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## Theft Cases Occupy Recorder's Session

The inclination to appropriate the property of others without due process of law was responsible for six defendants being in Recorder's court Tuesday.

Oliver and James Burns, Christian Bailey, Inaddeus Byrd and Carson Dennis, all young colored men, were indicted on a charge of stealing beans from Messrs D. Scott Currie and T. B. Upchurch. The state took a nol pro as to Inaddeus Byrd and the other four plead guilty. Mr. Currie and Mr. Upchurch gave the defendants good characters up to the time of this affair. They were each sentenced to six months on the county roads, judgment to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 each, the costs in each case and their good behavior for two years.

L. B. Seals, white, who lives near Montrose, was indicted for breaking and entering the home of Mr. A. E. Winecoff on or about May 25th and taking a number of articles to the value of some twenty-five or thirty dollars. Evidence tended to show that a hole in the screen wire to one window in Mr. Winecoff's home had been made with a knife and the latch released and entrance made. A fountain pen, a quantity of tobacco and cigars and other articles were missing. Mr. Winecoff had been away for the weekend and when he returned on the 26th, he immediately notified the officers. Mr. Barrington went to the scene and soon searched the home of Seals, finding therein most of the articles missed, or articles similar thereto. Seals was bound over to Superior Court under bond of five hundred dollars.

## "Song of The Flame" At Southern Pines

By all odds, the most magnificent and colorful play with music thus far made, will be seen at the Southern Pines Theatre, where "Song of The Flame" opens this Thursday night for a three-day engagement with a Saturday matinee. In the history of story, acting and background, "Song of The Flame" based on the popular operetta of the same name, easily stands out as a notable piece of work, utilizing the latest devices in screen expression. It is gratifying to note that the handling of technical color has been so far perfected that the blurring, out-of-focus scenes which have marred a number of previous pictures, are no longer in evidence. "Song of The Flame" in sound and color a spectacle of the Russian revolution more massive and impressive than anything heretofore shown on the screen. Four players in the large cast deserve particular mention because of their fine characterizations and substantial contributions to the vocal sequences in the picture. They are Bernice Claire, the prima donna, Alexander Gray, who plays opposite her, Noah Beery, who will astonish with his marvelous basso profundo voice, and Alice Gentile, a foremost operatic star. "Song of The Flame" takes a high place among the really worth while pictures of the season.

## Baby Clinic Was Very Successful

Under auspices of the Woman's Club on May 28th, at the school lunch room, a baby clinic was held. All babies in the county, ages from six months to two years were eligible. Dr. Watson of Greenville, N. C., was in charge, assisted by local doctors and nurses with one state nurse, Miss Lamb, from Raleigh, and Mrs. Margaret Sloan, county nurse from Robeson County.

Fifty-eight babies were examined, the following babies receiving blue ribbons as scoring 100:

John W. Walker, Jr., Edward Currie Clark, Joe Maxwell, Leland Hobson, Sarah Marie Cameron, Ann Patton Graham, Harvey Baucum, Jr., Lydia May McKeithan.

Literature was given to the mothers, tea, milk and crackers were served throughout the day to the mothers and babies. We consider this a very satisfactory and successful clinic, and expect good results to follow.

We wish to express our thanks to each one who so generously gave their service and helped to make this a success.

COMMITTEE.

## Sale of Raeford Mill Deferred Till July 1

The Raeford Cotton Mills, located here, were to have been sold to satisfy unpaid claims on last Saturday were not sold on that date as advertised, an extension of time being granted. A new advertisement has been started and the mills are slated for sale on July 1st. It is hoped that this property will fall into the hands of parties who will develop the community.

## Ask For A Special Tax In Little River

The County Board of Education held a regular meeting on last Monday with all members being present.

The most important business transacted was the creation of a Special Taxing District containing the whole of Little River Township. Petitions calling for a special election in that territory for a 15c special tax was approved by the board and the petitions were turned over to the Board of Commissioners who called the election asked for.

The board requested loans for Blue Springs school of \$500, \$1,000 for Ashmont school, and \$2,000 for the Raeford school. These amounts are to be used to pay teachers in anticipation of the collection of special tax in these districts.

