

PROBABLE GAVIN MAY HOLD PLACE SEVERAL MONTHS

Charlotte Observer Gives New Slant To Outcome of the Republican War.

ANOTHER TERM POSSIBLE

Move Reported Underway To Keep Gavin In Office Till Case Is Disposed.

(By Legette Blythe, In Charlotte Observer.)

Indictment of W. H. Foster, secretary of the Republican State Executive committee, on charges of soliciting contributions to the Republican campaign fund from federal officials, is likely to result in failure of President Hoover immediately to nominate J. R. McCrary of Lexington as district attorney of the middle district or the refusal of the senate to confirm the nomination if it is made by the president.

This is the latest opinion of Charlotte's politically minded to appear almost certain to materialize out of the tangled web in which republican affairs in the state and nation have recently become enmeshed.

With failure of confirmation of District Attorney Charles A. Jones of Lincolnton for the western district now almost conceded even by his friends, the latest prospect presented is that Mr. McCrary also has a long and troublous path ahead before he attains the middle district attorneyship.

ENDORSED BY G. O. P.

Mr. McCrary was endorsed by the North Carolina republican organization over E. L. Gavin of Sanford, the present district attorney. Endorsement by the state committee as a general thing and in usual republican times means nomination by the senate. But those are distinctly not normal republican times—if republican times at all.

The republican state committee, justly or unjustly, is now under a cloud. Its secretary is under indictment by a federal grand jury ordered to meet by a republican judge and presented with evidence by a republican district attorney. The row seems to have originated among the republican brethren and they do not even contend that the democrats are behind it, although of course everybody knows that the democrats aren't trying because it has happened.

NOMINATION MAY WAIT.

With the investigation and prosecution in the hands of District Attorney Gavin and with Secretary Foster under bond awaiting trial, it is nothing but logical to believe that President Hoover would not want to nominate another man to continue the investigation and conduct the trial and especially a man who owed his appointment directly to the favor of the state organization, which is now to be specific, whose secretary is now—actually under indictment and awaiting trial. The president would probably not favor "changing horses in the middle of the stream" and in all probability will decide to await the completion of the trial before sending in the name of Mr. McCrary.

But there is also another very important angle to it. Mr. Gavin unwittingly or purposely, has been of great aid and comfort to Senator Beasley. Senator Beasley has been charged by the republicans with having obtained his seat illegally and without benefit of enough votes to defeat George Pritchard, the republican nominee. They were even talking about keeping him out of the senate until the election could be investigated. Now the spotlight shifts from Senator Beasley and the democrats to Mr. Foster and the republicans. The state organization, even though it is putting up a brave front and ridiculing the charges of District Attorney Gavin, is now on the defensive and there as a result of a republican district attorney and not the democrats.

WOULD GIVE GAVIN CHANCE.

Naturally, therefore, Senator Beasley and the other democrats are anxious to see Mr. Gavin have a chance to try his case. They could very properly and very logically argue that it would be unfair to Mr. Gavin to throw him out before the case comes before the court.

In ordinary republican times, it might be repeated, the objection of Senator Beasley and the democrats would amount to very little indeed. But it so happens just now that what the democrats think about things at Washington has a very great deal to do with it.

In the old days a presidential nomination meant something. It meant that you got the job. Getting the president's nomination was everything. The rest was more routine—rubber stamping.

But under Mr. Hoover the presidential nomination, endorsement and god will means just so much. It doesn't mean, however, that you get the job. It means you have simply passed one hurdle.

There are virtually as many democrats in the senate as there are republicans. If a republican or two get sick or play golf, the democrats are even with the republicans in a battle of ballots. Counting those north-west republicans, Senators Borah, Norris, LaFollette, Shipstead, et al, who are perhaps more democrats than republicans, the democrats have a majority.

But even then the whole story isn't told. The president can't even count upon the regulars. To say it in the most inoffensive way to the president, perhaps, it is certainly true that he cannot compel the republicans to stay in line. There have been many instances that prove this. Mr. Hoover has never been a brother in exactly good standing among the most regular of the regulars.

