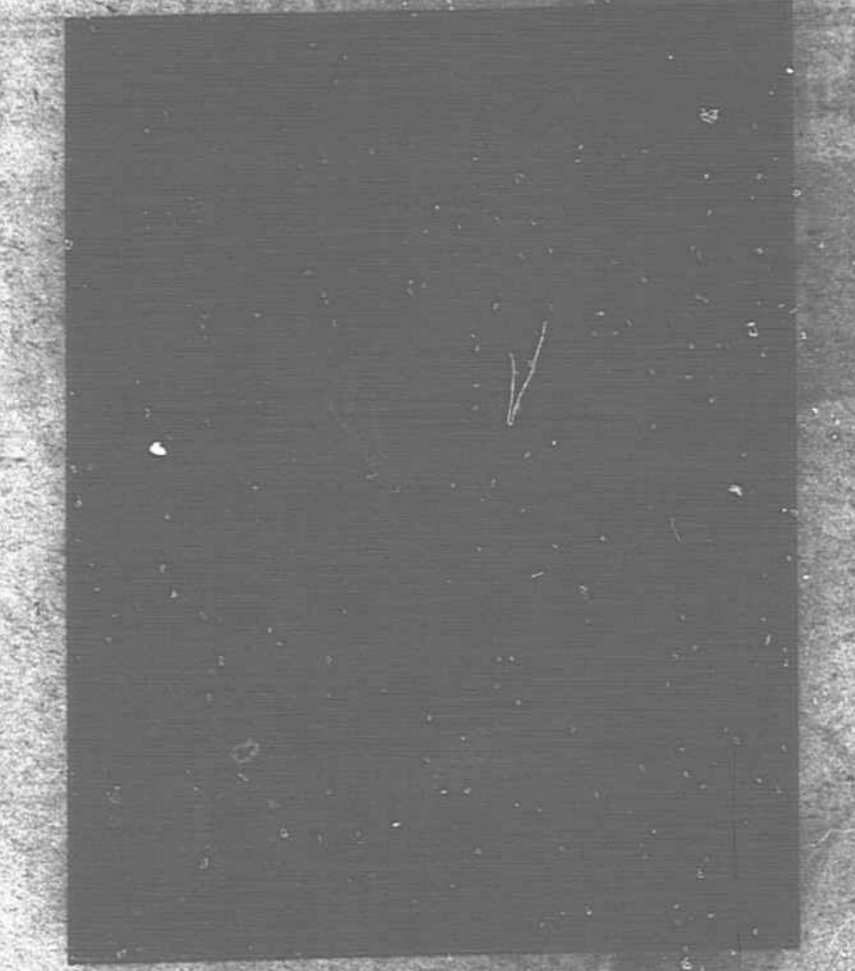
Farmville Boy Elected President University Club

Chapel Hill, Jan. 25.—At the first meeting of the Pitt County Club to be held this year, the following officers were elected to serve the organization during the winter quarter: John B. Lewis, of Farmville, president; Clifton C. Stokes, of Grifton, vice president; and Durward G. Hart, of Ayden, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Lewis is a junior this year while Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hart are sophomores.

President Lewis, in his inaugural address, stated that he highly appreciated the honor bestowed upon him and that he would do all in his power to make this quarter one of the most successful in the history of the club. Mr. Lewis has given the club his hearty co-operation during his three years as a student here.

Tom Johnson introduced to the club the idea of publishing a newspaper during the present quarter, in which the advantages of the University would be put before the high school students of the county who will enter college next year. The idea was very favorably received by the club, and the officers for the publication will be elected at the next meeting of the club. In addition to general facts about the University the edition will carry stories of interest to Carolina alumni and all Pitt countians who are interested in educational development in North Carolina. The meeting closed after a social hour during which refreshments were served.

