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PASQUOTANK GIVES G.O.P. SAME OLD MEDICINE

Intensive Republican Campaign Waged In This County For Months And Democratic Vote Is Heavier Than Ever

A total of 2,243 votes were polled in Elizabeth City and Pasquotank county in Tuesday's election and 1,736 of these were for James M. Cox, Harding polling only 507 votes. Every Democratic candidate from township constable up was elected by a like over-whelming majority. Nowhere in the county did the Republicans make a dent except in Salem and Nixonton townships. Salem gave a slight majority to several Republican candidates, but gave majorities to the Democrtic candidates for Register of Deeds and County Auditor. W. C. Morse, the Republican candidate for Commissioner from Salem township received 122 votes in his township against 87 votes cast for C B. Munden the Democratic nominee. Morse's vote is not indicative of Republican strength, but is partly an expression of confidence from his neighbors. He is a strong man in his township and one of the strongest men the Republicans have in Pasquotank county.

Nixonton, one of the most backward townships in the county and with only 78 votes went Republican by a majority of ten votes and made a noise like half a county going north.. The Democratic ticket looked like tick eradication to a lot of those Nixontonians. .

The constitutional amendments carried with little opposition. Several hundred voters passed up the tickets for and against the amendments, not voting because they were afraid they didn't understand them. But 1,586 voted for the amendments and only 120 voted against them in the whole county. The biggest vote against the amendments was in Salem township where 62 votes were cast against the amendments; 125 Salem votes were for the amendments.

And yet Salem which gave a Republican majority for the office of Trial Justice, Register of Deeds and County Commissioners gave a majority of 31 votes to Chas. Reid the Democratic nominee for sheriff. This was not surprising in view of the fact that much of the ill will against the Democratic party in Salem township has been stirred up by this same Chas. Reid.

The vote in Tuesday's election, (2,243) was the largest vote ever recorded in Pasquotank, more than double the poll of about 900 votes in the last general election. The women did it. The women in Pasquotank got out and voted. And they voted like old timers. Very few had to be shown how to vote. They had informed themselves before they went to the polls and lost no time at the ballot boxes. Women did not hang around the polls. They voted and went about their business or social affairs, giving the lie to that class of men who had said voting would cause them to neglect their homes. .

Of the 1,575 votes cast in the Four Wards of Elizabeth City, the county Republican ticket polled less than 200, which shows just how much the intensive campaign waged in this city for the past several months by the Pugh faction and its newspaper influenced the politics of this city. It is believed that the Pugh influence killed many a national Republican vote.

With the election over Pasquotank together with the rest of the country will settle down to work again. The election went about the way everybody expected it to go and no one is much disappointed. The Republicans get what satisfaction they can from their national triumph and the Democrats pat themselves on the back because North Carolina has held true to the Democratic faith and captured everything worth while in the state. The results of the state and national elections are given in their respective departments in this newspaper.

One Elizabeth City man did not remain at home to see how the election would turn out here; that man was Col. I. M. Meekins. The Colonel cast his vote Tuesday and hurried on to New York to be on hand with the higher ups in the party in their celebration of the national victory. And he left many of his friends and neighbors back home wondering what he will get out of it. It is nearly certain that this Elizabeth City man will control the distribution of patronage in this district and some are looking for him to pull down a considerable plum for himself.

The Spencer Co., the men's wear store, has joined the ranks of merchants who "will take their medicine now." They tell about it in a half page ad elsewhere in this newspaper.

THE EDITOR EXPLAINS IT

MISS DOROTHY SCOTT

THIS then is an explanation and apology, the editor of this paper having been called upon to explain what he was doing with the picture of this red-headed girl in his pocket when he took that trip in an aeroplane. Publication of the fact that the editor had the picture of this girl in his pocket has caused al sorts of trouble. The editor's wife has had her say and Miss Scott's class in the First Baptist Sunday School has threatened to disband if explanations are not forthcoming. Incidentally Miss Scott has had a row with one of her beaux who will not take her to the Movies any more until he is satisfied. So here then is the explanation; it is nothing unusual for the editor of this newspaper to have pictures of sure 'nough folk on his person, since the newspaper makes a specialty of printing pictures of sure 'nough folk. Dorothy Scott is one of that kind; she has the distinction of carrying a sunny disposition and a red head under the same bonnet and is one of Elizabeth City's handsomest, most wholesome and most talented business girls. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Scott and they are proud of it. Could you blame them?

