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Leading Henderson Men Back Whitmire Charges

Say They Have Found Evidence of Voting Instructions to Highway Employees

WHITMIRE SAYS HE ADMITS SEEING GHOST

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Hendersonville, April 3.—Five prominent Henderson County Democrats issued a joint statement tonight declaring they had found at evidence supporting charges of former State Senator R. L. Whitmire that officials and guards of the county prison camp had been instructed to vote for Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion.

Whitmire is opposing Pless for the Democratic nomination for solicitor in the 18th judicial district. He precipitated a controversy recently when he charged Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and the State Board of Elections with manipulation of the elections board in Polk County and accused the Governor of bringing pressure to bear in support of Pless' candidacy.

The five Democrats Whitmire requested to investigate his charges are M. M. Redden, county Democratic chairman; J. H. Yelton, member of the Democratic State Executive Committee; L. B. Prince, Democratic member of the County Board of Elections, and O. V. Powers, county vice-chairman.

Whitmire said tonight, with regard to his charges of pressure being brought to bear on county prison officials and guards to vote for Pless, that "for obvious reasons I cannot disclose publicly the names of the passer and receiver of the 'word.' It might add to the unemployment problem."

Issue Statement
The investigators issued the following statement:

"We, having thoroughly investigated the Whitmire charge that high officials of the State Highway Department attempted to use influence to cause officials and guards of the Henderson camp to vote for Solicitor Pless, find in our opinion there is ample evidence supporting the charge made by Mr. Whitmire. We are thoroughly convinced of the truth of the charge."

Whitmire quoted Jack Roach, prison official of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, as saying: "There is no truth in it so far as I know. Employees of the Prison Department have nothing to do with politics, particularly district and local politics." The Governor, Whitmire charged, should be grateful to the Highway and Public Works Commission for assistance rendered him two years ago when he was a candidate for Governor, and alleged the Chief Executive had "demonstrated his appreciation to the chairman by reappointment."

Told How to Vote
"But employees at the camps, who made his election possible, are not receiving a decent living wage for risking their lives 12 and 14 hours a day guarding society against the criminals of the state, and have been told to vote as a unit to perpetuate in office those belonging to the ring responsible (Please turn to page six)

Physicians To Attend Lecture

A number of local physicians are planning to attend a meeting at Duke university April 6 at which Dr. W. S. Rankin, chairman of the hospital and orphan section of the Duke endowment, will be the principal speaker.

The meeting will be one of a series planned by the Duke Medical school at which distinguished medical men from this country and abroad are invited to speak and to which physicians from all over the state are invited.

HAROLD D. COOLEY



Cooley After Seat In Congress

Harold D. Cooley, Nashville attorney, is expected to be Nash county's only candidate to seek the Democratic nomination in the June primary for the seat in Congress made vacant by the death of the late Hon. E. W. Pou. Mr. Cooley, in all probability, will make his announcement within the next few days. It is generally conceded that Mr. Cooley will have the whole-hearted support of Nash county. He is popular and well-known throughout the fourth district, and he will be remembered as presidential elector in the last election, casting this district's vote for President Roosevelt.

Friends throughout the entire district are urging Mr. Cooley to enter the race and it is certain that if he does so, he will be a formidable candidate.

Roscoe Griffin In Race For House

Mr. Griffin is an outstanding merchant and well known through the county. Below is a statement given out by him. He takes a definite stand against the sales tax.

"After thinking the matter over for some time, I have decided to become a candidate for the Legislature from Edgecombe County in the coming Democratic Primary and I believe it to be the duty of one seeking to represent the people in the Legislature to let the people know his views on the important public questions which we know will come up for consideration.

I believe in public education and will support the necessary and proper expenditures for the public school system. The present salary schedule for teachers I deem to be too low and will vote to raise them in line with other work of like character. I am opposed to the land tax for the support of the State school system and am absolutely opposed to the gross sales tax. North Carolina has sufficient resources to support its necessary functions of government without resorting to this kind of tax.

I was born in Nash County and have been a resident of Edgecombe County for the past sixteen years. I will appreciate the support of the voters at the next Primary.

