



Pastors Taking Vacations.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins pastor of Central Methodist Church, and Rev. J. C. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will be absent from this city during the month of August, the congregations which they serve having designated August as the month for their vacations.

Mr. Jenkins and members of his family left this morning in their car for Lake Junaluska, where they will spend a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowan and children left this morning for western North Carolina where Mrs. Rowan and children will spend several weeks. Mr. Rowan will return to Concord and later in the week leave on a motor trip to Columbus, Miss., his former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Parents of Girl. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Solomon are being congratulated upon the birth of a daughter, July 29th.

Ill at Monroe. Mr. S. W. Preslar received a message from Monroe early Saturday morning stating that Mrs. Preslar was ill and advising him to go to Monroe to be with her. He left Saturday morning and returned yesterday and reports Mrs. Preslar's condition much improved. Mrs. Preslar has been visiting relatives in South Carolina and Monroe for several weeks.

Home From Camping Trip. A party of young people composed of Miss Beulah Widenhouse and Miss Lola Dees and Messrs. Zeb Cruse, Henry Harper, and Roy Widenhouse returned Saturday from a camping trip to Chimney Rock. The young people were chaperoned by Mrs. Leighton Brown and Mrs. V. W. Widenhouse.

Will Visit in California. C. M. Powell, Superintendent of Cabarrus Cotton Mills, Kannapolis, N. C., wife and little daughter, Miss Clinton, are leaving the first of August for the Pacific Coast, spending most of the time in Oakland, California, with Mr. Powell's mother, brothers and sisters, who live there. They will return the first of September.

Smith-Griffin. The following announcements have been received here: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Griffin announce the marriage of their daughter Alma to

Mr. Joseph Herbert Smith on Sunday afternoon, July twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and twenty-one at half past two o'clock at their home.

Concord, North Carolina. Mr. Smith and Miss Griffin were married Sunday afternoon at two-thirty, the ceremony taking place at the new home of Mr. Smith on South Union street, and was performed by Rev. W. A. Jenkins. Mrs. Smith is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Griffin and has held a responsible position with the Parks-Belk Company for several years. The groom has been a resident of Concord for some time and holds an important position with Mr. J. E. Love.

After a short wedding trip to Asheville, Chimney Rock and other points in western North Carolina they will return to Concord and make their home in their new bungalow on South Union street, which was recently completed and furnished.

Sunday School Convention. The township Sunday School Convention for No. 9 township will be held at Cold Springs Methodist Church on next Thursday, August 2nd, beginning at ten-thirty.

In addition to the regular business there will be addresses by Rev. J. Frank Armstrong and Rev. W. A. Rollins, of Concord, and others. All the Sunday schools of the township are urged to be present and have reports.

Picnic Thursday. The Sunday school of the Methodist Protestant Church will have a picnic at Best's Mill Thursday to which all the members of the school are invited. Those who are going are asked to meet at the church Thursday morning at 8 o'clock with baskets of dinner, and transportation will be furnished.

Enjoying Vacation. Numbers of the people who work in the textile plants of the city are taking advantage of the week's close-down and are visiting relatives in the country, while others are going to the mountains in automobiles with their families to spend the time.

Picnic Thursday Evening. The county home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ridenhour, located in No. 4 township, was the scene of a delightful picnic Thursday evening when a number of young people of the city motored to the home and enjoyed games, contests and refreshments.

The party left Concord at 7:30 and spent two hours playing games and contests. Following the games a fruit course was served.

Those attending the party were: Misses Agnes and Nora Lippard, Dorothy and Bertha Roberts, Margie Elliott, Grace Hillard Linker, Mary and Grace Ridenhour; and Messrs Eugene Robinson, Fred and Leonard McCaechern, Roscoe Morrison, Frank Bundy, Carl Roberts, Roy and Ben Beaver, Harry Lentz and James Ridenhour.

Party for Miss Boger. Miss Orchard Laferty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Laferty, entertained Tuesday evening at her home on North Union street in honor of her guest, Miss Mary Orchard Boger, who spent a week as her house guest.

