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JUDGE WEBB AFTER ANOTHER DISTRICT

Plan Third Federal Judicial District In North Carolina. Bill Has Already Been Drawn.

News and Observer.

Under a play sponsored by United States Judge E. Yates Webb, approved by Judge Henry G. Connor, and which has the support of United States Senators Simmons and Overman and members of the North Carolina delegation in the house of representatives, a strenuous effort will be made to have Congress enact a bill creating a third federal judicial district in North Carolina at its December session. A bill has already been drawn and the proposed district marked off.

The above information was verified by The News and Observer from authoritative sources.

The movement initiated with Judge Webb who has declared that it is a physical impossibility for one judge to do the work of the Western North Carolina district as now constituted. However, while the plan is in no sense political in its origin, its effect, if carried to a successful consummation, will be to remove one strong contender from the race in the events of a vacancy in the Eastern district by virtue of the death of Judge Connor, and will create a brand new race for judge of the proposed central district. Already speculation is rife in political circles as to who will be the recipient of the new honor and what the effect of it will be upon the forces already aligned in the Eastern district.

Cleveland County Same.

The proposed district lines places Watauga county, which is on the Tennessee border and which is the home of Frank A. Linney, district attorney in the Western district, in the proposed central district, while Mecklenburg county, down in the Piedmont section and which is the home of John J. Parker, Republican National committee man, remains in the Western district, which will continue to be presided over by Judge Webb, his home county of Cleveland also remaining in the Western district.

The effect upon any race which might occur in the Eastern district would be to remove H. F. Seawell, of Moore county, formerly district attorney and who was appointed judge by President Roosevelt but whose appointment was not confirmed, to the central district.

With Mr. Parker geographically ineligible the probable result would be to make Mr. Linney and Mr. Seawell the leading contenders in the central district while the strength of Mr. Seawell would be subject to division among District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker, Isaac M. Meekins, defeated candidate for governor, and George Butler, the others who have been frequently mentioned in connection with the judgeship in the Eastern district.

In Lie With Policy.

With the plan having the united support of both political parties in this state, it is believed that chances for the passage of the bill through Congress are excellent. It is pointed out by those interested that the policy of the Coolidge administration, as well as the Harding administration before it, has been to create new judicial districts where needed. It is claimed that each of the present North Carolina districts does more business than both of the South Carolina districts combined and no difficulty is anticipated in convincing Congress that both of the present judges are overworked.

Under the present plan, Avery Caldwell, Alexander, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Union and all counties west of them would remain in the western district. Warren, Franklin, Wake, Johnston, Sampson, Bladen, Columbus and all counties east of them would remain in the Eastern district. The counties between these two lines would comprise the proposed central district, the number including Durham county, the home of William G. Bramham, the Republican chairman, who has also been mentioned in connection with a judgeship but who has been understood not to be a candidate.

Light Meetings To Be Held In County

(Extension Service.)

Electric light meetings will be held at the following places in the county next week to get up community light lines.

Shelby Monday evening December 1st at 2 p. m.

Fallston Monday night at 7 o'clock. Earl Tuesday morning December 2nd at 10 a. m.

Bethlehem Tuesday evening 2 p. m. Waco, Tuesday night at 7 p. m. Union Wednesday morning December 3 at 10 a. m.

Casars Tuesday evening at 2 p. m. Pleasant Ridge Wednesday night.

An electrical engineer will be present at each of the above scheduled meetings to give estimates of the price of lines and advice as to proper kind of lines to use.

Hugh Miller To Get State Position In Grist's Office

Will Be Appointed Chief of Bureau of Labor For Deaf By Frank D. Grist, New Labor Head.

When Frank D. Grist, ex-service man and state commissioner of labor and printing elect was a Shelby visitor Tuesday of this week from his home in Lenoir, he permitted The Star to make public announcement of the fact that he has appointed Mr. Hugh G. Miller of Shelby to fill the position of chief of bureau of labor for the deaf. This is an honor well bestowed and one which Mr. Miller is thoroughly competent of filling. His many friends throughout the state will no doubt learn of his appointment with considerable pleasure. Mr. Grist has known Mr. Miller personally for many years and also had scores of letters highly endorsing him for the position. Aside from the appointment as a recognition of his ability to fill the position, Mr. Grist is also appreciative of the splendid vote accorded him in Cleveland county where he lead the state and national tickets.

