

### WOMAN SUFFRAGE POLITICAL ISSUE WITH DEMOCRATS

#### State Convention and Legisla- ture Both Confronted With Important Problem.

(Special to The Star.)  
Raleigh, March 16.—In the action of Governor T. W. Bickett, who has heretofore been listed with the anti-suffragists, in lining up with the suffrage side and declaring his intention of recommending to the special session of the legislature, which meets in Raleigh in July, the adoption of the Susan B. Anthony amendment, suffrage leaders in North Carolina see the possibility that this state, in the event either Washington or Delaware fail to ratify the amendment, becoming the storm center of the ratification battle.

**Before Democratic Convention.**  
An effort will also be made to have the matter brought before the coming state democratic convention with a view to having the convention endorse suffrage and insert a plank to that effect in the platform, but the democratic party in North Carolina has heretofore been only lukewarm for suffrage, and the opposition of Senator Simmons and others to the movement has been sufficient to check any espousal of the cause.

The declaration of the governor in reply to a request from W. N. Everett, of Rockingham, asking him to become spokesman for the suffragists before the April meeting of the state convention, in this the governor will not agree to do, but he promises to recommend the necessary legislation to the special session of the general assembly and will be glad to see the democratic party endorse suffrage.

**Disturbed About the Women.**  
Announcing his intention the governor says in part:

"I have never been impressed with the wisdom or necessity for woman suffrage in North Carolina. There has never been laid before me evidence tending to show that a majority of the women in this state desire to go to the polls. I greatly fear that the women who do desire to go are all unconsciously offering to barter a very precious birthright for a very sorry mess of pottage. I have never occurred to me that women would hurt politics, but I have been profoundly disturbed about what politics might do to women. \* \* \* Again, I have been fearful that the entrance of women into politics might disturb the peaceful relations that now exist between the races in this state, and for the continuance of which all good men and women pray. \* \* \* But my fears do not blind my eyes, and I clearly see that today a condition and not a theory confronts the democratic party in North Carolina. Woman suffrage is coming. It is as irresistible as the tides, and I am convinced that it is the part of wisdom for the democratic party in North Carolina to accept it gracefully. \* \* \* Woman suffrage is inevitable. He is deaf who does not hear the swish of her skirts. He is blind who does not see her legions advancing in frowning, flowery waves. \* \* \*

"Some time ago I definitely decided to advise the general assembly at the special session in July to ratify the federal amendment. It is the sensible and graceful thing to do. It follows that I am in favor of the democratic convention endorsing the amendment when it meets in April. I do not desire to go before the convention and make a speech on the subject. \* \* \*

**Women in Politics.**  
Already 17,000,000 women have the right to vote. The moral force of this power is so great that it is inconceivable how the remaining requisite two states can be withheld from them. Forty-two states have acted on the federal suffrage amendment, thirty-four of which have ratified it. Soon Washington and Delaware will act, and the current is running so strongly toward woman suffrage that it is the common belief that both these states will fall into line.

There appears that the desperate struggle in West Virginia, after one senator's seat had been declared vacant and another hurried across the continent to cast the deciding vote, which suffrage won by a hair's breadth, was the final real effort of resistance on the part of the anti-suffragists, and that the opponents of woman suffrage hereafter will be perceptibly weaker in what they must know is a losing fight.

If either of the states—Washington or Delaware—should fail to ratify the amendment, there will remain Connecticut and Vermont, which may be appealed to at once. The chances, therefore, are all against the enemies of woman suffrage. In fact it is now admitted by many anti-suffragists that the women have won their fight, and that there will hereafter be new factors to reckon with in political matters. With the prospective power of vote and the predominant power of the soldier vote a new order of things is anticipated.

