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## PROPOSE REFORM IN COUNTY LAWS

### Partial Payment of Taxes One of Main Points Before Legislature

Adoption of a partial payment plan for the collection of taxes, abolition of county treasurers, modification of the constitutional limitation of 1 cent on taxes for the general fund, election of county accountants, by the commissioners instead of the people, are more stringent provisions for control of county funds and the bonding of county officers will be submitted to the General Assembly under action taken yesterday by the County Government Advisory Commission.

Charles M. Johnson, secretary of the commission was instructed to prepare the report to the General Assembly, with the above matters included in eight specific questions to be treated in the report.

The commission issued the following statement covering matters to be included in the report:

"1. The condition of the General Fund of each county, and the difficulties the counties are laboring under to make this fund meet the necessary requirements as imposed on them by law.

"2. The condition of the sinking fund investments, and the methods employed by many county commissioners in investing such funds.

"3. The bonds of county officials and county depositories, and whether the law should be changed so as to make the bonds cover more nearly the liabilities that the counties may have better protection.

"4. Partial payment of taxes. This was discussed at length and it was agreed to set up for the public the advantages to be derived from such a scheme and the difficulties in the way of working out such a program without making the expense too heavy for the benefits derived therefrom.

"5. The advisability of amending the law so that county accountants may be selected by county commissioners and prescribing certain minimum qualifications for county accountants in order to raise the efficiency of this officer. The question of the reports the county accountants should make to the commissioners and to the County Government Advisory Commission, and a better unification of the bookkeeping in the county government under the supervision of the county accountant, were considered at length.

"6. The advantages to be derived from elimination of all township programs as a county unit.

"7. Value of county managers as already demonstrated and the need of unifying city and county governments as to the levy of taxes and issuance of bonds.

"8. Other matters discussed that needed to be brought to the attention of the General Assembly are: Advantages to be derived from abolishing the office of the county treasurer, making fees or compensation for county attorneys who handle the foreclosure suits uniform in all the counties, etc.; the advisability of providing uniform budgets and amending the law pertaining to the appointment of tax collectors and tax supervisors.

Members of the commission present were: Dr. E. C. Brooks, chairman; Prof. A. C. McIntosh, A. E. Cline and John L. Skinner, A. J. Maxwell and Dr. Fred W. Morrison, chairman and secretary, respectively of the Tax Commission, also met with the county government body.

## SURPRISE SUPPER

A surprise supper given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter, Lumber Bridge

A surprise supper was given near town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter Sunday afternoon, June 15th. A large crowd was present all of whom were relatives. Lemonade was served, and music was rendered by Rev. Sam Bann Edgar and Walter Bledsoe of Fayetteville, N. C. Then supper was served in picnic style. The table was filled with eats, and the looks of it was enough to entice anyone to come near.

Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Faircloth, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Livingston and children, John D. and Martha Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bledsoe, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bledsoe, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bledsoe and children, Thomas, Weovlena, Orla, Edna, Alton and Myrtle, Mr. Walter Bledsoe and children, James and Gilbert, Mrs. Harrison Freeman, Mrs. Wade, all of Fayetteville, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Adcox and children, Eva, David, Clarence and Orla, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Adcox and children, Stacy, J. C. and Junior of Hoke Mills, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Carter and children, Rebecca, Estelmon, Sybil, J. D. and Wilbur of Southern Pines, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Adcox and children, Estaline, Evelyn, Stanley and Mabel, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Chason and children, Charles Maness, Thomas, Colon, and Cellan, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chason and children, Joe, Annie, Lee and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carter and children, Don Joe, Lewis and Mary of Lumber Bridge; Mr. and Mrs. D. J.

## County Precinct Meetings Saturday

### Precinct Meetings To Be Held June 21st; State Convention To Meet in Raleigh On July 3rd

As is customary every two years the various Democratic conventions for precincts counties and the State will be held this year. The dates for them are much later than heretofore the precinct meetings being held on Saturday June 21st the county convention on the following Saturday, June 28th, and the State Convention in Raleigh on July 3rd.