MANY DOCTORS COMING DEC. 7

Second Week in December a Good Time to Have Any Sort of Disease in Betsy

The Seaboard Medical Society composed of more than three hundred physicians in eastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virvinia will hold its annual convention in Elizabeth City Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 7, 8 and 9.. It will bring to Elizabeth City the most notable gathering of medical men ever assembled in northeastern North Carolina and for three days Elizabeth City will have an opportunity to hear highly technical discussions on all sorts of medical subjects, from the possibilities of plumbism in monkey rum to the contributory effect of the automobile on the spread of venereal disease.

The meeting will open Tuesday evening with a public health meeting in the High School auditorium, the only public session of the convention. A feature of the convention will be a banquet in the Masonic Hall. Dr. H. D. Walker is chairman of the local committee on arrangements.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson of Jacksonville, N. C. is president of the society; Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, of Newport News, Va. is secretary. Many notable medical men are affiliated with the organization.

HARD TIMES FOR HIM

A big, strong, black man came in THE INDEPENDENT office the other night, glanced timidly around the place adn said: "Boss, yo all aint got any old clo's what you could give or lend a fellow have you? I jes struck hyar and aint got nothin' on 'cept dis hyar pants 'n' shirt; I aint got no money 'n' aint had no work in Lord knows how long. I jes got a job working on dis hyar new road fo' $1.75 a day, 'n' if you will jes let me have some clo's, I suttinly will 'preciate and pay you sho,' jest as soon as I git paid off. Den I'm gwine sommers else lookin' fer work.."

THIS IS A VILLAGE WITHOUT POSTOFFICE

The village of Nags Head, popular summer resort for Eastern North Carolina, is without a post office and can't get the government to give it one. Nags Head is isolated and has to be reached by boat, a circumstance which makes it very inconvenient to get mail to and from the place. Citizens wishing to communicate with the outside world must either go to Manteo 5 miles away or to Kitty Hawk 10 miles away.

Can You Do Without THE INDEPENDENT?

Seriously now, isn't this newspaper the life of the town? It is a magic mirror which catches, holds and reflects the life and thought and deeds of all the people. Always full of life and human interest and humor and pep. And with all the sorry mess of every day affairs and things with which it must forever deal THE INDEPENDENT always stands for that which is permanent, beautiful and enduring. It is the one thoughtful, persistent and intelligent booster of everything that is worth boosting.

Don't worry if you do not understand Saunders. Saunders understands you and is with you and for you. If you are not a subscriber to this paper, let us have your subscription. .

THE INDEPENDENT
Can Not Do Without You

HERTFORD FAIR NEXT THURSDAY

Armistice Day To Be Occasion of County Fair and Picnic For All Perquimans County Folk

This newspaper is authorized to issue an invitation to everybody in Elizabeth City, and everybody outside Elizabeth City for that matter, to take a day off and go to Hertford next Thursday, Nov. 11. Perquimans county is going to stage the biggest picnic, the biggest community fair and the liveliest all round holiday ever attempted in that county. Perquimans will then and there inaugurate its first county fair and lay the foundation for what is expected to be a regular fair annually hereafter. And let no one think for a moment that those Perquimans county folk haven't got the agricultural resources to put on a fair with. Prize hogs, prize cattle, prize sheep, prize peanuts, prize tobacco, prize cotton and prize corn are common things in Perquimans. And when it comes to preserving, pickling, canning, baking, etc. one has to go way up in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to find anything to compare with the domestic science of Perquimans county housewives and their daughters.

