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Issues Joined In Campaign On New State Basic Law

R. A. DOUGHTON HEADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Group To Sponsor New Constitution Already At Work; Many Leaders Included In Both Organizations; Active Campaign Expected Before November

Assurance of a definite and hotly waged campaign on the proposed new Constitution which will be submitted to voters in the general election next November, was given Sunday with announcement of the organization of a definite group to oppose its adoption.

A group to campaign for the proposed Constitution was organized some weeks ago and already has set up headquarters in Raleigh.

Doughton Heads Group

R. A. Doughton, former Lieutenant Governor, leader in countless General Assemblies and a well known figure in State political circles, is chairman of the advisory committee of the organization to oppose the constitution. Members of the advisory committee are: Ili-mous T. Valentine, Nashville, campaign manager for Congressman Harold D. Cooley during the recent primary campaign; J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney; Vonno L. Gudger, Asheville; Arthur Harrison, High Point; Banks Arendell, Raleigh, vice chairman; and Jule B. Warren, Raleigh, secretary.

Included among the sponsors of the organization are Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, Rocky Mount; former Supreme Court Justice L. R. Varsar, Lumberton; Tam C. Bowie, West Jefferson; Dr. N. Y. Gulley, dean of law at Wake Forest College; Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, and Commissioner of Labor A. L. Fletcher.

The campaign for and against the proposed constitution has been carried on sporadically for several months and an organized campaign will be started in the near future. The organization for the Constitution already has set up headquarters in Raleigh with Kemp P. Battle as active chairman, Governor Ehringhaus is honorary president of that group and Clifford Razer, Greensboro, Republican candidate for Governor in 1932, is honorary vice president.

No Headquarters Yet

Headquarters for the organization against the Constitution have not yet been set up.

In a statement issued recently, the organization against the Constitution said:

"The proposed new Constitution would confer on the General As-

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A. P. Thorp Dies In Philadelphia

Pioneer Tobacco and Textile Manufacturer of Rocky Mount Passes

A. P. Thorpe, pioneer tobacco and textile manufacturer of this city and a former president of the Tobacco Association of the United States, died suddenly and unexpectedly Wednesday in a Philadelphia hospital.

Mr. Thorpe had gone to Philadelphia Sunday with Mrs. Thorpe and was in excellent spirits when he left Rocky Mount.

News of his death was received at noon and his son, A. P. Thorpe, Jr., left immediately for Pennsylvania. Funeral arrangements are to be announced later.

Mr. Thorpe, who was 74 years of age, was president of the Thorpe and Ricks Tobacco Company of this city which he founded in partnership with the late R. H. Ricks in 1886. In 1932 his firm was incorporated and Mr. Thorpe became the active president. He was also the president of the Rocky Mount Mills, the oldest textile plant in North Carolina, and an active participant in a number of other local enterprises.

Mr. Thorpe was married in June, 1902, to Miss Sudie L. Middleton, of Duplin County, who was with him at the time of his death. He is survived by four children, his son, A. P. Thorpe, Jr., and three daughters, Mrs. R. H. Gregory, Jr., Miss Mary Bryan Thorpe, and Miss Susan Charlton Thorpe, all of this city.

In church affairs, in every phase of the community life, Mr. Thorpe took an active part. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church here and was noted for his philanthropy, although he never permitted it any publicity.

A native of Nash county, the son of the late John Thorpe and Virginia Wood Thorpe, Mr. Thorpe was widely known throughout the State and was an active figure in the development of farming and the textile and tobacco industry of Eastern Carolina. News of his death came unexpectedly here and was a shock to the hosts of his friends and admirers in this section of the State.

It is expected that funeral services will be held in this city, but details were not available pending the receipt of word from his son and widow in Philadelphia.

ALLOT \$1,879,580 FOR MONTH RELIEF

Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Relief Administrator, was notified that North Carolina would get \$1,879,580 for relief purposes from the Federal government in September.

She said \$350,000 will be earmarked to care for cattle being shipped into the state from drought-stricken territory to be fattened before being killed and canned.

Mrs. O'Berry said equipment for canneries at Asheville, Wilson, Raleigh and Greensboro had been ordered. The Asheville plant already has begun to can beef.

