

News Items From Raleigh And The State At Large

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Raleigh—North Carolina Democrats, all pepped up over the fight brewing over selection of a candidate for National Democrat executive committee for North Carolina to succeed former Governor O. Max Gardner, resigned, are expected to have at least a month, or more, to cool their heels and line up their ducks before Chairman J. Wallace Winborne calls his State Democratic Executive Committee to meet to fill the vacancy by recommendation.

Not in many months has an incident stirred up folks as this has done and columns have been written and eagerly read about it, the main reason being the uncertainty of what will result, and no political scribe has taken on the robes of prophecy, because of the man cross currents and factions to deal with.

J. O. Carr, Wilmington, was first mentioned as being acceptable to all factions, except possibly that of Senator R. R. Reynolds. Then came C. L. Shuping, Senator J. W. Bailey's campaign manager, Julian Price, business man with a yen for politics on the side, and Major L. P. McLendon, Governor Ehringhaus' manager, all residing in Greensboro, in which town Major McLendon is moving from Durham. A. Hall Johnston, Asheville, was mentioned. Then Senator Reynolds suggested former Governor, Senator and Committeeman, Cameron Morrison, but the latter declined and in so doing gave "dry" utterances which irritated his repeal friends.

Then came the name of Governor Ehringhaus, in his absence from Raleigh, and seems to have struck a popular chord, reaching now into the far corners of the State. But out of all of this material nothing is certain, for there is no telling now the factions are going to combine or split further in the issue. It may or may not be safe to say that Governor Ehringhaus is leading, with his manager, Major McLendon, as a close second, but it is safe to say that there will be no fight between the two for the job and that either would accept.

However, it is current comment that Senator Bailey has again come to the bat for his manager, Mr. Shuping, and, as he did for State Chairman, is even now sending out emissaries to contact the 132 members of the committee less a few vacancies, in order to secure pledges. But the committee members are said not to be pledging themselves to any great extent, keeping open minds in order to vote as may seem proper when the voting time comes. A few probably have pledged themselves to close friends, but the big majority is unpledged.

Numbers of people express the belief that Mr. Shuping cannot land the job even though he is reputed to be on the best of terms with the big boss, James A. Farley. They even say that Senator Bailey's friends claimed a majority of the votes for Mr. Shuping for State chairman, and point to that, as well as the failure of Senator Bailey to place him as U. S. Commissioner of Revenue, as reasons why he should not be brought forward again.

But there are many factions to consider, many overlapping, such as the old Shumons group, the Morrison group, the Gardner faction, the Bailey following, the Ehringhaus support and the new Reynolds clique, and there's no telling how they will combine, or split, over the national committeeman.

STATE'S OVERDRAFT CUT

While the State's general fund cash overdraft was reduced by almost half a million dollars in September, the overdraft was still \$680,255.24 at the end of the month, at which time the highway fund was \$6,379,214.91, a slight increase during the month, the combined statement of the Treasurer and Auditor, issued by Governor Ehringhaus, shows.

September was started with an overdraft of \$1,129,999.24 in the general fund, of which subtracted from the collections for the month gave a balance of \$622,340.54, while expenditures for the month were \$1,302,595.78, leading the overdraft \$680,255.24 for the month and the fiscal year to date.

The highway fund had a balance of \$6,191,351.52 at the beginning of the month, to which the addition of \$2,230,133.40 in collections gave \$8,421,484.92 while expenditures for the month were \$2,042,270.01, leaving the balance of \$6,379,214.91 at the end of September.

The State's debt is still shown at

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Weight and Curves



Ruth Gillette, (above), despite stage successes, could not get a movie contract because of weight, until the advent of Mae West with fashion curves. Now Ruth is much in demand and has just signed a seven contract, one clause being that she must weigh less than 135 pounds.

