

WHO'S THE BOSS: THE PEOPLE OR POLITICAL PARTY HEADS?

In Harnett's neighboring county, Johnston, there is a row on. The fuss is about the action of the Democratic party heads' action in taking upon themselves the authority to nullify the choice of Boon Hill township voters in selecting Mr. Conrad Parker as their member of the county board of education and the subsequent ratification of their choice by the 1947 legislature.

It seems that when Adam J. Whiteley, Jr., chairman of the Democratic executive committee, became fully cognizant of the fact that Mr. Parker was a full-fledged member of the Board of Education by reason of his nomination and confirmation, he decided he didn't want Mr. Parker on that job. He proceeded to call his committee together and issued an ouster against Mr. Parker. (What channels for sale at The News office.

sort of form such an ouster could take will be something new in politics to most people.

Then, after that, Mr. Parker's supporters and friends got together and defied Mr. Whiteley's ouster orders. They are still defying. And that, according to the news columns of the Smithfield Herald, North Carolina's superior weekly, made Mr. Whiteley so mad that he has disclosed his intention to resign his post as chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Johnston county.

A fine question is raised thereby. It is: Who is boss: the party executive committee, or the voters?

Before you answer the question to the satisfaction of your mind, allow your mental faculties to re-align a score or more years back—If you are old enough to know about



NEW FIRES, EXPLOSIONS ADD TO HAVOC. With new fires and explosions adding to the carnage of the Texas City, Tex., tremendous explosion, early reports proved to fall far short of final damages to this industrial city, located on Galveston bay. Photo shows later blazes in the waterfront area. With the leveled Monsanto chemical plant in the background, wrecked cars, all blasted in the original explosion, are shown in the water-soaked area as agencies of cities, states and federal government sought to bring relief.

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Three men were nominated by the Harnett county voters for members of the Board of Education. In course, their names were to be presented to the General Assembly in what is commonly known as the "Omnibus Bill" for ratification.

But after the nominations, and before the confirmations, it was reported around that one of the nominees bore a grudge against the then superintendent of Harnett's schools, the late Byrd P. Gentry. Some of the party heads got together and declared that before they would allow the legislature to ratify the anti-Gentry-ite to become a full-fledged member of the Harnett Board of Education they would block his confirmation by the General Assembly.

It so turned out that the report of opposition to Mr. Gentry was only a rumor, and the "Omnibus Bill" carried all three names of the men nominated by the voters in Harnett's primary.

It appears that the storm petrel in Johnston is also the county superintendent of schools. There are some who want to oust Superintendent H. B. Morrow, and they can think of no better way to accomplish their purpose than by "fixing" the Board of Education.

The people of Johnston have become aroused, according to the Herald, which has a very commendable habit of reporting matters and things very accurately. The Herald itself seems to be aroused along with the folks who put Mr. Parker on the Board of Education by virtue

of their votes.

Outcome of the situation will be watched with interest by folks in Harnett because they came so near to having a similar experience.

But—if you haven't yet arrived at a satisfactory conclusion as to who is boss, the party leaders or the voters, you might as well settle down on the latter. The voters, you know, have a way of settling things according to their own ideas, and besides, every two years they have a chance to do some settling.

Farm Accidents Take Huge Toll

Farm and home accidents resulted in economic losses estimated at \$5,600,000,000 in 1946.

In releasing this information to the State Agriculture Department, the National Safety Council reports that there were 34,000 deaths on the farm and in the home last year—even more than the 33,500 claimed by highway accidents.

Jim Robinson, publications assistant in the Agriculture Department, says that an average of one person in every three farm families was injured in some accident last year.

Representatives of several agricultural agencies are now working to set up a N. C. Farm Safety Council.

With more and more agricultural work being done by machinery, it is essential that "something definite be done now" to teach farm safety in North Carolina, says Robinson.

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