Mr. Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller and a graduate of the school for the deaf at Morganton. He will no doubt move his family to Raleigh when he enters upon his duties about January 10th when the other state officers take up their duties. The position pays \$2,000 annually with \$1,000 allowance for traveling expenses. As chief of the bureau for the deaf he will secure positions for the deaf gather statistics relative to them and encourage them to equip themselves to become more useful citizens. This position was created by the general assembly two years ago and has been a great help to the deaf in North Carolina.

Prominent Lincoln Citizen Passes Away

Lincoln County News.

Mr. Robert Stuart Edwards, died at his home in this city Saturday, November 22nd at 6 p. m., following an illness extending over several weeks, he having been confined to his room since the 4th of November.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters and one son, as follows: Miss Carita Edwards, and Miss Mary Stewart Edwards of this city and Prof. Jennings Bryan Edwards principal of Dallas schools and two grandchildren also surviving are two brothers, Messrs Sam Edwards and Jack Edwards of this county.

Had he lived until December 5th this year he would have been 70 years of age. He was one of the city's oldest citizens, and has been prominent in the life of old and new Lincolnton.

He was a son of the late Capt. W. R. Edwards at Sarah Angelina Deter, of this county. His late father was register of deeds of Lincoln county for 11 years and he assisted his father as register of deeds. He was also coroner of Lincoln county for a number of years.

CAPT. F. A. TOBEY, VET OF CIVIL WAR IS DEAD

Lincoln County News.

Capt. F. A. Tobey, brave officer of the Confederate army and prominent citizen of Lincolnton, died at his home in this city Monday morning November 24, at 1:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health for the past four years, but had been on the go until a few days ago. He became suddenly ill last Saturday; however he was conscious at all times and put up a brave fight to the last passing away peacefully at the hour above mentioned.

Captain Tobey was a familiar figure in the life of Lincolnton for the past 50 years his kindly smile, his friendly greeting and genial presence will be missed.

SUPPOSED SHELBY MAN A WRECK PASSENGER

According to Thursday's Charlotte Observer several passengers were shaken up more or less Wednesday evening when a big passenger bus had a mix-up with three wagons five miles east of Albemarle. Among the passenger lists was a "Mr. Hood, of Shelby, student at the university," according to the Observer.

NO MOVING PICTURES FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

Asheville, Nov. 24.—Six months on the county roads if you enter a motion picture house or public dance hall during the next two years was the sentence received by Joe Brooks of Billmore in police court today when convicted of the charge of insulting a young white woman in a saluting theatre. In addition to the suspended sentence he was fined \$50 and costs.

Messrs. Paul Webb, Jr. and Dwight Houser, university students, spent Thanksgiving at their home here.

TRY STAB WANT ADS

Thanksgiving Day Very Quiet Here

Thanksgiving Day, the day that has a different meaning from any other season of the year, passed over very quietly in Shelby. With the exception of one church service at the First Presbyterian church there were no formal events in the town. A restful silence like unto that of a Sabbath day prevailed over the town, although the stillness out in the countryside was frequently broken by the shots of the usually large number of Thanksgiving hunters.

The sport lovers spent the day hunting; many journeyed out of town for football clashes in other cities while many more returned to the "old home" or spent the day "visiting relatives" in other sections of the state. However, the major part of the town spent the day at home enjoying and being thankful for the day and what it brings, as is coming to be the custom.

CLEVELAND RANKS AMONG LEADERS

This County Among 14 In State With Bank Operating Capital Of Over One Million.

Charlotte Observer.

There are three counties in North Carolina that are excepted from the criticisms projected by Judge Meekins in his late campaign. These are Camden, Graham and Tyrrell. Neither of the three has a bank. This fact, among others of interest, is disclosed through the researches of Mr. A. K. King, of Henderson County, who has contributed an article to The University of North Carolina News Letter on banking affairs in the State. The facts which he produces go to show that the State "lags in banks and commerce."

