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DEMOCRATS FAVOR ABOLISHING RULE MANY YEARS OLD

Committee Re-elects Dawson Chairman and Favors Abolishing Two Thirds Rule

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, June 14—The primary election was the event of overshadowing interest here during the past week as the belated returns streamed in but by Wednesday interest lagged for the results were clearly indicated. Then came the meeting of the executive committee of the party and in between times the populace took in State College commencement in snatches. Governor McLean was kept busy spearmaking during the week and this week he is in Philadelphia delivering an address at the sesqui-centennial exposition. From there he goes to Valley Forge, Pa., where he is to deliver an address upon the occasion of the dedication of North Carolina bay in the memorial to war heroes there.

Senator Overman has been returned to the Senate and if he lives out his term will have matched that of the longest service in the Senate from both Carolinas—30 years. Reynolds made a fairly good showing but was unable to overcome the great confidence the people have in Mr. Overman. Congressmen and Weaver were re-elected without a doubt and the election generally went according to prediction. In Raleigh the fight is still being waged with a second primary in prospect to decide whether Judge Calvert shall be returned to the Superior court or be supplanted by W. C. Harris. Another phase is being fought out with an appeal by W. F. Evans from the returns which counted him out in his race against Leon S. Brassfield for the solicitorship. Evans charges there was gross mismanagement at the polls and his appeal will go to the State Board of elections for decision.

The meeting of the State Democratic Committee during the week re-elected its officers and voted for abolition of the two thirds rule in national conventions. This is regarded as a step of first importance as for several elections the two thirds rule has decided who shall be the nominee of the Democratic party. The two thirds rule in recent years made Woodrow Wilson and Unmanned Champ Clark. It kept William G. McAdoo from the nomination and had a similar effect upon Al Smith. The Democratic re-elected John G. Dawson as party chairman; Miss Mary Henderson of Salisbury as Vice-Chairman and W. C. Coughenour as secretary.

State College closed a brilliant season during the week with addresses by O. Max Gardner, Congressman Asheville, and Bishop McDowell of the Methodist Church. During the ceremonies a library was dedicated in honor of the late D. H. Hill. Dr. Edwin Mims of Vanderbilt University delivered the address of dedication. Dr. Hill was president of State College years ago.

Governor McLean received on behalf of the State a chair in which sat the royal governor of North Carolina, Lord Tryon. It was Tryon who built at New Bern the first governor's mansion of North Carolina and it was one of the state chairs which he brought from England which was presented to the Governor for the Mansion here by the Colonial Dames of Lenoir county.

Jesse Wyatt, former Raleigh police officer serving a sentence for manslaughter in State Prison, has had an application for reprieve filed with Governor McLean and the Governor is considering the matter. The Governor has reprieved for two weeks longer Alvin Mansel who was charged with attacking a white woman of Asheville. The Governor desires to investigate the case further.

Raleigh and this section are in the throes of a drought which is seriously affecting crops. During May there was less than half an inch of rain and the shortage for the month was 4.54 inches. For sixty days Raleigh has suffered with only 1.25 inches of rain and the situation is growing serious. Only about sixty days water supply is on hand here.

A Georgia Cotton Mill appreciates the methods of teaching in State College and a short course this summer for its men will be conducted in the mill by a state college professor sent from Georgia for that purpose. A course in textile will be taught and it is believed to be the first time in this section of the country such an experiment has been conducted.

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ORPHANAGE SINGING CLASS HERE NEXT MONDAY

A class of boys and girls from the Free Will Baptist orphanage at Middlesex is now in the county, having given concerts in the western part of the county, the early part of this week and are now making for the eastern part where they will give their concert at Sea Level Thursday night, at Stacey, Friday night, and at Davis Saturday night. The class will be in Beaufort next Monday night (June 21) where they will give their concert in the school auditorium.

This class has been trained by Mrs. Floyd F. Loftin, of Beaufort, who in company with Miss Lou Bell West, of Cooper, N. C. which makes a very happy group, consisting of ten children and the managers.