STEALS CHIEF OF POLICE'S PANTS

A thief who entered four homes in Dunn, Harnett county, made no exceptions as to whom he robbed and evidently had no fear of Chief of Police G. A. Jackson.

After three houses had been entered, the burglar came to that occupied by Chief Jackson. He went right in, walked by the bed in which the officer was sleeping.

From a nearby chair he removed the chief's pants, containing his money and pistol. Mrs. Jackson, the chief's wife, also lost her pocketbook.

In place of the chief's pants, he left a pair of old ones.

Flying Doctor of the Far North



Here is Dr. Vance Murray, the "flying doctor of the North," recently appointed medical director for the Alaskan Indian territory. He plans to make his rounds of a vast region of the Arctic by plane, thus eliminating the traditional dog sled. The plane, especially equipped for northern flying weather, was landed by Doctor Murray on the newly leveled army landing field at Juneau.

PLAY GROUNDS NEED IN ROCKY MOUNT

There has been recent complaint about children playing in the street. With the present traffic conditions it is exceedingly dangerous for children to be permitted to play in the streets. Children have a vital and necessary place in every community, they are the men and women of tomorrow. We do not have a right to say that the children shall not go into the streets unless our city fathers have done their duty in providing recreational grounds for our children. There has been spent in Rocky Mount, according to reports, around \$200,000.00, and not a cent of this has been spent where the children can get any benefit. We have an air port that will be used by those who have aeroplanes, and we have a lake that may be used by those who have boats, but the innocent child and its nurse does not have a place to sit out in the sunshine in winter and the cooling breeze in the summer.

The pipes for the new water line will be laid through the city leading to Kite Park, where the new reservoir is to be located. Other cities and towns have used their public money given by the national government for public relief in building parks, school buildings, recreational centers, and for things that not only gives present relief but it will be of permanent benefit to the community in the future. The Edgecombe side of Rocky Mount has only one small public piece of ground and that is being taken from the children to place a large reservoir for the city. City Fathers, are the children of Rocky Mount being given fair treatment when the only park and play ground is being taken without providing another place?

We can build airports, we can build lakes, there is talk of a baseball stadium, but we cannot buy land for small children to play on.

President Roosevelt's answer to the newly formed American Liberty League in baseball parlance is so complete that he struck out the man at the bat and knocked everybody off the bases, when he states that the object of the new league is to place property rights above human rights. The rights of property should be protected but property rights are secondary to human rights. The main organizers of the League are two former candidates for President, Alfred E. Smith and John W. Davis, former National Chairman, John J. Raskob; and former secretary, Jouett Shouse, in combination with Republican Congressman Wadsworth and Mr. Ireton DuPont. These gentlemen have been rejected by the people because of their reactionary tendencies and if their purpose is to undertake to place a cog in the wheel of recovery led by our great President, they are going to be mighty disappointed and a group of sad looking birds because the people know them by their former walk and conversation.

It was reported in Raleigh last week that this League was in contemplation and that former Governor Gardner would be a member, though if he is a member his name has not been placed in the list.

PLANS SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAM

A special musical program will be presented at the South Rocky Mount Methodist church Sunday morning at 9:45, according to an announcement of Mrs. S. P. Wilson, who is in charge of the program.

As a special feature Mrs. Wilson has announced that the Cotton children will participate.

The presentation will be made during the regular Sunday school period, it was stated.

President drops tariff barriers on drought feed.

PITT TOBACCO SIGNUP VIRTUALLY COMPLETE

Greenville, Aug. 25.—The story of how Pitt county farmers have taken part in the government's tobacco acreage reduction was unfolded in convincing manner here Thursday when two non-signers of contracts were represented among the hundreds of growers selling their tobacco on the local market.

Pitt county was highly praised by members of the government acreage reduction campaign at the outset of the movement to cut production, relieve congestion and improve prices.

Junior Order Closes State Meet

The Junior Order closed its annual State meeting, which was held in Winston-Salem and Lexington, Wednesday night, August 22.

The members were addressed at this meeting by Hon. Harold D. Cooley, fourth district Congressman, on the fundamentals of the organization. Addresses were also made on Old Age Pensions and Employment Needs.