**Many States Have Ratified.**  
The suffrage amendment, which passed congress June 4, 1919, has been ratified by 34 states, as follows:

1. Wisconsin, June 10.
  2. Michigan, June 10.
  3. Kansas, June 16.
  4. Ohio, June 16.
  5. New York, June 16.
  6. Illinois, June 17.
  7. Pennsylvania, June 24.
  8. Massachusetts, June 25.
  9. Texas, June 25.
  10. Iowa, July 2.
  11. Missouri, July 2.
  12. Arkansas, July 20.
  13. Montana, July 20.
  14. Nebraska, August 2.
  15. Minnesota, September 8.
  16. New Hampshire, September 10.
  17. Utah, September 20.
  18. California, November 1.
  19. Maine, November 5.
  20. North Dakota, December 1.
  21. South Dakota, December 4.
  22. Colorado, December 12.
  23. Rhode Island, January 6.
  24. Kentucky, January 6.
  25. Oregon, January 12.
  26. Indiana, January 17.
  27. Wyoming, January 27.
  28. Nevada, February 7.
  29. New Jersey, February 10.
  30. Idaho, February 11.
  31. Arizona, February 12.
  32. New Mexico, February 19.
  33. Oklahoma, February 27.
  34. West Virginia, March 10.
- The legislature of both Vermont and Connecticut would probably ratify the amendment if they were called into extra session, but the governors of those states are anti-suffragists, and regular sessions do not convene until 1921. When thirty-six states shall have ratified the amendment it will be proclaimed to be in effect.

### AMERICAN LEGION ASKS NO HELP FOR ABLE-BODIED MEN

#### But Thinks That Those Injured In The War Should Be Compensated.

(Special to The Star.)  
Washington, March 16.—Aside from the fact that much opposition within the American legion, as well as without, has developed to paying a bonus to the soldiers, there would be complications in raising the money if the plan should be carried out.

**Legion Members Protest.**  
Recently a number of prominent members of the legion have protested against the policy of paying bonuses to those who served in the world war. They have said that able-bodied men were not claiming anything from the government, but that all those whose health has been impaired on account of their service should be taken care of. Indeed, they say, it is possible to make them comfortable the rest of their days.

However, a great many people contend that every man who served in that war should be paid a bonus that would enable him to get a start in life, or at least in a measure compensate him for the loss of time and opportunity he sustained while fighting his country's battles.

There is such pressure being brought to bear on the congress by the advocates of a bonus that it is probable that some plan will be devised to meet the situation. No one wants to neglect the ex-service man; no one wants him to feel that his great service is not appreciated, but with those who want to be just both to him and the people of the country the question is what would be expedient, and right at this time.

**Debt Enormous Already.**  
This country is already confronted with an enormous debt. Secretary Houston, of the treasury, announces that no further loans will be made to the allies, and that it would not do to raise the hand in the treasury. He said that he was opposed to raised by taxation. Another bond issue, but that such money should be raised by taxation. Another bond issue, it is contended by the secretary, would not only be hard to float, but would tend to depreciate the values now outstanding.

Of the \$10,000,000,000 authorized by congress, \$9,533,534,649 has been loaned to the allied nations. It is said that in view of the exchange situation and the unsettled economic conditions of European nations it would seem advisable to permit the creditor nations of the United States to postpone interest payments on the debts for at least three years.

**America's Chief Debtors.**  
America's chief debtors are Great Britain, with \$4,277,000,000; France, with \$3,047,374,777; and Italy, with \$1,823,996. Belgium's debt is \$342,445,000, and Russia is charged with \$157,729,750. Roumania, Serbia, Greece, Cuba, Czechoslovakia and Liberia are the other countries listed on the books of the treasury.

With this country carrying these debts, with the additional burden of its own vast debt, financiers say that the financial obligations to the soldier must necessarily be met by taxation, and not by another bond issue.

### FIFTY CANDIDATES WORKING FOR JOBS ON NEW STATE TEAM

#### Initial Squad Looks Strong Enough To Make Win- ning Aggregation.

(Special to The Star.)

