

Hoey Favors Referendum On Liquor Issue

G. O. P. Convention Goes To Raleigh

Date Will Be Chosen Later By Committee

Resolutions Demanding Special Session Of Assembly

Greensboro—The State Republican executive committee in session at the O. Henry hotel here Wednesday selected Raleigh as the place of the 1936 State convention and passed resolutions demanding that Governor Ehringhaus call a special session of the Legislature for action on three pieces of legislation.

The special session would be for the purpose of repealing the State sales tax, reduction of automobile license plates to a maximum of three dollars, and enactment of legislation that would enable the State to share in the benefits of the national social security act.

The executive committee met in the afternoon before the Lincoln day dinner at the King Cotton hotel, at which Senator L. J. Dickinson of Iowa praised the qualities of Lincoln.

After the State executive committee meeting, Chairman Meekins said that there has been no change in the proposal to set up State headquarters in Charlotte and branch offices in Raleigh and Asheville immediately after the State convention.

Throughout the day, politics were talked in hotel rooms and lobbies. The consensus was that Mr. Meekins will be re-elected State chairman; that Charles A. Jonas of Lincolnton will be re-elected national committeeman.

The tenth congressional race was the subject of frequent comment. The feeling was general that Mr. Jonas will make the race only if C. J. Edney, who ran in 1934, voluntarily withdraws from the field.

The resolutions were presented by Louis Goodman of Wilmington chairman of the resolutions committee.

The committee dodged the liquor question entirely. It was brought before the committee only when a Mr. Long, who said he lived in North Carolina but operated a liquor store in South Carolina, offered an amendment to the automobile license reduction resolution calling for State regulation of privately owned liquor stores. It was unofficially reported that the furor caused by Mr. Long's suggestion resulted in the tossing of a much argued resolution on the liquor question into the wastebasket.

REYNOLDS TO BUILD GLASS STORAGE BUILDING Winston-Salem—The Reynolds Tobacco company announced it would build a \$100,000 tobacco storage building with the exterior to be of hollow glass blocks, the first of such construction in this section.

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FARMER LEARNS ALL ABOUT BITING HAND THAT FEEDS

Dunn—C. U. Skinner, farmer of Dunn, Route 3, is a generous man. The other day an itinerant white man he knew called by the farm and asked him to lend him a quarter, explaining that he wanted to buy some lard. Skinner loaned him the money.

Next morning two fine hens and a rooster were missing from the hen house. Traced, it was found that the fellow who had borrowed

the quarter had stolen the chickens and borrowed the money to buy grease in which to fry the chickens.

The following day another man came by and wanted a sack to put some corn in. Skinner gave him the sack, and that night members of the family caught the fellow filling the sack with corn from the Skinner barn.

HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER DRAWS 18-MONTHS

At the conclusion of the evidence Floyd W. Hutchins, automobile mechanic of Kannapolis, hit-and-run driver who killed Ira Albright, Rowan farmer, on the highway near here last December 18, entered a plea of involuntary manslaughter in superior court and was sentenced to not less than 18 months in the State prison. On the stand Hutchins said he was blinded by lights of a passing car, did not see the victim until he was 20 feet away.

POLICEMAN FREEZES TO GUN—LITERALLY

Philadelphia — Policeman Joseph Shanahan, riding a motorcycle sidecar, chased two men in an automobile for a half hour shooting as he bumped over snow-covered streets. The chase over and the men captured, Shanahan couldn't let go of his pistol. He was taken to a hospital with a frozen right hand.

Shift Of Funds Seen Chiefly To Aid WPA

Various U. S. Agencies To Be Drawn On For Emergency Use

Of the \$4,880,000,000 work relief fund appropriated by Congress last April, all but \$173,068,903 has been allocated to various governmental agencies, Treasury Department figures showed.

From what agencies President Roosevelt may withdraw funds to reallocate to WPA, chief of the spending agencies, by April 1, as announced yesterday, officials in charge of the work relief program declined to indicate.

WPA has received thus far \$1,298,456,132. Allocations to other agencies have been:

- Bureau of Public Roads, \$500,000,000. Department of Agriculture, \$65,181,823. Commerce, \$10,207,944. Interior Department, Reclamation Service, \$82,650,000; Puerto Rico reconstruction program, \$32,152,380; other divisions, \$13,399,233. Department of Labor, \$1,079,995. Navy, \$17,318,561. Treasury, \$18,541,066. War Department, \$145,438,567. Alley Dwelling Commission, city of Washington, \$200,000. Emergency conservation work (CCC), \$527,289,000. Library of Congress, \$111,500. Public Works Administration, housing division, \$101,373,050; non-Federal loans and grants, \$339,373,712. Rural Electrification Administration, \$9,391,812. Rural Resettlement, \$162,129,354. Veterans Administration, \$1,234,120. Employees' Compensation Commission, \$28,000,000. Emergency relief, \$928,039,460. Administrative expenses (including Treasury and General Accounting office), \$150,090,918. Refund to PWA, RFC and other agencies for advances to FERA prior to enactment of \$4,880,000,000 work relief measures, and allotments to miscellaneous bureaus, \$320,500,000.