The Order went on record as favoring an increase in the pay of teachers. The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing term: Charles F. Tankersly, Councilor; Monroe Adams, Vice-Councilor; Gurney P. Hood, Treasurer; and Sam F. Vance, Secretary. Mr. Jake Winstead, who is Secretary of the Enterprise Furniture Co., here, was reappointed Deputy for this District.

Delegates from Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson counties attended the meeting. The delegates from Rocky Mount were W. E. Moore and Rev. J. A. Satterfield. Several other local Juniors attended.

ERA Will Operate Mattress Factory

An ERA mattress factory employing approximately 30 persons, most of whom will be women, was expected to begin operation here early next week, Mrs. R. D. Bullock, local administrator, announced.

The new enterprise will be located in the abandoned plant formerly used for a mattress factory on South Grace street opposite the Carolina Building and Supply company, and the ERA will use the machinery placed in the building by the Royal-Mebane company, former operators.

TWO MEN LOSE ARM EACH IN ACCIDENTS

New Bern, Aug. 25.—As the result of two different automobile accidents on the Central highway west of this city late yesterday, two men are at St. Luke's Hospital with arm amputations.

Arthur H. King, of Wallace, had his right arm amputated between the elbow and shoulder after he had sustained injury in an accident at Neuse road railroad crossing. His arm was hanging outside a car window and was crushed against a telephone pole, when his car skidded on wet pavement as he applied brakes for the railroad crossing, going down the tracks into a ditch.

Prentiss Longest, of Beaufort, son of the Beaufort chief of police, sustained injury to his left arm in an accident at Lane's Chapel five miles on the other side of Fort Barnwell. He passed a car on a highway curve, meeting a truck of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Lines, which was sideswiped, so badly crushing his arm that amputation was necessary.

CONCORD BABY HAS 13 LIVING GRANDPARENTS

A baby boy born Wednesday of the past week at Concord to Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Holland has 13 living grandparents.

On the maternal side the new baby has seven grandparents as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Walters, grandparents; C. C. Walters, great-grandfather; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roberts, great-grandparents, and Mr. and Mrs. John Eudy, great-great-grandparents.

On the paternal side the bouncing baby boy has six grandparents as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holland, grandparents; Mrs. W. L. Holland, Sr., great-grandmother; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCraven, great-grandparents; and Mrs. N. A. McClelland, great-great-grandmother.

Four pure bred Hampshire rams were purchased last week by farmers of Alleghany county.

Commands Roads To Obey Terms Of Railway Labor Act

New Constitution Opposed By Jonas

Says Proposed Change Calls For Surrender Of Too Many Fundamental Rights Of The People

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—Charles A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, Republican national committeeman from North Carolina, today expressed opposition to the proposed new state constitution with the opinion that "its adoption would not be in the interest of the people."

In a telegram to Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney-general, who has taken a stand against the proposed document, Mr. Jonas said that "in my judgment it calls for the surrender of too many fundamental rights on the part of the people and paves the way to more centralized government than our people should permit."

Mr. Jonas said he favored many of the provisions in the proposed constitution, and recognized the need for a "constitution to fit present conditions."

Fountain, Doughton Heard At Reunion

Ex-Lieut. Governor Pleads For Present State Constitution. 300 Attend Meeting

Concord, Aug. 28.—Three hundred persons, many of them direct descendants of Gen. John Paul Barringer, of revolutionary fame, gathered for the annual Barringer family reunion at St. John's church near here today and heard former Lieut. Gov. R. T. Fountain plead for the present state constitution and Representative R. L. Doughton extol the virtues of the Barringer family.

Mr. Doughton made no reference to political questions but Mr. Fountain ended his address with a strong defense of the constitution as now written. "I remind you that the constitution was written by our fathers," he said, "so let us not change this fundamental document and take up something new and untried."

The new constitution, he said, "would take county government out of our constitution and make it a creature of the Legislature." He added that the proposed document would give the Legislature the right to place with the Governor the power to appoint every local county officer and city official in the state.

REPORT DECREASE IN POPULATION OF N. C. INSTITUTIONS

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—North Carolina's charitable and correctional institutional population decreased from 17,973 June to 17,856 August 1, the state board of charities and public welfare reported today.

August 1, the state was caring for 6,607 mental patients, 7,623 prisoners and state and county institutions for the infirm had 1,356 residents.

RFC urges banks to make direct loans to industry.

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