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Personalities

Hemby, says that Laws has always had a peculiar aversion to paddling the boat and always can manage to establish himself in a boat so that the other fellow will have to do all the paddling.

Laws, who has seen about as much tobacco as any man in this section, has one other peculiarity . . . Cigarettes. He is usually smoking but he rarely has any "fags" of his own and one of his most constant gestures is reaching into another fellow's pocket to extract a cigarette.

In addition to these many strong and/or weak points Laws is also a chemist of some little proportion. He is the patentee and only user of that famous formula known as "Tapp's Skylight Equalizer." This is an alchemist's nightmare which, when spread on warehouse skylights, is guaranteed to give equal light in every nook and corner of the warehouse. Only "Tapp's Tremendous" has access to this magic formula and it is kept under lock and key and constant guard by either Bill King or Johnnie Smith, two of the few who are allowed into the "Skylight Equalizer Room."

Laws knows thousands of tobacco growers from North Harlowe to Oxford and his rocking chair in a south side door of "Tapp's Tremendous" is a gathering place for those, young and old, who like to sit and listen to stories of the "old days" when the tobacco business was "something" and not "run by the gov."

Laws is also one of the best "freeload" gin rummy players in captivity and has taken the sharp edge off such sharp players as occasionally wander into his office on cool winter days or even occasionally during the hotter weather. He admits that he'd rather beat Roger Brooks than all the rest of his gin rummy adversaries.

For more than a half century Laws has been watching the tricky tobacco business and now after accumulating such a vast store of tobacco knowledge he has reached the point where he'll admit that "Nobody knows all there is to know about the tobacco business."

It might also be admitted that nobody knows all there is to know about Herman Laws and that includes fishing too.

HERMAN F. LAWS

Herman Laws, the dean of Kinston's tobaccoists, is a man of many parts. He has served longer on the Kinston tobacco market than any other man and in addition to serving long and faithfully at his chosen calling, he has also found time to serve as city alderman and still serves as a member of the local committee of the fireman's relief fund.

Laws, who recently has been under the weather and has been absent from "Tapp's Tremendous Warehouse" longer than at anytime since it was built, is now out soaking up a little springtime sunshine and chewing the fat with old friends and new acquaintances.

In addition to his knowledge of the tobacco trade and its many tricks, Laws is also a fisherman of parts and spite of the fact that he is not a heavyweight himself he has managed to drag in from time to time a fish that was almost large enough to drag him overboard. His speciality is sheephead fishing. His long-time fishing companion, Paul

April 19th Filing Deadline For Spring Primary Candidates but Most Hopefuls Still are Bashful

When 6 p. m. comes around on Saturday, April 19th, the deadline will have arrived for those who want to file to take part in the May primaries which will decide who will hold what offices in North Carolina for the coming two years and in some instances for four years.

At this time there are only two men who officially have their name in the political pot in Lenoir County. Incumbent Recorder's Court Judge Albert Cowper and Would-be Recorder Frank Owens, both of whom have paid the filing fee to Election Board Chairman William Allen Jr.

Pink Hill Attorney Harvey Turner was the first announced candidate for office, offering his services in the county seat in the state house of representatives after Incumbent Marion Parrott had turned down a third

term. Turner has not at this writing put the cash on the line with Allen, however.

No member of the county board of commissioners or of the county school board has made any public statements on the subject of running or not running and no new names have cropped officially up, although J. D. Paschall is reported bitten by the bee for the board of commissioners. Jack Alexander, who two years ago ran a pretty strong ticket for the county commissioners, is now president of the farm bureau and says that he does not think he will, or ought to, run because he does not want to get the farm bureau mixed up in politics.

Up from the Deep Run section where Incumbent Mark N. Smith's retirement is being talked around, Johnnie (J. R.) Davenport is reported to be studying

the field with an eye to stepping in, if Smith steps out.

Over in Jones County the usual informed sources say that competition for John Hargett for the state house of representatives is certain but no one is able or willing to say who the opponent will be. From Pollocksville the word still says that Incumbent Robert P. Bender will not seek reelection.

Tarboro's L. H. Fountain, an energetic young man, who has considerable backing is out shaking every bush in an effort to dislodge Warrington's John Kerr who has been in Congress for 29 years from the second congressional district. Fountain may be just the boy to lick Kerr if his legs and his hand holds out from now until the votes are cast in May. Kerr is not known by 98 per cent of the voters.

The Past Week in Review

Kirby Loftin says that some characters played a mean trick on him Monday night by stopping near his home in the Southwood Community to take four tires from a trailer he had parked there. The thieves were very thoroughly and there is a good likelihood that they may be trying to sell their loot to some unsuspecting folks in this section. So if someone comes to you and wants to sell or swap four U. S. Royal tires call Loftin and the law and let them see if these folks are the ones who paid Loftin an unwelcome visit Monday night.

Sgt. John Laws arrived in Kinston Tuesday to take over command of the Highway Patrol Units in Greene, Pitt, and Lenoir counties. Laws is one of the top young sergeants on the patrol and is also the top pistol shot in North Carolina. He was stationed for many years in Greenville and is familiar with the section and his coming to Kinston has been greeted with universal acclaim except, perhaps, by the ten or eleven other

patrol sergeants who had been pulling strings to get the Kinston post. Laws replaces Sgt. Bill Nail who retired at the end of the year after 21 years on the patrol to take charge of a permanent weighing station at his former home in Asheville.

