

ELECTION REFORM BILLS INTRODUCED IN STATE HOUSE

Would Repeal Present Absentee Ballot Law

TIGHTEN MARKER LAWS

Each of Four Bills Are Sponsored by Administration; Would Curb Evils

OTHER BILLS COME UP

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Four administration-sponsored bills which embody voting reforms recommended by the state board of elections, were introduced in the house of representatives today.

The measures, sent forward by Representatives Taylor of Wayne, Moore of Wilson, and Payne of Alexander, would:

1. Repeal the present absentee ballot law, and enact a substitute making the chairman of a county board of elections solely responsible for the integrity of absentee voting in his county, and requiring absentee voters to deliver their ballots, either in person or by mail, to the chairman at least three days before an election.

2. Divide all precincts in which more than 500 persons voted in 1936.

3. Tighten the laws relating to markers at the polls, by providing that only near relatives or other persons designated by voters could assist in marking ballots.

4. Order a new state-wide registration of voters before the 1940 primaries, and provide that separate registration books be kept for members of various political parties.

Six other bills, which would ban absentee voting in Polk, Swain, Catawba, Madison, Sampson and Hoke counties, also hit the legislative hoppers. All were introduced in the house.

FIVE SCHOOLS ENTER TOURNNEY

Application Blanks Have Been in Mail Only Few Days; Officials Optimistic

CRATER IS TO REFEREE

Intense interest on the part of schools in Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany counties in the forthcoming Elkin 4-County Basketball tournament which is scheduled to get under way at the local gymnasium Wednesday, February 22, has resulted in the official entry of five teams to date although official entry blanks to the various schools have been in the mail a day or so, it has been announced by tournament officials.

Schools which have entered teams are Beulah (Surry), Sparta (Alleghany), and Mt. View (Wilkes). Beulah has entered its boys' team while the other two schools have entered both boys' and girls' teams.

Plans for the event continue to grow apace and every indication points to the most successful tournament yet, both in interest and in quality of play. Among the 24 powerful teams expected to participate are several strong Wilkes county squads, who have proven themselves potent on the court thus far this season. These schools include Ferguson, Mt. Pleasant, Roaring River, Ronda, North Wilkesboro, Miller's Creek and Traphill, in addition to Mt. View, which has already entered.

Ab Crater, of Elkin, an expert on the game and a former star player in his own right, has been named as head referee for the tournament. His assistants will be announced at a later date.

NEW SHOE SHOP TO OPEN HERE FRIDAY

A modern new shoe repair shop will open here Friday morning on Main street in the building formerly occupied by Hayes Cash Hardware Co., located next door to Snow Clothing Co.

To be managed by Paul F. Clontz, of Hickory, the business will be operated under the name of Paul's Shoe Shop, and will feature attractive prices on all types of shoe repairing.

A feature will be the giving of a free shine card, good for 10 free shoe shines, to every customer whose shoe repairing amounts to as much as \$1.00.

The shop will serve customers while they wait, if desired.

Jess Willard Tries Old Plane



Miami, Fla.—Jess Willard, one-time heavyweight boxing champion of the world, is shown in a plane used in his hey-day as a boxer. This 1910 pusher, which is owned by Clarence McArthur, of Tampa, Fla., is an ancestor of the more modern planes taking part in the eleventh annual All-American air maneuvers here.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

RAILROADS PLEAD FOR TAX RELIEF

Raleigh, Jan. 24 — Representatives of railroads operating in North Carolina hung the specter of government ownership before the General Assembly's joint finance committee today in a plea for reduction of taxes that have "passed the point of confiscation."

"We'd like to run under our own steam," said William T. Joyner of Raleigh, division counsel for the Southern Railroad. "We'd like to pay our own expenses, but if we do not, there is only one alternative. 'Railroads have to run and the government will run them,' he added.

GRAHAM OPPOSES TUITION INCREASE

Raleigh, Jan. 24—Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, today attacked proposed increases in tuition at state educational institutions as applying a "test of wealth instead of merit" to prospective students.

Speaking before the joint appropriations committee, Graham warned that boosts in entrance fees would violate the spirit of North Carolina's constitution and traditions, and asked the General Assembly to increase the annual appropriation for the greater university by \$908,233.

SEEKS TO IMPEACH SECRETARY PERKINS

Washington, Jan. 24—Representative J. Parnell Thomas (R), N. J., began impeachment proceedings in the House today against Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and two aides, charging they committed high crimes and misdemeanors by obstructing the deportation of Harry Bridges, Australian-born, West Coast labor leader.

