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COUNTY'S QUOTA IS OVER-SUBSCRIBED

All Agencies United in Raising Democratic Fund

Houston county has oversubscribed its quota to the state's campaign fund to help elect a Democratic president and vice president of the United States. The county was asked to contribute \$165 through all agencies working for funds to back the Roosevelt-Garner ticket in doubtful states. \$173 has been paid in and \$15 more subscribed.

\$115 has been paid in Houston through memberships in the Roosevelt Business and Professional League of which A. M. Anderson is chairman. \$50 has been contributed to the campaign fund by the Houston County Democratic Executive committee of which S. A. Nunn is chairman. The Roosevelt Motor club of which Mrs. J. L. Hodges is chairman contributed \$8 to the fund.

Those contributing more than the \$2 membership fee in the Roosevelt Business and Professional League are: W. E. Beckham \$3, M. E. Akin \$3, J. L. Hodges \$3, J. P. Duncan \$5, S. A. Nunn \$5, A. H. Lawler \$10, E. M. Beckham \$15, C. L. Cartledge \$5, J. W. Perdue \$3, C. W. Gillespie \$3, H. E. Talton \$3, J. H. Davis & Son \$5, J. M. Tolleson \$5.

Those paying \$2 are: F. M. Greene, C. C. Pierce, Mrs. J. L. Hodges, A. C. Pritchett, C. E. McEndon, H. T. Gilbert, Dr. H. P. Dobbins, O. A. King, H. D. Gordy, Short & Harper, E. M. Akin, G. L. Sloum, A. M. Anderson, C. E. Andrew.

Those contributing \$1 for lapel medallions are: H. P. Houser, E. C. Leverette, C. E. Brunson, F. C. Chandler, W. B. Sims, J. H. King, B. H. Andrew, Rhodes, Sewell, J. W. Bloodworth, J. M. Holloman, A. F. Smith, A. L. Sasser, J. E. Murray, R. W. Matthews, cash (not named).

Those purchasing motor medallions are: Dr. R. L. Cater, Max Moore, S. A. Nunn, A. C. Pritchett, J. W. Bloodworth, Mrs. J. L. Hodges, Mrs. W. B. Evans, H. T. Dean, S. L. Norwood, Jr., and J. P. Etheridge. The purchasers paid \$1 each but the medallions had to be paid for out of this amount.

The Young Democratic club of Houston will also contribute to this fund. They are making a special effort this week to enroll members and their contribution will be added to the total.

The chairman of each of the clubs will be glad to receive donations to the Democratic fund up to election day, Nov. 8.

S. A. NUNN APPOINTED GROUP CHM.N. OF DRIVE

The leadership in the Macon district of Wesleyan College's emergency appeal for \$1,250,000 has been selected, it was announced last week by C. Leighton Shepard, Fort Valley attorney, the district chairman.

The district includes fifty churches in eleven counties outside the Macon metropolitan area with a membership of more than 7,000 members. In Macon, a Citizens Campaign to raise \$250,000 of the total needed to liquidate Wesleyan's debt, is now under way.

The district, which includes Washington, Wilkinson, Twiggs, Bibb, Crawford, Peach, Houston, Bleckley counties, and part of Pulaski, Macon and Upson counties, has been divided into two groups for organization purposes.

Sam A. Nunn, Perry, former member of the state legislature, is chairman of Group 1 which includes the charges of Byron, Elko, Fort Valley, Hawkinsville, Marshallville, Perry, Roberta and Unadilla. Mr. Nunn is a well-known attorney of Houston county where he is chairman of the Democratic executive committee. The Rev. N. H. Williams, Fort Valley, and Mrs. Sam C. Rumph, Marshallville, are Group 1 associate chairmen.

METHODIST YEAR DRAWING TO CLOSE

Conference Meets Nov. 16; Local Church Needs Funds

The Methodist conference year in South Georgia is drawing to a close and the work of the churches must be finished by Nov. 16, the date of the annual conference meeting in Albany.

The Perry church has had a good year under the leadership of Rev. Herbert Ethridge who is completing his third year with this charge. Thirty-seven new members have been received which brings the total membership to 373. A Sunday school addition has been begun and completed enough for the adult department to use. All departments of the church are well organized and have done good work.

Last Sunday G. C. Nunn, chmn. of the board of stewards, made a talk on finances, calling attention to the fact that the church had \$1,068.00 to raise by conference if the budget were met. Mr. Nunn announced that the pastor had voluntarily taken a \$500 cut in his salary from last year.

