

Judge Sides With States Right Group

Raleigh—A court fight over legal recognition of the States' Rights Democratic party will be taken to the State Supreme Court, Chairman Hubert E. Olive of the State Board of Elections said last week.

Olive said that he had asked Attorney General Harry McMullan to appeal to the high court an order issued last week by Superior Court Judge W. C. Harris directing the elections board to place candidates of the States' Rights Democratic party on the general election ballot. The Supreme court, Olive continued, will be asked to advance

the case to the first day of its fall term—Aug. 30, and "we hope for a ruling from the Supreme court by Sept. 1." The appeal is necessary, Olive added, because "an unappealed ruling of a Superior court judge would not be a precedent for the board to follow in the future." Judge Harris in Wake Superior court yesterday ruled the States' Righters are entitled to get their candidates' names on the ballot.

He signed an order directing the elections board to let the party enter its candidates—Gov. J. Storm Thurmond of South Carolina for President and Gov. Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi for Vice President.

He held "unreasonable" a rule of the elections board under which petitions of the States' Righters for legal recognition was denied Aug. 3.

Popular Presidential Voted Is Wanted

Washington—Southern Democratic support appeared today for a move by Senator Lodge (R-Mass.) to put Presidential elections on a popular vote basis.

Senators Sparkman (D-Ala.) and Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.) told a reporter in separate interviews they will back in the next session of Congress a proposal to change the present system by which a state's entire electoral college vote is cast for the candidate who tops the popular ballot test.

Lodge offered in the last session and intends to revive a proposed constitutional amendment under which each candidate would share in the electoral vote on the percentage of his election day total.

Thus an aspirant who lost out by only a few popular votes to his Presidential opponent would get nearly half of the state's support in the electoral college,

instead of none at all. Sparkman said he thinks Southern Democrats generally will support the proposal because it would "go a long way toward doing away with minority rule in this country."

"There are some minorities in Northern states who get just about anything they want out of the political parties because the parties fear they may have the balance of power in a state with a lot of electoral votes," the Alabama senator said.

He added that he believed a change such as suggested by Lodge "would have a good effect in the South."

Electric Fences Can Be Dangerous

Warning that even a very small electric shock can be fatal, L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent for the State College extension service, today urged farmers to exercise extreme care in the selection and use of electric fences.

According to the National Safety Council, the ordinary 110-volt lighting circuit can be as deadly as 40,000 volts, and even the amount of current used by a 7-watt bulb is more than necessary for electrocution, the county agent said.

The Safety Council, Mr. Tuckwiller continued, cautions farmers never to gamble with a home-made electric fence controller. Precision equipment is required to regulate electric current within safe limits. The ordinary lighting current must be reduced to a small fraction of an ampere and interrupted at short intervals. No fence should be energized from any electric source except through a controller approved by a recognized testing agency.

In addition to the use of an approved controller, the extension agent said, the following precautions should be observed:

1. See that the equipment is installed correctly with good ground and lightning protection.
2. Instruct everyone around the farm how to disconnect the controller in case of emergency.
3. Do not depend upon an electric fence to restrain bulls, boars, or other vicious animals.
4. Teach children not to tamper or play with an electric fence.
5. Provide insulated gate grips for opening and closing gates.
6. If anyone in the community is using an improvised or unsafe electric fence installation, try to have it removed and warn others of the danger.

LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet in the auxiliary room of the Legion Hut on Friday night, August 27, at 7:30. All members of the auxiliary

and all women who are eligible for membership. The auxiliary was organized for membership are asked to attend. Anyone who is the wife, sister, daughter, or mother of a Legionnaire of the Watauga County Post No. 130 is eligible for membership. The auxiliary was organized for the purpose of helping in American Legion activities and American Legion veterans and families of veterans.

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Called for Watauga County, to be held in Boone, at the Courthouse on September 4, 1948, at 1:30 P. M.

Each precinct chairman is requested and urged to call a meeting in each voting precinct in Watauga County at 1:30 P. M. Friday, September 3, 1948, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention the following day.

At the convention on September 4 the delegates from each township, by their votes will select the candidates for State Senator for Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany Counties, candidate for representative for Watauga County, three county commissioners, a candidate for register of deeds, county surveyor and coroner.

TO THE WOMEN: We wish to extend the most cordial welcome to all ladies to attend the precinct meeting and the county convention on Saturday as we need your help and influence in this campaign.

We also wish to extend an invitation to all the servite men and their wives to attend our convention. You will be more than welcome.

At this convention, we expect our candidate for the United States Senate, Hon. John Wilkinson, Washington, North Carolina, Beauford County to be with us. He is a good old-fashioned Republican speaker and you will enjoy hearing him.

We also expect at our county convention Hon. Sim DeLapp, our very fine and efficient Republican State chairman. He is a good lawyer, a fine American and will bring a message that we will all enjoy.

We expect to have with us Mr. J. E. Broyhill, our new Republican national committeeman, a man who represents our State around the council tables in Washington. He is one of the largest furniture manufacturers in the United States, a good business man and a fine Republican. We want you to see and hear this man at this convention.

We urgently request that our fellow Republicans of Watauga County lay aside their work at noon Saturday and load your cars, pick-ups and trucks with all your neighbors and friends, and let's meet at the courthouse and have a glorious time together, and perfect plans for victory November 2, 1948, for every candidate from Tom Dewey and Earl Warren to Township Constable.

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