The evening was spent in dancing and in playing various contests and the event proved one of unusual interest to the 40 guests present. After dancing Miss Laferty served refreshments.

Miss Boger returned Thursday evening to her home on North Spring street.

Returns to Thomasville Home. Miss Blanche Bodenheimer, returned to her home in Thomasville Thursday after spending two weeks here as the guest of

Misses Virginia and Rosa Turner. She was accompanied home by Miss Virginia Turner, who will spend several days with her.

Guests of Mrs. Ross. Miss Fah Barnett, of Shelby, and Miss Annie Miller, of Charlotte, were weekend guests of Mrs. J. Lindsay Ross, at her home on Loan street.

Miss Miller is one of the society editors of the Charlotte News, and is one of the best known newspaper women in North Carolina. Miss Barnett is one of Shelby's most prominent women.

Helms-Smith. Of interest to a number of friends is the marriage of Miss Daisy Lee Smith to Mr. Fred Andrews Helms, of this city, which took place at Florence, S. C., Monday morning, the Rev. Father Carmody of that city having performed the ceremony. The wedding was a complete surprise to the many friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

Mrs. Helms is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith, and is an attractive and most lovable young woman, having a large circle of friends in this and adjoining counties as well as in other states. She was educated at Salem College, having gone to that institution from the State of Louisiana, where she was a resident until moving to Albemarle three years ago.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Helms, of this place, is a young man of sterling qualities and business possibilities. He is at present holding a position with the Bell Shoe Store of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms returned to Albemarle on Wednesday afternoon and are temporarily residing in the home of the bride's parents, on South Fourth street.

Attend Peach Show. Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Armstrong and Franklin, Jr., Mr. James Simpson, Mrs. Dan Isehour and Mr. Joe Green and family were among those who attended the great Peach Show at Hamlet Friday. They returned Friday night and report an immense crowd of people, a wonderful exhibit of peaches and interesting addresses by prominent men from the Carolinas, Richmond and Washington, D. C.

Back From Trip. Rev. A. D. Shelton and family have returned to the city after an absence of several weeks. Mrs. Shelton and children visited at the home of Mrs. Shelton's father in Randolph county, while Mr. Shelton was near Pilot Mountain assisting in a series of revival services.

Dance Friday Evening. About thirty couples enjoyed a script dance at the Elks' Home Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Indiana Serenaders, and proved one of the biggest features of the evening.

Dancing began at 9 o'clock and continued until after midnight. In addition to the dancers a number of chaperones were present.

Submit to Operation. Charlotte News. Rev. T. W. Smith, of Concord, spent Thursday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. U. G. DesPortes, of Winstonsboro, whose children had their tonsils removed here Thursday.

P. O. S. of A. Picnic. The Annual Picnic held by the P. O. S. of A. at St. John's will be held this year on the 15th day of August. A number of speakers will be present on the morning of this day to address the people, and the afternoon will be taken up by ball games and other forms of amusement. The program will be announced later.

Visitor From California. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hennigan (nee Maude Cooke), recently of California, but at present located in Kannapolis, will have as their guest for several weeks Mr. Hennigan's mother, Mrs. Sarah Hennigan, of San Francisco, who arrived Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Hennigan have taken Mr. and Mrs. Jap Love's house for the summer.

PERSONALS. Mr. R. S. Wheeler, of Chiecamuga, Ga., spent yesterday here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. F. O. Stone and daughter, Annie Belle, left this morning for Black Mountain, where they will spend several weeks at the Burnett House.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Maness have returned from a motor trip to Bristol, Va.-Tenn., where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Morrison.

Miss Mary McInis and Miss Margaret Hopkins spent Sunday in Burlington with friends.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Wadsworth left Sunday afternoon for Blowing Rock, where they will spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon.

Mrs. W. M. Sherrill and daughter, Ellen, returned Sunday night from Greenville, where they spent several weeks with Mr. J. Lee Carpenter, Mrs. Sherrill's father.

Margaret Rose and Jesse McClellan, Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. McClellan, are spending some time with relatives in No. 5 township.