Dan Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ely Perry of Kinston was one of 12 sophomores and juniors who were tapped to become members of the Order of the Grail at the University of North Carolina Monday night. The Order of the Grail is considered the top honorary society on the campus at Carolina.

Included among those from North Carolina who were on the troop transport General W. H. Gordon which arrived in San Francisco Monday with 1890 Korean veterans was Marine Corps Captain Richard C. Odoud of 1109 Carey Road in Kinston.

A capacity crowd Monday night jammed Grainger High School auditorium to hear Nadine Connor, famed Metropolitan opera

star, give the last concert of the season under the sponsorship of the Kinston Community Concert Association.

The biggest weekend news came at 3 a. m. Sunday when Henry Lee Farrell, an employee of the Humphrey Tire Company, was burned to death at his home at 513 Harvey Street. Firemen say the fire that killed Farrell apparently started in the living room of the Farrell home and the smoke had apparently overcome Farrell who was sleeping in an adjoining room.

Leon Smith and Ray Malpass, two Kinston school boys who got mixed up in a dare about going to Florida almost got as far as Georgia before Police in a small South Carolina town near the Georgia border picked them up and notified their parents. The missing school boys were returned to Kinston and after a day of eating blackeyed peas and corn bread in a South Carolina jail their parents believe they have taken the traveling cure. The boys were just 12 and 13 years old, respectively.

Stock Show Deadline Friday

Friday is the deadline for those who would like to enter animals in the 12th annual Coastal Plains Fat Stock show which will be held April 10-11 in Kinston under the direction of the chamber of commerce.

All 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America who would like to enter swine or beef type animals in the show are urged to contact their county agent at once and get the necessary information.

More entrants are registered this year than ever before and officials of the show predict the biggest and best attended in its history.

Proper rotation of crops is one answer to the black shank problem, believe tobacco growers of Franklin County.

Robert Scott and son, Edward, of Onslow County are finding that a well-arranged farm workshop is both useful and profitable, according to County Agent Charlie C. Clark, Jr.

Methodist Charge Presents Minstrel At 8 Next Tuesday

Members of the several churches of the Trenton Methodist Charge will present a benefit minstrel at 8 Tuesday night, April 8, in the Trenton school auditorium. Funds realized from the minstrel will be placed into the parsonage upkeep fund.

All local talent will be used in the minstrel and some hilarious and highly entertaining moments are guaranteed all who attend.

A special part of the program will be devoted to singing by a group from the Maple Grove church. There will be black-face skit, hill billy and folk singing and plenty of comedy for every age to enjoy, the program chairman has promised.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The First Quarterly Conference will be held at 8 Sunday night at Maple Grove Methodist Church. Pastor Charles B. Long has urged that every member of the congregation make plans now to attend this important meeting.

Judge Grady Ends Jones Court on 1st

Judge Henry A. Grady of New Bern came to Trenton Monday to convene a one-week mixed term of Jones County's Superior Court and at noon Tuesday the calendar, both civil and criminal, had been put into order and the judge returned to his home on the banks of the Neuse to await further docket cleaning-up jobs.

Some 40 cases were cleared from the criminal docket, a number of divorces on the civil calendar and one other civil matter were cleared before the adjournment gavel was rapped.

The following were convicted of drunken driving and paid \$100 fines and the court costs: Charles Franklin Bryant, Thurman E. Jarman, Chester Arthur Carr, and Lester B. Wells, who had been tried in the January court and placed on probation for five years returned to get his probationary sentence ended by paying a \$200 fine the court costs and placed on good behavior for five years.

Charged with drunken driving but convicted of reckless driving were Clarence Lee Inman, \$100 fine and court costs; John Wesley Gooding, \$25 fine and costs; Elmer Davis, \$25 fine and

costs; Henry Foy, charged with reckless driving, plead guilty and paid the court costs.

Henry Smith was found guilty of violating game laws Raymond Leroy Dove and Duffie Sutton were found guilty of breaking and entering and each was ordered to pay the court costs. Fred Whitfield, found guilty of violating the liquor laws, was placed on five years probation and ordered to pay the court costs. Carlton Rhodes, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and Moses Burney, charged with simple assault each had to pay the court costs.

Judge Grady ordered a capias issued for George P. Smith Jr. who had reportedly violated the conditions of his parole after being tried at the January term on a worthless check charge.

After hearings into the matter of a deed being cleared for L. F. Simmons the court declared that Floyd Koonce of Pollocksville, who had disappeared from his home on September 21, 1921, and had never been heard from since that time, be officially and judicially dead as of a date seven years after his departure from home.

Forestry Projects Interest 4-H'ers

During the past winter Jones County 4-H Club members have set out over twenty thousand red cedar and loblolly pines, Assistant County Agent Henry G. Swiggett has reported.

A total of 19 boys and girls took part in these forestry projects and Carl Killingsworth Jr. of Pollocksville route one topped the work by setting out 3,000 cedars. Grace Aurthur of Maysville route one was not far behind Killingsworth since she planted 2,700 trees.

County 4-H Council To Meet Friday, 4th

The Jones County 4-H Club County Council will meet at 7:30 Friday night in the ag building in Trenton.

A special program is planned for the meeting which will be followed with the usual recreation program. All members of the county council are urged to attend this session.