\$179,814,000, of which \$12,230,000 is the temporary loans recently renewed on a 4 1/2 per cent. basis and the balance of \$167,584,000 is funded indebtedness. It includes \$103,287,000 in highway bonds, \$43,049,000 in general fund bonds, \$14,460,000 in special school building bonds, \$1,250,000 in Cape Fear and \$450,000 in Chowan River bridge bonds, \$2,588,000 in general fund notes and \$2,500,000 in World War veterans loan bonds.

DANIELS TO SPEAK

Captain Tom C. Daniels, New Bern, 65-year-old commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, inducted into that office Monday night at exercises in New Bern, is to speak in Raleigh Armistice Day as a part of the exercises commemorating the 15th anniversary of the ending of the World War. Raleigh Post, No. 1 is planning a big parade and other exercises. Chester O. Bell, commander, has named John Hall Manning as chairman of the arrangements group.

NEGRO STUDENTS STRIKE

Students of St. Augustine College, an educational institution for negroes here and operated by the Episcopal Church, were in "strike" intermittently last week against the dietician at the college, and in part against the food served. The principal kick was that the dietician has herself become so thin that they fear eating food prepared under her direction was dangerous. A truce was signed for a day, but the strike continued later, students refusing to go to chapel or to attend classes. Hope was expressed that the trouble could be adjusted by the first of the week.

COURT TO DECIDE ANN'S CASE

The N. C. Supreme Court had before it last week the problem of determining the status of Ann Cannon Reynolds II, daughter of Zachary Smith Reynolds, who was killed at the Reynolda estate in Winston-Salem last July 6th, and for which killing his then widow, Libby Holman Reynolds, and chum, Ab Walker, were indicted. Later the charges were dropped. The action is brought by the Cabarrus Bank and Trust Company, Concord, co-guardian of Ann Cannon Reynolds, II, daughter of Smith Reynolds by an earlier marriage. By an agreement, the first child was to receive \$2,000,000, as was Smith Reynolds, born several months after his father's death, to the former torch singer, Libby Holman. The balance of the estate, left by the late R. J. Reynolds, tobacco magnate, to his son, Smith, estimated close to \$20,000,000, was to be devoted to charities. The co-guardian bank is protesting the agreed settlement.

DAVIS ESCAPES FROM PEN

Norman Davis, serving 15 to 20 years in State's Prison for manslaughter, escaped last Friday by secreting himself in a slop barrel in which a false head had been placed and breaking out when a trusty had gone about half the distance from State's Prison to the Camp Pook prison farm, some four miles from Raleigh. Slop had been poured into the top of the barrel, sustained by the false head, and Davis had a breathing reed arranged. The trusty reported struggling with him for several hundred yards, but that he finally broke away. He went the late Otto Wood, who escaped once in a culvert pipe, one better.

THE COLONEL IS WARNED

Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick, Mecklenburg Senator and announced candidate for Governor, paid his respects to Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus in his office Saturday. During the conversation Governor Ehringhaus quoted to him the words of "the Lawd" in the negro show, "The Green Pastures," recently here: "Gabriel, this thing of being 'the

Lawd' isn't no bed of roses," Governor Ehringhaus said to the man who is seeking to succeed him as Governor, and the Colonel agreed that he was not running for a soft soap.

REYNOLDS ON CAMPAIGN

Senator Robert K. Reynolds, instead of "running out" the repeal forces, as has been charged, is to make a whirlwind campaign for repeal of the 18th amendment, in North Carolina, making 21 speeches in as many places in the 12 days immediately preceding the election November 7th. Walter Murphy, secretary of the repeal forces, announces.

Senator Reynolds' campaign began Tuesday at Sparta, and will close in Asheville, his home town, on Monday evening, November 6th.

"We are counting more upon the patriotism and alertness of the national recovery program on the part of the people of North Carolina for our success than upon anything else," said Mr. Murphy, who said the repeal leaders have advised against a campaign of bullyhoo and sensationalism.

