

Dr. Poteat Seeks N. C. Referendum On Liquor Issue

President Emeritus Of Wake Forest College Makes Public Open Letter To Voters

HEAD OF DRY FORCES

Says Recommendations Of Majority Report Of Commission Would Lead To Confusion

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Dr. William L. Poteat, president of the state dry forces, in an open letter to the "Sovereign voters of North Carolina," made public yesterday, calls for a state-wide referendum on the liquor question, as suggested in the minority report of the special liquor-study commission.

Opposing the majority report, which would allow county option, Dr. Poteat asks: "Shall we, the sovereign voters of North Carolina, be ignored by the men we have chosen to do our public business?"

"We have twice announced our will on the liquor business in thunderous tones—once in 1908 and again in 1933. We have not been consulted since," the letter said. "Possibly we have changed our minds. What we resent is being ignored by our servants. We protest against the contemplated invasion of the sacred principle of Democracy, the blessing and security of a free people."

Dr. Poteat, who is president emeritus of Wake Forest college, said the recommendations of majority "would manifestly land us in confusion," because "the boundaries of counties present no barriers to people going out or coming in."

"Men and women, what are we to do?" the letter asks. "Hesitate when political leaders set expediency above principles and threaten our rights as citizens? Dicker and ficker and compromise because the task is difficult? Or do we stand firm and swing wine and beer bottles, adding their personal charms to the lure of liquor?"

"Georgia Wildcats" To Give Program At Galax Dec. 29 and 30

Clayton McMichen and his "Georgia Wildcats," heard each Saturday night over radio station WSM, Nashville, Tenn., on the "Grand Ole Opry," are scheduled to appear in Galax for a program of string music in the high school auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, December 29 and 30.

This band is very popular among lovers of old-time mountain music, as well as modern numbers, in this section and have one of the best outfits of their kind in the South, it is said. This presentation is being sponsored by the Galax Fire department.

Child On Skates Is Held Vehicle

Kankakee, Ill., Dec. 21.—A child, roller skating in a highway, is a vehicle, not a pedestrian.

Judge W. H. Hunter so ruled today, awarding \$1,781 damages to James B. Maas, 12, permanently crippled when run down by J. O. Workman's automobile.

The New King . . . The Queen . . . and the Princesses



LONDON . . . Here is the favorite family photograph of England's new Royal family, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and Princess Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. The new King celebrated his 41st birthday, December 14th, two days following his accession to the throne, succeeding Edward VIII, who abdicated "for the woman he loved" and is now in self imposed exile.

Roosevelt, Landon Have Quiet Talk At White House

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt and Governor Alf M. Landon swapped "fishing lies" in a quiet chat over a White House desk yesterday, but gave politics a wide berth.

Landon came to attend a Gridiron club dinner, where he and the man who defeated him for the presidency were subjects of friendly lampooning by newspaper men. Before the dinner the Kansan called on the chief executive and talked for almost an hour.

Calling the visit "a nice one," Landon said they chatted of the president's recent South American trip and of the governor's fishing vacation in Florida.

Senator Norbeck, Of South Dakota, Passes Away Sun.

Redfield, S. D., Dec. 22.—United States Senator Peter Norbeck (R, S. D.) died Sunday as the result of a long-time heart ailment complicated by a cancerous condition of the tongue and jaw. He was 66.

The senator underwent an operation for the cancerous condition in a Rochester, Minn., hospital last March. The immediate cause of death was given by Dr. P. R. Scollin, his physician, as coronary hypertension, the heart disease from which Senator Norbeck had suffered for five years.

His death ended a political career that began with his election to the state senate in 1908. He served six years in that body, then was elected lieutenant governor, and became governor of the state in 1916. He was the first native-born South Dakotan to become chief executive and U. S. senator of that state. He was elected to the latter post in 1920.

Sparta H. S. Senior Dies Fri. At Home Near Cherry Lane

Sophia Irene Choate, 15, died at her home near Cherry Lane on Friday, December 18.

She became seriously ill on Thanksgiving Day. The deceased was one of the most outstanding girls of her community and was a member of the 1937 Senior class of Sparta high school, where her excellent scholastic record had placed her at the head of the class.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Choate, two sisters, Opal and Zelma, and two brothers, Amon and Elgin.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday by Rev. T. H. Kilby and interment was at Woodruff Baptist church.

New Sparta H. S. Building Is Now Near Completion

Expected To Be Ready For Use When Classes Are Resumed Jan. 4, After The Holidays

Having been begun about a year ago, the new Sparta high school building, is now near completion and it is expected that it will be ready for use when classes are resumed on January 4, after the Christmas holidays.

The building was constructed by the Alleghany County Board of Commissioners, in cooperation with the County Board of Education and with the aid of WPA work.