Mr. E. B. McNeill, chairman of the Hoke County Democratic Executive Committee, states that the precinct meetings will be held at two o'clock June 21st. It is important that meetings be held in every precinct in the county, a precinct executive committee be named and that delegates to the county convention be chosen.

The chairman of each precinct committee automatically becomes a member of the county executive committee. The county committee selects its chairman and secretary, either from their own numbers or from any other place in the county.

## ANTIOCH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland McNeill and small son, Billy Rowland of Lumberton were guests Sunday evening of Mrs. McNeill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. N. Gibson.

Mr. Clayton Biggs of Pinehurst spent the week-end here with his father, Mr. G. C. Biggs.

Mrs. Nelson Edens and baby of Kenansville spent several days recently visiting relatives and friends around Antioch. Mrs. Edens will be remembered here as Miss Annie Brown.

Mrs. Margaret McPhaul spent several days recently in the Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville. She returned home Monday and her host of friends will be glad to learn that she is getting along splendidly now.

Mr. Knox Watson of State College, Raleigh, is at home for the summer.

Messrs. Don, Lowe and Cecil McPhaul who are working in Lumberton came up Saturday night and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. F. McPhaul.

Mrs. Calvin Sims Ray and two children of Wallace spent a few days recently with Mrs. Ira L. Newton.

The Young Peoples Conference will open at Hoke on Monday, June 24th and continue for one week. The delegates from the Christian Endeavor of Antioch are Messrs. Margaret Campbell and Margaret Kikpatrick and Mr. Douglas Currie.

Miss Annie Mae Gibson was a guest Sunday of her friend Miss Bernice Yarborough near Raeford.

M. and Mrs. J. W. McPhaul went up to Fayetteville Sunday afternoon to see Mr. McPhaul's mother, Mrs. Margaret McPhaul.

Mrs. H. F. Currie and daughter are at their home near here.

Messrs. F. W. Huggins, J. L. Newton, John C. M. Bryde and Sandy Livingstone, were in Fairmont a short while Monday afternoon.

Mr. W. A. Brown of Wallace spent a few days recently in the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McGoogan.

Miss Mary McNeill, a student nurse at Baker's Sanatorium in Lumberton came home last Sunday for a two week's vacation.

## News of Recorder's Court on Tuesday

In Recorder's court Tuesday Foster McLean faced a charge of parking a car on the highway at night time without lights. This case was the result of a wreck a few nights ago when Mr. E. B. McNeill ran into the car of McLean. On account of the absence of a material witness, this case was continued for one week.

Walter Reid, Frank Reid and Reid and Reid McKinney, all colored, were indicted on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. Attorneys for Reid and McKinney asked for a jury trial and the case was set for next Tuesday.

Garnie Black, colored, was convicted of an assault on a female and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs. In the same mix-up, Geneva Jackson colored Black with a knife and faced a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon was found not guilty.

Leroy King, colored, received a sentence of six months on the county roads for breaking jail in January. He was also tried for getting goods under false pretense from Mr. W. N. Brown and given two months on the roads, sentences to run concurrently.

## Make Golf Course Community Center

In a conversation with the editor of the News-Journal a few days ago, Mr. T. B. Upchurch, owner of the Raeford Miniature Golf Course, stated that he hoped to make the golf course a community gathering place for any and all in the county who would like to come out and that he had no idea of restricting it to those who played golf. That his purpose, primarily, in building the course was to furnish a kind of meeting place where people from all over the county could come after supper, see their friends, hear a radio, and spend a pleasant evening.

The course has already served this purpose to a great extent and Mr. Upchurch hopes that more people from the county will use it as a gathering place than have heretofore. He wishes that people will use it as a community center and have no feeling of obligation whatever to patronize the commercial enterprise.

Henry Jones a colored man who lived on the farm of Mr. George Biggs in Blue Springs Township, died Tuesday. Death was due to pneumonia. He was 38 years of age. His remains were buried Wednesday at Mountain Grove Church in Quewhiffle Township.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To the parents of Hoke County: There will be a Tonsil Clinic held at Highsmith Hospital for white children next Tuesday the 2nd, beginning at 8 o'clock a.m.

We have made special arrangements as to charges for the children of Hoke County.

