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TWO-FOLD CONGRATULATIONS

Clenon Dees, assistant cashier of the Branch Banking and Trust Company in Goldsboro, has been offered the position as tax collector for Wayne county, to succeed the late C. W. Peacock.

As this is being written, on Tuesday, Mr. Dees has not indicated if he will accept the position or not.

But that is not the point of this editorial; although we do not hesitate to express the hope that he will take the job.

Our wish here is to congratulate Mr. Dees on the fact that the county commissioners singled him out as a man fitted for the job; and to congratulate the Board of Commissioners on going out and selecting a man, rather than naming one who has pulled all kinds of strings to get the job.

This act on the part of the Commissioners is a tribute well bestowed, for all who know Clenon Dees know him to be a man whose integrity and whose training qualify him in a fine way for the work required of a tax collector.

This act on the part of the Commissioners is not only a tribute to Mr. Dees but it is also a tribute to the Board itself. It shows that the board is desirous of serving the people, and that they have placed this desire ahead of "playing politics." We are confident that many "receptive" candidates for the job of tax collector could have been found; and we suspect that the names of several were before the Commissioners—though we have not inquired into that—but the Commissioners, instead of selecting a man who was SEEKING the office, went out and selected a man who, they knew, could do the job as it ought to be done—and would do the job as it ought to be done, if he decides to take it.

So, congratulations to the Board of Commissioners and to Mr. Dees.

And, in speaking of this, we are reminded of a similar incident which occurred several months ago.

The Goldsboro Board of Aldermen desired a city attorney to succeed Wyatt Blake. They had applications before them, applications of good men.

But they selected W. A. Dees, brother of Clenon Dees, for city attorney, even though he had not applied for the job.

That is, they selected the man for the job rather than let some man select the job.

We have done so before, but again we wish to congratulate the Board of Aldermen and W. A. Dees for the same reasons we congratulate the Board of Commissioners and Clenon Dees.

Congratulate the Board of Aldermen for choosing a man of character and ability, for placing service ahead of politics; and congratulate Mr. Dees for the honor bestowed upon him. And like his brother, he is worthy of that honor.

Ramblin' 'Round

Eugene L. Roberts

Our ramblings this week took us into two sections of the county and on one trip out of the county.

On Sunday Mrs. Roberts and I attended the Neuse Baptist Association at Union church, a few miles south of Seven Springs. While there we met quite a number of people we knew from the various churches in the Association.

In reaching Union we went to LaGrange and then turned westward and crossed the river at Hardy's Bridge. In going over this road, I found that much of it was new to me. I had never been all of the road from LaGrange to Union and I was glad to have opportunity to see that section. I believe the crops between these two points are the prettiest I have seen this year.

Union church is just across the road from the home of C. Blanchard Jones, with whom I was in high school at Winterville some several years ago. In fact, C. B. and I roomed together my senior year.

I recall that one summer while I was at Winterville a group of us fellows came to Seven Springs on the Fourth of July. During the afternoon a heavy rain came, so heavy that we had to push the car through a creek after leaving Seven Springs. With so much water on the ground we decided to spend the night with C. B., and the trip Sunday was the first time I had been back in his home section in many years. I don't recall that I have been in this section since the present Union church was started. I didn't say "built" for the people at Union started them a brick church back about 1928 and got one story of it completed and then the depression stopped them. They have a comfortable place of worship in the basement of the church, but I hope that with improving conditions they may be able to

...the old home church... I attended when I taught there several years ago. I saw Mrs. G. G. Quinn and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goss and Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Sutton. Of course there were many people from Goldsboro and from a number of other churches I knew.

Moderator J. C. Hough said that he had never known the Union people to spread a dinner when there wasn't plenty to eat and enough to feed another crowd, and Sunday was no exception to this. Another crowd the size of the one there for dinner could have been led with the food left on the table when those there had finished eating. That's one thing about these Wayne county folks when they give a dinner they give a dinner. That applies to individuals as well as churches too.

While we were at Union, Gene and Peggy were with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ham at Pikeville, so we rushed back to see how they were getting along. Gene has spent a number of days away from us, but that was about the first time Peggy had gone visiting without us. She got along just fine and gave no trouble at all.

After reaching Pikeville we rode out by the old Barden farm where the Musgraves now live. That used to belong to Mr. Ham's folks and he likes to ride out there just as I like to go out to my old home place.