That only 50 per cent of the membership has contributed to the church finances this year was a startling fact brought out by Mr. Nunn.

The stewards will make a canvass of the entire membership within the next two weeks in an effort to raise the deficit. Mr. Nunn said. He urged all members to consider it a personal obligation to contribute to their church and help pay its expenses.

Rev. T. M. Christian occupied the pulpit last Sunday in the absence of the pastor who was at Smithville attending a Home-coming Day at the church there.

Rev. J. J. Sizemore preached at the Methodist church Sunday night as the pastor began a revival meeting at Hawkinsville.

Next Sunday Rev. Ethridge, the pastor, will preach at both services. The hours are 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

METHODIST W.M.S. PLANS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER NEXT WEEK

The Methodist Woman's Missionary society will observe the annual Week of Prayer next week with prayer services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons.

After the regular business meeting at the church Monday, beginning at 3:30 p. m., the society will go into retreat for a season of prayer.

Tuesday afternoon the circles will meet at 4 p. m. in the following homes: Mamie Myers circle, Mrs. A. M. Anderson; Pearl Edwards circle, Mrs. R. E. Brown; Clara Howard circle, Mrs. L. M. Paul, Sr.

Wednesday afternoon all circles will meet at the church at 3:30 p. m. for the closing service.

This year the self-denial offering made during the Week of Prayer by Southern Methodist Women will go to erect a building at Ewha College, Korea as a memorial to the late Miss Esther Case, secretary of foreign work in the Council for years.

The Week of Prayer had its beginning in the desire for a deeper understanding of the resources of God. In 1887, more money was needed to advance the missionary work and a call for offerings was made with good results.

Since the organization of the Woman's Missionary Council, the gifts of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial became the means by which the work was enlarged and new buildings erected.

The members of the Perry W. M. S. are urged to attend the services next week.

MASONS' SUPPER

On the night of Nov. 15, the Masons have invited their sons to be their guests at a get-together meeting in the lodge hall. Every Mason is expected to bring a boy, either his own son or some other boy.

HOUSTON URGED TO VOTE FOR PROPOSAL

Highway Board Should Repay Counties Bond Money

In the general election to be held November 8, voters of Georgia will decide whether the various counties of the state shall be repaid the money they have spent in building the state highway system. A constitutional amendment, passed at the 1931 session of the general assembly, will be submitted to the voters for ratification, and if adopted, will provide for repayment to the counties, beginning March 25, 1936.

Houston county holds \$275,880.52 in reimbursement certificates. Committees in every precinct in the county are working for the passage of this amendment. The county commissioners also favor its passage.

The precinct workers are: J. A. Davis, W. C. Watson, Will Perdue, E. H. Wimberly, W. K. Pierce, Jr., John Ammons, J. N. Buff, Paul Hodges, G. T. Hunt, W. Garvin.

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia is urging ratification of the amendment, pointing out that the counties will be repaid at the rate of 10 per cent annually the funds they have expended in building roads now a part of the state highway system. Such payments, the association makes clear, will go forward toward rehabilitating county treasuries and make it possible to reduce burdensome taxes levied to take care of county bond issues. Payments to the counties are to be made from revenues allocated to the State Highway Department from the gasoline and motor vehicle license taxes.

Many counties issued bonds to build roads now a part of the state highway system. These bonds must be paid and unless the counties are reimbursed, as was originally intended when the highway system was established on its present basis, the taxpayers must be called upon to bear heavier burdens than ever before.

PERRY WHALE FOSSIL ONLY ONE OF KIND IN N. AMERICA

MACON, Ga.—The fossil of a huge, pre-historic Mylodon whale blasted to light about a month ago near Perry is "unique in North America" and is a discovery of world-wide rarity, in the opinion of Dr. G. W. Crickmay, assistant state geologist who visited the scene of the discovery several days ago with Prof. Leon P. Smith of Wesleyan college.

Dr. Crickmay is spending several weeks in Macon making a survey of this territory for data for the geological map of Georgia. "The Perry find represents the first marine mammal," Dr. Crickmay explained. "Nothing like it has ever been found in North America, and the only similar fossils I know of have been discovered in Egypt."

Fish fossils such as shark's teeth, Dr. Crickmay said, are not uncommon finds in this part of the country. "In the coastal plain region, for the ocean once extended over Macon." The Perry whale is one of the earliest sea mammals, and belongs to the Eocene period, the first stage of the Tertiary era which was the age of mammals, he said.