"The manner in which Democrats and Republicans alike, rich and poor, high and low, throughout the whole of the nation have responded to President's magnificent labors to restore the American people to an order of prosperity and contented citizenship, has left us firm in the belief that North Carolina will not fail to demand its fair share of responsibility in helping to make national recovery a reality." Success of the program depends upon wholehearted co-operation and assistance of the American people, he states.

In the popular votes registered, the people have responded in 33 states for repeal of the 18th amendment to the President's announcement that such action is a necessary part of the recovery program, Mr. Murphy said.

"It is unthinkable that the people of this State would permit North Carolina to secede from the union of that program at this critical point in the nation's recovery when its great leader is begging for 100 per cent. support of his efforts," Mr. Murphy said.

Automobiles and Trucks More Numerous in State

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Raleigh—North Carolinians owned 55,247 more motor vehicles, 43,399 automobiles and 11,848 trucks, on October 1, just passed, than they did three months before, on July 1st, records compiled in the office of Director L. P. Harris of the Motor Vehicle Bureau show. The figures are obtained by counting and measuring a certain number of registration cards and measuring the cars for the State and individual counties, making the figures within half a dozen of accurate for a county.

Watauga County had on October 1st 700 automobiles, as compared with 650 a year ago and 650 three months ago, and 450 trucks, as compared with 450 a year ago and 340 three months ago.

The registration October 1 was 305,613 automobiles, as compared with 262,214 three months before, and 88,991 trucks, as compared with 57,143 three months before, or a total of 374,604 motor vehicles, as against 319,357. But the last count does not compare so favorably with that of one year before. On October 1, 1932, the count was 372,899 vehicles, as compared with 374,804, a gain of less than 2,000, which included 310,131 automobiles, nearly 5,000 more than the first of this month showed. However, trucks showed an increase from 62,768 a year ago to 68,991 the first of October.

Automobiles held by non-residents now number 2,250, as compared with 2,325 a year ago, and 1,875 three months ago, and non-residents own 1,000 trucks, as compared with 1,010 a year ago and 850 three months ago. Motorcycles in the State number 1,053 as compared with 1,088 a year ago and 850 three months ago.

VILAS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Dugger and Mrs. W. S. Frantz of Elk Park visited relatives in the community on Sunday.

Miss Maxie Greene has returned to her school work in Cabarrus County. Pastor J. A. McKaughan preached at Willowdale Church at 11 o'clock on Sunday. On a recent trip to Greensboro he had the pleasure of seeing the play, "Green Pastures." The brother was right much impressed with it. His congregation got the fine lessons from the play.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkinson of Zionville were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Harmon, with their children, spent the week-end at Butler, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Isaacs of Heaton spent Sunday visiting with relatives at Vilas. Last Week Mrs. C. I. Billings entertained the Blanche Burrus Missionary Society of Cove Creek Church. The group always has an excellent program concerning the field in which it works. Beside this Mrs. Billings served refreshments during the social hour. Those present were: Mesdames Hattie Johnson, Lucy Bingham, Will Payne, Romry Mast, Howard Simpson, Don Perry and Misses Annie Dougherty, Annie Mae Sherwood, Mildred Griffin and Pastor McKaughan.

Tammany In Struggle To Regain Power



Once again in the cycle of years New York's Tammany is fighting to retain its political powers. Mayor John P. O'Brien, Tammany candidate, left, asks reelection. Joseph V. McKee, center, "Recovery Party" candidate, said to have Washington support, is running as Independent Democrat, and Fiorello H. La Guardia, right heads the Fusion ticket.

DALTON TO DIE IN CHAIR DEC. 1

Former State Highway Employee, Who Is Known in Boone, Convicted of the First Degree Murder of His Wife.

Joe E. Dalton, former State highway employee, was convicted of the first degree murder of his wife and sentenced to die in Hendersonville Superior Court last Saturday.

Dalton, who testified he was addicted to morphine and did not remember slaying his wife on May 28 last, accepted the verdict and Judge Michael Schenck's sentence of death without any show of emotion. Judge Schenck fixed December 1 as the execution date.