Many compliments are coming in from places where the class has given their concert. A good entertainment is insured to those who attend.

PRETTY WEDDING TUESDAY EVENING

Large Crowd Witnessed Nuptials of Popular Young Beaufort Couple

The Baptist church was never more beautiful than it was Tuesday evening when Miss Mary Felton became the bride of Mr. Gerald Hill. The church was beautifully decorated with pines, calla-lilies and candles. The building was packed with friends and relatives from Beaufort and elsewhere.

The candle lighter Master Hugh Hill, nephew of the groom, was attractively dressed in white satin. Prior to the ceremony Miss Fannie Louise Neal, of Laurinburg sang "I Love You" and "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms". She was accompanied by Mrs. Otis Moore. Miss Neal wore blue and Mrs. Moore yellow georgette.

Acting as groomsmen were Messrs. J. E. Kelly of Charlotte, Thomas Potter of Winston Salem, James Clawson of Chataooga, Tenn. and Hilton Hill, brother of the groom, of Beaufort.

The brides maids Misses Georgia and Maybelle Neal, Marie Clawson of Beaufort and Miss Mary Hudson of New Bern were exquisitely gowned in pastel shades of georgette and carried shasta daisies.

Mrs. Claude Felton, matron of honor and Miss Alethia Felton, maid of honor were charmingly gowned in yellow georgette.

The flower girls little Misses Jean Stubbs and Elizabeth Thomas wore dainty dresses of pink and blue. Master John Jones Jr., acting as ring bearer was dressed in white satin suit and carried the ring in a calla lily.

To the strains of Lohengrin wedding march the bride gowned in duchess satin with a court train and bridal veil entered on the arm of her brother Mr. Claude Felton. She carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses and valley lilies. Mr. Hugh Hill, brother of the groom was best man.

Rev. C. H. Trueblood of Concord performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Hill left by motor for a tour of western North Carolina.

HORSES RUN AWAY ON BROAD STREET

A pair of runaway horses created some excitement Tuesday afternoon at the N. S. freight station and on Broad street as they passed along. The team had brought in a load of potatoes and took fright at something near the freight station. They managed to get clear of trucks and automobiles but one of the horses struck his head against a freight car and injured one eye and his head right badly. They ran some distance along Broad street before they were captured. The team belonged to Mr. Primrose Gooding who lives on North River road a few miles from Beaufort.

NEXT PRIMARY WILL BE SATURDAY JULY 3RD.

Interest in the second primary while not so great as in the first instance appears to be considerable. The only contest in Carteret county so far as the county officers are concerned is that for the Democratic nomination for register of deeds. The two high men in this race were R. W. Wallace of Morehead City and John W. Hamilton who has been holding the office for several years.

PROPOUNDER WINS BIG WILL CASE

Large Estate Goes To John H. Jones. Court Has Adjudged

Since last Thursday morning Superior Court has been engaged in the trial of civil actions. Probably the most important from a financial standpoint was that of the will case of Mary E. Bell deceased. This involved the disposition of an estate valued at \$50,000 or more. All of the estate except a few thousand dollars was left under the terms of the will to Mrs. Bell's son John H. Jones. Jones was the propounder of the will and was represented in court by attorneys D. L. Ward and M. Leslie Davis. The caveators, three daughters and a son, Mrs. Orrin Weeks deceased, who was a daughter of Mrs. Bell, were represented by attorneys G. V. Cowper, A. D. Ward and M. Leslie Davis. After a hard contest the jury decided in favor of the propounder and so the will stands and Judge Devin ordered that it should be filed and recorded. The caveators took an appeal.