WAR SHELL KILLS BOY

Tillsburg, Ont. — Jack Vangeel, 10, was seriously injured when the nose cap of a shell found in Flanders after the war exploded while he was playing with it.

Sentiment favoring enactment of the Bankhead and the Kerr bills by Congress is growing. Some farmers believe, however, that the penalties provided for chiselers by the Kerr bill are not strong enough.

Commissioners In Race Again

All five of the Nash county commissioners and three of the Edgecombe commissioners whose terms expire are expected to be candidates for re-election in the June primaries.

The five Nash County Commissioners expected to run are as follows: R. R. Gay, J. D. Nelms, J. H. Vaughan, W. B. Bunting, and J. R. Strickland. Mr. G. R. Fine, former member of the Nash county board has also announced his candidacy for re-election.

Commissioners are voted for at large rather than by districts in Nash county, the five with the largest number of votes winning.

In Edgecombe county, C. C. Ward, commissioner from this city, and W. C. Hargrove, of Tarboro, have another year before their terms expire.

The other three commissioners have not yet announced their intention of running again although it is generally expected that they will do so.

Unlike Nash, Edgecombe commissioners are voted for by districts.

Oxford Singing Class To Be Here

The Queen City and Corinthian Masonic Lodges of this city will sponsor the Oxford Orphanage Singing class concert to be held here every April. Many who have formerly attended these concerts in the past are looking forward to the one this year.

The newspaper of Southport last year at the appearance of the Class made the following comment which is typical of scores of articles of similar nature: "The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage will be with us on Saturday night of this week and give its concert in the High School Auditorium. This is a yearly event that is always looked forward to and greatly enjoyed by our people and those of the surrounding communities. These young folks never fail to give an evening of genuine pleasure when they appear here. The local community is anxious for a record crowd to be present at the concert."

The Class is under the traveling management of Mr. L. W. Alderman who for many years has been leading this Class over the state. He has traveled thousands of miles and his thousands of friends among Masons as well as others, look forward to his coming with the Singing Class. On account of transportation difficulties the Class is again using its own bus and its appearance on our streets is an object of interest.

Court Officials Are Reappointed

Tarboro, April 4. — Edgecombe county recorder's court judge and solicitor and the county auditor were reappointed to their posts by the board of commissioners in their April meeting at the court house here.

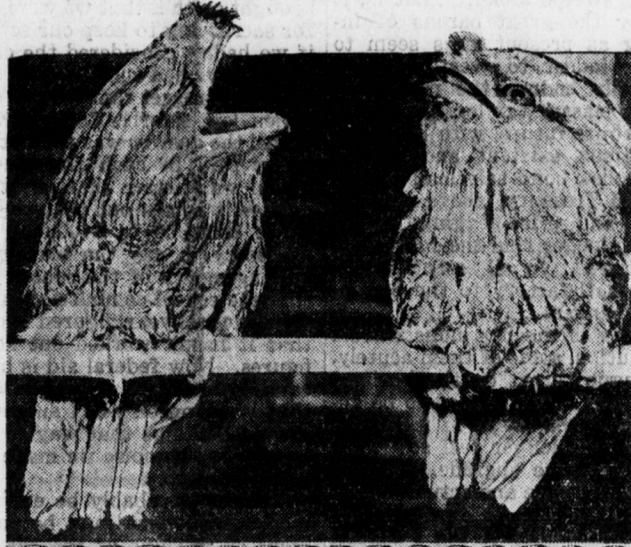
Judge W. Stamps Howard, Solicitor Chauncey H. Leggett and Auditor M. L. Laughlin were the officers receiving the appointments.

The commissioners appropriated \$300 annually for the Tarboro Public library so that it might be able to remain open at night. It was announced that with an increased appropriation from \$300 to \$600 by the city, the annual sum would total \$1,200. The new schedule with night hours will go into effect at the library May 1.

The commissioners disposed of a number of other minor matters.

In Gates county the farm agent, R. R. Rich, has gotten results by holding corn-hog sign-up days in the different high schools.