West Raleigh, March 16.—About fifty candidates for the 1920 State College baseball team are at work on Riddick field. The squad has been somewhat handicapped on account of bad weather, but the early work has reached the stage where it can easily be seen that Coach Fetzer has another great team in the making. With Captain DeBerry, Murray, Baker and Weathers, all letter men, the picking staff seems to be unusually strong. The first three right-handers while Weathers serves them over from the port side. Big Floyd, who was with the Techs in 1917, is again a candidate for mound duty.

**Likely Looking Receivers.**  
State has a likely looking bunch of receivers in Curley, Parsons, Garner and Smith. Curley caught several games last season, and this husky lad from eastern Carolina is out for a regular berth this spring. Parsons is a freshman who has seen service with several fast amateur teams in the state and he looks like a real comer. Garner and Smith are also members of the freshman class, but work on the receiving end of the battery will bear watching.

First base at present is wide open, but Cannon, Coles, Lawrence and Query are all hustling for the job. The team, of course, will miss Dick Burrus, who is now with Connie Mack. Cannon is another big rangy left-hander of the Burrus type, and Coach Fetzer is trying hard to fit him into the shoes left by the Hatters sensation.

Ex-Captain Jim Blake, Wood, and Bradley Woodall will fight it out for second base. Black and Wood played this position last season, while Woodall was here in 1917. It is not now clear to be a toss-up between the three, for Blake is a candidate for good fielders and experienced in the position, and later developments may give the job to the man who wields the heaviest willow.

**At Short and Third.**  
Sipe, Faucetta, and Arthur look good at short stop. Sipe is a two-season veteran and on experience alone should get the call. Kunt Faucetta, however, is covering a lot of ground between second and third and he handles a war club like an old timer. Admirers of the local boy are predicting that he will be a regular before the season is very far advanced.

Feste Johnson looks like a fixture at the hot corner. He played third base last year very creditably and hit over 300. It will take a good man to get the job over Johnny. Erwin, a member of Tech squad in 1918, and Manning, who was here last year, are also out for the place.

State has two letter men in the out-

### BASKETBALL GAMES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP IN HIGH SCHOOLS

#### Deciding Contests Will Be Played At Chapel Hill This Week.

(Special to The Star.)  
Chapel Hill, March 16.—The high schools of Wilmington, Wilson, Lexington and Charlotte have survived the elimination series in the basketball championship and this week will fight it out among themselves to determine the state championship and the winner of the state cup.

Wilson and Wilmington will meet March 17 in the gymnasium of the University of North Carolina to decide which shall have the honor of representing the east. Charlotte and Lexington clash March 18, also at Chapel Hill, to settle the western supremacy. The winners meet here March 19 in the championship game.

**Toss up for Final Winner.**  
These four teams are the winners in the elimination series participated in by twenty-two teams, twelve from the east and ten from the west, which qualified for the championship by impressive early season records. Twenty-two is by far the largest number of teams that has qualified in the six years the championship has been conducted by the university, and is indicative, Secretary Rankin, of the championship committee, said today, of greater interest in basketball among the high schools than in any previous year.

The final winner is regarded here as a toss-up. All the four contenders have slashed through their opponents all season in fairly easy fashion, and a small amount of luck may decide the title. Wilson is coached by B. B. West, the old Trinity basketball and baseball player. Don Walser, of Guilford college, has charge of Lexington; Physical Director Paul, of the Charlotte Y. M. C. A. of Charlotte, and Wilmington has received coaching from the Wilmington Y. M. C. A.

**Other Teams Qualified.**  
The other teams which qualified by their records are Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Hillsboro, Chapel Hill, Red Oak, Roanoke Rapids, Greenville, Rocky Mount and Elizabeth City in the east, and Winston-Salem, Dixie, Huntersville in the west.

In the past five years Durham and Winston-Salem have decided the championship between them, Winston-Salem winning three of the years, Durham two. Chapel Hill eliminated Durham this year, and Lexington knocked out Winston-Salem.