The whole county of Perquimans, including its hundreds of delightful girls will take a holiday next Thursday and most of the women will make it their special business to help make the day pleasant for visitors. There will be more pie and pastry booths than one can shake a stick at. For be it known that Hertford never greets a crowd with a hot dog stand. No hamburgers and frankfurters for Hertford; if they can't serve you home cooking they won't tell you to come around.

The U. S. Marine band from the Norfolk Navy Yard will furnish the music for the occasion and there will be speeches which no one will be compelled to listen to.

THIS MAN SURELY KNOWS WILD GEESE

Rosser Midgett Probably Knows Geese Better Than Any Man in This State

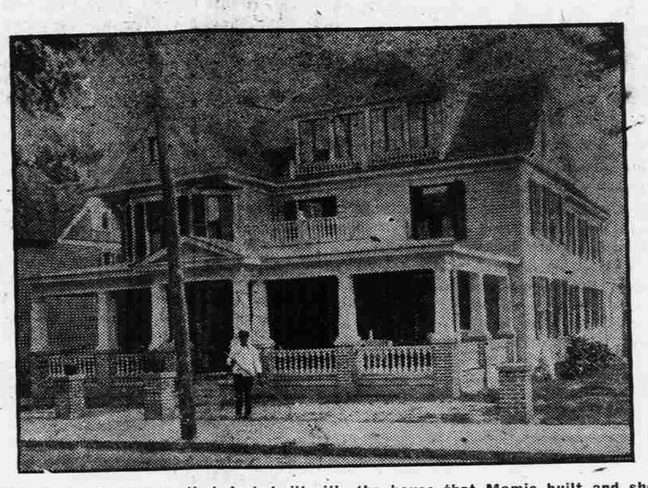
Down at Roanoke Island in the heart of the wild goose winter habitat, the wild geese will soon be honking on their southward flight, and when their first calls sound across the waters of Albemarle Sound there is one man who will know just how to get them. That man is Rosser Midgett, who has for many years been probably the best hunter of wildfowl in the state. He knows the call of the male from that of the female. He can tell just how many there are in a flock and whether they are young and inexperienced or old and sagacious.

Rosser keeps dozens of decoys which he has crippled and domesticated from time to time on his hunting trips. These geese bring forth additions to the flock every year until Midgett has about as many natives of the wild goose species as he has of the domesticated ones. Every one of his geese has a name and while the geese are as near alike as a peck of peas, the master can recognize and place the voice of any member of the flock instantly.

This is a sort of a peculiar gift with which Midgett is endowed and which has been cultivated by his years of association with wild geese. While to some it may sound as a fairy tale, it is no joke as can be ascertained by questioning any Roanoke Islander who knows Rosser. Some skeptical persons have tested this out by the following plan.

One day when a doubter expressed his disbelief, Rosser marked his geese so that a visitor could tell the one from the other and had them placed out of sight. Then the geese were caused to honk one at the time. Rosser readily and easily named each goose correctly, as fast as he heard its cry. The onlookers were mystified but couldn't evplain it any other way than by laying it to witchcraft. But it isn't witchcraft, and there are many other interesting things about this hunter's trips and traits which would be just as interesting to readers of THE INDEPENDENT..

This House a Woman Built



THIS is not the house that Jack built; it's the house that Mamie built and she has made a good job of it without assistance or capital other than money she has made herself. This is the Duke Inn on East Church St., Elizabeth City. Formerly it was the residence of R. W. Turner. Mrs. Mamie Duke bought it in May 1919 for $5,500. It then consisted of eight rooms and was out of repair. In eighteen months this plucky, enterprising hard-working woman has converted the house into a hostelry of 23 rooms, say nothing of laundry, kitchen, outbuildings and store rooms a plenty. She recently refused an offer of $20,000 for this house which she has built up in eighteen months. The Duke Inn is to-day one of the most attractive properties in Elizabeth City and is known far and wide for its comfort, hospitality and excellent table. And Mrs. Duke isn't done yet. She expects to keep right on building and adding on to what she has. Mrs. Duke's industry and enterprise have won for her the admiration of the community. Photo by W. H. Zoeller.

