

# Interesting News Items Reported From Raleigh

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Raleigh, N. C.—Without a discordant note and with enthusiasm running high, the militant Democracy of North Carolina met in Raleigh on Thursday and in convention assembled listened to three hours of oratory, adopted the briefest platform in its history and dedicated itself to the contests with Republicans this fall.

The sales tax, prohibition, appointment of Frank R. McInch as Undersecretary of Agriculture, the proposed new constitution and other controversial subjects did not reach the convention hall, although some of them were the subjects of resolutions in the district caucuses preliminary to the convention proper, so no contests arose and no feeling engendered other than that of good-fellowship.

Keynoter Cam Morrison followed closely a manuscript that lauded the national and State administrations and their heads, the delegation in Congress, Democrats generally and entered with a poem by Bobby Burns. Although hamstrung by the manuscript and having to aim at the loud speaker microphone, he did a careful and thoughtful job, showing no feeling for the reversals he has had.

The platform, read by "Governor" R. A. Doughton, was a model of simplicity and brevity, also lauding the State and national Democratic administrations and making only one promise, to seek to improve the condition of the State's teachers, in addition to giving the usual effective and honest Democratic rule of the past.

Governor Ehringhaus made only a brief accounting for his stewardship, as his record of two years was fully covered, and asked for united support for the remainder of the administration. Senator Bailey recounted the blessings secured by this State from the Federal government, the Morehead City port, the mountain parkway route (now less certain), and other benefits, naming numbers of leading North Carolinians now occupying important federal posts.

Senator Reynolds put on the "trousers," proclaiming love for everybody, especially Cam Morrison, inserting a lighter vein into an otherwise placid and solemn meeting. He merely did a "Bob Reynolds" on the platform. Congressman E. L. Doughton reviewed briefly achievements of the recent session of Congress. Josephus Daniels also turned his eyes toward Roosevelt and Washington in a short talk.

Congressman Lindsay Warren, permanent chairman, kept things moving while the platform committee was formulating its report. He presented the entire delegation in Congress from this State, except Zebulon Weaver, all others being present.

The district meeting earlier in the day had elected their 12 members each to the State Democratic executive committee, which will meet later to name the State chairman, vice-chairman and secretary, and all district committees, judicial and senatorial, were named for the next two years.

### May Unseat State Leaders

Recent orders from Washington may unseat some of the State leaders from one of their jobs, political or governmental, Mrs. Palmer Jermain, assistant collector of revenue, national committeewoman; John Bright Hill, collector of the port of Wilmington, secretary to the executive committee; Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief administrator and vice chairman, may be among those who will be required to relinquish one of their present posts.

### Doughton and Hoey Chummy

Clyde R. Hoey and Congressman Doughton were seen in close conversation as the crowds milled about them in the hotel lobby at the convention. Both denied that Mr. Hoey will finally get in the race. If he should not, then "Farmer Bob" will. It seems pretty certain that one of them will, but it is not believed that Mr. Doughton will if Mr. Hoey does. Also, A. H. "Sandy" Graham is credited with "running like a house on fire," some such description being given also of Judge Wilson Warlick, while more than half a dozen others are flirting with the idea.

### Warren May Oppose Bailey

And the belief seems to be spreading that Congressman Lindsay Warren is in almost the proper mood for coming out against Senator Bailey. It is more apparent now than formerly. Few thought Mr. Warren would leave a sure thing in the First District for a fling at the State as a whole, but it would not be so surprising if he flung his hat in. Governor Ehringhaus, mentioned also, has said nothing consistently. "Dick" Fountain, some observers say, is certain to be in the next Senatorial race. Senator Bailey has no avowed opposition now, but that condition is not expected to continue through his primary time two years from now. Associate Justice W. J. Brogden also gets mentioned in that connection.

### Many Tax Delinquents

About 40,000 North Carolina persons, firms and corporations liable for the State schedule "B" license

### May Be Bride



OBERAMMERGAU, Bavaria... Miss Clara Mayer (above), the Mary Magdalene of this year's Paschou Play, is to be a bride and live in the U. S. if the commission will grant permission. She will wed Anton Lang, Jr. now of Georgetown University faculty.

taxes had not secured them at the end of last week, although they are required to have them by the end of this week, else they will be subject on July 1 to a five per cent. penalty if they open for business without the license. Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell warns. The taxes were due June 1, but one month's grace is given by the revenue department. Mr. Maxwell says he desires to avoid imposing penalties, but they must and will be imposed unless the licenses are paid for and secured this week. Failure also makes the person, firm or corporation criminally liable, as well as civilly, Mr. Maxwell warns.