Another case of considerable interest tried this week was that of the Eastern Coal Corporation against the town of Beaufort. This case has been on the docket for four or five years and was a suit for money due and also damages for breach of contract. The company got a verdict for \$223.93 which was much less than it sued for. Attorney Graham W. Duncan represented the town and Attorney Julius F. Duncan appeared for the plaintiff. The will case of Sallie E. Piver Lee resulted in a verdict for the caveators Mrs. Mammie L. Guthrie and Robert E. Lee. Each side was to pay its own costs. A satisfactory agreement was reached between the parties and the matter is now ended. In this case Attorney A. D. Ward appeared for the caveators and Mr. Luther Hamilton represented the other side. The suit of Styron against Davis about some timber lands in Hunting quarter township was decided in favor of Styron by adverse possession. Today the case of Hamilton against Maxwell which concerns some land on Core Banks was on trial. Court adjourned at noon.

BEAUFORT HAS INSTALLED A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

In addition to its other fire fighting facilities Beaufort now has a modern fire alarm outfit. The system is known as the Gamewell fire alarm and is considered about the best there is and is used in the largest cities in the country. The city pays for the equipment and the Light and Water Commission has done the work of installing it. There are ten boxes in the system and they have been placed at what is considered the most important places. Besides these ten there are ten more imaginary stations, that is places where upon call by telephone the alarm will be given and will show upon the indicator at the fire house. The first cost of the equipment is \$32., but with other accessories and the cost of installation it will run up to around \$4000. The first payment on the plant was \$800 and the others are to be made in yearly installments.

MR. GEORGE E. WILLIS DIES.

Friends were shocked to hear of the death of Mr. George E. Willis which occurred Tuesday afternoon June 15th. at 2:30 o'clock. Death was not entirely unexpected because Mr. Willis had been in bad health for the past six years. He had been in the hospital several times for treatment. Mr. Willis was well known and loved by all who knew him. He was 76 years of age. Services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Trueblood and interment in Ocean View cemetery. Mr. Willis is survived by three sons and three daughters. Mr. Bertie Willis, W. F. Willis, Clell Willis, Mrs. C. C. Guthrie, Mrs. Elmo Stewart and Miss Mamie Willis.

Friends of both candidates are working hard for their man and each side seems confident of winning the nomination. The solicitorship race between Solicitor Jesse H. Davis of New Bern and David M. Clark of Greenville is also a warm one. The candidates and their friends are beating the bushes all over the district now and are making a great effort to line up the voters for their respective sides. The primary is to take place on Saturday July 3rd.

PROMOTIONS LOW IN SOME SCHOOLS

In Six Months Schools Many Children Fail To Make The Grades

When we consider the superior advantages gained by a longer school term it is evident that this is the only way by which we can have a real school system in Carteret County. It so happens in Carteret County that this uniform rate of special tax for the two extra months serves great advantage to all the people in the county. The special tax districts have their special taxes reduced and the non-local tax districts have theirs raised between twenty and thirty cents for which they are getting two extra months of school. This is a much lower rate than any of the non local districts could levy and get two months school in their districts. This uniform rate is a leveling process whereby all pay the same rate of special tax and are guaranteed their two extra months over the six. This is the only fair and systematic way of handling the school problem in Carteret County. When we get a county wide eight months term we can organize a school system and accomplish results, but as it now stands with some six, some seven, some eight and some nine months we can not organize the work to get results. There are too many non-promotions in the short term schools and too many children dropping out of school consequently the teachers efforts do not reach the children who are not there and the time and money is lost. It costs the county enormously to teach over again the children who are not promoted from the short term schools. Last year it cost \$9000.00 to teach the 600 who were not promoted the same work that they had taken the year before. This should not happen, by a uniform eight months term it can be reduced to a minimum. Statistics show that the promotions in the short term schools are very low. Six months schools only 53 per cent; Eight months schools 75 per cent. In the short term schools is the place where so much repeating is done in the grades. The average attendance is even better in the long term schools. Six months schools it is 75 per cent. Long term schools 82 per cent, a difference of 7 per cent in favor of the longer school term.