U. S. Supreme Court For Unfettered Press

The United States Supreme Court in a decision Monday outlawing the Louisiana state law taxing newspapers said:

"The newspapers, magazines, and other journals of the country, it is safe to say, have shed and continue to shed, more light on the public and business affairs of the nation than any other instrumentality of publicity; and, since informed public opinion is the most potent of all restraints upon misgovernment, the suppression or abridgement of the publicity afforded by the press cannot be regarded otherwise than with grave concern.

"The tax here involved is bad,

not because it takes money from the pockets of the appellees. If that were all, a wholly different question would be presented. It is bad because, in the light of its history and of its present setting, it is seen to be a deliberate and calculated device in the guise of a tax to limit the circulation of information to which the public is entitled in virtue of the constitutional guarantees.

"A free press stands as one of the great interpreters between the Government and the people. To allow it to be fettered is to fetter ourselves."

Willard Dowell May Seek Office State Auditor

"Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association and recognized as probably the most active and powerful opponent of the sales tax in North Carolina, may become a candidate for the office of State Auditor in the approaching Democratic primary," said Mrs. W. F. Rantz, secretary of the Salisbury-Spencer Merchants Association.

"Mr. Dowell is deeply interested in unemployment insurance, old age pensions and other social security measures, and the fact that the State Auditor is a member of the Council of State according to the law passed at the last Legislature any system of unemployment insurance for North Carolina must be devised by the Council of State, undoubtedly makes the office of State Auditor more attractive to Mr. Dowell than it otherwise would have been," continued Mrs. Rantz.

"Mr. Dowell has made a special study of the Federal Social Security Act as well as the laws of the several states bearing on the subject and he is not only anxious that North Carolina shall fully participate in available Federal social security funds, but that whatever security measures this State adopts shall provide the maximum of benefits for those for whom they were intended.

"There is one thing sure," continued Mrs. Rantz, "if Mr. Dowell becomes a candidate for State Auditor he will poll a tremendous vote, not only from the merchants throughout the State to whom he has rendered splendid service for the past eight years, but from the people generally, for he has consistently championed their rights at every session of the Legislature for a decade. In fact, every one who knows Willard Dowell knows that he is an able, efficient, industrious, and honorable gentleman, and to my mind, they are the qualifications a State official should possess," concluded Mrs. Rantz.

Belk Purchases Raleigh Land

The Belk company has purchased the old Yarborough hotel lot in Raleigh and will erect there a handsome new building for its Raleigh store, it was learned from W. H. Belk, head of the company.

The lot extends from Wilmington street to Fayetteville street and runs 110 feet through the block. Mr. Belk said definite plans for the new building have not been completed, but it is expected to be erected this year.

A BARGAIN

Morrison—Doctor, what would you call this fever of mine? Lady Doctor—Pd call it a bargain. Yesterday it was 104 and today it is reduced to 98.

147 In Congress Will Get Bonus

Washington.—With 147 war veterans in Congress, Senators and Representatives will receive approximately \$100,000 from the bonus.

Thirteen members of the Senate and 134 members of the House are World War veterans, Senator Minton (D.), Indiana, will receive \$1,583, almost the limit allowed by law. He was in the war from the first until the last.

All the Senators who will receive baby bonds for the bonus certificates intend to keep them. They are, besides Minton, Senators Steiwer, Tydings, Clark, Black, Maloney, Burke, Connally, Gibson, Schwellenbach, and Duff.

To Preach At First Methodist Next Week

Bishop William F. McDowell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has the reputation of being one of the greatest preachers in America, will preach each evening during next week at the First Methodist church. All the Methodist churches of Salisbury, Spencer and East Spencer combined in the invitation to Bishop McDowell and not only the members of these churches but the general public is invited to hear this great preacher. "Personal Religion" will be the principal theme of the meeting.

Bishop McDowell's first sermon will be next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock but after that all the sermons will be at 7:30 o'clock in the evenings. Special music will feature each service.

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PRESIDENT'S HEALTH FINE AFTER 3 YEARS

Washington—Dr. Ross McIntyre, White House physician, revealed that President Roosevelt, weighing 180 pounds, is feeling fine. Dr. McIntyre said: "The President's health is better today than it was when he came to the White House."

