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OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, July 16.—The semi-annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture; the announcement of Chairman Brummitt, of the State Democratic Executive Committee, that he does "not choose" to continue in that position and the departure of the Governor for the "Land O' Lakes," Wisconsin for six weeks rest and recreation constitute the more important happenings in State administration circles. The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce inaugurated plans for a State Fair "booster trip" early in October and is making preparations for the entertainment of a number of conventions to meet in the capital city a little later on.

The outstanding feature of the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was the report of Commissioner W. A. Graham who reported a cash balance on hand of \$127,438.43, July 1, 1928, as compared with \$86,310.87 this time last year. The work of the Department for the past six months has been satisfactory, he said, and backed up the claim with reports from various department heads. Fertilizer tonnage for the year amounted to 1,373,347 tons. Last year it was 1,444,018 tons. Live poultry shipments the Commissioner pointed out, amounted to 4,000,000 pounds for the past season, due to the cooperation of division heads with the shippers. The State test farms and the State warehouse systems received favorable mention in the report with recommendations for greater development of these agencies of education and convenience to North Carolina farmers. Expenses of the Department for the year amounted to \$38,688.12 less than collections, there being a gain in the latter of \$61,085.21. The status of the Board remains unchanged, notwithstanding rumors of a contemplated effort on the part of the Governor to place it under the control of the State Advisory Budget Commission. The Director of the Budget has the authority to make investigations and examinations of any State department to ascertain if suitable accounting is provided and the Department of Agriculture has made reports to the Budget Bureau of all collections and expenditures since the law requiring this was enacted. The Attorney General advised that the Budget Bureau is not vested, under the law, with power to allocate funds collected by the Department and the necessity of voting upon the question did not arise in the Board meetings.

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, who has served as chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee since John G. Dawson retired a little less than a year ago, announced his intention of surrendering the letter post and confining his efforts to the duties of the office to which the people elected him. In his call to the State Executive Committee to assemble in Raleigh tomorrow evening for the purpose of selecting a new chairman, Mr. Brummitt stated that to continue in the position would necessitate his resignation as Attorney General for which he had recently been nominated without opposition. On the recommendation of Governor-to-be O. Max Gardner, O. M. Mull, of Shelby, is expected to be the unanimous choice of the Committee as the successor of Chairman Brummitt. Mr. Mull is considered a wise and capable leader. He has long been a close personal and political friend of Mr. Gardner, is thoroughly conversant with political affairs in the State, has directed numerous campaigns as county and district manager without losing a single battle. And he will not lose in the larger undertaking of a state-wide contest now rapidly approaching. Raleigh is pleased with Mr. Gardner's recommendation and the new chairman may count upon the loyal and active support of capital city democrats, both men and women, until the smoke of battle clears away on election day.

For the next six weeks Lieutenant Governor J. Elmer Long will be at the helm of State, the Governor having taken his departure for the coveted vacation camp in the Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin. The Governor will be joined in Camp Tenderfoot by his eldest son, Angus Wilton, Jr., and it is said by Martin Gillen, New York financier who has visited the Executive at the Mansion here a number of times the past three years. The Governor's office will keep in close touch with him during his absence and the Lieutenant Governor is to play the role of Chief Executive.

Before leaving Thursday night the Governor signed a parole for Junius K. Powell, Duplin county banker, serving five to seven years in State's Prison for misappropriation of funds belonging to the Bank of Warsaw. The parole of this prisoner was recommended by the trial judge and a large number of prominent citizens of the eastern section of the State where the offense was committed two or three years ago. Powell has neither looked like nor acted like a criminal since he reached the prison here and his friends say that he was compelled to pay the penalty for infractions of the banking law inspired by higher-ups in the institution where the offense occurred. The Governor, before leaving, granted paroles to L. W. Hood, Raleigh, on the roads for selling whiskey; William Morris, Person county, serving twelve months for larceny; Cecil Paris, of Wilkes, serving a ten months road sentence for abandonment; and Norman D. Smith, of Davidson county, serving six months for selling liquor.

Claude Rankin, of Fayetteville, has been appointed to membership on the board of directors of the Caswell Training School at Kinston to succeed L. A. Bethune, of Clinton, resigned; Dickson Phillips as a member of the board of directors of the Colored Normal School at Fayetteville as the successor of Geo. K. Grantham, resigned, and Adrian Mitchell, Deputy United States Collector of Internal Revenue for North Carolina, takes the place on the State Board of Elections made vacant by the resignation of R. W. Herring, of Fayetteville, one of the republican

members who recently tendered his resignation to become a candidate for the House of Representatives from Cumberland county. Geor. C. Tudor, of Winston-Salem, becomes a new director of the North Carolina Railroad Company, succeeding John H. Bowles, of Statesville, and the new finance committee is composed of Carroll B. Spencer, Swan Quarter; Marvin Horton, Farmville; D. H. Collins, Greensboro; and Thos. H. Webb, Concord. Word H. Wood, of Charlotte, was re-elected president; Wiley Barnes, of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer; Bayard Clark, of Fayetteville, counsel, and Chas. F. Dalton, of Charlotte, continues as expert of the organization.

Attorneys R. H. McNeill, of Washington, D. C., E. L. Travis, of Halifax, N. C., and John H. Small, of Washington, N. C., are to receive a fee of \$29,500 for helping the State collect a debt of \$167,000 from the Federal Government for advances made during the War of 1812. The agreement between the State and these attorneys was made during the administration of Governor Craig who consented to allow a commission of 25 per cent. The Council of State reached the conclusion that the attorneys were responsible for the collection of only \$118,000 and the recent settlement was reached on that basis. The last congress authorized repayment of the debt claimed by North Carolina.

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association gave an elaborate luncheon at the Sir Walter Hotel during the week in honor of the prize winning essay writers recently announced which was also enjoyed by representatives of the daily and weekly press, the State Department of Agriculture, the State College, State Department of Education and the State Bankers Association. In assuring the guests of a most cordial welcome U. B. Blalock, general manager of the Association, informed them that within the past six years the organization has handled over 710,000 bales of cotton for its members with a total value of more than \$800,000

with not a single bale unaccounted for and not a dollar lost in handling. Miss Ruth Brown, of Anson county won the honors over her five contestants.

In Brief
The University News Letter estimates the present wealth of the State to be \$4,883,000,000, an increase of 190 per cent since 1912, basing its figures on calculations printed by the National Conference Board.

Collector Grissom finds that North Carolina stands second in district and third in State collections of the federal revenue on June 30.

Statisticians for the State Highway Commission report that convictions for traffic violations in North Carolina during the fiscal year ending last June 30, totalled 2,476, driving while

drunk being the chief offense numbering 775; speeding, 769; reckless driving, 444; faulty headlights, 91; and fourteen for manslaughter.

Dr. I. O. Schaub, state director of agricultural extension, is authority for the statement that more than half a million dollars is being expended in the State this year on agricultural extension work, \$237,000 of the amount having been appropriated by congress.

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Association will distribute the latter part of this month checks covering the balance due members on "seasonal pool" cotton, it is said.

Willis G. Briggs, prominent Raleigh republican and former postmaster.

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