The work on the budget for the next school year was not complete and the board asked for more time to get it in shape. Every effort is being made to figure an accurate estimate and to keep the amount asked for to the lowest figures possible in order not to cripple the efficiency of the schools. Lower prospects of being able to lower the figures from last year's estimate. The board has lived within its budget for the previous year and will be able to show a surplus when the final figures are worked up to the end of the year, June 30th.

The county superintendent was asked to request propositions to be submitted from the various local garages on the repair work on school trucks for next year. The blanks are being worked out and the local garages will be given an opportunity to submit bids on the labor for reconditioning the trucks and the labor during the year.

The board reviewed the report on the cost of transportation for the six months term and found that by deducting the cost of new trucks and bodies that the transportation item amounted to \$5,482.82. This gives an average cost per pupil in average daily haul of \$6.80; and an average cost per truck of \$274.14.

## McLauchlin Co. Has Boll Weevil Poison

The firm of McLauchlin Company, who have enjoyed the distinction of being the largest mercantile establishment in Hoke County ever since there has been a Hoke county, have pulled off their gloves, rolled up their sleeves, spat on their hands and told Mr. Boll Weevil to look out. They have put in stock the most complete equipment for the control of the weevil ever undertaken by a Raeford firm. They have just recently received a car of calcium arsenate, black strap molasses, dusts and moppers and are, by their acts, showing more faith in the value of weevil control than any firm has ever done here.

Merchants in other counties in the cotton belt are said to be handling materials in large quantities for weevil control and the indications are that more intelligent effort will be spent to overcome the weevil menace than has ever been spent before. With the early crop and fine growing conditions up to now, most people hereabouts feel that the weevil is the one unknown quantity in making a crop and there seems to be a determination to control him.

## To Sell Property First of September

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday in regular monthly session and nothing much of interest was transacted except in the matter of advertising and foreclosing on property for last year's taxes. They decided to defer the advertising until August and the sale until the first Monday in September, which is the latest that it is possible to postpone it.

## Attending Reunion Of Confederate Veterans

Messrs W. G. Johnson and Alex McMillan left Sunday to attend the reunion of Confederate veterans at Biloxi, Miss. They were accompanied by Mr. McMillan's son, Baxter, and expect to return Saturday or Sunday. This is a long trip for these veterans, but they are as spry as crickets and can stand more than lots of fellows half their age.

## Kiwanis Have Home Grown Supper

The Woman's Club of Raeford fed the Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting last Thursday and introduced something new by feeding them entirely home raised at home products. It was a splendid supper and was an eye opener on what can be raised that is good to eat right here at home. They also furnished the program after supper which was unique and very interesting.

## Rulings of Attorney-Gen. On Primary Law

Issued from the Office of the State Board of Elections.

19 May, 1936.

Hon. J. Crawford Biggs, Chairman, State Board of Elections, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Judge Biggs: At your request, I undertake to answer a number of questions which have reached your office or mine, relating to conduct of the approaching primary election, to be held June 7th.

It should be remembered that the law is designed to afford a means whereby political parties may select their candidates for public office. Prior to the enactment of the primary law, in 1915, such candidates were selected, except in isolated instances, under the voluntary rules or plans of organization established by each party for its guidance. The purpose of the act is to establish a method whereby under the law all members of a party may participate in the nomination of its candidates and to restrict participation in a party primary to those who affiliate with the particular party in whose primary the elector offers to vote.

The law as passed in 1915 now (C. S., 6027) required that at the first primary held under its provision a new registration book should be provided and that when a person therefor registered offered to vote, he should be asked: "With which political party are you affiliated?" and the party affiliation of the voter should be entered upon this registration book. When a new voter appeared for registration, it was directed that the registrar should ask the same question, and the party affiliation of the voter entered in the registration book. This declaration of party affiliation by one who offers to vote in a party primary is generally required in States where party candidates are selected in a legalized primary.

When one has registered and had his party affiliation entered upon the registration book as required, he is presumed to be entitled to vote in the primary of the party with which he has declared his affiliation. If he has not declared his party affiliation either at the time of registration or does not so upon demand at the time he offers to vote, the elector would have no right to participate in the primary of any party.