If he goes ahead then and nominates Mr. McCrary, that means very little toward his confirmation. It may simply signal the beginning of a battle. And the senate will certainly do what it wants to do if a battle is started. Failure to nominate the new man until things get straightened out a bit will probably be the outcome.

TANTALIZER

The letters in the lines below properly arranged spell the names of two persons in Sanford. If the persons whose names are represented by the group of letters decipher their own names and bring copies of this paper to The Express Office before next Wednesday night, to each of them will be given a free ticket admitting them to the show at the Temple Theatre Thursday night.

This week's tantalizer: SEJMA IRMECV OJNH WRROB Last week's winners: Ruth Barber Marie Powers

JONESBORO MAN DISMISSED UPON PAYMENT COSTS

Redin Campbell Pays Costs In Six Different Cases and Is Discharged.

JUDGE RELEASES BROWN

Prosecution Demands Jury Trial In Three Cases Causing A Postponement.

Judge Thomas J. McPherson yesterday dismissed the charges against Redin Campbell, Jonesboro merchant, in Lee Recorder's Court. Campbell, who was charged with selling rubbing alcohol without license, resisting an officer, assault and forcible trespass was released from the toils of the law upon payment of the costs in six different cases.

Campbell's troubles began on Thanksgiving day when Harvey Mitchell, Jonesboro police chief, appeared at the former's lunch stand armed with a search warrant. Mitchell, it was said, proceeded to search Campbell's place in the course of which he attempted to seize a quantity of rubbing fluid, which it is alleged he had been selling to Jonesboro people for drinking purposes. The police chief's invasion of the store is said to have infuriated Campbell bringing on an affray between the former in which both received minor injuries.

The case against Richard Brown, white youth of Colon, charged with having borrowed without the owner's consent an automobile at the High School on the night of December 10th, and having driven the car for several miles in the direction of Colon, and wrecking same, was dismissed. The car was the property of a Mr. Johnson. No eye-witnesses appeared except a young man named Poindexter, who testified Brown approached him at the school on the night of December 10th, invited him to take a ride with him in the car. Poindexter testified he got out of the car at his home at that time and went on with it. The car was found near Poindexter's home. Brown proved by several reputable people of his neighborhood he was at some place else at the time the car was taken. Several boys in the neighborhood said that they saw Brown at or about the time the car was taken. Brown proved a good reputation. Poindexter, the State's chief witness, admitted having been accused of petty thefts.

Edward Cameron Murt Cox and Stacy Thomas were fined \$5.00 each and costs upon conviction of having escaped from the Jonesboro jail on the night of December 7th. The prisoners tore off the door facings and broke the lock in making their successful get away.

A number of other cases were docketed for trial yesterday but Mr. Hoyle requested that a jury be drawn and time set for hearing the cases. This it was pointed out this morning, is the first time a request for a jury trial has been made in Lee Recorder's Court.

The defendants did not join in the request and the Court ordered Mr. McIntosh, register of deeds, to produce the jury box. Twelve names were drawn and the list given the sheriff who will summons the jurymen for the hearing which has been set for January 5th.

Six persons constitute a jury in Recorder's Court and the procedure is about the same as in the court of a justice of the peace.

POWER COMPANY MOVES QUARTERS

The Carolina Power & Light Company moved from Chatham Street Monday to the new quarters in the Makepeace building on Steele Street, recently completely remodelled throughout. The new quarters of the power company are modern in every appointment and present an arrangement that is the last word in the interior setting.

The new home was remodelled in accordance with the company's specifications and will be a great credit to Sanford's shopping center. All business formerly transacted through the Chatham Street office, where the company maintained headquarters for a number of years, will be handled in the future at the company's new address.

The new salesroom of the company is most attractively arranged and on display is a varied assortment of electrical gifts which will be useful to the recipient long after the holiday season is forgotten.

Fred P. Strong is local manager of the Carolina Power & Light Co.