Thomas introduced a resolution calling for an investigation to determine whether impeachment is warranted.

FIRE DESTROYS TWO SCHOOLS

Clinton, Jan. 24—Fire destroyed Salemburg's two state-owned school buildings early this morning, the loss being estimated at \$35,000 by County Supt. D. V. Carter. Insurance amounting to \$26,500 was carried on the buildings.

The fire was discovered at about 4:30 o'clock by J. L. Holland, Salemburg contractor who lives near the school. It is believed to have started in the shower and locker room from a stove used to heat water.

TO ORDAIN DEACONS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday at the evening hour of worship five deacons will be ordained at the First Baptist church. Rev. R. L. West, of Yadkinville, will preach the ordination sermon. Deacons to be ordained are: Garland Johnson, W. O. Lawrence, Lonnie Martin, L. M. Masten and R. L. Reinhardt. The public is cordially invited.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED BY CLUB

Elkin Kiwanis Club Makes Plans for Coming Year at Meet Thursday Night

DONATE \$25.00 TO FUND

Appointment of committees and outlining the work for 1939 featured the first business session of the year of the Elkin Kiwanis Club at the weekly dinner meeting at Hotel Elkin Thursday evening. The club president, E. C. James, was in charge of the meeting. Among the business was the donation of \$25 by the club for the advertising program of the Lakes to Florida highway.

Following the open meeting a meeting of the club directors was held. Mr. James announced the following committees to serve during the year:

Boys and Girls: J. Mark McAdams, chairman, J. G. Abernethy, G. L. Hill, C. N. Myers; House: Charles Brewer, chairman, David J. Smith, Tom Shuart; Inter-Club Relations and Kiwanis Education: George Royall, chairman, J. R. Poindexter, E. S. Spainhour, J. D. Holcomb; Membership: Hugh Royall, chairman, Gilbert Meed, E. W. McDaniel; Music: Paul Gwyn, chairman, Mrs. Franklin Folger, Alex Biggs, R. G. Smith; Program: Franklin Folger, chairman, Dr. Harrell, Carl Poindexter, Wilbur Carter; Public Affairs: W. M. Allen, chairman, J. R. Poindexter, H. P. Graham, Foley Norman; Publicity: Harvey Laffoon, chairman, Garland Johnson, W. B. Lankford; Under-Privileged Child: Wilbur Carter, chairman, Dr. Hugh Parks, Dr. Seth M. Beale, I. C. Yates; Vocational Guidance: Stacey Weaver, chairman, Errol Hayes, Dr. Charles Haywood; Club Representative of Associated Charities: Charlie Brewer; Library Board Representative: Paul Gwyn.

JONESVILLE MAN DIES SUNDAY A.M.

Millard Filmore Cockerham Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia; Was 82

FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

Millard Filmore Cockerham, 82, of Jonesville, died Sunday morning at 5 o'clock in the local hospital, following an illness of three days from pneumonia.

Mr. Cockerham was a bachelor and the last surviving member of the family of the late S. W. and Mrs. Virginia Jones Cockerham. He was a native of Surry county but had spent most of his life in Jonesville, where the family moved many years ago.

His nearest survivors are nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the Jonesville Methodist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. Dwight B. Mullis, pastor of the church. Interment was in the family plot in the Jonesville cemetery.

Palbearers were: Fletcher McBride, W. T. Woodruff, Willie Gregory, R. C. Minish, O. E. Boles and Phillip Wilkins.

If we are responsible for our faces after 40, then Ned Sparks, frozen-faced comedian, will have much to account for!

LOYALISTS MAKE DESPERATE STAND TO DEFEND CITY

Fighting in Suburbs of Spanish Capital

BARCELONA BESIEGED

Soldiers and Civilian Refugees Stream Northward in Face of Rebel Win

CITY IS BEING CUT OFF

Perpignan, French-Spanish Frontier, Jan. 25.—Spanish Loyalist troops made a desperate stand in the suburbs of Barcelona today against nationalists massed for a triumphant entry to Spain's greatest city and their biggest victory of the civil war.

Thousands of loyalist soldiers, and thousands of civilian refugees, were streaming northward from the city, which the nationalists had hoped to enter this morning without a fight.

But picked republican troops elected to make a last fight. They held the Moors from Africa, shock division of the nationalist army, in the southern suburbs.

EARLIER REPORTS

Hendaye, France, Jan. 24.—The first of three columns of insurgent General Franco's army attacking Barcelona rolled its way within a mile and a half of the city's center tonight while insurgent shells ripped into the government capital.