A state nurse has been here working up the cases, but was called away unexpectedly, we have vacancies for about ten more children. If your child needs attention see me on Saturday or Monday for registering for this clinic, otherwise they cannot be accepted. Age limit 16 years.

Prices very reasonable.

Mrs. H. A. Cameron.

## C. M. T. C. ON AIR TUESDAY NIGHT

On Tuesday night, June 17th, from 8:15 to 8:45 o'clock, the second of a series of five programs was broadcast from Station WPTF, Raleigh, N. C. by the Citizens Military Training Camp of Fort Bragg, N. C. The Citizens Military Training Camp, better known as the C.M.T.C. opened last Friday at Fort Bragg and will continue through July 12th.

The purpose of these programs according to Lieut. Colonel George R. Allen, Commandant of the Camp, is to let the boys tell the folks at home just what they are doing at Fort Bragg. These programs will be given on the following dates from 8:15 to 8:45 P.M.: Tuesday, June 17th; Tuesday, June 24th; Tuesday, July 1st; and Tuesday, July 8th.

## CANADIAN IMPORT TARIFF CHANGES AND SALES TAX REDUCTION APPROVED

Ottawa. — The Canadian tariff changes provided for in the Budget Speech of May 1, 1930, affecting iron and steel, machinery, fruits, and a few miscellaneous products, and amendments, were passed by the Canadian Parliament before adjournment on May 30, 1930, according to a dispatch telegraphed to the Department of Commerce by Commercial Attache Lynn W. Meekins, Ottawa.

## Run-off Primary Saturday July 5th

On Saturday, July 5th, a second run-off primary will be held in Hoke county to nominate candidates for Register of Deeds and Cotton Weigher. Messrs D. K. Bide and W. W. Roberts will enter the lists for the office of Register of Deeds and Messrs Martin McKeithan and E. L. Peale will be in the running for the position of Cotton Weigher. A contest for the House of Representatives, no one receiving a majority in the first primary, will not be had on account of the fact that Mr. W. T. Covington, second in the race, did not CHOOSE TO RUN. This leaves Mr. L. McEachern the nominee.

## Cucumbers Moving With Prices Low

Cucumbers have begun moving in Hoke county, the packing shed at the Laurinburg and Southern being rigged up for packing and operations begun. Prices last week were very poor, but County Agent L. B. Brandon, states that the South Carolina crop is now off the market and he expects better prices.

## School Facts Place High School Graduates at 2.5 Percent

Raleigh, June 17.—More than 20 per cent of the white school children of the State are in the first grade, according to the current issue of the State Department of Public Instruction.

The 596, 747 white pupils enrolled in the public schools during 1928-29 are distributed according to grades as follows: 121,291 or 20.4 per cent in the first grade, 78,952 or 13.1 per cent in the second grade, 72,665 or 12.2 per cent in the third grade, 67,305 or 11.3 per cent in the fourth grade, 60,176 or 10.1 per cent in the fifth grade, 51,905 or 8.7 per cent in the sixth grade, 47,536 or 7.9 per cent in the seventh grade, 35,232 or 5.9 per cent in the eighth grade, 26,748 or 4.5 per cent in the ninth grade, 19,987 or 3.4 per cent in the tenth grade, 14,801 or 2.5 per cent in the eleventh grade, and 999 or 0.2 per cent in the special classes.

According to the grade distribution of the school children as presented by School Facts for the past six years there is a tendency for enrollment in the first grade to decrease, and for the percentage of pupils enrolled in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades to decrease. In 1923-24 the white high school enrollment represented 12.4 per cent of the total whereas in 1928-29 the enrollment in the high school grades was 16.3 per cent of the total.

School Facts presents a table showing the distribution of school children by chronological ages. According to this table, more than one-fifth of the total 596, 747 white children are seven and eight years old. The number of pupils six, nine, and ten years old is approximately the same, the percentage of total enrollment in these grades being 9.4, 9.8, and 9.6, respectively. The eleven and twelve year old children each represent about 9 per cent of the total. After the twelve-year old children, the number and percentage decreases very rapidly. Only 1.4 per cent of the white enrollment is more than 18 years old.

