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OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, May 19.—Politics continues to hold the center of the stage in the capital city of the State and observations are not confined to State contests, the County of Wake has developed a spirited fight for district solicitor between L. S. Brassfield, incumbent, and former State Senator J. C. Little, Raleigh lawyer. Mr. Little recently opened his campaign with charges that Solicitor Brassfield received one-third of the 5 per cent commission from A. M. Pullen Company, who performed an audit for this county in 1928 at a cost of approximately \$25,000, for his influence in securing the contract for them, and that the Solicitor has, on occasion, been unduly influenced not to press prosecution of certain cases pending in his court. All of which Mr. Brassfield denies and invites careful scrutiny of his record. Wake politicians may generally be depended upon to develop an acrimonious campaign for solicitor and the present scrap cannot be considered "an exception to the rule." The United States Senatorship "may go hang," if the Seventh Judicial District can only have the "right man" for Solicitor. Wake Democrats offer two candidates and Franklin will probably decide which of the two shall "walk away with the bacon."

Friday, May 23, will mark the last day on which candidates for selection as nominees of any political party for the office of State Senator, member of the House of Representatives, and county and township offices may file notices of their candidacies with their respective county boards of elections. The registration books close on Saturday, May 24, and voters who expect to participate in the primary June 7 for the nomination of Democratic and Republican candidates from United States Senator to township constable must be registered during the present week. The Attorney General holds that voters must register in person, not by proxy, and not by telephone; that the Constitution requires the personal appearance of the registrant and no statute is sufficient to nullify this requirement. Secretary Raymond Maxwell, of the State Board of Elections, is busy forwarding State and district ballots to the various counties of the State, having received the entire allotment from the printers on Thursday of last week a total of 4,200,000, exclusive of the samples provided for the guidance of election officials, markers and the voters themselves. Tickets may, under the law, be procured from election officials of the precincts only. Each voter is entitled to receive one ballot and no more. In the event of an error in marking, the spoiled ballot may be exchanged for another, but must not be destroyed by the voter himself. The usual indiscriminate distribution of ballots is a thing of the past under the new law.

Returning recently from the "peace conference" in Columbia, Walter D. Siler, assistant attorney general assigned to the Department of Revenue, Capt. Sprague Silver, head of the Motor Vehicle Bureau; Chas. Ross, attorney to the State Highway Commission, and Capt. C. D. Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, brought information to the effect that no final agreement was reached between officials of the two states touching the controversy over license tags. Only a temporary agreement was reached whereby traveling salesmen will be allowed free passage across the lines for thirty days, but officers of each state will continue to seize trucks from the other state unless the trucks carry two sets of licenses, and automobiles carrying merchandise are to be accorded the same treatment. The tag trouble originated in South Carolina and that state is expected to submit a compromise, or plan of adjustment, to North Carolina authorities within the next thirty days.

Captain Farmer reports that the State Highway Patrol detected 15,424 violations of the State traffic laws during the month of April, arrested 392 of the violators and collected fines amounting to \$6,957.57. The patrolmen were also instrumental in the sale of 1930 automobile license aggregating \$13,074.97 to motorists who were apprehended while operating cars without the proper license. Warnings were given 6,598 motorists who were apprehended while operating cars without the proper license. Warnings were given 6,598 motorists, courtesies extended to 855, and 497 were warned against passing cars on curves; 123 about passing on hills and 238 for "hogging the road." During the month patrolmen used 3,265 gallons of gasoline, 1,166 pints of oil, traveled 113,541 miles, operated their machines a total of 5,022 hours and spent 11,186 hours on duty. Forty-five arrests were made for reckless driving, 50 for operating a car while intoxicated, 12 for failing to return warning cards, 10 for driving cars under age and 6 for not observing signals. April sales of automobiles indicate that more than \$3,000,000 were paid for new cars by North Carolinians figuring an average of \$800 per car, or a total of 3,983, of which 1,597 were Fords and 1,154 were Chevrolets. In April, 1929, 7,650 new cars were sold in the State.

Secretary Jule B. Warren, of the North Carolina Education Association, figures that white school teachers in North Carolina last year were paid an average of \$899, or \$153 less than the average annual salary received by the teachers in South Carolina and more than \$300 less than the average annual salary paid teachers throughout the country. Salaries of superintendents are not included in the "deductions." A number of delegations from various counties of the Sixth Highway District called on Governor Gardner during the week to urge appointment of their favorite sons to succeed the late W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, as

a member of the State Highway Commission. The Governor terminated the contest on Friday by the appointment of James L. McNair, prominent Laurinburg banker for the term which expires April 1, 1931. Other aspirants were: Mayor Geo. L. Lyster, of Hickory; Walter Murphy, Salisbury; A. G. Myers, Gastonia, and Col. T. L. Kirpatrick, of Charlotte. In addition to the strength of his endorsements, the Governor appointed Mr. McNair in order that the eastern end of the district might be recognized.

Further emphasizing his "Live-at-home" program Governor Gardner recently issued a proclamation calling on all farmers, landowners and tenants, dirt farmers, and those who simply own farms for others to cultivate, in every section of the State from the Coastal Plain to the "mountain fastnesses" not to permit the passage of the months of May and June without planting an increased acreage in corn, hay and other subsistence crops to provide the needs of winter and the lean months to follow. However, it appears that the farmers this year "need not be told." Greater preparations than for years before have been made for crops of various kinds in the State and "unless all signs fail" there will be an abundance of soy beans, corn, cowpeas, and grass for the stock, with foodstuffs galore to "keep soul and body together." And the "money crops" are not being neglected.

According to figures collated in the offices of the State Budget Bureau long distance telephone calls during April cost North Carolina \$825 which is said to have been about the average month; the Historical Commission about forty-five cents, Governor's office and the Mansion \$74.35, State Board of Health \$74.45 and the State Highway Commission \$215. Some of

the calls were personal and the State was re-imbursed for these.

Assistant Director John Hargett, of the State Department of Conservation and development, gives a rosy report on the development of the Weldon fish hatchery now in its third year of operation by the State and devoted exclusively to propagation of striped bass under state and government cooperation. During the first season around 7,600,000 striped bass fry were released. Last year the number exceeded 10,000,000 and this year is expected to show an even greater increase in output. The distribution hereafter is expected to include the Pamlico, Neuse and Cape Fear rivers as well as the Roanoke, the latter to receive a large part of the striped "variety."

Huge damage by forest fires is reported from a number of North Carolina counties for the first four months of the year and April is said to lead in this particular, although final figures for that month are not yet available. More than 5,000 men were engaged in fire-fighting and 3,303 checks were issued by the Department of Conservation and Development for compensation for service in the forty-five organized counties. 2,424 fires were reported from these counties which burned over 148,191 acres of forest lands. Damaged from the first of the current year through May 10 have, it is said, amounted to \$323,401. "Fighting charges" for April amounted to \$12,454; for the same month last year the amount for similar purpose was \$12,160.

A big increase in revenue from hunting licenses over budget estimates and receipts of last year is reported by the State Game Warden, who figures that it is an indication of increased public appreciation of the State game laws and evidence of a more rigid enforcement of the provi-

sions of the laws, along with the new types of licenses. The fees paid during the past season for hunting approximate \$209,000, so far, with other reports expected which would exceed 1929 receipts by around \$20,000.

There were so many cases on appeal from the Nineteenth Judicial

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