Now friend if you have registered cast your ballot to help the children in Carteret County. You have never had an opportunity to do a greater good for the children in Carteret County than now. Help them so they can compete with the children in Jones, Pamlico and Craven. Let's raise the standard of education in Carteret County, and we can not do it without giving to every child a square deal and a chance to develop the talent that he has. When you go to vote think of the child in the broadest sense of the word. Just think one vote cast the wrong way may cause hundreds of children in Carteret County to be deprived of an education and they will grow up handicapped for life. Then they will look back on life and say, "I wish those who could would have done what they should." "I wish that I could have had an opportunity to get an education, but now it is too late" "I am to be a hewer of wood and a drawer of water." Let not any child in Carteret County in the future say that he did not have a CHANCE.

Folks let's get the vision of what an eight months school term means. It means MUCH to the children of Carteret County. It may mean all of some child's future. No one can afford to do anything that will deny a boy or girl of an education. On tomorrow the boys and girls that are anxious now to get an education and can't will be some of the ones to run the government, business, industry, and all of the future will be in their hands. We as citizens of today must give them a chance to handle the job better than we have done it. VOTE AN EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL TERM AND YOUR CHILDREN WILL BUILD TO YOUR MEMORY A MONUMENT OF GRATITUDE AND PRIDE.

Sincerely yours,
J. H. WORKMAN,
County Superintendent Schools.

FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

A large number of guests attended the "wooden" wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Denoyer at their attractive home on Front street Monday morning from 10:30 to 12:30. Many gifts were received and "cute" favors were distributed. An ice course was served.

MISTAKE IN ELECTION RETURNS IS CORRECTED

In last week's issue of the News an error got into the tabulated election returns statement. The total vote of solicitor Jesse H. Davis was given as 1117 when it should have been 717. The error occurred when the News man understood the teller to say eleven when he said seven, a rather natural mistake. The purity of Mr. M. Leslie Davis over Solicitor Davis was 623 votes. He was not successful in getting in the second primary however which will be a contest between Mr. D. M. Clark of Greenville, who got the highest vote, and Solicitor Jesse H. Davis.

POTATO SHIPPING VERY HEAVY NOW

More Than Twenty Cars A Day Shipments Stop Next Week

One of the largest crops of Irish potatoes ever raised in Carteret county is now in process of being marketed. Up to and including Wednesday's shipments 150 car loads or some 30,000 barrels had been sent out from Beaufort. For several days shipments have exceeded 20 cars a day. This does not include shipments from Morehead City which however are much smaller than the crop raised in the Beaufort area. It is considered likely by some of the potato shippers that fifty cars more will leave Beaufort before the season closes which will make the total 40,000 barrels or more. The biggest crop ever raised here was four or five years ago and was 43,000 barrels.

Dry and cold weather in April and during most of May made the potato yield lighter than it should have been and also later. Last year 88 cars were shipped during the month of May while this year not a single car moved in May. The total shipment from Beaufort last year was 100 cars. Some growers got very good yields this year but generally speaking the yield seems to have been below the average. The growers who put off digging until this week got better results than those who dug early. The inspection of the crop this year, and the grading, has been better than ever before. A number of young men arrived at the beginning of the shipping season, sent out by the Agricultural Department, and they have been very much on the job. Dealers say that when potatoes have been inspected and graded properly better prices are gotten. For some reason or other prices have not been as high as they have been on the Elizabeth City and Aurora markets. Quotations which the News has been getting have shown a difference of 50 cents to \$1 a barrel. At the first of the season the News heard of one car sold here that brought \$6 a barrel. The price dropped immediately though to \$5 and then to \$4.75, \$4.50 and \$4 a barrel. While a good many potatoes are yet to be harvested the big rush is about over. If the weather continues favorable the crop will be finished up next week.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS NEW SECRETARY

The monthly meeting of the directors of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday at the office of Dr. C. S. Maxwell. The matter of securing a location for parties who desire to open a five and ten cents store here was discussed. There has been some difficulty about securing a store room but it is thought that the necessary place can be gotten now if the firm decides to open here. The matter of improvements to the harbor was brought up and the secretary reported as to the correspondence with Senator Simmons and Congressman Abernethy on this subject. A letter from Dr. W. H. Frisbie of Forsyth, Montana in regard to buying some marsh penies was read. He had seen the article in the Geographic magazine concerning North Carolina in which mention was made of the ponies and said he would like to have prices on 10,000 of them. Some other matters of a routine nature were disposed of.