40 YEAR AGO, YOU REMEMBER EGGS WERE TWO DOZEN FOR A QUARTER; BUTTER TEN CENTS PER POUND MILK FIVE CENTS PER QUART. THE BUTCHER GAVE AWAY LARD AND TREATED THE KIDS TO BOLOGNA. THE TIRED GIRL GOT TWO DOLLARS EACH WEEK AND DID THE WASHING; WOMEN WORE CLOTHES AND DID NOT PAINT (in public), VOTE, SMOKE, PLAY POKER OR SHAKE THE SHIRTY. SPARROWS DID NOT STARVE TO DEATH. MEN WORE WHISKERS; CHEWED TOBACCO; SPAT ON THE SIDEWALK AND CURED BEER WAS FIVE CENTS A GLASS WITH LUNCH FREE (oh golly!!!!). LABORERS WORKED TEN HOURS A DAY FOR \$1 AND NEVER WENT ON STRIKE. NO TIPS WERE GIVEN AND THE HAT CHECK GRATER WAS UNKNOWN. A HANGING LAMP WITH GLASS BANGLES AND THE STEREOPTICON IN THE PARLOR WERE LUXURIES. NO ONE WAS EVER OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS OR BOUGHT GLANDS. MICROBES WERE UNKNOWN AND FOLKS LIVED TO A RIPE OLD AGE, AND WALKED MANY MILES TO WISH THEIR FRIENDS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

SHERIFF RIVES HAULS IN HUGE STILL AND BEER

85-Gallon Capacity Still And 100 Gallons Of Beer Are Captured Sunday.

BLOCKADERS GET AWAY

By System of Signals Officers Are Thwarted From Capturing Law Breakers.

Sheriff Arthur Rives and Deputy Sheriff J. M. Thomas made a raid down on Lick Creek, eight miles east of Sanford last Sunday afternoon, and returned to the court house with a galvanized still of about 85 gallons capacity. As they drove along the highway in that section of the county they saw a group of men standing by the side of the road. Soon after they passed these men they heard taken up and carried along till the sound of the fifth gun went echoing over the hills and valleys. This gave the blockader the cue and before the officers reached the still he was racing away at almost the speed of a grayhound. Fire was under the still and about 100 gallons of beer was ready to be turned into Christmas liquor.

Various kinds of signals are used by blockaders to avoid being caught by officers. The firing of guns is often used as a signal by blockaders in this section. When the officers hear the report of guns they know that they are in the neighborhood of a still and that the blockader is making his get-away. Officers tell The Express that the blockaders are now busy in this section making liquor for the holiday trade. They are hard to run down as they are protected by others while engaged in operating their stills. We are informed that like many other things liquor is cheap. The blockaders sell it at almost any price they can get for it.

BANKS CLOSE CHRISTMAS

The Page Trust Company and the United Bank and Trust Company will close Friday and Saturday for the Christmas holidays in order to give their office forces a little rest and recreation. They will be open again for business the following Monday.

LIBRARY NOTICE

The Sanford Library will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 24, 25, 26, for the Christmas holidays.

Virginia Moss Forny-Duval, Librarian.

DEATH REMOVES VALUED CITIZEN

Doyle Manly Gurley Succumbs To Heart Trouble—Had Been In Bad Health.

The final rites of respect to one who had been highly esteemed in his community were paid Tuesday afternoon to Doyle Manly Gurley, 49-year-old druggist, who died here Monday morning at 10 o'clock after a brief illness from a heart affection. Funeral services for the deceased were held at Steele Street Methodist Church, where he had long been a member, and were conducted by Rev. I. D. Hayman, the pastor, assisted by Dr. R. C. Gilmore, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. A. J. Groves, retired Methodist minister. The body was interred at Buffalo cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Austin McCormick, Curry Golden, J. E. Brinn, O. P. Macepeace, Dr. A. D. Barber and T. E. King. The honorary pallbearers were composed of the physicians and druggists of the city and the employees of Lee Drug Company with which firm Mr. Gurley had been connected. The floral tributes were many and very beautiful.

The deceased had been a patient sufferer for three years. Though his health during that time had been constantly on the decline, his condition had not been thought serious by members of the family and friends. Becoming ill last Wednesday he sank rapidly until the end. His death was a shock to the community.