## Big Rally For Methodist Young People in June

Methodist Young People Will Meet at St. John's Church Near Gibson on St. John's Day

Rowland, June 16.—June 24 is St. John's day. In keeping with the day, Methodist young people throughout Rockingham district are planning a big gathering and rally at St. John's church, near Gibson. The rally is sponsored by the Epworth Leagues in the district but it is for all Methodist young people. Every church is expected to have many of its young folks present.

A program is planned which includes messages from Rev. T. M. Grant, president of the North Carolina Conference Epworth League board; Rev. E. L. Hillman, dean of the Louisville League assembly, and former Red Springs pastor; Mr. Philip Swartz, Conference League secretary, Rev. C. C. Alexander, president of Louisville college; Rev. A. S. Parker, pastor, Troy Methodist church; and Dr. H. C. Smith, president of the Rockingham district.

Brief messages from these plus special music stunts, eats, fellowship, and worship bid fair to make June 24 a day long to be remembered by those who are at St. John's on that day.

The program is to begin promptly at 10:30 a. m., and to close not later than 3:30 p. m. Rev. E. B. Fisher, the efficient young pastor of the St. John's church, is having things up for a great day.

## Bailey's Actual Plurality For U. S. Senate

### Figures Compiled by C. Maxwell, Gives Raleigh Man 65,027 Majority

Josiah William Bailey, who was nominated over United States Senator Furnifold McLendel Simmons in the Democratic primary on June 7th, received an actual plurality of 67,625 and a majority over the combined vote of his two opponents of 65,027, but the figures will not become official until approved by the State Board of Elections, which Judge J. Crawford Biggs, the chairman, has called to meet at noon on Tuesday. Even these large figures are somewhat less than were indicated by unofficial returns.

A tabulation made by Raymond C. Maxwell, Assistant Secretary, and which will be adopted by the board unless all precedents are broken, shows Mr. Bailey received 198,267 votes, Senator Simmons, 131,242, and Dr. Thomas L. Estep, 2,592. Mr. Bailey carried 85 counties, Senator Simmons 15 and Dr. Estep none.

The four candidates for the Republican senatorial nomination polled a total vote of 39,194 votes as contrasted with the Democratic grand total of 332,701. The Republican vote was divided as follows: Congressman George M. Pritchard, 23,287; George E. Butler, 9,098; Irvin B. Tucker, 6,277; and Rev. Henry Grady Dorsett, 1,532.

In the only other statewide contest, Corporation Commissioner Goo. P. Pell, who carried 94 out of the 100 counties, defeated James H. Holloway a vote of 167,083 to 86,227, showing that 79,391 of the Democrats who voted in the senatorial contest refused to express preference for the lesser office which was voted upon the same ballot.

## Seven Year Old Girl Makes Hit Over Radio

Margie McKenzie of Shannon Surprises Friends in This Section By Appearing Before Microphone in Raleigh

Those of the radio audience who happened to be listening in on Raleigh last Wednesday had a real treat when little Miss Margie McKenzie of Shannon, sang into the mike at WPTF.

Little Margie has an unusual voice and those who heard her on the air Wednesday say the song came in perfectly clear and seemed as if they were sitting right there in the room listening to her sing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey McKenzie, of Shannon. Although only seven years old she never had a lesson in music of any kind she stood on the piano bench and sang with perfect ease and pronunciation, "I'm Thinking of You," which not only delighted those present in the studio at the time but all who happened to be listening in.

## SHANNON NEWS

Sara Lena Ohavis delightfully celebrated a number of her friends Monday night, June 9, by celebrating her fourteenth birthday. Many games were played on the lawn and delicious refreshments, punch and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Culbreth were recent visitors in Florence, S. C., see their mother, Mrs. J. F. Walter. Mr. B. B. Currie and Misses Bertha Isabel, and Lina Currie spent the day in Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Shook and children, Ruth Edith and Rowlee, were visitors in the home of Mr. John Plott in St. Pauls Sunday.

Mrs. D. S. Klapp and two daughters, Mrs. Hal Shook and Miss Meta Klapp, stayed from Wednesday till Friday with relatives in Sumter, S. C.

Mr. Luther Currie spent Thursday morning in Elizabethtown.