The insurgents' southern army on wheels, almost without firing a shot, captured the government airdrome at Prat De Llobregat, and then sped along the coast to the suburbs of the capital where it expected to halt until the other armies could sweep across the coastal plains to cut the city off completely.

The dash was made by General Juan Yague's Moroccan corps which earlier had been reported at Gava, seven miles away.

Within Barcelona proper, reports reaching the border said, the calm of the refugee-choked city of 2,000,000 people was beginning to break as it became apparent there was no means by which they could flee to the north.

These reports said all trains had stopped running. Only members of the government and lucky few were able to obtain cars and trucks to carry them out of range of the smashing shell fire from insurgent guns that had been pounding the city since noon.

The government's decision to move northward to Gerona or Figueras, respectively 50 and 70 miles nearer the French border, was said to have started a mass trek of women, children and old men on foot.

They were carrying their most precious possessions on their backs or trundling them in wheelbarrows.

LOW SPEED LIMIT SET FOR PARKWAY

Scenic Highway Not in Condition Now for Fast Traffic, Officials Say

LIMIT IS 35 PER HOUR

A speed limit of 35 miles per hour has been set for the scenic highway. It has been learned here from officials of the national park service, who said that it was necessary to provide every means at their disposal to safeguard motorists who wish to drive the parkway at this time.

The speed limit was set at 15 miles per hour through sections where men are at work.

In fixing the low speed limits, officials said curves are unmarked, shoulders not sufficiently settled and soft, there are no center line stripes nor guard rails, and it would thus be highly dangerous for anyone to drive fast over the highway.

New speed regulations will be announced when the parkway is completed and officially opened.

ORGANIZE YOUNG TARHEEL FARMERS CLUB

A Young Tar Heel Farmers Club has been organized by the eighth grade boys of the Booneville high school. Officers elected were: President, Bobby McCormick; vice-president, Bobby Hobson; secretary, Marion Gray Miller; treasurer, Folsie Cockerham; reporter, Delbert Caudle; Watch Dog, Howard Wooten, and advisor, J. R. Walker.

Confer on Farm Program



Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace (left), as he conferred with Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, regarding proposed new farm legislation.

CRASH OF PLANE IS INVESTIGATED

Cause of Failure of Flying Boat Remains Mystery; Survivors Reach Port

ALL FOUR MOTORS QUIT

New York, Jan. 24.—The British air ministry tonight began an investigation into the mysterious power-failure crash of the 19-ton Imperial Airways flying boat Cavalier, with the loss of three lives at sea, as the captain of the lost plane said "definitely" the tragedy was not caused by icing.

"The Cavalier was equipped to combat ice," said 31-year-old Capt. M. Rowland Alderson, who was rescued with nine other survivors.

"At no time did I have the slightest fear of ice formation—either on the wings or clogging the carburetors. I have flown through far worse conditions. The whole thing is a mystery to me."

Pale and haggard from their 10-hour ordeal at clinging together in the gulf stream, off the Maryland coast, the five women and five men survivors were able to give more coherent accounts of the tragedy than when they arrived late yesterday on the rescue tanker Esso Baytown.

But none knew the answer to the all-absorbing question:

What happened to the giant sky-liner, silencing its four motors and necessitating a forced landing on the choppy seas midway between New York and Bermuda?

FOLGER NAMED TO IMPORTANT GROUP

Surry Congressman Is Appointed to Banking and Currency Committee

UNUSUAL SIGNIFICANCE

Washington, D. C.—(Special)—Increased Congressional power for North Carolina in the all-important matter of committee strength was seen here today, in the appointment of U. S. Representative Alonzo D. Folger of the Fifth Congressional District to the powerful Banking and Currency Committee.

This major exclusive House committee has charge of all legislation affecting banking and money policies of the nation. Congressmen who win appointment to a major committee such as Banking and Currency are assigned to that committee exclusively because of the importance of its work.

Appointment of the Surry Congressman to the committee had unusual significance in view of the fact that the committee in the past has been heavily dominated by Congressmen of the "Wall Street" variety. Congressmen from other sections have clamored for increased representation on the committee.

SPECIALIST TO BE IN SURRY JANUARY 27th

On January 27th, H. R. Niswonger, extension horticultural specialist will be in Surry county and give talks and demonstrations at R. S. Johnson's orchard, near White Plains at 10 o'clock, and at E. C. Bivin's orchard on the Fancy Gap highway at 2 p. m.

J. W. Crawford, Surry county farm agent, urges all farmers of Surry who are interested in knowing the proper ways of pruning, fertilizing and spraying, to attend one of these meetings.