He submits a table of bank capital in North Carolina for the inhabitants during the year 1923 and naturally, Mecklenburg, which has hopes of being made the center of the Federal Reserve banking for two States, is at the head of the list. With a total "operating" capital at that time—since largely increased—of \$8,241,475, or \$96.27 per inhabitant, Mecklenburg leads all counties in the State. Mr. King, entering into an analysis of the table, discloses that the State's total operating capital in the year named, was \$64,477,848, which would give an average of \$24.04 to the inhabitant. Mecklenburg alone possesses one-eighth of the operating capital of all the banks in the State. Guilford ranks second and Forsyth third. Going into detail, Mr. King says that 19 counties have each a total of less than \$100,000. They are Polk, Avery, Lee Swain, Perquimans, Mitchell, Alleghany, Pamlico, Jackson, Hoke, Hyde, Jones, Pender, Yadin, Currituck, Dare, Clay, Brunswick, and Caswell.

Only 14 counties in the State show a total bank operating capital in excess of \$1,000,000. Ranked from high to low they are: Mecklenburg, Guilford, Forsyth, New Hanover, Durham, Gaston, Wake, Edgecombe, Wayne, Wilson, Buncombe, Vance, Cleveland and Pitt. Over three-fifths of the capital stock, surplus and undivided profits of the banks of North Carolina is concentrated in these 14 counties. As banking is always the result of a demand for credit this high concentration is readily explained by the fact that the 14 leading counties are either large commercial or industrial centers containing cities, or they are counties in which agriculture is highly developed. Frequently all three of these factors contribute.

The line-up Morris will likely start is as follows: Lee and Dedmon, ends; Beam and Caldwell, tackles; H. Grigg, center; Captain Auten and Harratt, guards; Furches, quarter; Ellerbe and Connor half backs; Wray, full back. Hopper, end, "Coom" Magness, back, and "Jay" Harrill, tackle, may break into the game with the first line-up. Substitutes will include Self, Babington and Pendleton, backs; V. Grigg Sparks, L. Beam, Dixon Hoyle and others in the line.

Girl's Song Heartens Men Facing Death

Norfolk, Va.—The story of a girl singing while facing death in an open boat at sea to keep up the courage of her shipwrecked companions was brought to Norfolk in a brief radio message from the steamer City of Atlanta. The girl was 18-year-old Kathleen Woodworth, of Rockport, Mass. The steamer picked up Miss Woodworth, another woman and five men Wednesday morning 150 miles off the Virginia capes. They had been adrift in an open storm-tossed life boat since Monday night when their ship, the three-mast schooner Susan B., coal laden from Hampton Roads, to St. Stephens, N. B., went down in the severe storm that swept the coast the first of the week.

RICH YOUTH SAYS WIFE HAS SOME NEGRO BLOOD

New Rochelle, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Leonard Kip Rhineland, son of one of New York's oldest families, who married Miss Alice Jones of New Rochelle, October 14, today filed suit in the West Chester county supreme court to annul the marriage. Rhineland alleged that his wife concealed from him the fact that she had negro blood in her veins. The papers were supported by an affidavit made by Rhineland before a Kings county notary public.

The complaint declares that the "consent" of the plaintiff, Rhineland, to the marriage, "was obtained by fraud," and that the defendant, formerly Miss Jones, told Rhineland "she was white and had no colored blood". Rhineland, the complaint states, entered into marriage on the basis of such representations, "which he since has discovered to be untrue."

Unprecedented Fire Losses. According to statistics compiled by the insurance commissioner, fire losses in North Carolina for the month of October amounted to the enormous sum of \$381,000.00.

HIGHS PLAY FOR TITLE SATURDAY

Blue Eleven Meets Spencer in Charlotte for Western State Honors. Local People to Attend.

Coach "Casey" Morris and his squad of high school football players will leave Shelby Saturday morning for Charlotte, where in the afternoon at 2:30 the Highs meet Spencer on Wearn field for the championship of Western North Carolina. It will be the first time in the history of the local school that the Shelby eleven has been far enough up in the race to play for western honors and the cup offered.

Crowds to Attend.

