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MUCH INTEREST IN POLITICS NOW SEEN IN RALEIGH

Several Democratic Leaders Are Taking Part In The Campaign Now

COTTON SITUATION SERIOUS (By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C. October 11.—Politics began to take the center of the stage in Raleigh this week with the Democratic "big guns" firing the opening volleys in the campaign to carry North Carolina in the November elections. The Republicans have been sniping for several weeks. Announcement from Democratic headquarters was to the effect that such Democratic stalwarts as Governor McLean, Joseph Daniels, the North Carolina Congressmen and probably the Senators and Bob Reynolds would be active in the State during the next few weeks, talking Democracy. In addition Clyde Hoey and Tom Heflin of Alabama will fire a few volleys for the cause.

This was the principal development of the past week, though official circles had plenty of small matters to handle. The Governor took cognizance of the serious cotton situation, and the North Carolina cotton growers Co-operative Marketing Association announced it would aid the farmers to the extent of handling 300,000 bales of this year's crop and storing it away until better prices were available. The Governor expressed the belief of the best way to handle the cotton situation was to curtail production and announced that he was doing this on his farms. He also appointed delegates to attend a conference to discuss the situation which was called by Governor Whitfield of Mississippi. Mr. McLean said there had been conference before and while he would do all in his power to aid this one did not appear enthusiastic of its results.

The Governor had a fairly busy week. He started off with some important conferences early in the week on various matters he is getting in shape for the General Assembly. Then he went to the opening of the Rocky Mount Fair where he introduced Tom Heflin of Alabama who thundered Democracy for more than an hour. The Governor returned to Raleigh, appointed delegates to the cotton conference of Governor Whitfield and then went to New York to confer with Treasurer Lacy and others on financial matters of the State. He returned early this week and immediately headed away again to Philadelphia where he was the "Big Gun" at North Carolina Day at the sesquicentennial Exposition. During his time in the State the Executive announced that Queen Marie of Rumania would be here between December 9 and 15 and that plans were being laid to properly entertain the royal party. The Governor also called on the people to respond to the need of Florida for relief funds through the American Red Cross. Taking up the matter of the audit of State's Prison which again shows a deficit, the Executive explains away the shortage there by saying the cotton crop has not been marketed and therefore the audit does not show a true picture of the financial condition of the institution. The prison, however, is faced with difficulty from another source for the number of prisoners being returned by contractors who had hired them is cutting seriously into the prison income. The Governor also considered the possibility of allotting a slice of the State Prison farm on the Durham road for the new State Fair grounds.

Attacks Agricultural Heads

Much interest is manifested locally in the declaration by a "high official" of the State government that he believes the co-operative crop reporting service and the extension division of State college and the department of agriculture have fallen down on the job of educating the farmer to diversify his crops. This official holds these services responsible for the cotton troubles of the farmer of today. This is the first broadside attack which has been delivered against North Carolina's agricultural agencies in some time and it is a serious one. They have not answered it yet and probably will not until the "high official" who is shelling them from the woods comes out in the open. Informed newspaper men say they can name the official but they regard the utterance as of such importance they will not even hint at his name until he himself is willing to give it out. This utterance, who knows, may pre-empt a fight in the General Assembly on the agricultural services rendered

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THE BEAUFORT NEWS INCREASES ITS FORCE

The News has added to its personnel and increased its efficiency by the employment of Mr. W. W. Westmoreland of Durham who is a capable printer. Mr. Westmoreland arrived Sunday night and went to work Monday morning. The business of the News has shown a steady increase from year to year. Its business in September showed a substantial increase over September a year ago and the outlook for the remaining months of the year is good. In order to meet the increased demands from the public the News has added considerable new equipment in the past twelve months and expects to add more from time to time. It is the purpose of the management of the business to give Carteret county as good a newspaper and job printing plant as the public may demand.