LOCAL SPORTS LOST HEAVILY ON COX BETS

Couldn't Resist Temptation to Put Up Against High Odds on Harding

Elizabeth City sporting blood lost heavily in betting on the outcome of the national election. Five to one, seven to one and ten to one money on Harding looked to good to them and they fell for it. Many sent their good money to New York, one Main street merchant wiring $200 to New York on a seven to one bet. If Cox had won he would have taken $1,400. It is believed that many similar bets were placed. The heaviest loser, so the sports say, is N. Howard Smith. Mr. Smith is reported to have bet $1,000 against $5,000 that Cox would win. Much interest centered in this bet and there was much speculation as to what he would do with the $6,000 winning if Cox was elected. Miles Clark says if Smith had won that bet there is one policeman in this town who would not have been safe in the street with Smith and his automobile.

BELHAVEN FOLK TO PUT ON A SURE ENOUGH FAIR

No Racing And No Side Shows, But Will Trot Out Products of The Farms Nov. 10 and 11

The editor of this newspaper acknowledges receipt of the following interesting invitation and announcement from that well known agricultural genius, F. P. Latham, proprietor of Circle Grove Farm which is nigh onto Belhaven and where thorobred Polled Hereford cattle, Shropshire sheep and Duroc Jersey hogs are bred on a pretentious scale:-

Belhaven, N. C., Oct. 31, 1920

Editor Independent,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Dear Mr. Saunders:—

You will probably be interested to know that Belhaven is going to put on a tri-county Community Fair on November 10 and 11. We are making a supreme effort to get out a real agricultural exhibit and if you are interested in seeing a real show of real farm products just gather up your little traveling effects and come along down here and let us show you. Most of the Fairs that I have visited this fall are as those every season, largely given over to races and cheap shows. None of these will be permitted here; in their place we are going to get out the products of the soil and home economics and believe it will be well worth while to see.

With best wishes, I beg to remain

Yours sincerely,

F. P. LATHAM.

The editor of THE INDEPENDENT will be in Belhaven with bells on Wednesday, Nov. 10 and if Belhaven doesn't deliver the goods he will come back home and tell about it.

Hathaway Says

If you wear glasses, have your eyes and glasses both examined from time to time, and go to the place where you can afford to pay a reasonable price for real professional work. Remember your eyes are your bread-winners. Take care of them.

You have your teeth examined twice a year. Why not you eyes? They are more important.

Dr. J. D. Hathaway
Optometrist
Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

NEW HOTEL FOR BETSY, NOT YET

Mr. Aydlett Finds New Lessee for Southern And Promises Improvements There

A movement looking to the building of a new and modern hotel in Elizabeth City got a decisive temporary set-back this week when a Chamber of Commerce committee interested in the subject interviewed E. F. Aydlett and found that Mr. Aydlett has some plans of his own.

Mr. Aydlett informed the committee that he has leased the Southern Hotel building for a period of ten years and will thoroly renovate and repair the building for the new lease who has ample capital to carry on the business. And if a larger hotel is needed Mr. Aydlett says he will build on the lot on the rear of the Southern hotel, which lot he owns.

The new lessee of the Southern is E. H. Spence, a former Pasquotank boy who has had considerable hotel experience. Mr. Spence was connected with the Dodson Hotel Corporation of Norfolk for several years, first with the Atlantic Hotel and later with the Hotel Lorraine. About two years ago he leased the Central Hotel in Charlotte and is said to have made a wonderful success of it, recently disposing of his lease at a handsome figure. Mr. Spence has had his eye on Elizabeth City for some time and was quick to apply for the lease of the Southern when the present lessee, Col. C. T. Bennett recently announced that he would not renew his lease, which expires Jan. 1, 1921. .

Mr. Spence has gone over the situation here and thinks the Southern can be made a desirable and profitable hotel property. Mr. Aydlett insists that big improvements will be made in the building and its appointments and that Elizabeth City need not be ashamed of its hotel when the contemplated improvements are made.

