

FOUNTAIN STAKES HIS CHANCES ON SELF GOVERNMENT

Raps Short Ballot Schemes Of Administration In Announcing Candidacy For Governor.

Rocky Mount, Aug. 5.—R. T. Fountain, who recently announced his candidacy for governor of North Carolina, states that he will wage a campaign against the short ballot schemes of the administration and also against any departure from local self-government.

"The thing that has made North Carolina the great state it is is the fact that while it has no great cities, it has been a state of great communities and I think we should do all in our power to preserve these communities. In order to promote good citizenship we should let our citizens have a part in running the government and the only way that the people can have a voice in the government is at the ballot box," declared the Rocky Mount man. "I'm naturally opposed to the further abridging the rights of the people to vote on local self-government."

The lieutenant governor rapped the Brookings institution's report, which was made to the recent legislature after a survey by the Brookings staff. "The Brookings report recommends abolition of all counties, maybe you didn't know, and if they won't willingly agree to being abolished, then it recommends that their powers be gradually liquidated and turned over to the state, leaving to the counties urban areas for the purpose of lighting streets and providing sewage, with local officers delegated to carry off the refuse."

He denied he does not favor progress, as some of his critics have charged, he said. "Nobody believes in progress more than I do," he said. "I believe that government should be progressive and built up step by step. But 'destroy not the ancient landmarks.' We inherited from England the idea of county government. This idea of government was handed down to us from our forefathers. We should examine and examine carefully all new schemes. I do not condemn them. But I ask that you examine them before you wipe away the old institutions."

guard that the counties through the voting privilege of its citizens shall not be abridged. The revision of the state's constitution, ordered by the past General Assembly, may endanger the citizen's power as an individual, he warned. He declared that the governor of North Carolina "has the greatest power of any governor in the United States" and he urged that the citizenship be on its guard lest further powers be granted the state government and its executive head.

Camp Boss Is Cleared Of Charges Raleigh, Aug. 5.—The state highway commission cleared M. P. Alexander, district supervisor of prison camps with headquarters at Statesville, of charges of immorality and inefficiency filed by F. G. Sides of Statesville.

In a report to Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the commission, Sam Scott, superintendent of prison camps, and Charles Ross, general counsel for the commission, declared they found no basis for the charges. Chairman Jeffress issued a copy of their report for publication, said the commission would go no further into the matter, and indicated that the report as considered conclusive evidence of the falsity of the charges.

Messrs. Scott and Ross went to Statesville Monday and remained there two days investigating Alexander's character and conduct. They reported that scores of responsible citizens testified to his good character, and declared there was no basis for the charges.

The report said that Sides' complaint evidently "was inspired by his own disappointment in not receiving Mr. Alexander's indorsement for the position of superintendent of prison camps."

Southeastern Commercial College Announces Opening of Fall Term

The Salisbury school of the Southeastern Commercial College, Inc., opens for its regular fall term on Monday, August 17th, in the newly acquired classrooms on the third floor of the Wright building.

In commenting on the opening of the new term, Mr. J. G. Isenhour, president and founder of the school, predicted an even larger enrollment than that enjoyed during the past term. "Folks faced with the necessity of making their living have been brought to the cold realization that there is little or no demand for unskilled labor, whether it be in the factory or the executive office. They have discovered that the man or woman who knows the most earns the most, and they are crowding business training schools throughout the country in a wise effort to prepare themselves for steadier, better-paying positions."

The Southeastern Commercial College, Inc., began business in Salisbury less than two years ago with one instructor. Today, the enterprise embraces eight or nine schools throughout the two Carolinas, with a personnel of twenty-five. The local school is under the personal direction of Miss Margaret Hudson, a graduate of the North Carolina College for Women, and the Southeastern Commercial College.

STATE FIFTH IN WOOD FURNITURE

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North Carolina entrenched herself still further as the leader in the manufacture of wooden bedroom and dining-room furniture and maintained her position as the fifth State in the manufacture of all kinds of wooden household furniture, according to a statement released today by the State Department of Conservation and Development, based on recent census reports. Only New York, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan exceeded North Carolina in the total value of all household furniture produced.