Named to Court



Washington, D. C. — Felix Frankfurter of Massachusetts, professor of the Harvard Law School, who was named by President Roosevelt to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Frankfurter was named to the vacancy created by the death last July of Benjamin N. Cardozo.

GREENWOOD HOME RAZED BY FLAMES

Ancient Landmark Goes Up in Smoke 2 Miles From Here Tuesday A.M.

STARTED FROM CHIMNEY

Fire completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvy N. Greenwood, two miles east of Elkin, about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. The flames had gained so much headway when discovered that it was impossible to save the structure, since the only water supply was a nearby well. The blaze apparently originated above the fireplace in the living room.

The children of the family, one of which was returning to school for the first time since a recent hospital illness, were in the act of boarding the school bus when the fire was discovered.

Only a small portion of the furnishings were recovered. The home, which was believed to be between 160 and 170 years old and was occupied by the great-grandson of the builder, was one of the oldest landmarks in this section. Many valuable heirlooms also were lost in the fire. The building consisted of two stories and a basement.

Only a small amount of insurance was carried on the home and furniture.

This is the third old landmark that has been destroyed by fire in that community within the last year or two.

LOCAL MARKETS ARE RATED BY INSPECTOR

First official ratings of meat markets in Surry county have been released by the Surry county health department, following an inspection by M. M. Melvin, district sanitarian with the state board of health.

Markets with ratings of less than 70 per cent. were required to discontinue selling meat until they complied with requirements. In the future, it was announced, any market found with a rating of less than 70 per cent. will be prosecuted.

Ratings of Elkin markets were given as follows: Basketeria, B5; City Market, 44.5; Cash & Carry, 79; Modern Food Store, 64.

ALL IN READINESS FOR ANNUAL BALL TO FIGHT DISEASE

Will Be Staged at Gymnasium Monday Night

ENGAGE 2 ORCHESTRAS

Fifty Per Cent. of Proceeds Will Remain at Home for Local Needs

URGE ALL TO ATTEND

An excellent orchestra and string band have been engaged to play for the local "Birthday Ball for the President," to be held at the school gymnasium Monday night from 8 o'clock until 2 a.m. John Peddycord and his Band, of Winston-Salem, will provide the music for the round dance. Byron Bryan and his Band will make music for the square dance.

Due to having only one floor available, the ball will be divided into two parts. The square dance will get under way at 8 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. Then the round dance will start, ending at 2 a.m.

Sam Atkinson, chairman of the local ball, has extended a cordial invitation to everyone, both in town and out, to attend the ball here. He is hopeful that many people from neighboring towns which are planning no balls will take the opportunity to aid in the fight against infantile paralysis by attending the Elkin event.

It was also pointed out by Mr. Atkinson that there is plenty of parking space available at the gym.

The Elkin ball will be but one of thousands to be held throughout the entire nation. Admission here has been set at \$1.00 per couple. Ladies attending without escort will be admitted for 50 cents.

Fifty cents of each dollar will remain here to provide for victims of infantile paralysis in this immediate section. The money is to be used to provide medical attention, leg braces, etc., for those who need it, but are unable to pay for such necessities. The other 50 cents of each dollar will go to a national research fund, and not to Warm Springs, Ga., as many believe. The money going to the research fund is used by doctors who are daily seeking to conquer the dread disease. This fund also provides money to augment local funds in sections where there is not sufficient money to take care of the situation.

SUNDAY IS TO BE VISITATION DAY

Sunday, January 29, has been designated as visitation day in the First Baptist Sunday school. Teachers and pupils will meet at the church at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and will go in teams to visit the sick, those who have been absent from Sunday school during the month and prospective members for the Sunday school. All who will assist with this work are urged to join the group during the afternoon.

ONE COUPLE SECURES MARRIAGE LICENSE

Only one marriage license has been issued by the Surry county register of deeds during the past week-end, a check revealed Wednesday. The license was issued to Henry Frank Wood and Miss Mamie Wood, both of Siloam.

Chicken Liver Found to Weigh Over One Pound

Chicken liver enters of this section will probably turn green with envy when they hear the story of the super de luxe chicken liver discovered near Kapps Mill.

According to E. L. Gentry, of Mountain Park, a male stepped on a chicken belonging to A. C. Roberts, of near Kapps Mill, killing it. Mrs. Roberts dressed the chicken and to her surprise found that the creature's liver was the largest ever heard of. It was so large she threw the chicken away and she and her family dined on liver alone.

Mr. Gentry, who was kind enough to report the story to The Tribune, said that the liver alone weighed one and one-fourth pounds, and that there are witnesses to the fact.