Previous to the interview with Mr. Aydlett a number of public spirited citizens had determined among themselves to roll up their sleeves and get a hotel for Elizabeth City, organizing a stock company if that appeared to be the thing to do. But if Mr. Aydlett will make good his promises, and it is believed he will, there will be no immediate effort made to build a new hotel; especially in view of the unsettled condition of things and the scarcity of Federal Reserve bank notes.

SCHOOL SURVEY BEGINS NOV. 8TH.

The survey of Elizabeth City's public school system planned some time ago by the Chamber of Commerce co-operating with the U. S. Bureau of Education, will begin Monday, Nov. 8, at which time a staff of experts directed by U. S. Commissioner of Education Philander P. Claxton will arrive in this city. The survey will cost the city $1,500, which sum has been donated by public spirited citizens. It is expected to show up the educational needs of the community and provide a definite plan for the enlargement and improvement of the school system. Commissioner Claxton himself recently came to Elizabeth City and looked things over before assigning his experts to the actual task of making the survey.

The body of J. T. Vaulkman who died two years ago last May at Powell's Point was exhumed Tuesday by a local undertaker and shipped to Ohio. Mr. Vaulkman came from Ohio about ten years ago and went into farming on a large scale in Currituck county.

SAYS GERMANS WILL COME BACK IN 15 YEARS

Elizabeth City Boy Back From The Rhineland Says The Germans Are Working Day And Night

"Everybody in Germany is working and working fifteen hours a day; they are getting three meals a day and while all the money they have is paper money printed by the bale, it buys things and seems to be just as good as the money of France or Italy. I believe the Germans will be re-established commercially, industrially and financially in fifteen years and ready for another war." Such is the opinion of Lieut. John E. Wood, U. S. A. of this city who was here this week on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. A. Wood.

Lieut. Wood has just returned from Germany. He went back overseas in October 1919 with the American Army of Occupation and has been stationed with the American brigade at Coblenz, Germany. He has had nearly twelve months of it in Germany since the war and has had every opportunity in that time to observe the Germans at work and study their psychology and methods. He says the Germans are doing little as yet in the way of building and improvements, but they are taking care of what they have. The industry of German housewives especially astounded him. He says they work from six o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock at night and their homes are models of thrift and cleanliness.

Lieut. Wood says he has learned to mistrust the Germans and the more he sees of them the less he is inclined to trust them. But for their hospitality and kindly reception of the American soldiers in Germany he speaks only in complimentary terms. He says the Germans are uniformly courteous and kind to the American soldiers and are glad the Americans are there, because the Americans treat them fairly and do not attempt to steal their lands. It is different with the French army of occupaton; the Germans dread the French and raise a protest whenever there is talk of turning out the American soldiers and putting in French instead.

There are now 15,000 American soldiers in Germany according to Lieut. Wood and he says they are all faring well and doing good work. The expense of this vast army is borne by the existing German government, the soldiers being paid off regularly with German vouchers. He says the Germans appear to have no assets, yet they pay their debts and their paper money is never questioned.

Lieut. Wood came home last week without having advised the home folk of his coming, taking them completely by surprise. They thought he was still in Germany. He made one lap of his journey home in an airplane, flying from Paris to London. He has been transferred to Washington for further orders.

LEAD POISON IN ILLICIT LIQUOR

Medical Men Fear Epidemic of Horrible Disease as Poison Begins to Get In Its Work

Local medical men are beginning to anticipate an epidemic of plumbism or lead poisoning in Northeastern North Carolina as a result of the continued manufacture of intoxicating liquors in stills made of gasoline barrels coils of lead pipe. Three cases of lead poisoning traceable directly to drinking monkey rum made in such stills have already come to the attention of City Health Officer, Dr. Wm.. A. Peters. Dr. Peters is alarmed and well he might be.

The disease technically known as plumbism and commonly known as lead poisoning is an occupational disease common to the working people in the lead, paint, pottery and glass industries. Medical men and civil authorities have been trying to combat the disease for more than a century with some little success. But the disease is of such an insidious character that it is hard to combat. Serious effects from lead poisoning some times do not result for a period of eighteen or twenty years; other cases have been known to develop in a few months. And so thousands of persons who are drinking lead poisoned corn liquor and monkey rum may not know what is happening to them for several years to come.

