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OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, February 6.—The Bailey-Brogden-Stacy announcement about the senatorship, promised daily for a week and given to the press on Thursday, furnished the political headlines for the capital city press during the week. The only surprise attaching to the final announcement was in the name of the candidate, and this does not appear to have been general. It had for several days been expected here that Justice W. J. Brogden, of the Supreme Court, would be declined for financial reasons and Josiah William Bailey immediately announced his candidacy. Chief Justice W. P. Stacy had previously eliminated himself and having promised months ago that Senator Simmons should have opposition there was nothing else Mr. Bailey could do to make good that promise.

Mr. Bailey is not unknown in the political circles of the State. He got into the campaign for Senator Simmons in 1912 a little late, but did yeoman service and was rewarded with the United States Collectorship of the Eastern North Carolina District by the Senator serving through the administrations of Woodrow Wilson. In 1924 Angus Wilton McLean defeated Mr. Bailey for the Democratic nomination for governor by a majority of 68,624, with the aid of the Simmons influence, it is said. Four years later he became leader of Alfred E. Smith supporters for the presidential nomination and campaigned North Carolina for the New York executive after his nomination by the Houston convention.

This will be the first time since Senator Simmons defeated both Governor Kitchin and Chief Justice Clark in 1912 that he has had to face opposition in a Democratic primary. His only offending is that he refused to support the Democratic nominee for the presidency in 1928. This is the only political indiscretion with which he has been charged in thirty years of distinguished service but bitter-enders decree that he must be punished and the man he once gave precedence and power is out after his scalp. The fight will be bitter and party leaders shake their heads in contemplation of the final result, for regardless of the primary choice there may follow difficulties that the wiser heads will be powerless to adjust.

Opposing candidates are expected to open headquarters soon with State managers in charge. Both are likely to conduct their campaigns from this point. Mr. Bailey will operate from his law offices in the Wachovia Bank building here, probably with C. L. Shuping, who managed his campaign for governor against Mr. McLean, in charge. Thos. D. Warren, of Newberne, may direct the fight for his good friend, the Senator.

Senator Simmons will be 76 years old on the 20th of this month. He has served the State as United States Senator since 1901, winning his first nomination over Gen. Julian S. Carr by a majority of above 50,000 in 1906 and defeating his republican opponent in the General Assembly of 1901. At the conclusion of his present term he will have completed one of the longest terms ever served in that body by any one. In 1924 the Senator defeated his republican opponent in the State by a majority exceeding 100,000. In 1928 he announced that he could not give conscientious support to the candidacy of Governor Smith for the presidency, took the stump against him and lost the support of many loyal Smith adherents. Herbert Hoover carried the State by more than 63,000 majority, and 65,000 voters calling themselves Democrats are said to have supported him. Senator Simmons says he did not vote for either Hoover or Smith, but it is charged that he aided and abetted in the election of the former. The Senator is at present ranking Democratic member of the Senate finance committee which handles tariff legislation and has played an important part in the controversy over the pending tariff bill.

At a meeting of the Judicial Conference, created by the General Assembly of 1925 held here during the week, a complete revision of the jury system was recommended. This included the method of selecting jurors, number of challenges allowed and "such other provisions as are necessary to work out the most needed of reforms," together with a suggestion for an increase in the number of judicial districts and Superior Court judges. Chief Justice W. P. Stacy presided over the conference and Judge W. J. Adams served as chairman of the committee from which the recommendations for judicial reforms came. The General Assembly of 1931 will be asked to enact the suggestions into law. The Conference would also have the next General Assembly provide for the regulation of practice in Superior Courts by rules made by the Supreme Court.

An intimation that Capt. Nathan O'berry, North Carolina's popular and efficient State Treasurer may not stand for election this year brings into discussion in this connection the names of A. E. Foltz, former State Senator from Gaston and former Senator P. H. Williams, of Elizabeth City, who served under Governor McLean as assistant director of the budget. Captain O'berry, who is seventy-four years old, is not enamored of holding public office, it is said, and has not fully decided whether he will go into the primary next June. He can have the nomination "hands down" if he wants it.

Maybe Allen J. Maxwell, State Revenue Commissioner, may yet land on the Inter-State Commissioner, since the Hoover appointee from Tennessee has declined the "tender." However the North Carolina man is not banking on it and goes right along with State tax collections. The first half of the fiscal year shows collections approximately \$1,500,000 ahead of the corresponding period last year, the biggest source of income being the

tax on gasoline on which a tax of five cents per gallon is required, and the amount received so far being \$6,936,785.96. Increased levies are said to have brought over two million more dollars to the State last year, payments by public utilities advancing from \$176,457.59, paid in the first six months of the fiscal year 1928-29, to \$668,462.20 at this time. The State's total revenue collections since July 1, 1929, are \$14,488,059.89 as compared with \$12,844,887.01 the corresponding period in 1928.