THE WOMANS CLUB PRESENTS



MR. EDWARD STALLINGS, Violinist
Mrs. Eugene Davis, Accompanist
ASSISTED BY THE
FARMVILLE CHORAL CLUB
MRS. J. M. HOBGOOD, Accompanist

Mr. Ed Stallings, of Wilson, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Davis, will be presented in a concert Friday night, January 28th, at 7:30. They will be assisted by the Choral Club of the music department. The proceeds from this concert will go toward the purchase of a piano for Perkins hall.

Mr. Stallings is a master of the violin. In his hands the violin laughs, weeps and sobs and sings. He'll thrill you the moment he touches how to string. With exquisite tone and brilliant technique he plays divinely the classic gems and the fine old tunes of long ago. Mr. Stallings touches the heart of all present with his music on the violin. He has the delicate, yet masterful touch which is only acquired after years of practice. His playing is a joy to all who hear it.

The admission will be 25 cents for many of the old songs that everyone knows and loves, the simple, home-

- PROGRAM —
- 1—Old King Cole Stultz
 - Choral Club
 - 2—(a) Souvenir De Wieniawski Hapsche
 - Choral Club
 - (b) Tone Poem Keiser
 - (c) Humoresque Dvorak
 - 3—Sweet Miss Mary Neidinger
 - Choral Club
 - 4—(a) Liebesfreud Kreisler
 - Choral Club
 - (b) Indian Lament Kreisler
 - (c) Old Refrain Kreisler
 - 5—Oh, Hush Thee, My Baby Sullivan
 - Choral Club
 - 6—(a) Thais Massenet
 - Choral Club
 - (b) Mazurka Wieniawski
 - (c) Hungarian Dance Brahms
 - 7—America, and The Old North State.
- Audience.

POOLE SEEKS ABOLISH BOARD

Would Remove State Board of Health and Fisheries Commission

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Abolition of the state board of health and the state fisheries commission is proposed by D. Scott Poole, of Hoke, who introduced his bills in the house yesterday.

He would have a state commissioner of health, whose salary would be \$4,500 a year, elected by commissioners chosen from districts similar to the state highway commission, and he would have a state fisheries commissioner, appointed by the governor.

He would make the commissioner collect statistics and other data, but let the local health boards do all the actual health work.

Along with the batch of new bills that were dropped into the house hopper came one from Representative Folger, of Surry, for the better enforcement of the prohibition law which would make a prison sentence of from six months to two years mandatory for those who manufacture, sell or transport intoxicating liquors. Representative Folger's bill does not repeal any law regulating the use or possession of liquor.

A TRIBUTE TO TREES

(By Clarence Ousley)

Trees are the arms of Mother Earth lifted up in worship of her Maker. Where they are, beauty dwells; where they are not, the land is ugly, though it be rich, for its richness is but a gaudy fatness and its gaudy raiment is but cheap imitation of forest finery.

Trees are the shelter of man, beast and bird; they furnish the roof above us, the shade about us, and the nesting places of love and song. They call children out to play; they entice sweethearts into leafy caverns to seal their vows with fond caresses; they console the aged and cheer the young.

Trees are the ornaments of wealth and the hallmarks of possessions of the poor who can enjoy them without having title to them. They are the messengers that bridge many forbidding streams; they bear the wires of the world's intelligence; they hold the trails that carry the traffic of the continents; they are the carved and polished furnishings of the home; they cradle the young and comfort the dead.

Trees are nature's source of food; their fruits and nuts gave sustenance to the first tribes of men, and are the sweetest and most nourishing of earth's products.

Trees herald the spring with glorious banners of leaf and bloom; they clothe the autumn in garments of gold and royal purple; bared to winter's cold, they are the harp of the winds, and they whisper the music of the infinite.

According to a morning paper women are now buying dresses on the installment system. We seem to have seen some of them wearing the first instalment.

ACQUITTAL VERDICT REACHED BY JURY IN TRIAL OF NORRIS

"The Government"



This youth, A. W. Gregg, 27 years old, directs the government's case against Henry Ford Company stockholders, in its suit to collect \$36,000,000 taxes. He is opposed by former presidential candidates, Charles Evans Hughes and John W. Davis, for the defense.