There are two, and only two, political parties selecting their candidates at the primary to be held June 7—the Democratic and Republican parties. Certain questions have been submitted with respect to the process of registration and the right to vote in these primaries.

(1) What inquiry should the registrar make of a person with respect to party affiliation when such person seeks registration?

The single question relating to party affiliation which the registrar should ask the applicant for registration is as contained in C. S., 6027: "With which political party are you affiliated?" The party affiliation of the applicant should be entered in the appropriate place on the registration book in accordance with the answer given, if such answer is definite enough for such purpose. Other inquiries may be made when the right of the elector to participate in a party primary is challenged under C. S., 6031, and this will be covered at another place in this letter.

(2) Can a voter, registered Independent vote in a Democratic or a Republican primary?

N. When one registers as an Independent, he thereby states that he is not a member of or affiliated with either of the two parties holding primaries this year. Therefore, so long as he remains registered as an Independent, he would have no right to participate in the selection of candidates for either the Democratic or Republican party.

(3) Does the law provide for putting Independent candidates on the ballot in the general election?

Yes. Provision for and the method by which this may be done is set out in Section 6' of the Australian Ballot Law.

(4) Can a voter, registered Republican, vote part or all of the Democratic primary ticket in the primary election?

No. When one is registered as a Republican, or upon going to the primary declares that to be his party affiliation, he should be given the official primary ballots of that party. He has no right to receive the Democratic primary ballots. One cannot vote in the primary, part of the Republican ticket and part of the Democratic ticket. In the primary the voter is not expressing his choice between candidates for election to office. He does that at the November election. In the primary he is assisting in the selection of the nominees of the party with which he is affiliated and of which he is a member.

(5) Can a voter, registered as an Independent, vote part of the Democratic primary

## Mrs. Flora Conoly Passes At Antioch

Mrs. Flora Conoly, life long resident of what is now Hoke County, passed away Wednesday afternoon about one o'clock after an illness of several months, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Hodgin, at Antioch. Until recently Mrs. Conoly had lived in Red Springs, but soon after the tragic death of a daughter in Red Springs last year and on account of declining health she discontinued housekeeping and spent the last few months of her life with Mrs. Hodgin. She was born near Antioch on January 12th, 1843, and was, therefore, eighty-seven years old. She was the daughter of Angus R. and Jane Conoly. Her husband, a Confederate veteran, G. B. Conoly, preceded her to the grave, his death occurring on July 24th, 1923.

Mrs. Conoly was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and her death brings to a close a long and useful life. She is survived by six children, fifty-one grand-children and fifteen great-grandchildren. Four children preceded her to the grave. Children surviving are W. G. Conoly of Waycross, Ga., Mrs. T. G. Culbreth of Waycross, Ga., Mrs. F. B. Sexton of Raeford, Mrs. M. B. McBryde, Mrs. J. A. Hodgin and Mrs. J. A. McPhaul of Antioch.

## Wayne L. McNeill Died Last Tuesday

The news received here Tuesday of the sudden death of Mr. Wayne L. McNeill, of Wagram, came as a distinct shock to his many friends.

Mr. McNeill was for several years principal of the Philadelphia high school and built that school up to a very high standing during the time he was there. He has been engaged in school work practically all his life. For the past two years he has been teaching in Thomasville. His death occurred at Thomasville and came very suddenly and unexpectedly.

The deceased was a brother of the late John Charles McNeill, North Carolina's most distinguished poet, who was killed by his widow, and two sisters, Mrs. J. L. McNeill, of Whiteville and Mrs. D. A. Watson of Wagram. The funeral services were held yesterday from his late home near Wagram with interment in the Spring Hill cemetery.

part of the Republican primary ticket?

No. So long as he remains an Independent, he is not a member of either party and, therefore, the law confers upon him no right to participate in the primary of either.

It should be remembered that these answers relate to the primary. Confusion on the subject may arise because one fails to differentiate a party primary from the general election. All qualified Democratic electors have the right to participate in a Democratic primary election, and all qualified Republican electors have the right to participate in a Republican election.

(6) May one change his party affiliation, and if so, when?