Ugliest Birds at the St. Louis Zoo



Two frogmouths, "ugliest birds in the world," recently arrived at the St. Louis zoo from Australia, the first of their gaping kind to be brought to America. Only the London zoo has similar specimens.

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?

The outstanding event of the Jackson Day Dinner at Raleigh last Saturday night was the outburst of Governor Ehringhaus against all Democrats who disagree with him and the policies of the machine which made him governor. Upon all such he visits the wrath of his displeasure. They are to be cast into outer darkness. For all time to come they are to suffer the pangs and punishment of his disapproval. We assume that one rare privilege will be left. Such persons, heretofore supposed to be Democrats, but now officially designated by his excellency as "Mugwumps," will be permitted to vote in primary and election for the candidates chosen by the machine.

And from what source does this assault come? Think back a moment if you will. For years the Gardner machine has engaged in a continuous campaign of propaganda against every Democrat, whether in official position or not, who dared disagree with it. During the legislative session of 1931, Gardner, Governor of the State and head of the party, in a public speech accused Democratic County Commissioners not only of incompetence but of graft. The primary campaign of 1932 was filled with ridicule, abuse, and vilification of Maxwell and Fountain, the opposing candidates for Governor. And that type of campaign, generated and developed by Gardner, has continued to this day against every Democrat who dares to disagree with his program to turn the Democratic party and the State over to the control of the special interests.

But, you who thought you were good Democrats, you have been told now you are to come along, take the pat or the kick with equal thankfulness, and do as you are told. You may look at the King. You may praise him. In fact that is your chief mission as a Democrat. But don't dare life your voice in disagreement, suggestion, or disapproval. For if you do, according to this new doctrine, you are no longer a Democrat.

We wonder what effect this outburst will have. One angle of the problem has occurred to us. That great body of Democrats who have been fighting for the rights of the people against the combined power of the machine and the special interests can't be any worse off by keeping up the fight. They have become hardened soldiers by now. For some years now they have endured abuse, slander, and vilification. That his Excellency has become more exasperated cannot surprise them. They knew he was in the other camp. They knew his autocratic conception of government. He simply adds a few more epithets to the vocabulary of his followers.

We suspect that the great battle for democratic government against autocracy, the machine, and the special interests will go on. For Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

NASH TO HAVE CANDIDATE IN 4TH DISTRICT CONTEST

County Tax Books Now Open

Books for listing Nash county taxes in the Rocky Mount township opened Monday in the office of Deputy Sheriff P. H. Johnson on Howard street.

The books for listing Edgecombe taxes opened in the Merchants association office on Main street Tuesday.

The books will remain open until the end of this month in both counties, officials announced.

By order of the Edgecombe commissioners, no property may be listed except by the owner or his qualified agent and no blanks may be removed from the listing place, filled in and later returned.

This custom was allowed in past years but was ordered discontinued because of errors in listings and incomplete listings, E. C. Speight, in charge of the township books said. Property owners were warned that delinquent listing will subject the owners to a penalty.

One Announcement Certain and Another Possible in Congressional Race

Nash county will have one candidate in the race to succeed Representative Edward H. Pou, beloved congressman who died in Washington Sunday morning, and possibly two of them.

Harold D. Cooley, Nashville attorney of the firm of Cooley and Bone, prominently mentioned for U. S. District Attorney for the eastern district, and long active in the democratic party in his county and district as well as in the state, will be a candidate it was learned from unquestionable sources today, although Mr. Cooley will probably wait for several days before he makes his formal announcement.

CRAZY TEACHERS

New York.—Dr. Emil Altman, chief medical examiner for the public schools of this city, classifies 1500 of the 36,000 teachers as emotionally unstable or insane.

Representative E. W. Pou Dies In Washington

Aged Martin Man Kills Young Wife

Shoots Her Down and, In Spite of Pleading Cries; Shoots Again

Williamston, April 3.—Joseph H. Davenport, 84, early tonight shot and killed his wife, Maggie Davenport, 26, and wounded her seven-months old baby so badly that it probably will not recover.