Professor Smith, geologist at Wesleyan, was called to Perry by H. D. Palmer and A. C. Cobb of the Georgia Lime Rock company when the fossil was uncovered by blasting for limerock early in September. Professor Smith estimated the whale was from 20,000 to 30,000,000 years old. He brought back broken bits of vertebrae, jawbone and teeth. The Wesleyan professor has turned over the whale to the college.

Dr. Crickmay painted a picture of pre-historic conditions in Georgia which set the stage for the advent of the first marine mammal millions of years ago, one of which he believes has been found at Perry.

RAILROADS LARGE COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Two Systems in Houston Paid Over \$20,000 in 1931

In connection with the discussion as to the use of the State's highways by commercial transportation agencies and the decreased earning capacity of the railroads from same, the following tax figures which will doubtless prove interesting to every citizen of Houston county are furnished by Lauren Foreman, of Atlanta, publicity agent for the Southern Railway System.

For the year 1931, the Southern Railway System and the Central of Georgia Railway paid a total of \$20,130.85 in taxes on property located in Houston county, divided as follows:

Houston County, General Tax, \$9,272.93; County Wide School Tax, \$3,566.52; District School Taxes, \$3,674.89; Total Taxes Paid Locally, \$16,514.34; State Tax Houston County, \$3,616.51; Total Taxes on Property Located in Houston County, \$20,130.85.

"These figures show," says Mr. Foreman's statement, "that the Southern and Central paid taxes to Houston county, and its school districts, amounting to \$16,514.34, not a dollar of which was expended to provide or maintain a roadway for the train or for the railroad's special benefit in any way. It all went into the local treasuries to support the schools and other local institutions for the benefit of the people of Houston county."

"The Southern's and Central's properties in Houston county had in 1931 an assessed taxable valuation of \$723,302.00 and the taxes paid by them were determined by applying to this valuation the same rates paid by all other taxpayers. This valuation is to a great extent dependent on the earning capacity of the railroads. If traffic is taken away from the railroads, their earnings will shrink. Their value for taxation must, of necessity, also be diminished and the taxes paid in Houston county will decrease in like proportion."

"Maintenance of the earning capacity and tax-paying ability of the railroad is consequently a matter of personal and vital interest to the citizens of Houston county. Every passenger and ton of freight moved across Houston county, into or out, by the Southern and Central contributes something to the county in the shape of taxes paid by the railroads and also helps furnish employment to local people. If the amount of these taxes be reduced through the diversion to other channels of traffic previously handled by the railroads, either school facilities and other local governmental services must be curtailed or the taxpayers will have to dig deeper into their own pockets to meet the deficit."

"If the Southern and Central, as a result of unregulated competition on the highways provided by the state, are reduced to a condition where they can no longer pay these taxes, to what source will Houston county look for revenues to fill the vacuum?"

PEANUT ROLLING

The citizens of Perry and Houston county are invited to witness a peanut rolling in Perry next Friday morning, Nov. 11, at eleven o'clock. The results of the general election, Nov. 8, will determine the roller.

If President Hoover should be re-elected, W. K. Whipple, Democrat, will roll a peanut with his nose one block down Carroll street. If Gov. Roosevelt should be the successful candidate for the presidency, C. P. Gray, Republican, will roll the peanut.

This act will pay a bet made by these local business men several weeks ago.

COTTON REPORT

There were 2,173 bales of cotton counting round as half bales ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1932 prior to October 18, 1932, as compared with 5,181 bales ginned to October 18, 1931.

PARK, KEY DEBATE TAX AMENDMENT

Atlanta Mayor and Macon Man Disagree on Proposal

The proposed constitutional amendment exempting intangible property from taxation except by the state was debated in Atlanta Monday by Orville A. Park, Macon legislator, who helped pass the measure through the general assembly, and Mayor James L. Key, who is leading a state-wide fight against ratification in the general election.

Key asserted the amendment would increase the taxation on real property and result in huge revenue losses to cities, counties, and school districts, while Park contended it would permit the state eventually to retire from the real estate tax field and could do little, if any damage to local governments.

Key said ratification of the amendment would cost the Atlanta city government \$600,000 a year, and other local government branches in proportion. He called it "well nigh municipal murder."

"Mayor Key," said Park, "has completely misunderstood the purposes of the measure. He sounds as if he would tax intangibles on the same basis as he would tax real estate. There are three objections to such a policy."