We drove by and visited briefly with Mrs. Lillie Dees, mother of W. A., Clenon and Walter Dees, of this county. There we found Walter visiting with her and in a short while Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dees and Mrs. Dees' mother, a Mrs. Smith of Maryland, came for a visit. I notice that many people call Mrs. Dees "Cousin Lillie" and I wonder if all of them are kin to her or if the people just call her that as they used to call my father "Uncle Urb," whether they were kin to us or not. Mrs. Dees is a lovable character and the phrase "A Mother in Israel" fits well.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Roberts and I drove over to Wake Forest for a part of the commencement exercises. We attended the Alumni Banquet and there saw many of the old Wake Forest men who had returned for the day. Carroll Weathers, Raleigh attorney, was the only other member of the class of 1922 I saw, but I saw many of the fellows I knew in college, but who belonged to other classes.

I was especially glad to meet many of the teachers I knew when I was there—Dr. W. L. Poteat, Dr. Hubert Poteat, Dr. G. W. Paschall, Dr. T. D. Kitchen, now president, Dr. C. S. Black, Professor Carroll, Professor Bradbury, Dr. C. C. Carpenter, Professor H. A. Jones and others.

I especially like the way Dr. Hubert Poteat welcomes the old fellows back to the Hill. I doubt if any man in the college meets more old men as they return. That's fine, too, for the old men like to see the teachers and they like to run into some of them who are around the administration building extending a welcome to those who return. Dr. Hubert enjoyed meeting the men, and they enjoyed meeting him.

Another thing about Dr. Hubert. While I was talking to him a senior came by and said, "Dr. Poteat I'd like to speak to you for just about a minute and a half if you are not too busy." After the brief conversation with the senior Dr. Poteat came back and said, "I have just learned of one of the rewards a teacher gets." Said he, "When that boy was a freshman he was on my Latin class. I gave a test and after the test announced that one boy had cheated on that examination, but that if he had the 'guts' to come to me and talk it over I'd consider letting it stop there, otherwise it would go to the Senate Committee. That boy came that night to see me. Just a minute ago he called me aside to thank me for what I had done for him, saying that my talk had helped him to make a man of himself."

That's fine to know that he had helped someone, when by having taken another course he might have been kicked out of college and his life ruined.

One alumnus—I forgotten his name but believe he was from Albemarle—was attending his 58th commencement without having missed one since he graduated there 58 years ago. I've been pretty loyal in returning to the college. I have missed only two or three commencements, but I am sure I will never equal the record of him who has attended 58 times in succession; and I doubt if any person has equaled that record. I wondered if Dr. W. L. Poteat has done that well; but I expect that when he studied in Europe some years ago he was not able to get back for commencement.

I hope to attend many more commencements; in fact, I have no objection to beginning now and going for 58 or more.

Gene will be going up there some of these days—several years from now—and I'll be going back then; but I'll not wait for that, for I love to go back to Wake Forest. Some how Wake Forest men love Wake Forest and I am no exception to that.

I especially enjoyed Dr. Wingate Johnson's Alumni Address, and others did too, judging from the applause.

Dr. G. W. Paschall reads Ramblin' 'Round as regular as any of you Wayne county folks do; and he is very kind in what he says of it.

On Dime Tour



LOS ANGELES. Sir Harry Lauder, now 67, arrived here from New Zealand on a round-the-world cruise which he is financing with dinner saved during his long stage career.

June 12 Last Day Sign Work Sheets

June 12 is the last day on which North Carolina farmers will be allowed to sign work sheets for the 1937 soil conservation program.

The county offices have been instructed from Washington not to accept work sheets after that date.

However, growers who sign work sheets in time will be eligible to earn soil-building and diversion payments by complying with the terms of the program this year.

Those who signed work sheets in 1936 are not required to sign again for 1937, Floyd continued, but if they have bought more land or otherwise made changes in their farms, they should notify their county agents at once.

Work sheets are used in pre-paring information that will help farmers plan their farming operations so as to take part in the program and get all the benefits possible.

The work sheet is not a contract, Floyd added, and when a grower signs one he does not place himself under any obligation whatever. But a work sheet must be filed with the county office if a grower is to receive any payments.

He pointed out that there are two reasons why work sheets must be signed on or before June 12. First, information prepared from work sheets signed after June 12 would be too late to be of use to growers this year. Second, the task of checking up on growers' compliance with the program will start in June in some counties.

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