FISHING BEEN GOOD FOR SEVERAL WEEKS

The fish business has been very active in an around Beaufort for the past two weeks. Upon the whole the weather has been favorable and the fishermen have taken advantage of it as far as possible. Fish have been fairly plentiful, too with the exception of mullets which have been rather scarce this season. A great many spots, considerable blue fish, trout, sea bass, mackerel and other sorts have been taken. The wholesale fish dealers have been working day and night to take care of the harvest which the fishermen have been gathering from the sea. The menhaden fishermen however have not been doing much recently. They are expecting to have their inning next month.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The matrimonial market has developed more activity in these parts recently judging from the increase in marriage permits granted at the office of the Register of Deeds. Those obtaining the necessary credentials are as follows:

Vernon M. Rhue and Bertha M. Garner of Newport.
Henry Monroe and Elizabeth Bell (col) of Morehead City.
Ellis Fodrie Beaufort RFD and Luray Chance, Newport.
Geo. W. Gillikin and Lottie Willis of Bettie.
Sterling Arthur and Myrtle Golden of Bettie.
Alonzo Simpson of Beaufort and Melissa Gillikin of Marshallberg.

AGED LADY PASSES AWAY.

One of the oldest residents of Beaufort passed away Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Susan Hinson died. She was 87 years old and apparently up to the time of her death was in fairly good health for one of her age. Mrs. Hinson died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Charles Springle who lives at 411 Turner street. She was originally from Goldsboro, but had lived in Beaufort for 45 years. The funeral services took place at the Free Will Baptist church and were conducted by the Reverend W. J. Moore assisted by the Reverend W. W. Lewis. The interment was in Ocean View cemetery. Surviving relatives of the deceased lady are two sons Mr. C. L. Hinson of Kinston, a son by her first marriage Mr. John Boyd of Wilson. Two daughters Mrs. Charles Springle of Beaufort and Mrs. R. W. Williams of La Grange also survive Mrs. Hinson.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Realty deeds recently recorded are as follows:
T. C. Wade sheriff to Martha Ruffin for taxes lot 167 in Beaufort.
T. C. Wade sheriff to Frank L. King tract on Harker's Island for taxes amounting to \$56.38.
Bogue Development Corp. to S. W. Thompson and wife lot in Morehead City, consideration \$100.
E. M. Green and wife to Ethel G. Messner two lots in Bogue Bluffs, consideration \$5000.
Bogue Dev. Corporation 1 lot to Victor D. Best in Morehead City, consideration \$1200.
E. H. Gorham trustee to R. E. Chaplain 3 tracts in Morehead township, consideration \$225.
R. E. Chaplain and wife to J. W. Jones 3 tracts in Morehead township consideration \$260.
J. L. Willis and Fannie L. Willis and children lot in Morehead City, consideration \$10.
Z. Z. Grantham to L. T. Grantham 2 lots in Newport township, consideration \$2500.
L. T. Grantham to J. E. Woodland two tracts in Newport township, consideration \$4000.
W. C. Gorham and wife to R. M. Weeks 2 lots in Newport, consideration \$100.

MASKED MEN HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Bond Placed at \$5,000 Each for Men Arrested in Connection With Attempted Kidnapping

New Bern, Oct. 9.—Eight Craven county men Friday were ordered held under bond of \$5,000 each for the January grand jury in connection with the alleged kidnapping of Ray McIlwain on October first. Haled before Judge N. A. Sineleir on Superior Court warrants issued at the jurist's orders, a preliminary hearing was granted the men Friday afternoon and probable cause was found. A ninth man, Clayton Cox, turned State's evidence. He was held for the grand jury on a 1,000 bond, while Sam Jenkins still is sought by authorities.

Judge Sineleir was vigorous in his denunciation of the attack on young McIlwain. He expressed his willingness to stamp out the alleged lawless activities of the organization which the men are said to be members of and of which is known as the "Great Tiger" Klan.

The jurist stated that prominent citizens had advised him that the organization was making threats of "serious bloodshed" should any effort be made to check its activities. He warned that if any of the self-styled "klansmen" so much as "crooked a finger" in retaliation for the movement against its activities that they would be taken into custody if discovered.