Such is the interest here in the game that several hundred Shelby people are expected to motor down for the contest. For a time many local people discussed attempting to change the game to Friday so that business men, and others, held here by Saturday's rush, might attend, but it was understood that the change would not be possible. One of the largest crowds ever to see a football game in this section witnessed the one here last Saturday, and many of the number will go to Charlotte for the final game, which will be almost as hard fought and with near as much interest to the sidelines.

According to reports coming from Spencer, the Railroaders have an unusually good eleven and expect to defeat the locals. Barker, a back, is heralded as one of the best players in the state, and those attending the game will get to see him measure his prowess with such backs as Connor, Furches, Magness and Ellerbe. The Spencer line, say press dispatches, is a mammoth affair, but Grigg, Auten, Benn, Caldwell and the others present no minority appearance, and all indications are that it will be some battle.

Although in the midst of the Thanksgiving holidays Coach Morris put his squad through regular practice every afternoon of the week and every play, some of them knew to high school ball is working smoother than ever. The Highs will not rely on any one method of offense. Known as a "passing" team every member of the squad is an expert on nabbing the ball out of the air, while three of the backs are excellent passers. In a line plunging game Morris has Furches and Wray to rely on, and neither has failed to gain consistently during the season. Moreover Shelby's line has a habit of tearing out a hole for the play to go through. In skirting the wings the High backfield really stars. Every member of the backfield is skilled in the end run game and the formations are so shifted that the interference is hard to break through. If it is necessary to resort to the kicking game the Shelby coach has two backs, Ellerbe and Connor, hard to equal as punters in the state. And when a few punters mean victory Wray and Connor may furnish the thrills with field goals.

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Clem Willis Injured When Car Turns Over

Clem Willis, barber, who works at the Austell barber shop was bruised and shocked Wednesday afternoon about 2 o'clock when he lost control of his Ford touring car on the Lawndale road in front of the Hicks school house near the Dover mill the car turning over and landing in the cut on the Lawndale railroad. A mechanic whose name was not learned, was riding in the car with him at the time, but was unhurt to any great extent. Willis was pinned underneath the car and bruised badly. He was hurried to the Shelby hospital where a few hours later he regained consciousness and it was found that he sustained no broken bones or dangerous wounds.

Ben Palmer Is Shot By Hunting Mate

Ben Palmer, oldest son of Mrs. W. B. Palmer of Shelby was accidentally shot Tuesday by his hunting companion Albert Kerr, the full load of a shot gun taking effect in his right hip. The two boys were shooting birds a short distance from the hospital when young Palmer was accidentally shot. He walked to the hospital for medical attention, but was pretty well exhausted when he arrived. Most of the shot were removed and young Palmer is getting along nicely, but it will be several days before he is dismissed from the institution. His wound is painful but not serious.

Officials Did Not Change Decisions

Gastonia Gazette. Charlotte high school officials will not protest the decisions of Referee LaFar, Umpire Harrill and Headlinesman Chinn in the recent game with Shelby. Umpire Harrill refused to change his decision on a forward pass play in the game, thereby making Referee LaFar reasonably hold to his version of the plays disputed by Charlotte. Shelby will play Spencer at Charlotte Saturday. The winner will represent the western schools at Chapel Hill in December.

Heavy's Cafe means the same thing to a hungry man that turkey means to Thanksgiving. advt.

Headed For More Than 30,000 Bales

The cotton crop for Cleveland county this year will probably total between 32 and 35 thousand bales, judging from the last ginning report. Optimistic estimates place it at 35 or 36 thousand, conservative ones at 32 thousand. According to Miles H. Ware, special agent, 28,958 bales were ginned in the county prior to November 14, as compared with 34,030 bales ginned prior to the same date last year. Considering that the report covers only up to two weeks back and that crop is some weeks back 30,000 bales have already been ginned.