Fundamentalist Baptist Preacher of Fort Worth Found "Not Guilty" of Death of Dexter E. Chipp

Austin, Texas, Jan. 25.—Dr. J. Frank Norris, fundamentalist Baptist preacher of Fort Worth, tonight stepped from his third court room a free man.

He was acquitted by a jury in Travis county district court of murdering Dexter E. Chipp, jurorman of Fort Worth, whom he killed in his church office on the afternoon of last July 17.

A jury composed of farmers, laborers, a former sheriff, clerks and merchants said that Norris shot Chipp to save his own life when the latter came to the pastor's private study to protest against attacks Norris had made on Mayor H. C. Meacham, of Fort Worth, and other friends of Chipp.

There were tears of joy and tears of another kind from other eyes when the simple verdict of "not guilty" was read into loudness by S. A. Finquist, court clerk.

The tears of joy were those of Norris and his wife. As soon as the verdict rang out, Norris stood at his seat. There was a wan smile on his lips, but he showed no emotion until his attorney, Marvin Simpson, shook his hand. He embraced Simpson and wept.

The other tears were in the eyes of a small, brown eyed boy who has sat throughout the trial on the side of the state. He is Dexter E. Chipp, whose father Norris killed. The boy, small for his age, is 14. When asked about the verdict, tears came to his eyes, and he choked up. Later he said: "I am sorry for mother. It has hurt her."

The boy was alone of all his family and as the great crowd pressed around to shake the freed man's hand, the lad walked slowly out, virtually unnoticed.

The verdict came after fourteen days of argument and testimony. It was reached with a motion appeal by William P. McLean, of Fort Worth, one of the special prosecutors, who said as he pointed his finger at the jury, "If you send him out to jail again, he's your criminal, not mine."

FOLKS SHOULD TAKE INTEREST

Effort Being Put Fourth in the Teaching of Better Music to Our Children

The Music Memory Contest in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades creating an unusual amount of interest. At a recent test the papers turned in showed that the majority of the pupils are able to recognize the selections, although some have difficulty in remembering the composer and nationality. Quite a few of the papers were perfect with the exception of a few misspelled words. We are delighted with the progress made and expect one of our pupils to win the silver loving cup in the state contest.

Mrs. J. W. Joyner will hold a district contest in Farmville in April. Pupils who have won out in the town schools of the Fifteenth district, composed of the following counties: Bertie, Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington, will meet here for an elimination contest and one of these contestants will be sent to the state contest which will be held in Lincoln about the middle of April.

Prizes will be given in the local school to the pupils who are selected from each grade to compete in the district contest.

Prizes will also be given to the pupils who have the best scrap books. All those who are interested in the development of "More and Better Music in Our Homes and Schools" and who have pictures of musicians, articles on the numbers selected, or who can give any help to the contestants, please do so, as it will give pleasure to you and benefit the boys and girls in the contest.

The selections studied last week were "Hark! Hark! the Lark," from Shakespeare's "Cymbeline," by Schubert, the world's greatest song writer, and "The Brook," by Dolores. Very little is known about Dolores. The poem was written by Tennyson.

Next week the selections will be "The Soldiers' Chorus," from Faust, by Gounod, which was reviewed last week, and "Amaryllis," Air-Louis XIII, an old French dance by Henry Ghys.

"Amaryllis" is a rare example of the old French Rondo, a dance form which developed from the custom of singing rounds, hence a form in which the original dance melody returns again and again. It was written before the time of Louis XII, and was played at the wedding of Margaret of Lorraine and the Duc de Joyeuse in 1581. The very air of court life with its powdered wigs and elaborate gowns is breathed into the music. Its quick accented rhythm almost pictures the dainty steps of the ladies as they danced this stately dance at some court function.

