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PAY YOUR OWN POLL TAX SAYS THE LAW

May 4th Last Day on Which To Pay If You Expect to Vote in November

Everybody wanting to vote in Dickenson County this year must pay his poll tax in a manner set forth by the Virginia laws, that is, either in person or through a member of the household, says Treasurer Bill McFall. No more payments by blocks or through means of a written order, according to this official. This warning was issued in a signed statement by the treasurer through the columns of The Herald last week and has been confirmed by interview this week.

The Southwest Virginia custom of paying poll tax in huge blocks at the last hour was noticed in the spring of 1939 by Comptroller Leroy Hodges and Gov. Price. For several years leaders of both political parties have simply dumped whatever sums they could raise into the Treasurer's office with a list of names to be placed on the certified list of those who were qualified to vote in the coming election. It has been estimated that not more than half of the voters in Dickenson County have paid their own poll taxes. A large number of people became accustomed to expect the party to take care of poll taxes for them.

This situation in the Southwest counties attracted such notice that there grew some demand for repeal of the poll tax law entirely. In place of doing away with it, however, the last session of the legislature tried to tighten up on the law so as to do away with block and proxy payments.

On Thursday morning, Treasurer McFall said that a total of 2005 persons had paid poll taxes in the county. Payment must be made on or before May 4 to qualify for voting in November.

Only eight states in the Union require the payment of poll taxes and most of them are in the South.

FOR SALE

One Monarch Cook Stove—In best of shape. Must be seen to be appreciated. What am I offering? See Basil Bentley, Clintwood, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Carpenter and Mrs. Elbert Carpenter of Clinchco were visitors here Tuesday.

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PICK YOUR TICKET

The 366 voters qualified to vote in the Clintwood Corporation election on June 11 will have a multitude of candidates to choose from. Leroy Phillips, Sylvester (Buster) Mullins, John Hughes, Jeff Minton, and Eugene Damron have filed their names for the post of town sergeant. Only one of these stalwarts has announced a platform. Leroy Phillips is running on a single plank platform of liberal construction of all ordinances and laws.

Byron Stanley, Clarence Stone, Earl Speer, R.L. Wright, J. K. Colley, John Gilliam, Howard Clark, and Stephen Adkins seek seats on the Town Council. Of these only R. L. Wright is a member of the present council.

W. C. D. Rush has filed for Mayor, and is without opposition.

MRS. LOU FLEMING SUTHERLAND DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Lou Fleming Sutherland, 48, wife of Noah Sutherland, died at her home at Stratton Wednesday after an illness of two years. She was a patient at the Dante hospital for about two months, returning to her home but a short time before death.

Burial was at Stratton Friday. Funeral services were conducted by ministers of the Freewill Baptist church, of which the deceased had been a devout and faithful member for three years.

Mrs. Sutherland is survived by her husband and three children and by the following brothers and sisters: Columbus, Kenus and Hibbert, of near Clintwood; Emery, of West Virginia; Cleveland, of Coeburn; and Mrs. Rosa Rose and Della Stanley, of the McClure section.

She was a daughter of the late Sol and Sarah Fleming, who were well known and respected citizens of Flemingtown.

SERVICES AT SWINDALL CEMETERY MAY 26

Special services at the Swindall family cemetery at Osborns Gap have been announced for the last Sunday in May—the 26th. A basket dinner will be set on the grounds, and a loud speaker will be installed. Elders Compton, Sherd Rife and Hurst Fleming will have charge of the services.

BIRCHLEAF LOSES PIONEER CITIZEN

Mrs. Flora Edwards, Aged 67, Passes Away Saturday Morning

Mrs. Flora Edwards, aged 67, widow of the late Josh Edwards, died at her home near Birchleaf early Saturday morning after a lingering illness of diabetes.

Burial was in the family graveyard at Sand Lick.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders A. R. Singleton, Hadley Edwards, Gorman Sutherland and E. S. Stevens, of the Primitive Baptist church, of which the deceased had long been a member.

Mrs. Edwards was a daughter of Sol Wright, one of the early Sand Lick settlers, where she was reared and spent her entire life. Nine children were born to this couple, of whom the following survive:

Cowan Edwards, Birchleaf; Mrs. Victoria Powers, Caney Ridge; Mrs. Tiny Mullins, Birchleaf; Mrs. Elsie Owens, Prater Creek; Mrs. Missouri Mullins, Tivis; Mrs. Maggie Belcher, Doran; Mrs. Fannie Owens, Prater Creek. Two sons, Charles and Lacy, died many years ago.