The statement also points out that wooden household furniture is rapidly increasing in popularity over metal

FARM OUTPUT IN THIS STATE OVER BILLION

Situation In United States Summarized By Farm Editor.

Agriculture in North Carolina is still a billionaire and even a billionaire may wear a black eye but black eyes have a way of disappearing.

Thus did Wheeler McMillen, associate editor of Country Home, summarize the agricultural situation in the United States and bring his summary to fit North Carolina, in an address last week before the 29th annual session of the State Farmers' Convention. Eighty percent of the farms in this State operated by their owners are mortgage-free and agriculture is still solvent.

Mr. McMillen said that the condition of agriculture was not so bad as it might be and he held out a rather hopeful outlook for the future. He did say that this period of depression would have the effect of forcing the incapable man out of the game but would leave the alert, business-like farmer on firm ground. Land taxes must be reduced, however, for the farms are still carrying too heavy a tax burden in comparison with the income from them.

In this speech, Mr. McMillen indirectly took issue with Senator J. W. Bailey who declared agriculture to be prostrate in his address on the opening day of the convention. Mr. Bailey said the national government must devote its energies during the next 65 years to giving the farm the same attention it had commerce and industry during the past 65 years. With 33 million persons having a low buying power, the Nation cannot revive until these persons are revived.

slight decline as compared with the 1927 valuation of \$14,404,118. Living room furniture ranks third in value, amounting to \$9,244,988 in 1929 as compared with \$7,643,494 in 1927. Porch furniture increased in value from \$291,904 in 1927 to \$646,978 in 1929; hall furniture from approximately eleven thousand to about thirty-seven thousand dollars in 1929; and miscellaneous and unclassified items increased from \$377,895 in 1927 to \$612,792 in 1929. In 1929 all wooden household furniture manufactured in North Carolina was valued at \$13,735,485, which represented a total value in 1927 was \$53,551,220.

TWO PRISONERS SHOT BY GUARDS

Asheville, Aug. 5.—Two convicts were shot down in a daring daylight attempt to escape from a state camp on the South Turkey creek road.

A third convict made good his escape. He was R. E. Riddle, believed to be from Haywood county.

Those wounded were Vic Rector of Madison county and Tom Barnes of Black Mountain.

While working on the road near the camp, the men made a sudden dash for freedom. Two guards fired and two of the men dropped in their tracks. They were brought to the camp at Craggy for medical attention. Riddle was still at large today.

\$7.31 AVERAGE PRICE

Wilson, Aug. 5.—R. W. McFarland, tobacco expert here, estimates the opening tobacco market in North Carolina will average \$7.31 He bases his figures on the opening prices paid on the Georgia markets.

BUDGET IS CUT BY U. S. TREASURY

Hoover's Request Is Complied With Effecting Saving Of \$6,000,000.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Slashing all unnecessary expenditures for the 1933 fiscal year, the treasury has complied with President Hoover's economic instructions by eliminating \$6,000,000 from its budget.

This saving is exclusive of the federal building program which was enlarged by congress at President Hoover's recommendation to alleviate the unemployment situation. It calls for an expenditure of \$120,000,000 in 1933 as compared with \$60,000,000 appropriated this year and will make the total treasury outlay \$314,000,000 or \$54,000,000 more than was appropriated for the present fiscal year.

Deducting the public building program, the treasury's budget for 1933 will total \$254,000,000 as compared with \$260,000,000 in the present year.

Acting Secretary Mills has been conducting hearings in which the various bureaus have submitted their requests for appropriations. He made extensive cuts in the various bureaus' requests, reducing them by \$23,000,000.

THREE TEACHERS RESIGN AS TEXT BOOK AGENTS

Chattanooga, Aug. 5.—Three county school teachers have resigned as

agents for text book concerns after a law prohibiting teachers from selling books in the state was called to their attention.

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Our registration books are now open for entrance to the regular Fall term of the original Southeastern Commercial College, Inc., at Salisbury. All classes will begin—

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