

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, April 21.—The Republican party has had the center of the stage in Raleigh, Charlotte and elsewhere in the State during the week and reports from the State convention have occasioned no surprise here. The election of James S. Duncan as the successor to Chairman Brownlow Jackson was expected. His friends started early and lost no opportunity to capture delegates named to Charlotte convention for their favorite. That the State Executive Committee will name the candidates for State officers is nothing new and there will be no fight over these "distinctions" in the June primary. Only

two members of the Corporation Commission, a State Treasurer and a few judges are to be elected this year anyway and the G. O. P. is not especially interested in these. But a United States Senator is worth playing for and aspirants for this office have demanded a "counting of noses." Butler, Dorsett and Pritchard are asking for a show down in the primary and convention offered no objection. Former Commissioner of Revenue David H. Blair may also "ask for a hearing," in which event Senator Simmons and Josiah William Bailey will not have "a corner" on the excitement engendered in the campaign for senatorial nominations. The fight promises to be fast and furious in both political camps right along now until final decisions are reached June 7. Dr. Thomas L. Estep, of Alleghany county, who claims to be wetter even than Al

Smith, has filed formal notice with the State Board of Elections of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, subject to the primary, but his candidacy is not taken seriously. Two years ago the County of Mecklenburg balked on paying the tax on gasoline collected by the State and the State Highway Commission brought suit in the Wake Superior Court to compel payment on 184,485 gallons used by the authorities of that county between April 13, 1927, and June 27, 1928. The Supreme Court, in a recent decision, holds in the Mecklenburg case, that the State cannot tax gasoline owned by the counties and used for governmental purposes, notwithstanding the act of the General Assembly of 1927 imposing a tax of four cents on each gallon sold, distributed or used in the State. The lower court held the act unconstitutional, but the Supreme Court did not consider the validity of the law in its recent decision. If the opinion is held to be applicable to other counties the annual revenue derived by the State Highway Commission from the tax collected on gasoline will be decreased around a million dollars, according to Chairman R. A. Doughton, who appears to be somewhat disturbed over the prospect. At the next meeting of the Commission on April 29 bids will be received for the construction of 48.53 miles of new roads in Dare, Lenoir, Cumberland, Franklin, Granville, Guilford, Montgomery, and Gaston counties.

Employees of the various State departments are enjoying a brief respite from their arduous duties. Given a "leave of absence" by Secretary O. M. Mull, of the Salary and Wage Commission, from Saturday noon until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock, they are spending Easter Monday "in their own good way." Beginning May 1, according to Mr. Mull, State employees will be required to start work at eight o'clock in the morning, but the departments are expected to close half an hour earlier in the afternoon. The next holidays to be observed by the State are Confederate Memorial Day, on May 10th, and the Fourth of July.

Industrial, financial and agricultural leaders are expected to participate in the Southeastern Conference of Governors of seven Southern States recently called by Governor Gardner, who has designated eighteen prominent citizens to accompany him to Asheville for the meeting on Saturday of this week. The governors of Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, who have indicated their purpose to attend, are expected to bring with them delegations composed of the best business men in their respective states. Dr. Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce has accepted the invitation to attend along with Ludley Harmon, of Boston, Mass., executive vice-president of the New England Council of States and other leading business men of New England. Object: To better business conditions in the Southeastern States.

The North Carolina Tax Relief Association, Larry I. Moore, of New Bern, president, is energetically pushing the fight for tax reduction. A State-wide meeting in session here today will take steps to bring about the relief demanded and select committees to "carry on." Other officers of the Association are: Judge J. Farrier Glenn, of Asheville, first vice-president and executive secretary; T. B. Parker, of Raleigh, second vice-president; T. S. Neal, of Caswell county, third vice-president, and Miss Sybil Hyatt, of Kinston, treasurer. The Association is urging a reduction of taxes on property especially upon land. It is expected that the fight will be carried to the General Assembly next winter and a determined effort will be made to return representatives in thorough sympathy with the movement.

Statistics reveal that small schools in the State are on the decrease, there being at present only 1,887 one-room schools in operation, 835 for white children and 1,052 for colored children. The tendency toward consolidation prevails generally over the entire country, it is said, due in large measure to improved highways and available transportation facilities. During the past dozen years there has been a decrease of 42,094 one-room schools throughout the nation, 22,303 of which have been in the sixteen Southern States. The counties of Brunswick, Camden, Cumberland, Durham, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Hoke, Lenoir, Mecklenburg, Pasquotank, Richmond and Wilson, in North Carolina, have no one-teacher schools for white children. Avery, Dare, Haywood, Jackson, and Macon have no one-teacher schools for colored children. The cost of transportation is a big item in the consolidation movement and has created a state of discontent in a number of counties, according to reports.

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State income taxes run ahead of last year with a total of \$6,960,175, according to report of the State Commissioner of Revenue, who sometime ago expressed fear of material falling off this year, due to the general business depression. Collections so far, including \$200,000 deferred payments allowed this year for the first time, runs the aggregate slightly ahead of last year. The big slump in individual income taxes is offset by receipts from domestic and foreign corporations which show a material increase. Unable to explain the big shrinkage in tangible and intangible property listed for taxation year by year the State Board of Assessment is now urging the tax listers to make every effort to list property at its true value and not simply take appraisements of

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Desirous of being "perfectly fair to all concerned" the State Highway Commission has taken notice of reports by tourists that the Durham Chamber of Commerce has been employing a man stationed at Pittsboro to route traffic via Durham instead of Raleigh since Route 50 between Apex and Sanford has been under construction. At a recent meeting the Commission adopted a resolution condemning the practice as unethical and declaring that it would not be permitted on the right of way of State Highways.

Prospects for the Sand Hills peach crop are said to be about equal to, if not better, to the average reported this time last year. With favorable weather conditions, the 1930 crop will net the growers a neat sum later in summer. The quality of this fruit last year was far from satisfactory and shippers experienced difficulty in marketing at a fair profit.

The State Board of Health reports 151 violent deaths in North Carolina during the month of March, 41 of the number being burned to death and 52 killed in automobile accidents.

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