"I shall be back here in January," he concluded his warning.

The men held under \$5,000 bond are Henry, Harvey, Albert, Luther and Claud Ipeck; Claude and Henry Davis and Tom Watson. All of them are from Jasper section of the county.

A band of masked men visited McIlwain's home on the night of October first and attempted to kidnap him. He resisted their attempt and his brother aided him in putting them to flight. Three of them left their robes behind. Cox was arrested when he claimed an auto truck the men abandoned when they made their escape.

MR. AND MRS. HILL HAVE AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. Walter Hill had a narrow escape from a bad automobile accident last Friday while en route to Wilmington. In attempting to pass a truck on the road Mr. Hill was forced to either run into the truck or turn to the side of the road. He did the latter and ran into a telephone pole. Mrs. Hill received several right hand cuts in the face from pieces of glass from the wind shield. Mr. Hill was not injured. The car was damaged to some extent but they went to Wilmington in it where the necessary repairs were made.

NEWPORT FAIR ON TODAY.

The Newport Fair, or Carteret County Fair as it is now called, is in progress today. Word from there yesterday was that many exhibits had been put in place and that the shows of one sort and another were on the grounds for business. Favorable weather made a good attendance probable today. The fair will last thru Friday.

NO POLICE COURT MONDAY.

On account of the illness of Mayor Thomas there was no session of police court Monday afternoon. Cases for trial were continued to next Monday and according to reports there will be a good many to be tried. Mayor Thomas was out yesterday.

School Building Delayed Because Of Improperly Drawn Resolution

Letting a contract for the school building for the Beaufort school district has been delayed on account of inability to get the money necessary for the purpose. The board of trustees has been trying to borrow the money on short time notes but so far has not succeeded in doing it. The bonds cannot sold on account of some improper wording in the resolution under which the election was held. The News has had several inquiries as to when the work would start and has requested the chairman of the board of trustees to make a statement about the matter. The explanation is given herewith:

Chairman Swann's Statement

On account of an oversight of the attorney in drawing the original resolution under which the election was

CONTRACT LET TO BUILD CAUSEWAY

Davis Construction Company, Beaufort, To Build Bogue Sound Causeway

New Bern, Oct. 7.—Contract was awarded today to the Davis Construction company, of Beaufort, for the building of a causeway to connect Morehead City, Morehead Bluffs and the environs with the Atlantic ocean beach. Work will be started at once on the bridge so that it may be in use by next summer. The Atlantic Beach Bridge company will own the causeway, the project to cost approximately \$400,000.

The bridge will be a mile and a half long and 60 feet wide, with an 80 foot draw, and will be hard surfaced. It will go to the beach across Bogue sound from a point halfway between Morehead City and Morehead City and Morehead Bluffs. Officers of the company are W. A. Mace, of Beaufort, president; Floyd M. Simmons, of Charlotte, vice-president, and Jule Duncan, of Beaufort secretary and treasurer. Will Davis of Beaufort, is president of the Davis Construction company.

For some time there has been talk of such a bridge to bring the Atlantic ocean within a five minute motor ride of the central highway of the state. With the announcement that the contract has been awarded optimism is running high here as to the future development of the entire section.

CARTERET MAN SENDS PICTURES OF HURRICANE

The News has recently received from Mr. Lorenzo Gaskill, now of Miami, Florida but who lived for some time in Beaufort and is a native of Sea Level, some interesting pictures of the work of the hurricane of September 17th-18th. The pictures show more plainly than words can tell some of the destruction that was wrought. In the Miami district over 400 were killed, 1100 injured, 5000 homes destroyed and \$165,000,000 loss of property occurred. Mr. Gaskill says the damage is being repaired and that Miami will be a greater city than ever. He also says that no person from Carteret county was hurt so far as he knows. Furthermore while the people suffered considerable hardships no one had to live on bread and water.