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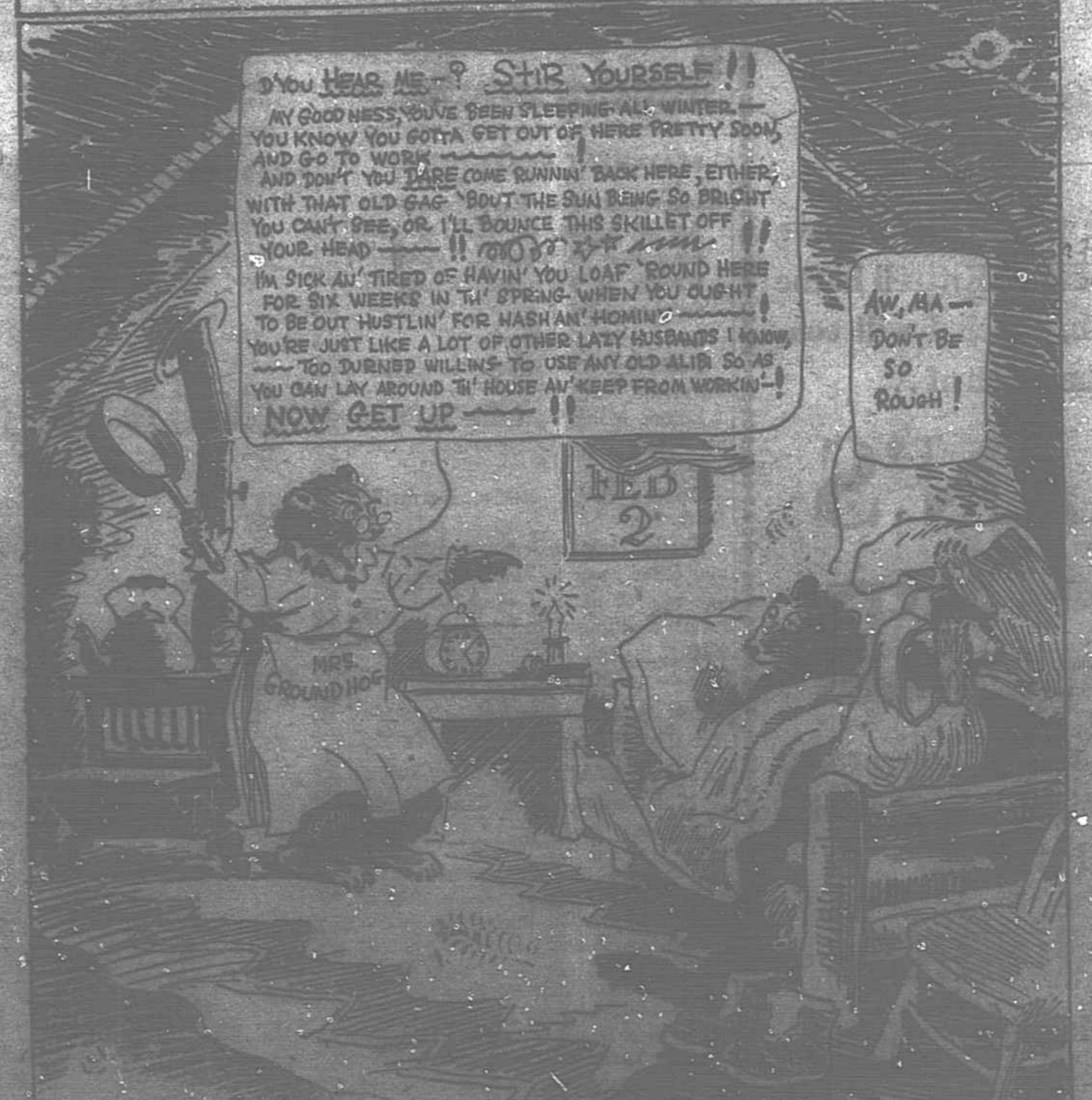
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