### Tax Sales May Increase

A spurt in automobile tag sales is expected Monday when the plates go on sale as of July 1 at half price. These spurts are recorded at each quarter, when one fourth of the cost of plates comes off. Tags have kept the high mark they reached early in January, when Governor Ehringhaus refused to extend the time, as had been the case in previous years. Sales through June 22 had reached 391,702, or 70,414 higher than the 321,288 plates sold on the same date in 1933.

### State Buys Irish Potatoes

Several carloads of Irish potatoes have been bought by the North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration, the purchase being surplus potatoes of Eastern North Carolina growers, and purchased at \$1.25 a barrel. One carload is sent to most of the points in the State, but larger places get two and three carloads. Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, administrator, announces that the first shipment of 20,000 head of cattle will be received in this State this week, kept for 30 to 60 days, and then distributed through the relief organizations.

### Art Appreciation Lectures

A series of art appreciation lectures and exhibits will be held at all of the summer schools conducted at State institutions this summer. Dr. A. T. Allen states. Dates have not been selected, but prominent speakers on art, with illustrations and exhibits, will be at the following institutions during the summer schools: University, Chapel Hill; Womens College, Greensboro; State College, Raleigh; A. S. T. C. Boone; E. C. T. C., Greenville; W. C. T. C., Cullowhee. They will be directed by and financed through Miss Lella Machlin, director of Southern Art Projects, Washington. Miss Juanita McDougald, of the State Department, will be in charge, aided by teachers designated at the various summer schools.

### Largest Teacher Payroll

White elementary school teachers and principals numbering 12,532 who taught last year have been paid \$7,457,027.48 for their services for the eight months, or an average of \$595.03 for the term, while 3,939 white high schools and principals were paid \$2,025,938.48, an average of \$742.78. The total allotment from State funds for all teachers and principals was \$12,534,724.73, which the 500,000 in Federal funds increased to \$13,034,724.73 for teachers and principals. Leroy Martin, secretary of the State School Commission, reports. This is the State's largest payroll, being almost twice as much as all other State employees receive.

### Governor Names Committee

Governor Ehringhaus has appointed a committee to study unemployment insurance in accordance with a resolution adopted by the 1933 General Assembly, saying he has assurance from the State Emergency Relief Administration of sufficient funds for financing and assistance to insure adequate study of the problem and gathering such material and preparation of such data as necessary for the report. The committee is composed of a dozen labor and employer, student and welfare groups.

### To Reduce Revenue Force

The "last round-up" of employees of the State Revenue Department to go under the reorganization being carried on under direction of Dr. M.

C. S. Noble Jr., is expected this week so that the new fiscal year will start with the names of probably eight additional names missing. Reports are that Dan W. Terry, Richmond County, franchise tax chief; Alex E. Beddingfield, Wake County, head of the income tax division and A. S. Tompason, former assistant commissioner, now doing work as secretary of the State Board of Assessments, are scheduled to go, along with two or three field men and two or three stenographers and clerks.

Already A. S. Carson, cashier; J. R. Collier, deputy commissioner; Miss Meta Adams, chief of the inheritance tax division, and 20 or more others in positions of varying importance, have been released. The department has been divided into two main divisions, headed by Harry McMullen and George G. Scott, while the field force has been reorganized and placed under Charles H. England. The entire office set-up has been changed with a view of more efficiency and economy in operation.

Governor Ehringhaus is described as a "master strategist" in getting over his plan quietly and patiently for making the department a "collecting" rather than a "receiving" agency. Some of his plans are said to have met with strong resistance in the department, but apparently most of them have been accomplished.

### FARM QUESTION

How can I cure the scours that is prevalent in my herd of cattle?