Giving to pressure of other business Secretary J. P. Betts tendered his resignation to the board and asked to have some one elected to fill his place. The board regretted to lose Mr. Betts' services but accepted his resignation to take effect July the first. Mr. W. O. Williams was then elected secretary and will assume the duties of the office on July the first.

BETTER OUTLOOK FOR FARM CROPS IN SOME PARTS

Some Sections Helped By Rains. Still Needing Rain Very Badly

COTTON ACREAGE IS LARGE

Raleigh, June 11, 1926—Good rains and fairly warm weather since June 1st. have changed a song of sorrow in some sections into a more satisfactory refrain, according to reports to the Crop Reporting Service of the State Department of Agriculture. The elements amended their prohibition law on the 4th and 5th. to include light rains and showers though the Western and Southern sections have profited little from this amendment. Conditions have improved much since June 1st., good but insufficient rains being reported from all sections east and north of Raleigh, while the southern Piedmont and many western counties report that they are still greatly in need of rain.

The principal damage from the past cool dry weather was its effects on seed germination, especially of cotton, retarded plant growth, and reduction in quality of early truck and fruit.

Small Grain

Corn is reported as better than other crops everywhere, with good stands general, and very little replanting necessary. Farmers in the southern Piedmont and mountain counties have lots yet to be planted, and the crop in that section is needing more rain. Corn prospects are considered bright as the crop has not suffered excessively from drought.

Wheat averages from fair to very good. The expected yield at this time of about 10.7 bushels per acre is slightly below that of last year. The crop is expected to produce about 8 percent more bushels than last year, due to an increase in acreage. The present condition is 2 points below the past ten-year average.

Oats are reported as very poor to fair with some very good conditions in the mountain area. The best conditions are reported from the western mountain and southern Piedmont counties, notwithstanding that section has had the least rainfall.

Rye averages fair to very good, though the plants are considered rather short in straw and the production expected will be slightly below last year.

Cotton

Early reports on the probable acreage of cotton indicated a decrease for 1926. There is evidence at this time that the area planted this year will be at least as large as last year's planted area, but the effects of the dry weather may reduce this either by causing a considerable abandonment where the seed failed to come up and no replanting was made, or by reducing the expected plantings. Many farmers considered it folly to plant seed in the dry soil in some sections prior to June 1st. The exact acreage is problematical at this time but no substantiated decrease from last year is expected.

The stands to date have been irregular in the extreme. Early planted cotton is in fair shape but much of the late planted crop has not come up yet, though much improvement is noticeable throughout the belt since the recent rains. About 38 percent of the state's cotton crop was up to a stand by May 25th, with about 85 percent of the crop planted. Only about 5 percent had been chopped at that time. The season is considered from two to three weeks late.

The growth of plants has been generally poor. The dry, cool and windy weather occurring just when seed were beginning to sprout has retarded most plant growth. One should not overlook the dry weather nature of the cotton plant, however, and hot, reasonable weather from now, interspersed with occasional showers, can work wonders with our cotton.

Tobacco

Tobacco has suffered probably as much as any other crop during the drought. Stands are poor and irregular. It has been generally too dry to set tobacco and it was necessary to water the plants when set. The recent rains though insufficient, seem intended especially for tobacco as a line drawn about the area where rain fall was heaviest since June 1st. will exactly inclose the tobacco belt. Planting was held back so that the season is from ten days to three weeks late. Dry, cool winds have not been helpful. Most farmers, however, report the crop as much improved.

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