Mrs. Burks Withers, of Norfolk, Va., arrived in Concord this morning to spend several weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. L. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sappenfield and children, of Gastonia, spent the weekend here with home folks.

Mrs. John Green, of Thomasville is spending some time here at the home of her father, Mr. J. A. Kennett.

Miss Catherine Sappenfield returned yesterday from Shelby, where she spent several days with friends.

Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Gibson and son returned Saturday afternoon from Charleston, S. C., where they spent two

weeks with Mrs. James Thompson, sister of Mrs. Gibson.

Master Paul McClure is sending the week in Stanley county with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Michael returned Sunday to Greensboro, after spending several days here with relatives. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Sam A. McCombs, who will spend a week with them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheeler and little son, of Washington, are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Norman on Tribune street. Mr. Wheeler is a brother of Mrs. Norman and is with the department of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Mr. J. A. Glass will return tomorrow to Asheville after spending the week-end here with his family.

Mrs. N. F. Yorke and son, Felix, are guests at the home of Mr. W. D. Harry, near Harrisburg.

Miss Bertha Brafford, of Statesville, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Roy T. Troutman, at St. John's.

Mr. A. M. Honeycutt and family are spending some time at Wrightsville Beach.

Miss Daisy Scarborough left this morning for Wrightsville, where she will spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Brown will return today from a wedding trip to Norfolk, Va., and other northern cities.

Mr. Ferrell Joyner, of Henderson, is spending several days at the home of his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Joyner.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Peters, of Charlotte, and Miss Bessie Caldwell, of this city, have returned from Hiddenite, where they spent ten days.

Miss Kate Archibald left Friday for Cleveland Springs, where she will spend a week or ten days.

Master Nevin Archibald spent last Friday in Kannapolis with Master Baxter Yarborough.

Miss Gladys Cross has returned from No. 6 township, where she spent two weeks with relatives and friends.

Mrs. L. I. Bostley and children left Thursday for Spartanburg, where they will spend several days visiting relatives. They will visit Mrs. Beasley's mother, Mrs. J. M. McCraw, in Gaffney, before returning home.

Miss Rosalie Turner was the houseguest last week of Mrs. D. E. Tucker, of Albemarle.

Thursday's Charlotte News: Mrs. Lester Murr and two little daughters have arrived home after a visit to relatives in Greensboro. En route home they stopped over in Salisbury and spent the day with Mrs. F. B. Irwin.

Friday's Charlotte Observer: The many Charlotte friends of Mrs. J. M. Odell were glad to see her in the city Wednesday. Mrs. Odell has been quite unwell for some time, but is better.

Miss Alice Bernice Yorke and her cousin, Miss Alice Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Howell, of Richmond, will be guests next week of Mrs. T. Walter Grimes, Jr., of Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ridenhour, of St. John's neighborhood, and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Honeycutt, of this city spent Friday in Pinehurst and Aberdeen.

Miss Catherine Linker is spending a week with relatives and friends in Kannapolis.

Mrs. L. A. Talbirt and Mrs. W. L. Litaker left Friday for Chase City, Va., where they will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Faggart.

Mrs. J. Lewis Carpenter and children returned Friday to their home in Greenville, S. C., after spending a month here with Dr. and Mrs. D. Pemberton. They were accompanied home by Miss Adele Pemberton, who will spend several days with them.

Mrs. McNeil Smith and Miss Minnie Smith, who were guests here of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brower, returned Friday to their home in Laurinburg.

Rev. T. W. Smith is spending several days in Winstonsboro, S. C., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. U. G. DesPortes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Sherrill and son, of Sherrill's Ford, are guests here of their daughter, Mrs. W. G. Cornelius.

Miss Vergie Cook, who has been making her home here with Miss Lou White, is spending some time in No. 5 township at the home of her brother, Mr. Jonas Cook.

Miss Josephine Honeycutt, of Stanfield, is spending several days here as the guest of Miss Louise Yow.