"First, taxation of intangibles is nearly always double taxation, since you have already taxed the real property, ownership of which is represented by the certificates you call intangibles."

"Second, intangibles are almost always taxed out of all proportion to their income."

"Third, you can't do it, it may be just to do it, but it is plain common sense that it can't be done. Try to do it and the property will disappear. It will go to New York or anywhere else it desires."

"Intangibles are escaping taxation more and more all the time, and the object of this measure is to place some return from them on the books."

"Georgia has had five special tax commissions in the last 30 years. Everyone of them has recommended such a measure. Every governor of Georgia for 15 years has urged such a measure. The Democratic platform urges it. 'If it is killed the state will be set back 25 years.'"

GOOD WORK

Our friends, Drs. Walker and Watson, of Macon, with Dr. King and the nurses they brought, and the doctors and nurses of Perry certainly backed up the P. T. A. Health Committee and made a wonderful success of the Tonsil Clinic held at the school house on Oct. 22.

I appreciate the hearty cooperation of the school authorities and friends.

R. L. Cater, M.D.
Co. School Physician.

Presbyterian Notice

Sunday School, 10:15 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:30 a. m.
Wednesday Evening Service, 8:00 p. m.

Sermon subject for Sunday, Nov. 6, 1932, "The Light of the World." We shall consider in our sermons during the month of November some of the great statements of Jesus concerning Himself and His relations to men.

Does Jesus provide the light this world needs in an age when so many people live in darkness and despair?

Come and see.
Everett P. Moye, Minister

Amethyst Long Prized

The Roman empire has left an indelible record of the esteem in which the amethyst was held. Julius Caesar was the proud possessor of a collection of the finest specimens of these jewels, and later, after his assassination they were used as a badge of honor, when the Roman senators were privileged to wear amethyst pins in their togas as a sign of their high office.

GENERAL ELECTION PLANS COMPLETED

Georgia Counties to Vote in National Election, Nov. 8

Next Tuesday, Nov. 8, is general election day in the United States. Every four years this government elects a president and vice-president. The candidate of the two major political parties are: President Hoover and Vice president Curtis for reelection under the Republican banner; Gov. Roosevelt and Speaker Garner, Democratic nominees.

At the same time state officers and county officers who were nominated in primaries are voted on. In states where there are several political parties, the nominees of these parties oppose each other for election.

In Georgia, this year, the Republican party has a candidate for senator, James W. Arnold, of Athens, who is opposing Senator Walter F. George, the Democratic nominee. In some districts the Republican party has candidates for congress but not in the Third which nominated B. T. Castellow of Cuthbert as Democratic representative.

In several counties in the state Independents are running for offices but Houston county has only Democratic nominees.

In Georgia, the people will vote on eight amendments to the state constitution. Amendment No. 4 and amendment No. 8 on the ballot are of state-wide importance and have created the most interest.

Each county in Georgia is preparing its own ballot. The state furnishes a sample official ballot and the ordinary of each county is in charge of the printing.

The Australian ballot is used in more than half the counties. In these it is mandatory upon the ordinary to place the names of all candidates, as certified by the secretary of the state, on one ballot.

Where the Australian ballot is not in use, the various parties have their own ballots printed, conforming to the same official ballot sent out by the governor's office. In Houston county where the Australian ballot is not used, there will be two tickets, a Democratic and a Republican.

The day after the election all of the poll managers will meet at the office of Ordinary John L. Hodges and consolidate the vote of Houston. It is mailed immediately to Atlanta to the governor and secretary of state.

Polls will be open in all the precincts of Houston county. At the Court House, the polls will open at 7 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. At all other precincts the polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 3 p. m.

VIOLATORS OF GAME LAWS BEING ARRESTED

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 31.—Because of an abundance of game of all kinds in Georgia this fall, there have been more violations of the hunting laws than ordinarily, and for this reason game wardens have been forced to make an unusually large number of arrests within the past few weeks, according to a statement issued by Peter S. Twitty, state Game and Fish Commissioner.

While most of the arrests have been for hunting without a license, there has been an exceptionally large number of prosecutions for hunting quail before the season opens. Reports of a big quail crop have evidently influenced many hunters to take a chance and try to "beat the other fellow to it," but game wardens are on the alert and already have made more arrests up to this time than in any previous season.

NOTICE

Hon. James W. Arnold, of Athens, candidate for the U. S. Senate on the Republican ticket to succeed Sev. Walter F. George will speak in Fort Valley Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p. m. C. T. Issues of the campaign will be discussed.