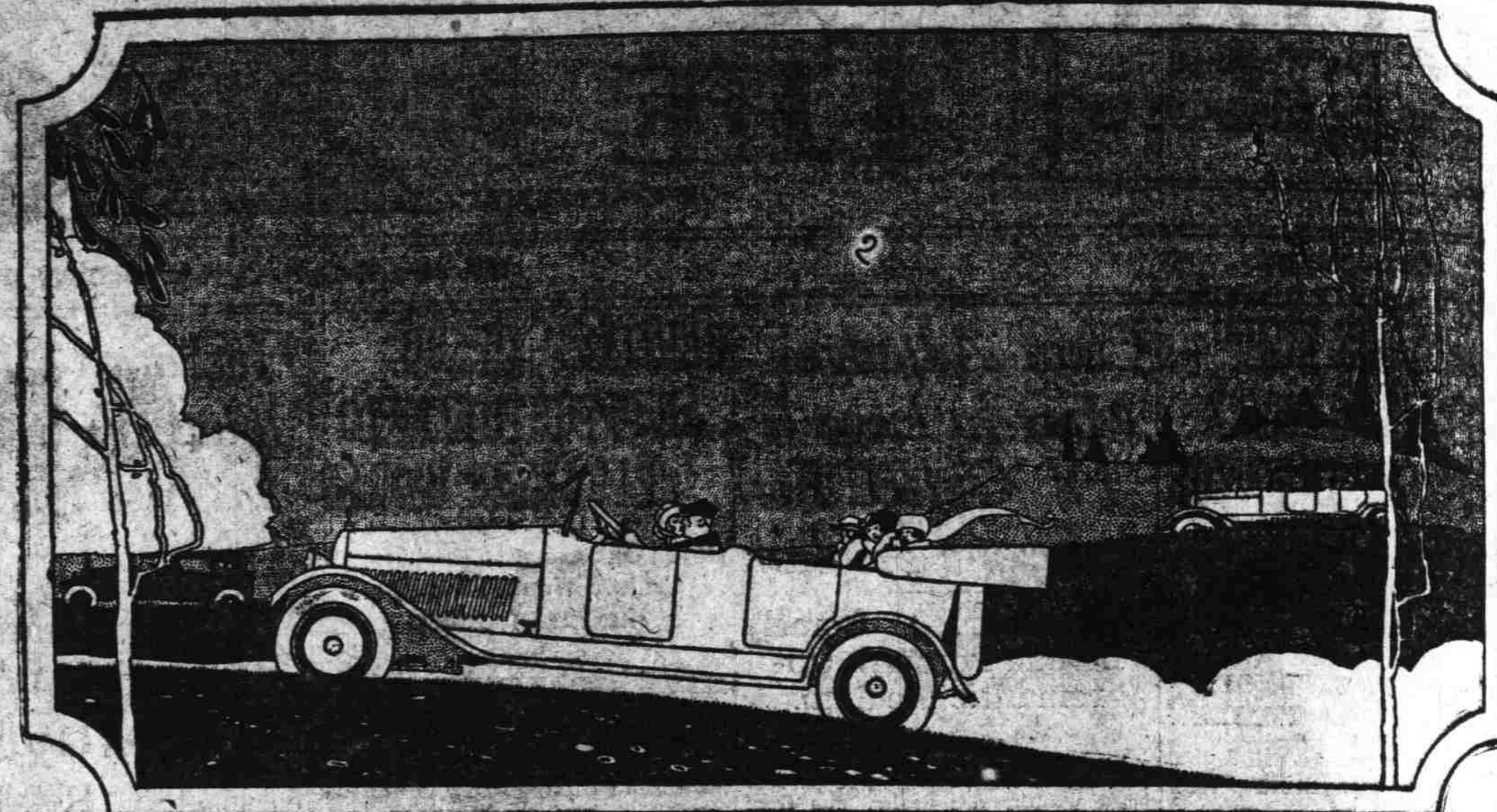
Carolina coaches and varsity players will officiate in the final games and a great deal of student interest is being manifested.

field, Norwood and Castellon. Both are capable fly-catchers and should come through again as regulars this spring. Routh and Allen, members of the freshman class, seem to be the best bats among the other outfield recruits. Both are fast men and look like real hitters.

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