Yes. He may do so at any time prior to participation in the primary election. Although registered as a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent, the voter may, during the registration period or when he goes to vote in the primary, declare a change in his party affiliation and ask that the change be entered on the registration book. He will thereupon have the right to participate in the primary of the party with which he then declares and has recorded his party affiliation, unless upon challenge his right so to participate is decided against him.

(7) How is the right of a voter to participate in a party to be determined, when that right is challenged on the ground of party affiliation?

C. S., 6031 directs that the elector shall be furnished with primary ballots of the political party with which he affiliates, "and he shall not in such primary be allowed to vote a ticket marked with the name of any political party of which he has not declared himself to be a member." The right of such elector to vote in such primary may be challenged upon the ground that he does not affiliate with such party or does not in good faith intend to support the candidates nominated in the primary of such party.

In such case, it is the duty of the election officials to determine the challenge as a pure matter of fact. The elector may be asked such questions as will enable the officials to pass upon the challenge. They may consider such evidence as may be produced either for or against the right of the person challenged to participate in the primary. In the language of the statute, "it shall be the duty of the registrar and judges of election upon such challenge to determine whether or not the elector has the right to vote in such primary." On this subject see Brown v. Costen, 176 N. C., 83; Rowland v. Board, 184 N. C., 78; Rowland v. Board, 188 N. C., 311.

(8) Should the elector be sworn when his right to vote is challenged?

## Miniature Golf Making Big Hit

Well, the golf fever has hit the town of Raeford with a bang. Since the miniature course opened last Saturday housewives know exactly where to find their husbands and children who have strayed off. Even the housewives themselves are to be found playing at night and it would appear that a new community center has developed. Meanwhile, Mr. Lewis Upchurch, manager of the course, gathers in the fifty lucre and says "Atta Boy."

## Investigates Weevil Control On S. C. Farm

Mr. T. B. Upchurch, one of Hoke County's largest and most successful farmers, went to Hartsville, S. C., Monday to investigate boll weevil control on the Coker farms. He came back and started everything on his farms to poisoning for weevils. He was told in Hartsville that the Coker farms yielded more than a bale per acre last year, due to poison, where farms around theirs made a fourth, third and some few a half bale per acre without poison. The Cokers are strong believers in using molasses poison during the month of June, stating that they thought that poison applied this way during June was worth more than dust applied from July 4th to September 15th, though they do both.

## Indian Has Fine Field Of Tobacco

Several people have been heard to comment recently on a field of tobacco grown by Rod Loelear, Indian, on the farm of Mr. S. J. Cameron in Allendale township. This tobacco is said to be about waist high and exceptionally fine. This is the first tobacco this man has ever grown and he is justly proud of his fine crop.

## W. F. Carter Dies At His Home In Maxton

W. F. Carter, prominent Maxton business man, died at his home at Maxton at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Carter was president of the J. W. Carter Co., vice-president of the Bnk of Robeson and a successful planter.

The deceased was a devoted member of the Methodist church and one of the outstanding citizens of the town. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Hurley, Methodist minister from the home at 10:30 Wednesday morning.

## Jennie Jones Given Three Months In Jail

Jennie and Abraham Jones, colored, who have been in the Hoke county jail for more than a month under a Federal warrant charging violation of the prohibition laws, were tried in Federal court in Greensboro Wednesday, the result being a conviction of Jennie and an acquittal for Abraham. Jennie was sentenced to three months in jail, time to be served in the Randolph county jail at Asheboro.

Deputy W. R. Barrington and police officers Walters and Howell attended the trial as prosecution's witnesses. Mr. H. S. Kirkpatrick represented the defendants.

## F. S. Blue To Fill Presbyterian Pulpit

A host of friends will learn with pleasure that Mr. F. S. Blue will fill the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Mr. Blue is a native of Raeford, the son of Mrs. N. S. Blue, and has spent a large part of his life here. He is a ministerial student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and is at his home in Carthage for the summer vacation. Services will be held at 11 o'clock.

At the evening service, Rev. John B. Miller, pastor of the Baptist church, will conduct union services in the Presbyterian church.