Miss Vivian Lipe, of Albemarle, is spending several days here with her sister, Mrs. E. F. Correll. Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Correll and Miss Lipe motored to Stanley county and spent some time with relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. M. Eastday and children, of Washington, D. C., are spending some time here at the home of Mrs. Easterday's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown.

Mr. J. B. Sherrill left Friday night for Asheville, to spend several days with Mrs. Sherrill and Miss Cottrell Sherrill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harris have returned from a trip to eastern North Carolina. They spent several days at Wrightsville Beach, and attended the Peach Show in Hamlet Friday.

Miss Scilly, of Hickory, is spending several days in Concord, the guest of Miss Lois Crowell.

Miss Hazel Sherrill, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. G. Cornelius, has returned to her home at Sherrill's Ford.

Mr. Lloyd Dayvault, of Dallas, Texas, is spending several days in Concord with relatives and friends.

Mrs. M. M. Linker and children have returned from Salisbury, where they have been spending several days with

friends and relatives.

Miss Grace Absber, of Charlotte, is the guest here of Misses Margaret and Gladys Swink.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Carl and Dorothy Roberts left Saturday for Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend a week.

Miss Helen Widenhouse has returned from Greer, S. C., where she has been visiting friends.

Miss Fannie Pearl Widenhouse has returned from Greensboro, where she attended summer school. She was accompanied by Miss Carmella Jerome, who

TRIPLETS BORN AT SEA AS FIERCE GALE RAGES. Gulfport, Miss., July 27.—When Captain John Ethelbert, of Coruwall, England, skipper of the Helena from Newcastle, New South Wales, to Gulfport with nitrate, arrived yesterday, he told a story of his unusual and distressing predicament during the voyage.

The Helena was just rounding the Island of New Saledonia and heaving heavily in the mountainous seas kicked up by a black southwester which had been blowing for three days when triplets were born to his wife. The ship's physician, Dr. A. N. Fowler, died two days before and was buried at sea.

The gale blew itself out soon after the arrival of the babies.

SHIPS COLLIDE OFF THE SEATTLE COAST. Accident Due to Fog, Says Message Sent by Wireless to Seattle. Seattle, July 28.—The Japanese steamer Mandasan Maru, inbound from the Orient, collided at 2 a. m. today, four miles west of Fort Angeles in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, with the S. S. Rainier, outbound, according to wireless reports.

The Rainier, badly damaged and in a waterlogged condition, is adrift in the Straits. The crew with the exception of the Captain and three men were taken off the Rainier and are aboard the Mandasan Maru, bound for Alaska, the message stated. The collision occurred in a heavy fog.

FIREMEN FOUND LIFE IN SUBURBS TOO DULL. So They Set Deserted House Ablaze and Then Extinguished Flames. Mineola, L. I., July 27.—Suburban boredom was blamed by police for the predicament of Otto Kammerer and John Due, respectively Captain and Lieutenant of the Alert Hose Company, volunteer fire department at Floral Park, a residential colony of New Yorkers, who were held today on arson charge, after confessing it was alleged they started a fire in a deserted house at Elmont, nearby. The pair extinguished the blaze themselves.

Aged Rowan Lutheran Minister Critically Ill. Rev. R. L. Brown, one of the oldest Lutheran ministers in the state, is critically ill at his home in the county, and little hope is entertained for his recovery. He has been in ill health for some years but his condition is now critical.

Rev. Mr. Brown is one of the best known men of the county and has a host of friends throughout North Carolina Lutheran synods. He compiled and had published the recent history of the Rowan family of Rowan, which is one of the most complete and interesting family histories ever compiled in this county.

Funeral of Mrs. Caldwell Query. The funeral of Mrs. Caldwell Query, who died Wednesday at her home on Franklin avenue, was held Thursday afternoon at her late home at 3:30 o'clock. The services were attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives of the deceased.

Rev. W. C. Wanchope, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Query was a member, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. W. C. Jamison, of Kannapolis.

Following the services at the house, interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. The following were the pall bearers: W. G. Caswell, Frank Morrison, L. C. Barringer, Jones Piarr, Jonas Query and Lee Martin.