The shooting occurred at Davenport's home in a remote section of Martin county known as The Islands. Jealousy over the attentions Mrs. Davenport is said to have received from Mike Knox, a neighbor, is said to have been the occasion of the crime.

According to reports obtained by officers, Davenport first emptied the contents of one barrel of his gun into his wife's abdomen. She fell pleading that he not shoot her again. He shot her in the head killing her instantly. He then shot the child, 57 No. 4 shot being lodged in its legs and one of its hands. Its recovery is doubtful. Whether he reloaded his gun to shoot the child or used another weapon was not learned here. The child was placed with the county welfare department.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck arrested the man and brought him to jail. He admitted he had killed his wife but appeared cool and collected, as though he did not realize the gravity of the deed.

The aged man and the young woman were married seven years ago. Before marriage she was Maggie Barber. It is charged that she tried to kill her husband several months ago. She was to have been tried at a recent term of court but her husband was unable to appear in court against her.

Local Woman Will Attend Meeting

A number of local women are planning to attend the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of the Albemarle presbytery to be held at the First Presbyterian church in Washington April 10-11.

Official delegates are Mrs. H. L. Hicks, president of the local auxiliary and past president of the presbytery, Mrs. Willard Conger and Mrs. Norman Johnson. It is expected, however, that many others from here will attend the sessions also.

The meeting will open in Washington Tuesday, April 10 at 10 o'clock a.m. with an executive board meeting and will continue through Wednesday morning. Reports of various chairmen and the election of officers will feature the session. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Hicks are scheduled to take minor parts on the program.

Special speakers of the convention will be Mrs. S. H. Askew of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. C. M. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem who will bring a message from the North Carolina auxiliary, of which she is president, and Rev. H. M. Wilson, pastor of the Farmville, Falkland and Fountain Presbyterian churches.

Dean of House Has Served North Carolina District Since March, 1901. Accorded Tribute of Capitol Funeral.

Edward William Pou, beloved dean of the House of Representatives, died Sunday morning, April 1, at 7:30 o'clock at his apartment in the Wardman Park Hotel in Washington.

Mr. Pou has represented the Fourth District of North Carolina in Congress continuously since March 4, 1901. Apprehension had been felt concerning his death but his actual passing was unexpected. He awakened that morning and asked his nurse for a handkerchief and succumbed to a heart attack while she was arranging the pillows.

Mr. Pou's memory was paid the highly unusual tribute of a funeral at the Capitol in the presence of a joint session of Congress. Arrangements for this distinction which had been accorded to very few members of Congress, were made Monday at a conference attended by Vice-President John N. Garner, and Speaker Henry T. Rainey and other congressional leaders.

The unusual honor of the Congressional service was in keeping with the high esteem in which Mr. Pou was held here.

Hundreds of telegrams were received from throughout the country. Mrs. Roosevelt was one of the first to express sympathy. President Roosevelt was out of the city but many other high officials called. Following the funeral services, the body of Mr. Pou lay in state in the meeting room of the Committee of Rules, of which he was Chairman, until Tuesday morning, when it was taken to Smithfield for burial. Services there took place at the Smithfield Cemetery at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. (Please turn to page two)

Funeral Service For Wade F. Brant

Funeral services for Mr. Wade F. Brant, 56, former Atlantic Coast Line engineer who killed himself last Tuesday, were held Thursday afternoon. The Masons were in charge of the funeral. Interment was made in the Pine View Cemetery.

Mr. Brant had been ill for some time and recently had been suffering from poor eyesight. Brooding over this and the fact that he has been unable to work were thought to have caused him to take his life.

He has been employed by the Atlantic Coast Line for the past 24 years and was also a beloved member of the Masonic order. Before coming to Rocky Mount his home was in Pennsylvania.

The deceased is survived by his wife and two daughters, Dolores and Verna Mae, all of this city.

54,814.249 INSURED DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

Washington.—There are 54,814.249 insured accounts in the 13,632 banks holding membership in the government's temporary insurance fund. Total deposits, covered by the \$2,500 limit on individual deposits, aggregate \$15,512,744,137.

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