This newspaper is not attempting to scare any one needlessly and its information on the subject is taken from no less authorities than The Encyclopedia Britannica and Dr. J. T. Arlidge's standard work, "Diseases of Occupation."

Dr. Arlidge gives the following description of the work of lead poisoning. He says:- "The poison finds its ways gradually into the whole mass of the circulating blood, and exerts its effects mainly on the nervous system, paralysing nerve-force and with it muscular power. Its victims become of a waxy, sallow hue; the functions of the stomach and bowels become deranged, and painful colic with constipation supervines. The loss of power is generally shown first in the fingers, hands and wrists, and the condition known as "wrist drop" soon follows, rendering the victim useless for work. The palsy will extend to the shoulders, and after no long time to the legs also. Other organs frequently involved are the kidneys, the tissue of which become permanently damaged; whilst the sight is weakened or even lost."

Cases of paralysis and total blindness are more susceptible to the disease than older persons.

In commercial distillation and brewing of intoxicating liquors before prohibition, the manufacturers were extremely careful of their equipment and processes. Only copper or silver coils were used and vats and tanks were of wood or copper or lined with porcelain or glass. But liquor isn't made that way under prohibition. Any ignorant fellow with no knowledge at all of chemistry rigs up a still from a lead soldered gasoline barrel of a lead soldered wash tub to which he solders a coil of lead pipe for a worm. He uses lead pipe because it is easy to procure and costs less than copper.

The result is a beverage loaded with a horrible poison the effects of which may not manifest themselves in the victims for years, but which exists never the less. With cases of such lead poisoning already beginning to appear in this community, the doctors are prepared to anticipate increasing numbers of such cases. One can only guess what the future holds in store for those who are drinking the stuff made in these eastern North Carolina swamps.

Only one physician who has been interviewed by this newspaper treats the subject with levity. He says:- "Lead poisoning works slowly; don't worry about monkey rummers dying of lead poisoning; the stuff they drink around here will kill most of them before lead poisoning has time to get in its work."

WANTS A REDHEADED WIFE

Henry B. Sedbury, a druggist with the Standard Pharmacy here, a widower, tall, handsome, dark and debonair is seeking a red-headed wife, and while he knows many prospects among the pretty red-headed girls of this town, he has failed to find one that measures up to the height he wants. Most all the red-headed girls in this town are short of stature and as Mr. Sedbury is an ardent champion of Woman Suffrage he prefers one that will not have to look up to him.

ARRESTS TO BE MADE IN BRICKHOUSE MYSTERY

Police Chase Many Wild Rumors and Drag River in Vain, But Have Two Men Under Surveillance

Warrants were issued yesterday by County prosecutor E. L. Sawyer for two men who forcibly took a boat from the landing at old Brick House near Elizabeth City last week and used the boat to make disposition of a mysterious bundle which the men carried. The names of the two men will not be divulged by the police until they have the men in custody.

The police have dragged the river at the point where the men were seen to have deposited the bundle, but have found nothing to indicate what it was the men took such pains to conceal. The mystery has provoked all sorts of wild rumors. One rumor is to the effect that a girl connected with the carnival company at the Fair had disappeared and it was thought she had been murdered and her remains disposed of by the men in the boat. The police have no record of any missing girl and do not credit this rumor.. Another rumor had it that Levy Crank had disappeared and maybe he was murdered. But Levy isn't murdered yet; the authorities in Chowan county have him in hand on a charge involving a woman.

FISHERMEN DOING WELL

Reports from Dare County this week are to the effect that fishermen there are making unusual catches, and are doing the best fishing they have done in sometime. This is a fortunate state of things where the main industry has not been up to the mark of late.

FARMERS MEETING SATURDAY

The farmers of Pasquotank county are requested to attend a meeting at County Agent G. W. Fall's office, room 302 Federal building, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, November 6th, 1920.

Every farmer is requested to attend this meeting as questions of interest will be discussed.

E. S. SCOTT, Chairman