SWARTHMORE CHAUTAUQUA IS COMING SOON

The Swarthmore Chautauqua, an institution that has been coming to Beaufort for several years, will be here again very soon. This time it will only last three days and will be held in the auditorium of the public school building. The program to be given seems to be a very good one. It consists of a play "Applesauce" with a company of three men and two women playing the parts, the Dunbar singing, bell ringers, the Emerson-Winters company, Julius Caesar Nayph and Captain T. Dinsmore Upton who is said to be a very fine lecturer. Mr. Nayph has been to Beaufort before. He is a Greek and wears many costumes in his act which is very entertaining. The ladies of the Community Club will have charge of the ticket sale. The Chautauqua begins October the 28th, and lasts through November the first.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

On Monday the 11th a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Len Mason. The infant has been named Thelma Louise.

Mr. John Brooks of Bayonne, N. J. is here on a visit to his relatives.

MUNICIPAL HOTEL QUESTION WILL BE VOTED UPON TUESDAY

Registration Was Rather Light. Result Seems In Doubt. Hotel Commission Issues Statement Favoring the Proposition

MANY CARTERET GIRLS AT N. C. COLLEGE

Greensboro, Oct. 8.—Carteret county is represented at North Carolina college, this city, during the present scholastic year by 11 students, five of them from Morehead City, four from Beaufort, one from Merrimon and one from Newport.

Miss Mildred Salter is the student from Merrimon, and Miss Chrissie D. Shull is the one from Newport. Beaufort sends these to the college: Misses Margaret Elizabeth Pierce, Florence M. Parkin, Alice D. Potter and Margaret Elizabeth Dill.

Morehead City has the following representatives at the institution: Miss Mary Lewis, Neta Mae Lewis, Caria Mia Orthlieb, Bessie Mae Wells and Blanda Lee.

AGENT SETH GIBBS HAS A BAD SPRAIN

Agent Seth Gibbs of the Norfolk Southern Railroad had a fall last Thursday afternoon and injured his right foot right badly. He was coming out of the waiting room at the passenger station and when he stepped on a piece of rock lying near the door he twisted the ligaments in his right foot. He has been unable to walk since then but is now feeling considerably better. For a while the injury caused him a great deal of pain.

BEAUFORT COMMUNITY CLUB HAD A GOOD MEETING

The first meeting of the Community Club for the year 1926-27 was held Thursday afternoon October 6, 1926 at the club room, with the new president, Mrs. S. F. Hildebrand, presiding.

Judging by the splendid attendance of old members and the new names presented for membership, it looks as if the club were beginning in earnest to make this a successful year.

It was reported that posters have come for the play "Cupid Up-To-Date" which is to be given under the auspices of the club, November 11 and 12. Also that Chautauqua is to be here October 29 to November 1. The club moved to help in the sale of these tickets.

After discussion, it was decided that there will not be a social feature at the close of each business meeting as has been the custom heretofore, but rather that there be a regular social meeting possibly several times during the year.

Miss Edith Powell, County Demonstration Agent, most kindly offered her services to the club. It was decided that the club cooperate with the Parent-Teacher Association in a course under her direction.

The District Federation of Clubs was reported to meet at Morehead City Friday, October 15. It was moved to charter a boat to attend this meeting and all members were urged to go.

Mrs. Buell Cooke announced a meeting of the Music Department Thursday October 28.

The president appointed the following committees:

Ways and Means

Mesdames. Otis Moore, Rupert Jernigan, Ed. Hancock, Chas. Hatsell, W. K. Hinnant, Bayard Taylor, A. D. O'Bryan, George Brooks, Dave DeNoyer, Miss Lena Duncan, Miss Maybelle Neal.

Library

Mrs. U. E. Swann, chairman, Mrs. Hal Potter, Misses Ghdys Chadwick, Margaret Gustin, Lucille Pond, Martha Carrow.