Grass Burner Used by Southern. Spencer, July 26.—The Southern is operating what is called "the grass burner" on several divisions of the road. The outfit is said to consist of a huge tank of steam super heated and then heated by the use of an oil burner. The machine is attached to a locomotive and the steam is discharged with great force in a spray reaching some 50 feet on either side of the right-of-way along the main line, killing instantly all vegetation along the roadside. So hot is the steam that it is said to kill even large bushes, without actually touching the steam. It is said the outfit can make about five miles per hour doing the work of several hundred men, effecting a great saving in labor and money.

Caution Created. It has been observed that there are some people in the State who consider themselves too good to obey the law, and scorn to stop at the crossing. Nevertheless, they exercise the caution of slowing down and looking each way before going on. It is due to this circumstance that a 100 per cent record in crossing safety has been established since the stop law went into effect. The stop law is doing good in spite of the few who think they are better than the law.

Organize Rowan Cotton Growers. Salisbury Post. A campaign is being inaugurated in Rowan county for members for the Co-operative Cotton Association, and this is in charge of Mr. M. W. Warlick, who has just completed a successful campaign in Cabarrus county. Mr. Warlick will visit different parts of the county and will hold scheduled meetings at a number of places, the dates and plans to be announced within a day or two.

Sanatorium Report MADE TO GOVERNOR

Committee Exonerates Or. McBrayer, Finding Nepotism and Buying From Himself to Be Excusable.

Asheville, July 28.—Charges against the management of the state sanatorium for tuberculosis are not sufficient to warrant recommending the removal of Dr. L. B. McBrayer, superintendent of the institution, declared a report made by the special legislative committee to Governor Morrison, who made the report public tonight. The committee did not wholly exonerate Dr. McBrayer. It found that "Dr. McBrayer and his son Louis McBrayer have violated section 4390 of the consolidated statutes of North Carolina of 1919, technically in trading with business enterprises in which they had a pecuniary interest. Your committee does not find any moral turpitude in connection with said transactions."

It was also found that Dr. McBrayer "has used at different intervals portions of the maintenance funds of this institution for the purchase and maintenance of automobiles used in connection with the institution, which transactions were either authorized or sanctioned by the state board of health." The charge of nepotism at the state institution was also sustained by the committee.

In the opinion of the committee the sanatorium under Dr. McBrayer has made wonderful progress until now it is considered as one of the leading institutions of its character in the country. The complete report, addressed to the governor follows: "We, the undersigned members of the committee appointed by joint resolution of the house of representatives and senate of North Carolina, at the session of 1923, authorized and directed to investigate the charges made against the management of the state sanatorium for tuberculosis, at Sanatorium, N. C., report that we held several sessions of the committee during the session of the legislature, and afterwards met in the city of Raleigh and heard the evidence both of the proponents of the resolution and the respondents, and we herewith transmit with our report to you in copy of the evidence taken at said hearings."

"It is the opinion of your committee, as shown by the evidence, the state sanatorium for tuberculosis is doing a great work for the state, and that it has made considerable progress and improvement under the management of Dr. McBrayer since he took charge of this institution in 1914; that at the time he took charge of the institution it was in a somewhat dilapidated condition, due to the fact that the appropriations theretofore made for this institution were insufficient to meet the demands and needs thereof, and that after Dr. McBrayer took charge, and at his solicitation and instigation, the state increased the appropriations, and under his management and expenditure of the funds, it has developed into one of the leading institutions of its character in the country, and the evidence before the committee abundantly shows that this institution has done a great work for the state of North Carolina, and in the opinion of this committee, the charges against the management of this institution by Dr. McBrayer are not sufficient to warrant its removal from said institution."

"But your committee does find as a fact that Dr. McBrayer and his son, Lewis McBrayer, have violated section 4390 of the consolidated statutes of North Carolina of 1919, technically, in trading with business enterprises in which they had a pecuniary interest, but your committee does not find any moral turpitude in connection with said transactions."