Hoffman Asks Wilentz To Face Bruno

Trenton, N. J.—Gov. Harold G. Hoffman has requested State Attorney General David T. Wilentz to accompany him on a visit to the death house in a dramatic plan to force a confession from Bruno Richard Hauptmann, reprieved murderer of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr.

The face-to-face meeting between the phlegmatic carpenter and his fiery prosecutor in the Flemington trial, a high state official disclosed, is intended to take place before the question of a second reprieve is finally determined.

The Governor has already strongly hinted that he intends to ask Wilentz to consent to a further delay of Hauptmann's execution, although at the same time he has promised not to override the attorney general's veto of such action.

Hoffman first suggested the death-house duel in a private conversation during the court of pardons hearing on Hauptmann's mercy plea last January 11. It was again brought up when the Governor conferred with the attorney general on the legality of the first reprieve granted Bruno, which expires next Saturday.

Wilentz indicted he would want to consult Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Trenchard, who presided at the trial a year ago, before visiting Hauptmann. Wilentz left for a month's vacation in Florida without making a final decision.

On at least one occasion, when the governor brought up the subject of prosecution representation during a second death-house visit to Hauptmann's cell, Wilentz is understood to have suggested that Prosecutor Anthony M. Hauck, Jr. of Hunterdon county might be a better man to "get the truth" out of Bruno.

Wilentz's argument was that his cross-examination of Hauptmann during the Flemington trial had permanently antagonized the former German machine gunner.

Policemen Will Hear Reynolds

Washington—Senator Robert R. Reynolds has accepted an invitation from the president of the Law Enforcement Officers of North and South Carolina to deliver the principal address at their meeting at Statesville March 29.

Senator Reynolds has been named an assistant adjutant general, with the rank of brigadier-general, on the staff of the commanding chief of the United Confederate veterans. This was bestowed upon Senator Reynolds by Lieut. General Harry R. Lee, general commander of the United Confederate Veterans, Nashville, Tenn.

ICY ANSWER

Coach—Which sports do you like the best? Kitty—Those who know when its time to go home.

So He Declares In His Opening Campaign Talk

He Is Personally Dry But Is Willing For Referendum

ADVOCATES REPEAL SALES TAX IN STATE

Charlotte—Repeal of the state sales tax on the "necessities of life," including foodstuffs, was advocated by Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, in an address formally opening his campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination of North Carolina.

The slender, gray-haired former United States Congressman made his initial campaign blast in the Mecklenburg county court house.

Hoey emphasized his personal convictions as an ardent dry, but he expressed a willingness for a referendum on the liquor question.

"I have never advocated the sales tax," Hoey said. "I continue to regard it as an emergency measure and I will not accept it as a permanent fiscal policy for the state. I believe that recovery from the depression has proceeded far enough and revenues from sources now available under the present tax laws have increased sufficiently—together with other sources as may properly be made available—that this sales tax can now be removed from the necessities of life, including foodstuffs and meals at cafes, hotels and restaurants. I would favor the immediate repeal of the sales tax on these articles, and that without regard to whether or not any tax is obtained from liquor."

Turning to the state prohibition issue, Hoey stated: "I have been a life-long dry in theory and practice. \* \* \* I am a Democrat and believe in the right of the people to settle the liquor question in accordance with their own views. I am perfectly willing for this matter to be submitted to the people of North Carolina and let them determine it at the ballot box."

Briefly, Hoey's stand on other issues was: Education: "I believe that a method should be found to provide unified control for our public school system rather than the divisions now obtaining and the multiple control in effect."

Economy in government: "I believe that economy in government in state and nation is still a virtue." (Continued on page Three)

Will A. Cline Died Saturday

As a result of heart trouble and other causes, Will A. Cline died at his home on the old Concord road last Saturday night about 10 o'clock.

Until his illness, Mr. Cline maintained an active part in the business of the Raney-Cline Motor Company, of which he was a member.

The funeral was held last Monday afternoon at 2:30 in St. Paul's Lutheran church, and interment was in the church yard.

He married Miss Bessie Bostain in 1904 who, together with five children, survives. The children are: Mrs. E. C. Saffrit and Mrs. W. H. Saffrit, Salisbury; Miss Helen Cline of the homeplace; W. A. Cline, Jr., and Howard Cline of the county. Four brothers and one sister also survive: Jasper at Atlanta, Ga., Richard, Charles and Junius Cline of Cabarrus county, and Junius Cline of Carrabur county, and Mrs. J. E. Correll, of China Grove. Three grandchildren survive as well.