Mrs. James McBryde of Fayetteville is spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Shook. Miss Margaret Smith is staying a few days with her cousin, Miss Frances Walters, in Bue.

Mr. B. B. Currie and Misses Bertha, Lina and Isabel Currie spent Friday in Laurel Hill with relatives.

Mr. John Walters was a recent visitor in Florence, S. C.

Mr. Luther Currie and Misses Isabel, Bertha and Lina Currie were Fayetteville visitors Thursday afternoon.

## Capt. Poole in Automobile Wreck

What came near proving a most serious wreck occurred at the cemetery hill near here Monday afternoon when Capt. W. L. Poole, Clerk of the Court, ran into a wagon on the highway and was immediately run into by an oncoming truck from the rear. It seems that Capt. Poole and a truck operator were going out to get a load of cucumbers in Capt. Poole's car with the truck coming on behind. While crossing the hill on Peddler's Branch Capt. Poole blew for a team on the hill which failed to give him sufficient room to pass and rather than run into the truck, Capt. Poole hit the rear of the wagon as he brought his car to a stop. The truck behind didn't have time enough to stop and ran into the wrecked car. Only Capt. Poole was injured and his injuries will not prove serious, though he had a narrow escape. His car was damaged pretty badly, though not so much as might be expected. Only slight damage was done to the truck.

Capt. Poole is by far one of Hoke County's most popular citizens and a host of friends will wish for him a speedy recovery.

## Tariff Bill Finally Gets Through Congress

Grundy Billion Dollar Tariff Bill To Get Immediate Signature of President Hoover

The Smoot-Hawley tariff bill, with its increased duties on sugar, shoes, lumber, cement, brick and nearly 2,000,000 other products, has been passed by Congress.

It now awaits the approval of President Hoover, who is confidently expected to sign it within a few days. The new law will become effective at midnight following its signature by the President.

Legislative action on the measure was completed late Saturday when the House adopted the final form of the conference report. The vote was 222 to 123.

The Senate finally approved the measure Friday by the two-vote margin of 44 to 42.

The House margin of 69 votes was somewhat short of what the Republican leaders had expected. Mrs. Ruth Pratt, Republican, New York, surprised them by voting against the bill.

Upon announcing the vote Speaker Longworth affirmed his signature to the measure and arranged to send it to the Senate, so Vice-President Curtis may sign it and have it enrolled Monday.

The performance was accompanied by enthusiastic cheers and yells from the Republican side of the chamber, while the Democrats sat silent.

While it is estimated that the new tariff will impose an addition of a billion dollars to the cost of living in the United States, that is only an estimate, and nobody knows just how much the additional burden will be.

Increases affecting North Carolina include a five cent duty on turpentine and rosin, 20 per cent on gums, 25 per cent on waste and scrap mica, 35 per cent on tannic acid, five cents a pound on tannic acid, 30 per cent on manufacturers of pulp, 50 per cent on rayon products, and increases on cotton yarns of the finer grades.

## Wedding of Interest

A wedding of wide-spread interest was that of Miss Mary Poole and Mr. James Hugh Lowe at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian Manse here. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Dr. W. M. Fairley, the impressive ring ceremony being used.

The bride was attired in blue and tan crepe ensemble with all accessories to match. She wore a shoulder bouquet of roses and sweet peas. Miss Poole is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Poole of Raeford, of attractive and winning personality, and has been the recipient of numerous pre-nuptial courtesies. She is a graduate of Flora Macdonald College, a talented musician, and for the past few years has been engaged in teaching.

The bride-groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Lowe of Lowell, N. C., and is a popular young business man of that place.

On account of the illness of the bride's father the wedding was a quiet one, invitations having been recalled, and the bride was unattended. Guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Covington of Wagram, Misses Maud Poole, Kathleen Blue and Dixie Reaves, Messrs D. Carmie, Younger Sneed and H. L. Gallie, Jr., all of Raeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe left by auto for Washington, D. C., and points East. After the wedding trip they will be at home in Lowell, N. C.

DID YOU KNOW— That Rudy Vallee receives in his different pay envelopes over \$10,000 a week?