Public Welfare

Mesdames. M. Leslie Davis, Chairman, Dave Whitehurst, M. S. Snowden, R. L. Fritz, Jr. Hugh Overstreet. **County Home, Jail and Sanatorium.** Mesdames. Claude Wheatley, chairman, T. C. Britt, N. W. Taylor, Chas. Bushall, Miss Neva Chadwick.

Publicity

Mesdames. J. H. Stubbs, chairman Hugh Jones, W. V. B. Potter.

Membership

Mrs. N. F. Eure, Chairman. Mesdames. J. T. Blythe, J. H. Potter Jr., Chas. Howe, Miss Lottie Sanders.

Hospitality

Mrs. Thos. Duncan, Chairman. Mrs. B. C. Way, Mrs. Wiley Taylor. Mrs. Stubbs, J. H. L. MRS. J. H. STUBBS, Publicity Chairman.

The election on the question of the town's using its credit for the building of a hotel will take place next Tuesday. The registration books closed last Saturday evening but will be opened again Saturday for the purpose of hearing challenges if any are made. Registration for the election was rather light. There are more than a thousand qualified voters in Beaufort but of these only 452 registered. The opinion has been expressed by some who have looked over the registration that the vote will be close.

Whether the election results in favor of the hotel or against it nothing much can be done until the Legislature meets in January. No contracts can be made and no bonds sold until the General Assembly has ratified the action of the voters. Of course the Hotel Commission might do some preliminary work such as getting sketches, estimates of costs and so on. If the election should result favorably to the proposal the Hotel Commission, which was appointed by the city board of commissioners for life, will have entire charge of making all contracts for building the hotel and leasing it. The commission is composed of W. A. Mace, chairman, E. Walter Hill, secretary, C. T. Chadwick, J. A. Hornaday Jr. Dr. C. S. Maxwell, A. D. O'Bryan. A statement by the commission is printed below and also a letter concerning the matter from Mr. H. A. Underwood of Raleigh.

STATEMENT OF COMMISSION

"In order to offset some misconceptions and that all may have a fuller understanding as to just what the proposal is to the erection of a municipal hotel contingent upon the successful outcome of the popular election on the 19th, the committee appointed in connection with the plan would say that its interest in the matter is impersonal and is based upon the obvious need of a modern hotel in Beaufort, the feasibility of the plan offered for securing this hotel and of the unusual opportunity offered for securing an ideal site at a low figure and leasing in a manner to fully take care of the investment.

So obvious is the demand for a modern hotel in Beaufort that it is unnecessary to further stress this need at length. In order to take advantage of the large investment that has been made in the way of improvements in our town and of the large investments being made to unite us by highway with all other sections of the State and Country arrangements must be made to take care of those thus persuaded to come to our town. It is a fact that influential conventions are anxious to come to Beaufort and the lack of ample hotel facilities have heretofore diverted them elsewhere. It is only reasonable to think that easy accessibility is going to redouble the number of resort visitors, a number of whom are turned away now for lack of room. It is reasonable, too, to think that new industries will follow a modern hotel. The question is naturally asked: "Will a hotel as planned pay?" A bona-fide offer has been made for a lease of the proposed hotel on a basis of six percent income on the investment for a term of five years. By issuing 5 1-2 per cent bonds the interest would be more than cared for during the hardest period of operation—the first few years—after which it should be an easy matter to secure a larger income, or, if desired, turn the property over at a considerable profit. One does not have to be visionary to suppose that the hotel could be erected, made a going concern and disposed of at a profit rather than at any cost to the taxpayer. And this without considering the many indirect benefits that would naturally accrue through the local expenditures of those coming from without our community, the advertisement that such a hotel would be, the natural enhancement of property values, etc.

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CROTAN DREDGING CHANNEL.

The dredge Crotan finished her work on the fill at the eastern end of Town Marsh yesterday and is now doing some work on the channel next to Piver's Island. The job of plugging the stone on the bulkhead in front of town began yesterday, one barge load of rock having been hauled there.