Counsel for Dalton lodged a motion for a new trial which was overruled by Judge Schenck. They then gave notice an appeal to the Supreme Court would be taken.

Dalton's wife left him three days before the shooting when he was arrested at a hotel in Hendersonville with another woman. She went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Duncan and Dalton there called her from the house and shot her.

The condemned man had formerly been stationed for a short time in Boone, it is said, where he was well known.

FACTS ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

By GUY H. HILL

When great men pass to their reward they usually leave some piece of work or some deed or something to mark their greatness. Contact with these great men of the past can be had only by coming into the presence of their works or their monuments. One of these links between the dead and the living is books.

Books are our friends. They never forsake us or turn their backs upon us. Our living friends are sometimes hard to understand, they sometimes grow unfriendly, but books stand always ready to open their contents to us when we pull them down from the shelves. It is a real consolation to know that Carlyle, and Burns, and Shakespeare, and Byron, and all the bright literateurs of the past can be brought back to us simply by going to the book shelf and pulling down their works.

But how many of us really know these men? How many of us have these men in our homes? How many of us are providing our children with an acquaintance of these men? Most of us are providing our children with an acquaintance of these men? Most of us can not furnish a library that will include the great host of celebrities of the past to say nothing of contemporaries, but we can make small contributions to our elementary and high schools and do much toward making our school libraries what they should be. One book in each home in Boone would not help any single library much, but one book from each home in Boone placed in the same library would make a big boost for any library, and the best part about it is these books would be accessible to every child attending school.

Mothers, fathers, patrons and friends of the schools, decide now that you will help make Book Week a success by carrying or sending a book by a reputable author to one of the school libraries when you are notified. Let's build bigger and better libraries; they have come to take their place along with the other educative factors of the nation.

Intramural Contests

Intramural contests in playground baseball are in progress in the Boone High School with boys and girls participating. At the end of the tournament the winning teams will be the guests of the losing teams at a school party to be held in the Home Economics Department. If one wants to see some real interest in a game, just visit the campus at any hour during the day and witness it. Outdoor sports will be the vogue through the year. The pupils are cognizant of the fact that outdoor exercise is better than indoor.

DOUGHTON SAYS HE EXPECTS TO SEEK HOUSE RE-ELECTION

Eighth District Congressman Non-Committal Regarding Governor's Race. Attends Meeting of Highway and Public Works Commission and Expresses No Opinion on Gubernatorial Boom.

Raleigh—Congressman Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth District, who has been frequently mentioned recently as a possible gubernatorial candidate in 1936, said here last week "I have no plans now further than that I expect to run for re-election next year."

The Congressman's name has been injected in political speculation with increasing frequency in recent weeks as some dozen probable aspirants for the Democratic gubernatorial toga have been put forward.

"So far as I know now the only political plans I have are to run for re-election next year," Doughton, the chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means committee, said. "I am a receptive man but I have no definite plans other than those."

The representative, sitting in the meeting of the highway and public works commission conversing with Ross Signon, of Rowan County, smiled and pointed out he still faced election to Congress if he runs next before considering anything else. "He will be the next congressman all right if he runs," Signon laughingly commented.

TO THE NIGHT-BLOOMING SEREUS

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Thy beauty would that thou might share,
Portray thyself in lasting form,
And be for all a living charm!
Not living only for a night,
But lasting in perfection bright,
That all the world might see thy worth,
Revealing Jesus' cradle Birth,
So hidden in the darkest night,
In beauty of thy spotless white,
Displaying true the shining star,
So perfect that no hand would mar!—
A lesson deep each soul should learn,
And for thy pure perfection yearn!
—James Monroe Downum,
Boone, N. C.

Produce merchants in thirteen states have sent trucks into the Hamburg section of Jackson County this year to buy cabbages. Growers are getting fair prices for their product and the demand is heavy, says G. R. Lackey.

spent the week with Mrs. Mast in Boone.

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