

# Interesting News Items Reported From Raleigh

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Raleigh, N. C.—Filing notices of candidacy with the State Board of Elections up to closing time at 6 p. m. Saturday were 118 candidates, 91 Democrats and 25 Republicans; of 12 for the five State-wide positions, 38 for the 11 seats in Congress, 17 for the 16 Superior Court judgeships, and 48 for the 20 solicitorships. Secretary Raymond C. Maxwell reported.

Only for one office did more than one Republican file, two filings for the Republican nomination for Utilities Commissioner, and thus forcing the Republicans into the primary, as much as they claim they dislike it. Heretofore, only convention nominees filed, resulting in no primary contest, except in one campaign for the U. S. Senate four years ago. Two also filed for a solicitorship.

Republicans have filed for every seat in Congress, which is rare, and for the five State-wide positions, but for only two of the judgeships and only five of the solicitorships. No Democrat filed against Solicitor John R. Jones, 17th district, but he has a Republican opponent, F. J. McDuffie, North Wilkesboro. L. S. Spurling of the sixteenth district is opposed for the Democratic solicitorial nomination by Theodore Cummings, Hickory attorney.

Fees for filing are one per cent of the annual salary, making it \$100 for Congress, \$75 for Supreme Court justices, \$65 for Superior Court judges, \$45 for the two State offices, and \$39 for solicitors. Secretary Maxwell has received \$7,525 in fees, but only \$5,600 was appropriated for the primary cost.

Teachers' Salaries Announced

North Carolina rural school teachers, including principals, most of whom are part-time teachers, will receive an average salary of \$550.66 during the present school year, or \$10.59 a week for the full 12 months period, if the schools operate and they are paid for the full eight months term, figures compiled by State education department show.

The compilation shows that there are 16,979 teachers and principals, white and colored, in the rural schools of the State, exclusive of those 37 towns having populations of 5,000 or more, and exclusive of the New Hanover schools, in which the county and Wilmington schools are combined.

The highest average among the 99 counties is \$637.40 for the year, to be paid in the rural schools of Guilford County, while the lowest average is \$460.07 for the year, to be paid teachers and principals in Halifax County. The highest county average is \$12.25 weekly and the lowest is \$8.85 weekly, based on the twelve-month year. All of the counties average less than \$650.00 a year, or \$12.50 a week; in 80 counties the average is below \$585.00, or \$11.25 a week; and in 30 counties the average is less than \$520.00 or \$10.00 each week.

The differences between high and low salaries and all variations in salaries are due to the differences in training and experience of the teachers and principals employed in the various counties. The counties in which \$600 or more are paid are Buncombe, Cabarrus, Catawba, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford,

Henderson, MacDowell, Mecklenburg, Polk, Rutherford, Stanly and Swain. Watauga County rural teachers and principals receive an annual salary this year of \$529.23, the compilation shows.

### Fountain to Take Stump

Former Lieutenant Governor Richard T. Fountain, who was runner-up in the Democratic primary for governor two years ago, is said to be preparing to take stump and field in behalf of the candidacy of Harold Cooley, Nashville attorney, seeking to succeed the late Edward W. Fou as congressman for the Fourth North Carolina District.

This would be but natural, for Mr. Cooley went down the line for Mr. Fountain, his fellow-county man, in the governor's race. It is known that Mr. Fountain will give Mr. Cooley his unstinted support, to what extent it is not known yet. He evidently hopes to get the old Fountain organization behind him, and if he does, it will give the other candidates fits. For Mr. Fountain led Governor Ehringhaus in the counties of this district almost two and a half to one, 28,519 to 13,836.

On the other hand, George Ross Pau, who seeks to succeed his father, was credited with "going down the line" for Governor Ehringhaus, and it is looked upon as likely that what support the Governor had in the district will go to Mr. Pau, as they are known to be very friendly. But the Fountain machine is not expected to function in its delapidated condition now as well as it did two years ago, and there are other factors which enter the contest and which would seem to preclude that it will be the most interesting of the several in the State.

Senator J. W. Bailey, though claiming to play hands off, does not like Mr. Pau, his wife's first cousin, probably starting with Mr. Pau's support of Governor A. W. MacLean against Mr. Bailey in 1924.

### Lawrence's Charges Disputed

Charges of R. R. Lawrence, president of the State Federation of Labor, that the State Employees Association looks like a "company union" and was started by "cheap politicians within and without the group of state employees," is denied by W. K. Shaw, acting president of the organization and an employee of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, who charges the labor official with having an Al Capone attitude of "join our organization or we will bust yours up."

Shaw replies that the group sought an American Federation of Labor charter and affiliation, which was held up, and that Secretary Frank Morrison, Washington, explained that the high force would have to split up into their respective crafts and join the proper national or international union. Finding many of the state employees would not have classifications, the group decided to organize its own group, Shaw said, being aware of the financial condition of the State and that impossible demands would not be made, but only peaceful methods used.

### Judge Grady "Explodes"

Judge Henry A. Grady, presiding over Wake Superior Court, declined to recognize a Raleigh negro lawyer

retained by the National Association for Advancement of the Colored Race to represent another negro after he had been convicted of assault with intent to commit rape upon the nine-year-old daughter of his employer.

"I decline to recognize you as my attorney because he hasn't said he hired you, and right now I want to say that the suggestion that a negro can't get a fair trial as any white man in this court is a lie," Judge Grady told the would-be attorney for the negro. And, on the same day, he gave two white men the limit permitted under the law for an assault on a negro man.

Judge Grady served as grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina in its ascendancy and resigned giving as his reason its degeneracy. He is a colorful jurist and given to making utterances and doing things that set him apart.