Answer: When the first symptoms appear the individual calf should be isolated and the milk feed reduced at least one-half. Legume hay should be replaced by grass hay until the trouble disappears. Give the calf a dose of one to three tablespoons full of castor oil, depending upon the age of the calf, mixed in a pint of fresh milk. Following this a teaspoonful of a mixture composed of one part saler and two parts each of subnitrate of bismuth and bicarbonate of soda should be given and repeated at six hour intervals until the diarrhea is checked. This trouble is caused by improper feeding such as over-feeding, using dirty pails or boxes, irregular feeding or feeding milk too rich in fat. These should be checked and corrected before putting the calf back on the regular diet.

Rowan County farmers report that the wheat is coming out good in spite of the hard winter and that fairly good yields are expected.

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## GREENSBORO GIRL WINS ESSAY PRIZE

Paper on Home Owning Takes Award From Building and Loan Group. Contest Described as Great Success by Local Delegates.

Finale of the State-wide essay contest on thrift and home-ownership conducted at the annual convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League brought out a number of interesting papers, said local members of the League who attended the Elizabeth City convention.

Miss Georgia Arnett of Greensboro wrote the prize-winning paper. Parts of her essay follow:

"Your home, like your family, is a part of yourself. Your home represents your own tastes and ideas—not those of a landlord. You have a pride of possession that encourages you to beautify the place. You accumulate appropriate furnishings. You plant flowers and shrubs with a knowledge that they are yours. How many renters take pride in improving and preserving the owner's property?"

"A community of home-owners develops a stability, pride, tradition, and a culture, which does not thrive in a neighborhood of tenants. The community is more than the sum of its parts. Common interests and objectives become a permanent part of the environment. A survey of 1,000 farm families in three typical counties of North Carolina was recently made by State and Federal departments of agriculture. This survey shows that tenant farmers generally take little interest in community enterprises, that they keep their surroundings less sanitary than do owners, are oftener victims of preventable diseases, and furnish a higher proportion of illiteracy and crime. What is true of the country is also true of the city. The floating part of a population as a class, though it contains worthy individuals, tends to

produce undesirable conditions in a community.

"Not only is home ownership productive of personal and community merits, but it also commends itself to a thoughtful person for its financial values. It is widely recognized that a home is among the world's most stable investments. Do you realize that following the stock market crash real estate values fell far less than others? That all real estate deflation was about one-third that of average stocks and two-thirds that of average bonds? That homes fell in value less than real estate in general?"

Members of the League declare that the contest was a great success and express the opinion that it was an excellent way to impress upon people of the State the value of thrift and home ownership.

### POTATOES TO BE STORED FOR THE LATE MARKET

The possibility of increased demand for small potatoes later in the year has brought out a need for proper storage facilities.

Due to current low prices, growers in the eastern part of the State have agreed not to market before July 4th any potato smaller than one and seven-eighths inch in diameter.

The arid condition in the Middle West may reduce the crop enough to create a considerable demand for North Carolina potatoes later in the year, including the smaller spuds, said M. E. Gardner, professor of horticulture at State College.

Cold storage, of course, would be the best way of preserving the potatoes, he said, since humidity and temperature could be regulated as desired. However, most growers will have to use other facilities.

To get the best results, he suggested the following:

Store only in cool dry places. Do not store potatoes which have been cut or bruised while digging. Protect them from strong light and the direct rays of the sun—this is import-

ant, he said, since potatoes exposed to light become green and unfit for food.

Store the potatoes in barrels or baskets and in such manner that the air may circulate freely among them at all times. Protected sheds, barns, sweet potato storage houses, tobacco barns, or similar buildings not being used for other purposes will make suitable storage places for the spuds.

### WATAUGA MARINE STATIONED AT PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI

Private Archie Simms of the United States Marine Corps is now stationed with the Second Regiment at Port au Prince, Haiti, according to information received from Major Louis Fagan, officer in charge, Marine Recruiting Station, Savannah, Georgia.

Simms was transferred to Norfolk, Va., upon completion of his Basic Training at Parris Island, S. C., and was later assigned to foreign duty. Haiti is one of the most primitive and picturesque of the West Indies Islands, situated just southeast of Cuba. Marines have been stationed in this island republic since nineteen-fifteen, when they were landed to protect American interests.

Simms is a graduate of Blowing Rock High School and a son of Mrs. Vera Church, Shulls Mills Route 1.

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