Gilliam Grissom, United States Collector of Internal Revenue, has also been taking in big numbers. Total revenue turned in through his office since July 1, when the fiscal year began, was in excess of \$134,118,432.48, the figures for the last day of 1929 not having been added. In December, 1929, \$21,142,972.89, with the last day's revenue not included, was paid into the United States Treasury from this State, as against \$19,623,906.43, showing an increase of a million and a half dollars for a single month. 80 per cent of the State's total internal revenue is said to come from tobacco in various forms. While Federal taxes are on the increase, it appears that State collections are declining right along in certain respects, notwithstanding conditions with respect to sources of taxation resultant from the operation of automobiles and motor trucks.

It is announced that the State's Attorney General will assist Solicitor Carpenter in the prosecution of defendants charged with the slaying of Mrs. Ella May Wiggins while returning from a meeting of labor unionists in Gastonia last summer. It is thought well for State authorities to go the limit in the effort to apprehend the offender in the now famous case. So far, in all the cases involving the strike troubles at Gastonia and Marion, only representatives of the strikers have been convicted. A lot of folks feel that it is about time some of the gun-men on the other side were saddled with a part of the

troubles between capital and labor when both parties to the controversies must reasonably be involved. After a spirited controversy over the question between contending lawyers, Wake Clerk of the Superior Court named The Raleigh Banking and Trust Company as administrator of the Daniel Allen estate.

One of the biggest State institutions is the Highway Commission with an income of \$16,654,000 during the past fiscal year ending June 30. Of this amount \$500,000, or thereabouts, went into the sinking fund and \$1,500,000 toward paying bonds due, \$5,859,000 for interest, \$5,000,000 for maintenance of the State system, administration and equalization fund and \$4,741,000 for construction work. The State system of roads now totals 8,808.6 miles, of which around 5,200 are hard-surfaced. 1,077.93 miles of various types of roads were constructed last year. The Road Committee of the lower house of Congress has recommended that the Federal apportionment of funds be raised from \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000, which if carried through, would give to North Carolina \$2,800,000. This added to the State's income would enable the Commission to "take on" more roads to the system under authority given it by 1929 General Assembly. A majority of the mileage authorized has already been taken in.

The operation of the State Highway patrol is said to be reducing the death rate in North Carolina from automobile accidents, a noticeable decrease being noticed since the first of July. 295 persons were killed during the first six months of the year, but during the past six months the percentage of decrease is said to have been cut down to five. The Highway Patrol is right now looking for drivers using 1929 license plates. Literally thousands of motorists who purchased licenses last year have not come up to the Captain's office and planked down the cash for a new set. Still the law is said to be "no respecter of persons."

Raleigh is to be favored on January 15th with the presence of David Lawrence, editor of the United States Daily, and noted journalist and speaker from Washington, D. C. who is to address a luncheon meeting at the Sir Walter Hotel of members of the Chamber of Commerce and civic clubs are expected to participate in according to the distinguished guest a cordial welcome.

Distressing conditions are reported from a number of eastern counties where crop failures, floods and unemployment have brought actual want to hundreds of families. To aid in the alleviation of the situation Governor Gardner has taken steps for the enlargement and making more effective the work of the State's charitable and welfare agencies. The Governor plans to call on local committees to aid relief organization in giving material relief to the needy. A State-wide committee on relief may be constituted. The need is urgent for actual want is talking abroad in the land.

MRS. W. R. HICKS DAID TO REST AT FLAT ROCK

Youngsville, Jan. 2.—Funeral services were held by Revs. J. Clyde Yates and A. A. Pippin at Flat Baptist church Franklin county January 2, and 2 p. m. for Mrs. W. R. Hicks. Mrs. Hicks had been ill for one month and her death was not unexpected. She was 70 years old. She is survived by her husband, W. R. Hicks; three daughters, Mrs. J. H. Cyrus, Mrs. B. P. Holden, Mrs. G. D. Pearce all of Youngsville, an only son, R. J. Hicks of Forest City. Pall bearers were R. H. and H. G. Jones of Katesville; Dean W. Jones, of Raleigh; M. C. Hicks, of Norlina; Vasser Perry, of Franklinton; Toby Holden of Youngsville.

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