### Textbook Purchases Considered

Purchase of public school textbooks outright from the publishers by the State of North Carolina will be considered by the State Board of Education when it calls for bids on history books now being considered, in addition to the present plan of distribution, which provides that the publishers distribute the books to local dealers and include it in the book cost.

The board has not decided to adopt this plan of direct purchase, but has asked the publishers to submit bids on the new books to be adopted on the plan suggested as well as the local distribution plan. At present the books are bought with the understanding that they are to be distributed within reach of the parents and are consigned to a central depository in Raleigh, from which they are sent to local dealers. Under the plan under which bids have been asked, the State would receive the books and undertake to distribute them through local dealers.

### Get National Aid on Buses

Reports from Washington indicate that North Carolina has been granted the \$180,000 requested, or 30 per cent of the \$600,000 the State has decided it will use in the purchase of school buses to replace old and uneconomical buses now in use in transporting pupils. With the \$600,000, of which the State would furnish \$420,000, about 750 new buses could be purchased and made to take the place of about 1,000 old buses now in use. Claude Gaddy, in charge of school bus transportation for the State School Commission, reports.

The commission has 4,050 buses in operation this year, which includes several hundred model T Fords and other safe but uneconomical old cars. The grant will permit retirement of these old buses from service and thus cut the cost of maintenance considerably, Mr. Gaddy states.

Secretary Leroy Martin and Dr. B. B. Dougherty, member of the commission, went to Washington recently and placed before the NRA officials the State's request. While official notice has not been received at the office, Washington dispatches say the grant has been made.

### State Positions Shifted

Several shifts of positions have been made in the State Highway and Public Works Commission as the result of the resignation of George Ross Pou as executive director to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Fourth District, to succeed his late father.

Jack Roach, Statesville, has been named as Mr. Pou's successor at a salary of \$3,150 a year, only slightly more than half of the \$6,000 paid Mr. Pou, but a boost of some \$300 above Mr. Roach's former salary. Oscar Pitts, former legislator from Catawba County, who has been one of the two chief field inspectors under Mr. Roach, will be his chief assistant in the office here, and Charles Creech, the other field inspector, will handle the entire job for the present, it is announced.

Another change, not directly related, is the employment by the State FERA administration of George Ross, not to be confused with George Ross Pou and not even related to him, who will look after farm activities to be carried on by the successor to the CWA in the State. Mr. Ross, who was director of State-owned farms in a part of the Gardner administration, has been looking after prison farms for several months. His

program has been worked out and can be carried out by the farm managers while he is with the federal agency.

The new federal agency, succeeding the CWA, has a plan for a back to the farm movement, or rather securing from large landowners tracts to be cultivated by tenant farmers, who will later be permitted in a plan to be worked out, to buy small tracts and pay for them under financing helped by the federal agency which will help them with seed, fertilizer and other ways, in addition to giving them part-time work on some local public works to keep going while the crops are growing. Mr. Ross will be active in this promotion work.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

E. W. Cannon, Amanda; Miss Jennie Jenkins, Bristol; Mrs. Horace Dowling, Mrs. H. McD. Little, Charlotte; Mrs. H. C. Baird, Johnson City, Tenn.; Sam S. South, Meat Camp; C. C. Triplett, Triplett; A. G. Henderson, Wilkesboro; A. S. Bingham, Cecil Miller, W. C. Greene, Miss Fawn Watson, R. L. Bingham, Boone; David Greene, Route 1; Mrs. L. N. Perkins, T. C. Proffitt, Route 2; W. G. Trivett, Beech Creek; John Lentz, Annie T. Greene, C. G. Triplett, Blowing Rock; Hugh E. Norris, Deep Gap; H. C. Martin, Blowing Rock; J. L. Thomas, W. M. Thomas, Mabel; D. P. Wyke, Shulls Mills; Dr. W. O. Bingham, J. R. Mast, J. E. Farthing, Sugar Grove; Asa Reese, Trade; A. R. Adams, Vilas; H. S. Jones, A. E. Culler, Zionville; L. F. Brumfield, Yadkinville; Mrs. James Brawley, of Greensboro; Mrs. D. W. Greene, Knoxville; College Co-operative News Service, Atlanta; George W. Greer, Pikeville, Ky.

### VILAS NEWS

Misses Mary and Margaret Lipe, students at the A. S. T. C., were week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henson, Miss Beulah Henson, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Greene were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Henson.

Miss Maxie Greene, accompanied by Miss Ruth Honeycutt, spent the week-end with her parents.

Professor A. L. Eggers of Wilkes County and Professor G. P. Eggers of Boone spent a few hours in the village Saturday.

Miss Beadie Holton, Miss Evelyn Arthur, Mr. Westley Honeycutt, students at the A. S. T. C., were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Greene.

Mr. Jos Tyree of Sutherland spent Monday in the community.

### LAUREL FORK NEWS

Farmers are getting behind in potato planting in this section on account of rain and snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Earp visited Mrs. Alice Hayes Sunday. Mrs. Hayes has been quite ill.

Mrs. Wyoming Bentley of New River, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Alice Hayes, Sunday.

Misses Beulah and Emma Coffey visited Mrs. S. B. Hayes Sunday evening.

Little Melba and Virginia Hollar visited their grandmother, Mrs. L. C. Earp of Baird's Creek, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofton Berry visited Mr. and Mrs. Cap Honeycutt at the power plant on Watauga River over

the week-end.

Mrs. Della Greene visited her daughter, Mrs. Ray Danner, last week.

Mr. Frank Greer is moving some real good livestock now.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Taylor on Wednesday night of last week, a daughter.

"The Perfect Alibi"—story of a French Scientific Detective who solved a mysterious murder. One of many fascinating articles in the American Weekly, the magazine which comes with Baltimore Sunday American, issue of April 22. Buy your copy from your favorite newsdealer or newsboy.



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