The completion of this modern building will mark the realization of a goal long dreamed of by those who were deeply interested in the welfare of students and in the standards of Sparta high school. Probably few people not closely associated with the local school have realized, it has been said, the great need that has existed for an additional school building here.

Edward In Happy Mood As 1st Week Of Exile Closes

Enzefeld, Austria, Dec. 22.—The end of former King Edward's first week of self-imposed exile found him Sunday in a mood as bright as his flaming orange pajamas.

The duke's dog, Slippers, made the most exciting news in the chateau. Recovered from his cuffing by the baroness' dog, Chew-Chew, Edward's Cairn terrier awoke the household early with his triumphant barks. Single-handed, he caught a mouse.

After midnight Saturday night a-hose lifted and Edward strolled arm-in-arm with the baroness through the heavily wooded grounds. Their voices could be heard in the crisp star-lit night singing Styrian mountaineer songs.

Later the baroness sang alone and Edward accompanied her.

Men Apprehended On Charges Of Stealing Steer

Sheriff Walter M. Irwin arrested Troy Fortner and Fred Murphy last week on a charge of stealing and butchering a steer belonging to Mrs. Lola Davis.

The two men were placed in jail and a preliminary trial was begun Monday. Fortner, after being confronted with conclusive evidence, admitted guilt before the trial. Murphy entered a plea of insanity.

The hearing was held before A. F. Reeves, clerk, and occupied the greater part of the day Monday. Arguments by the attorneys were heard Tuesday. At the time this issue of the TIMES went to press the verdict in the case had not been given.

The sheriff, it has been said, is to be commended on his solving the case with only a few slender clues for a starting point. The steer hide was found after a diligent search and later the beef was found many miles distant from the place where the steer had been killed. In skinning the beef, the men had left a small patch of hide on a shoulder of the meat which corresponded exactly with a hole in the hide at the same point.

Sparta Masonic Lodge Chooses 1937 Officials

Members of the Sparta Masonic Lodge No. 423, met Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in a regular communication, for the purpose of electing officers for 1937. The following officers were chosen:

R. F. Crouse, Worshipful Master; Rush Thompson, Senior Deacon; George Cheek, Junior Deacon; R. A. Doughton, Treasurer; F. H. Jackson, Secretary; Ralph Gentry, Senior Warden, and D. C. Shores, Junior Warden.

Approval Given Peace Program Of United States

Twenty-one Nations Jointly Sponsor Project To Coordinate Existing Agreements

Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt's aim when he proposed the inter-American peace conference—a United States sponsored convention to bolster the new world's peace structure—won approval Saturday at a plenary session of the parley.

The project—jointly sponsored by all 21 American republics after its introduction by United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull—is designed to coordinate existing inter-American peace treaties and provides for consultation to determine a common neutrality policy in the event of war anywhere.

The conference delegates, meeting in the Chamber of Deputies on a hot, sticky day of the Argentine summer and only partly cooled by buzzing electric fans, gave final approval to the neutrality plan and 22 other projects in quick order.

A number of women delegates added a colorful note to the somber-clad assembly dominated by men. The galleries were crowded, most of the spectators being smartly dressed Argentine women.

Alleghany Co. Girl Majoring In Physical Ed. At Va. College

Miss Josephine B. Inskeep, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Roaring Gap, and a freshman at Fredericksburg State Teachers college, Fredericksburg, Va., is majoring in Physical Education.

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Jobless Insurance Law For N. C. Is Given Approval

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23 STATES PASS LAWS

Estimate Puts Number Of Workers Under Law In United States At About 14,000,000

Washington, Dec. 22.—The social security board Saturday placed its stamp of approval on the North Carolina unemployment compensation law and plans were immediately set in motion to get this phase of the social security program under way in North Carolina.

G. R. Parker, director for region four of the social security board, announced from his office here that just as soon as he receives from the North Carolina unemployment compensation commission a requisition for administrative funds it will get prompt approval. This will enable the commission to begin functioning without delay.

"I am very decidedly encouraged over the progress of the social security program in North Carolina," Parker declared. "The General Assembly has passed the only law essential to get enacted before January 1 and I am sure the other laws will follow right along."

Parker commended the co-operation he had received from Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Governor-elect Clyde Hoey. He said the conference he had held with the Governor-elect caused him to believe that the North Carolina legislature during the early part of its regular session next year would pass the necessary laws to enable the state to participate in the federal program to provide old-age assistance and aid to the blind in need and dependent children.

Approval of the North Carolina unemployment compensation law, which was given at the same time the Oklahoma, New Mexico and Virginia laws were approved, brings the total number of states which have approved laws to 23. It is estimated that 14,000,000 employees are now covered and this represents 70 per cent. of all the employees who would be protected against unemployment if all states had approved laws.

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Lost 24 Hours; Baby Returns

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