MRS. FREEMAN DIES UNDER AN OPERATION

Native of Mississippi Will Be Buried Here This Morning—Leaves Husband and Four Children

Mrs. Zola Hale Freeman died Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Shelby Public Hospital where she had been a patient for a few hours, suffering with kidney poison. She gave her life for her new born babe which died the following morning. Mrs. Freeman's death was a great shock to the community for she was a splendid type of woman, tirelessly spending every moment of her time for her family, going the limit of her endurance to pay the true part of a mother. She was 35 years of age and born near Meridian, Miss. The Freeman family came to Shelby a year ago from High Point, Mr. Freeman being violinist with the Princess Theatre orchestra and a highly esteemed citizen who has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community. Surviving are her husband and four sons, the oldest ten years; William, Cicero, Leo and Eric. Mrs. Freeman was a member of the First Baptist church of Shelby and the funeral will be conducted Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence on N. Morgan street by her pastor Rev. R. L. Lemons. The body was held pending the arrival of relatives. Two sisters, Mrs. Hartzog of Cleveland, Ohio and Mrs. Mary Hale Bradley of Meridian, Miss., and one brother, Mr. Byrd Hale of Greenwood, Miss. arrived Thursday for the funeral service.

Pretty Waco Girl Weds Mr. Williams

(Special to The Star.) Waco, Nov. 28.—Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends all over Cleveland was the marriage of Miss Lottie Mae Smith of Waco and Mr. Vertis Williams of the Beams Mill section which happy event took place at the home of Rev. G. P. Abernethy at Shelby Tuesday evening November 25th, at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Williams is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Smith of Waco. She graduated from the Waco high school in 1923 where she received numerous honors. She was one among the few to lead her class in everything it endeavored to do. Since her graduation she has been teaching school at Beams Mill where she has made the greatest of success and given unusual satisfaction. She is one of the county's most beautiful young women, and a gifted musician. She numbers her friends by the score, which is caused by her pleasing personality.

Mr. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kem Williams of the Beams Mill section. He is endowed with a bright mind and pleasing personality, being one of that section's most progressive farmers.

After a short bridal tour Mr. and Mrs. Williams will be at home with the groom's parents Lawndale R-2.

New District—New Judge.

(From Charlotte Observer.) Creation of a third Federal judicial district in North Carolina is a matter which has been bruised for several years past. Judge E. Yates Webb, of hard experience on the Federal bench in the state, is giving his testimony to the acutely growing need and there is a fine probability that the pressure on the judges now undertaking to clear the Federal dockets in the state will be removed in the course of a short time. The best interests of the service demand the relief indicated and Judge Webb could file a brief that would carry instant conviction. The federal courts in this state have been badly over-loaded for several years and what makes the matter worse, the dockets are growing heavier all the time. And of course, when the new district is duly constituted, the Observer is going to vote for the man upon whom it had already bestowed the title—Hon. Isaac M. Meekins, who once ran in North Carolina.

Heavy's Cafe is in the business section, but it's next to home for hungry people. advt.

It is hard to stay to the level when you have your ups and downs.

State Cotton Crop Placed at 760,000 Bales In Report

Country's Ginning Total Above Eleven Million Bales. Yield Shows Increase In Two Weeks.

The cotton crop was estimated Friday at 12,992,000 equivalent 500-pound bales by the Department of Agriculture. A crop of 12,816,000 bales was forecast a fortnight ago. Last year's crop was 10,139,671.

Of the total crop 11,147,524 running bales, counting round as half bales, had been ginned prior to November 14, compared with 8,369,498 for 1923 and 8,869,978 for 1922 to that date, the Census Bureau announced.

The estimate of the crop was made on the basis of facts available to the Crop Reporting Board, as of the date of November 14, covering the condition, probable yield, per cent of acreage abandoned, per cent of the crop picked and ginned and upon the actual ginnings to November 14.

Yield By States.

The preliminary estimate of production by States follows. Virginia, 30,000 bales; North Carolina, 760,000; South Carolina, 720,000; Georgia, 990,000; Florida, 250,000; Alabama, 980,000; Mississippi, 1,100,000; Louisiana, 465,000; Texas, 4,650,000; Arkansas, 1,125,000; Tennessee, 350,000; Missouri, 160,000; Oklahoma, 1,390,000; California, 611,000; Arizona, 100,000; New Mexico, 58,000; all other states, 16,000.

About 68,000 bales additional to California are being grown in Lower California, Old Mexico.

Ginnings By States.