"Your committee further finds that Dr. McBrayer has used at different intervals portions of the maintenance funds of this institution for the purchase and maintenance of automobiles used in connection with the institution, which transactions were either authorized or sanctioned by the state board of health. Your committee is of the opinion that neither the state sanatorium at Sanatorium, nor in their opinion, any other public institution in North Carolina, should be permitted to use maintenance funds for such purposes, it having been suggested during said hearing that other public institutions are doing so."

"It is also the opinion of the committee that the practice of trading with enterprises with which heads of institutions are connected should be strongly condemned by the boards of directors who have charge thereof. "Your committee finds from the evidence that nepotism has been practiced at the state sanatorium, but they further find from the evidence that at the time it was inaugurated at said institution the conditions were such as to justify it, but they further find from the evidence that the conditions which justify it, but they further find from the practice thereof be discontinued."

"Your committee finds that there has been at times complaint made with respect to the food and the condition of the buildings at the state sanatorium, but it is the opinion of the committee that this was not due to the management of the institution but that it is due to the lack of funds and insufficient appropriation made by the state, and your committee further finds from the evidence that since the appropriations have been adequate that the grounds for such complaint have ceased and both in equipment and equipment that the present condition of said institution is admirable."

"Your committee takes pleasure in stating that Dr. McCain, the diagnostician at Sanatorium, from all the evidence has done and is doing a remarkable work for the institution, that he is a man of high character and of unquestioned integrity. "Your committee further finds from the evidence that certain fees for examination of patients have been charged by the institution, and that certain rules and regulations have been established

the same, which in the opinion of your committee are reasonable and proper, but it is the opinion of your committee that all the fees derived from such examination should be turned into the funds for the use of Sanatorium exclusively.

"Your committee further finds that there has been considerable complaint made because of the fact that Dr. McBrayer, who is superintendent of said institution, is also postmaster at Sanatorium, and that he holds various other offices, including that of secretary of the State Medical association and director for the North Carolina Tubercular association, and that the various employees of this institution have at different times rendered services in connection with these different departments, the remuneration for their services being allocated to the different offices under his control, and it is the opinion of your committee that the state of North Carolina should pay Dr. McBrayer such a salary as he is entitled to for his entire time to be devoted to the institution, and that all the remuneration he receives from the various offices that are not inconsistent with his duties as superintendent of such institution should go to the funds of the institution. The report is signed by T. C. Bowie, chairman; P. D. Ebbas and W. E. Harrison.

GRISSOM MAY BE NEXT CANDIDATE

Collector Looms Up As Contender With Meekins For Head of Ticket.

News and Observer. "I shall certainly run for Governor if my party wants me to do so," was the declaration with which Gilliam Grissom, United States Collector of Revenue yesterday gave a three cornered slant to the talk of the Republican candidate in 1924, and which heretofore has been confined almost exclusively to United States District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker and Isaac M. Meekins, who has a position with the United States Alien Property Custodian in Washington. The announcement gives promise of a real battle for the position of flag bearer.

"Would you resign your position as collector to run for Governor?" the Collector was asked. "I certainly will if my party calls, but I am not so sure about the call as I have had to make a number of appointments and of course I have offended twenty for every one I have pleased," was the reply.

The collector was frankness itself in discussing the situation and made it clear that if he has anything to do with the campaign next year it will be a red hot one, regardless of who is the candidate. According to Mr. Grissom he would never see the race made by John Motley Morehead, former national committeeman and long the dominant factor in the councils of the minority party in this State. But the chances of Morehead running are regarded as remote and the collector, who has always been Morehead's right hand man and who served as secretary of the Republican executive committee until appointed to office does not regard himself as an unlikely second choice. "With a solidified party behind me I could win," he declared yesterday, but so far he is making no claim of a solidified party.

Both Tucker and Meekins have been mentioned prominently not only in connection with the nomination for Governor but as successors to Judge Henry G. Connor. The District Attorney has steadfastly refused to become a candidate in any sense of the word for a position that has not been vacated by the incumbent. But while it is well known that Mr. Tucker would be by no means adverse to sitting with Judge Connor on the bench or succeeding him, the District Attorney has so far persistently "ridiculed any mention of himself in connection with the gubernatorial race."