Flower Girls — Misses Ivory Branham, Esther Belcher, Opal Owens, Marie Edwards, Angetta Branham, Geneva Davis, Irene Edwards, Helen Edwards, Murl Edwards, Margie Powers, Mildred Powers, Inez Mullins, Flora Ruth Mullins, Mrs. Hibert Deel, Mrs. Thomas Branham, Mrs. Cline Mullins and Mrs. Clinton Counts.

The deceased lived and died a christian life. She had been a member of the Old Baptist church for about 35 years. She seemed to take great interest and attended all the services possible. She is missed by many, many friends and relatives.

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BOY INJURED IN FALL FROM SWING

Jimmy Lambert, the fourteen year old son of Mrs. Kanna Lambert, suffered a dislocated shoulder when he fell from a grape vine swing in the hollow above the Charles Chase farm. Young Lambert and some schoolmates were playing in the hollow when the boy slipped from the vine on which he was swinging and crashed to the ground several feet below. One of his companions came for aid and the boy was brought out for medical attention. No permanent injuries will result from the accident, although the painful effects of the dislocation will keep the lad confined for some time.

ALICE GIBSON STANLEY

Alice Stanley, wife of Henry Stanley, of the Ramey Flats section, died early this week, and was buried near her home there.

She is survived by her husband and one child.

WALDEN PHIPPS INJURED BY FALLING TREE

Freeling, April 16. — Walden Phipps, former citizen of this section, who has resided near Hylton, Ky., for many years, was critically injured a few days ago while cutting timber near his home. A falling tree kicked back, striking him about the body. He was rushed to the Methodist Hospital at Pikeville, where he lingers in a precarious condition. Latest reports say that he is weak, unable to eat and barely able to speak above a whisper.

Phipps is a son of the late Eli Phipps, and a brother of Andy Phipps, Freeling citizen.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Dave Silcox, of Nealy Ridge, underwent an emergency operation in the Dickenson County Hospital Friday afternoon.

28TH COMMENCEMENT UNDER WAY AT D.M.H.S.

Thirty-one Will Receive Diplomas On Graduation Night

The twenty-eighth annual commencement exercises at Dickenson Memorial High School got under way on Thursday night of this week with the presentation of the senior class play, "Aunt Minnie From Minnesota."

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Methodist church, the Rev. S. C. Beard, district superintendent of Big Stone Gap district of the M. E. Church will deliver the commencement sermon. Holding these services at the church is a departure from practice at the local school. Heretofore the commencement sermon has been delivered in the high school auditorium. Rev. Beard will be assisted in the services by the Rev. P. E. Cullom, minister of the Clintwood Baptist church. Music will be rendered by the glee clubs of Dickenson Memorial.

On Tuesday class night exercises will be held in the auditorium. Following the custom of the past few seasons, admission will be by ticket only. The tickets have already been given to the seniors for distribution among relatives and friends.

The theme of the class night program is "America." Parkis Sutherland, class president, will preside, and Miss Effie Baker will make the welcome address. Fay Cullom will speak on the topic of "War Abroad", followed by special music, "Song of Peace." Mavis Rasnick discusses "Peace at Home." Anna Lee Sykes tells "Why I am glad I live in America."

Anna Lee Sykes is first honor student, with a four-year average of 97.7. Parkis Sutherland is salutatorian. Candidates for diplomas are:

Effie Baker, Josephine Baker, Zora Beverly, Georgia Bise, Cleota Bolling, Shirley Browers, Fay Cullom, Mary Davis, Maurine Davis, Will Davis, Colistia Dotson, Estelle Fleming, Henry Hamilton, Jr., Kermit Hibbitts, Goldie Hill, Florence Hyde, Allen Kennedy, Norma Kiser, Miriam McFall, Tolia McFall, Estelle Moore, Thurman Mullins, Gladys Mullins, Roy Mullins, Marjorie Rasnick, Mavis Rasnick, Joan Steele, Elizabeth Sutherland, Parkis Sutherland, Anna Lee Sykes and Lora Vanover.

Recent Freezing Weather Destroys Fruit Prospects

The snow and freeze of last Friday and Saturday left a spoty trail of destruction thru the fruit crop of Dickenson County. Peaches, pears, cherries and plums were ruined entirely. Apples were seriously injured, if not wiped out in the higher ridges. However, the apple buds were so tardy in lower areas that little damage was done.

The Sandy Ridge section, particularly, will feel the effects of the freezing weather. On that ridge and its various spurs fruit is the main crop. In that section the wintry weather was most severe. It is reported that over the ridges ice was frozen two inches thick. Some fruit growers estimate that the damage to their fruit crop was a thousand dollars.

E. J. Sutherland