## Rev. Eugene Alexander Comes To Manchester

A large circle of friends here will be interested to learn that Rev. Eugene Alexander, who was pastor of the Shiloh group of churches in Hoke County for a number of years, will be installed as pastor of the Manchester church on next Sunday. Dr. W. M. Fairley, Rev. R. A. McLeod and Rev. A. R. McQueen have been delegated by Presbytery to make the installation. After leaving Raeford, Mr. Alexander accepted to pastorate in Salisbury, where he has been until he accepted the call to Manchester.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Freeman last Friday, a daughter.

## MR. COKER GIVES ADVICE ON BOLL WEEVIL FIGHT

No man in the two Carolinas is better qualified to give advice to farmers than David R. Coker of Hartsville, S. C. He is consistently urging cotton growers of the two states to poison their crops and wage warfare on the weevil. Early this week he issued the following statement, which was addressed primarily to the cotton farmers of South Carolina, but is of equal interest and value to farmers in this section of North Carolina.

Nothing has curtailed the crop of South Carolina so much as the idea that a majority of our farmers have had that they could afford not to fight the boll weevil. In three years of the past eight, the farmers of this section who did not fight the weevil but used good methods otherwise, made about as much cotton as those who did fight the weevil. In every one of the other five years, however, weevil control paid enormous dividends, properly poisoned crops frequently making two or three times as much as unpoisoned crops. I do not know of a single farmer in middle or lower South Carolina who has averaged fair to good crops during the past eight years who has not intelligently poisoned the weevil. In certain sections of the Piedmont weevils have not been in evidence during several years of this period but wherever they can be found on the young cotton in the spring, poisoning is necessary. As there were plenty of weevils in the Piedmont last fall and as we had no low winter temperatures anywhere in the State, it is pretty certain that weevil control measures will be necessary this year over the entire State.

My entire experience indicates that by far the most important step in weevil control is the killing of the over-wintered weevils on the young cotton at the time the first small square appears. This can be done at a cost of 15 to 20 cents per acre for materials for each application. Two, three or four applications will be necessary according to weather conditions. A mixture of one pound of calcium arsenate, thoroughly stirred into a gallon of water to which one gallon of cheap molasses is then added, will poison two acres and kill practically every weevil on the young cotton. The molasses mixture is best applied with a cloth mop about three inches wide on the end of a stick about two feet long. After lightly dipping it is extended forward and downward, striking the cotton plants two or three inches below the top, the operator then walking down the rows tipping the plants over with the mop and applying the mixture on the under side of the leaves. Children quickly become expert in this operation when properly supervised. A drop or two of the mixture per plant is sufficient, as the weevils walk about over the leaves very freely and are practically certain to discover and eat the mixture within 24 hours. The writer has a number of times watched weevils moving about over the plants and finding and eating the mixture.

If a hard rain comes within 24 hours the mixture should be promptly put on again. It should be applied at least once more, 5 to 7 days later and, if the emergence of the weevils continues in any quantity, a third and sometimes a fourth application should be made. If the early poisoning is done properly and at the proper time practically no punctured squares will be noticed before late July or early August, at which time dusting by the regular method may be begun if necessary. In some of our own fields last year we had practically no punctured squares until general migration began the middle of August and no dusting was necessary in these fields.

Serious infestation of plant lice sometimes follow several applications of the calcium arsenate in dust form, but the molasses mixture has never been known to make lice plentiful. If plant lice appear in serious numbers after dusting, it will be necessary to dust with nicotine sulphate.

Every acre of the old cotton should be poisoned not only for its own protection but for the protection of the later cotton. Unless all the old cotton is properly poisoned at the time the very first small squares appear, it will develop an early crop of new weevils which will go over on the young cotton, before it has time to develop a crop. I believe the time of weevil migration will be delayed a week or more if all the old cotton is poisoned.

## Miss Harriet Monroe Dies On Wednesday

Miss Harriet Ann Monroe, aged 84, passed away at the home of her nephew, Mr. Floyd Monroe, in McLauchlin township on Wednesday, June 4th, after an illness of about six months, from a complication of troubles. Interment was made at Galatia Presbyterian church on Thursday morning at ten o'clock. The News-Journal goes to press before details of the life of the deceased are available.

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