On the other hand, Mr. Meekins is said to be making an active campaign from Washington for both positions and is charged by those in his own party who wish him no luck in either race with planning to use the gubernatorial nomination as a stepping stone to the judgeship. While all three of the men now mentioned for the nomination hold federal office and all of them were appointed by President Harding there is this important difference. Both Grissom and Tucker were appointed with the advice and consent of the Republican machine in North Carolina while Meekins went through to appointment under his own steam.

It is as certain as anything can be in politics that Grissom and Tucker will not contest with each other for the nomination and so far the latter has shown no disposition to enter the fray at all. But a contest between Grissom and Meekins is an altogether different matter and one that would open up all sort of interesting possibilities as both men are veterans at the game of politics, have no particular affection for each other and have no hesitation at hitting hard and often.

Mr. Grissom's announcement that "Barkis is willing" may be personal ambition or it may be an unwillingness to see the Meekins standard bearer, but the collector made it clear that whoever is the candidate he will insist upon a real campaign. "It will not do to have a brilliant campaign with the expectation of losing and I have already written Colonel Meekins that," said Mr. Grissom yesterday.

"Twenty-four hours a day" on the job, suspension of everything that is not absolutely necessary for one year, reorganization of State government with an executive council, with one specialist for each department to supervise all boards and commissions and sinking funds to meet all bond issues," were some of the things that Mr. Grissom stated yesterday he would stand for if nominated. "I have read none of them but have saved them all for future reference" was the comment of the collector and possible candidate on recent discussions concerning the State's finances.

The breeding of snakes has become a recognized industry. The skin of the snake is used in making many leather novelties, whilst the fat of the snake's carcass yields an oil which is valuable in the treatment of muscular rheumatism. Even for the snake's venom there is a market, since it has a recognized medicinal value and finds a ready sale among physicians and chemists.

ANTHRACITE STRIKE THREATENS PUBLIC

Operators and Miners Are Still Waiting for Some Mutual Ground to Continue Negotiations.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 28.—Cite miners and operators have journeyed for the present their differences when they failed to reach an understanding on the subject are now waiting for something to set up to permit them to resume negotiations. The present wage contract under which the miners are working expires in five weeks.

The interruption of the negotiations which came unexpectedly to the public was not a surprise to those following the negotiations. The two sides have indicated a readiness to resume the negotiations in the action of the attorney in asking that the secretary be authorized to convene the meeting at once.

Close observers of the situation here there will be a suspension of mining September 1st, unless the government presses both sides to agree.

LAST OF MAN EATERS IS CAPTURED IN SAMOA

Then Ends the 31-Year Dread of the Man-Eaters.

Pago Pago, American Samoa, July 25.—The capture of the last of the wild man-eating savages who once lived on the island of New Hebrides, 1800 and landed on the island of Tutuila on a raft, ends the thirty-year dread of the island natives, long known as man-eaters. The wild man was captured by an escaped prisoner who, being well with remorse for his criminal deed and being ashamed again to face a fellow man, said he took to the hills of Pago Pago where he had planned to commit suicide.

While the escaped prisoner was making preparations to carry out his suicidal intent, he was confronted by a black savage. The convict "got a drop" on the wild man, bound him and held him prisoner over night. The next day the prisoner brought his savage captive to the Tutuila Naval Station here, where the two took their stand in dramatic fashion under the Stars and Stripes. Samanos gathered about, apparently, feared to attack the man they had hunted for many years.

Robert Louis Stevenson, in one of his books, told of the escape of four black recruited laborers from a German plantation in New Hebrides. The man Stevenson wrote, fled owing to his treatment, and escaped to Tutuila on a raft. One was killed.

The three remaining blacks left the bush not far from Pago Pago towards the eastern end of Tutuila, where they were occasionally seen by hunters. The year 1800 one was caught by a young Samoan chief, and the other two savage said that one of the other had died, leaving only one at large. This is the man who has just been brought in.

Ruinous Hail Storm Sweeps a Large Area.

Kinston