The ginnings in running bales, counting round as half bales, by States as follows: Alabama 902,454; Arizona 65,251; Arkansas, 877,946; California, 42,445; Florida, 18,646; Georgia, 919,296; Louisiana, 449,439; Mississippi, 1,004,396; Missouri, 104,152; North Carolina, 540,593; Oklahoma, 1,129,162; South Carolina, 654,891; Tennessee, 255,188; Texas, 4,131,708; Virginia, 13,777. All other States 38,181. Round bales included numbered 265,956, compared with 213,494 for 1923, and American Egyptian bales included numbered 22,493, compared with 13,984 for 1923.

The revised total of cotton ginned this season to November 1, was announced as 9,719,332 bales.

CLEVELAND LEADS WITH VETCH CROPS

County Averages One Acre of Vetch To Every Farm, Or Over Four Thousand Acres.

Long known as an agricultural leader in the state because of large cotton crops and diversified farming, Cleveland this year takes a lead in the state in the production of hay crops, or vetch, according to a summary made this week by County Agent R. E. Lawrence. The announcement comes as a surprise in a way but may be taken, but the lead in vetch and oat production is the result of three years effort and a strenuous campaign this fall by the county board of agriculture extension service and county vetch clubs.

In vetch and oats in Cleveland county this year are over 4,000 acres, or a better average than one acre to each farm in the county, there being some 4,000 farms. This means considerable to the county from the standpoint of feedstuffs as well as improvement of land. The amount of money Cleveland county farmers will save in not being forced to buy hay from other states as a result of the vetch crop will easily offset the small shortage in the cotton crop.

19 Ton Increase. The remarkable increase in the vetch crop of the county in three years is almost beyond comprehension.

Three years ago a Cleveland County Vetch and Alfalfa association was formed, and was composed of 16 community clubs with 350 members. That year Cleveland county's vetch crop was only five tons. Last year through the efforts of the club the crop reached 15 tons, or three times what it was two years prior. This year acreage in vetch shows that the crop will easily reach 24 tons, or nearly five times what it was three years back. One entire carload of vetch seed was used in the county this fall for sowing.

In the early fall the county board of agriculture, county extension service and vetch club started a campaign to keep in the county the large sum of money that annually goes into other states for hay and feedstuffs. Big colored posters were placed at cotton gins and other rural congregating centers—the result is a 24-ton crop of vetch and the state leadership in hay crops.

Considering that 29,000 bales of cotton have already been ginned so far this season, it has not been a disastrous year for the farmers at all, and still prosperous enough to be used as an example for the remainder of the state.

Juniors Present Flag To Oak Grove School

Hon. John Carpenter Presents Flag. Farmers Finishing up Their Harvest.

(Special to The Star.) Oak Grove, Nov. 24.—The farmers of this section are finishing up their gathering and sowing small grain.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Bridges spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. W. P. Lovelace. Mr. Bridges filled his regular appointment at Oak Grove Saturday and Sunday.

The school is moving on nicely under the efficient management of Mr. S. L. Dellinger and Misses Beam and Roberts.

On Sunday evening the Junior Order of American Mechanics from Kings Mountain presented a Bible and flag to the school. The presentation speech for the Bible was made by Rev. Mr. Dennis, pastor of Grace church Kings Mountain. He proved to be an interesting speaker.

The writer had never attended an exercise of this kind and did not know exactly how the flag was to be put on top of the pole so when the manager asked if Carpenter was present the writer answered that there were several in the community but he did not know which one was wanted. He was informed that Hon. John Carpenter of Gastonia was to make the presentation speech. So instead of seeing some neighbor risk his life climbing the pole to nail the Stars and Stripes to the top, we were treated to another interesting speech.

WASHBURN WORKING AT WACO AND ZOAR CHURCHES

A. V. Washburn, associational Sunday school worker, appointed recently to conduct training classes among the Sunday schools of the Kings Mountain Baptist association, is teaching a training class at Waco this week with about 60 pupils enrolled. He will speak at Zoar church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and a religious census of the community will likely be made Sunday afternoon.

Memory is a storage house, but it doesn't require second hand goods. Faith and forgetfulness is highly essential to the enjoyment of hash.