Mr. Gurley was born in Durham on October 14, 1882, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Gurley, pioneer residents of that city. He was educated at the public schools of his native city, at Buies Creek Academy, and at the University of North Carolina where he was graduated in pharmacy. Before entering the University Mr. Gurley worked as a junior druggist with the Crabtree Drug Company, of this city, and later, upon his completion of the pharmaceutical course, he returned to Sanford and again was associated with this firm, this time in the capacity of druggist. For a brief period he held a position in Greensboro but soon returned to Sanford and here with his brother, W. H. Gurley, whose interest he later acquired, he conducted a drug store on Moore Street. As the business transition of Steele Street took place Mr. Gurley was one of the city's first business men to abandon Moore Street for the new street and for a number of years he was proprietor of Gurley's Drug Store on this street. At the first sign of failing health Mr. Gurley sold this business to Joe Lazarus and associates who have, since, (Continued On Page Eight.)

LAMBETH TALKS ENCOURAGINGLY FARM LOAN ACT

Act Sponsored By Democrats Makes \$100,000,000 Available For Farmers.

VOTED FOR MORATORIUM

Congressman Favored Delay of Farm Mortgage Payments For Year.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—"The House of Representatives now in the hands of the Democrats does its part in offering to the farmers aid in the amount of \$100,000,000 in order for them to meet their overdue mortgages to the Federal Land Banks and thus save the roofs over their heads and their farms," said Representative Walter Lambeth of the 7th District on the eve of the holidays.

Mr. Lambeth's encouraging statement was based on the fact that the House has passed a bill amending the Federal Farm Loan Act, providing for the purchase of \$100,000,000 worth of stock in the Joint Stock Farm Land Banks to be paid out of the Treasury of the United States for the purpose of bolstering the credit of these banks and making the rates on loans to the farmers easier.

"Since these Joint Stock Farm Land Banks were organized for business in 1917 and up to September 1, 1931," said Mr. Lambeth, "the farmers of North Carolina have negotiated with these banks 27,904 loans on which they have borrowed \$73,904,750. A large proportion of these loans were made to the farmers in the 7th District through the Columbia Land Bank and this bill amending the Federal Farm Loan Act, if it is made a law, which I feel is now a certainty, will bring relief to many of my constituents who are in financial difficulty. It will extend the time on these mortgages and will enable them to borrow on better terms than the law now permits.

"The Act as amended," said Mr. Lambeth, "authorizes all money paid by the land banks into the Treasury by subscribed stock to remain in the Treasury as a revolving fund for the purchase again of capital stock in the land banks. The sum of \$100,000,000 is considered an ample working mar- (Continued On Page Eight.)

Postal Force Busy

One of the busiest places in Sanford this week is the postoffice. Every member of the force is kept busy handling all kinds of Christmas mail. The little machine that cancels the stamps is kept busy about all the time. While many are sending Christmas presents through the mail to their relatives and friends more Christmas cards seem to be going through the mails than during any previous season. Many are able to buy presents for their relatives and friends and are sending them Christmas cards instead.

LOCAL MERCHANT SEES BUSINESS GAINS FOR 1932

A. K. Miller Expects Conditions To Slowly But Steadily Improve Next Year.

HAYES FORCEFUL MAN

Beasley Recalls Postmaster Who Failed To Heed Call For Republican Funds.

A. K. Miller, secretary of the Local Merchants Association, believes that the whole of 1932 will see a slow but steady increase in business. "Sanford's December business is very good and our total for the year up to this date is, I believe, almost what it was last year," said Mr. Miller. "I believe that people are showing more confidence in business and in the banks and that this indicates better times ahead."

Mr. Miller states that although 1931 has been a time of lower prices and less buying, that efficient merchants should be ahead of last year. "By cutting" costs and expenses everywhere possible the efficient merchant has gotten himself in better position than he was last year," said Mr. Miller.

Those who heard Judge J. J. Foster when he addressed a group of civic organizations here recently were very favorably impressed with the United States district judge. Judge Hayes, it was frequently heard expressed is every man the jurist, yet without having lost the touch that is acquired only by association with the great democratic rank and file. He is as much a product of the rough, uncouth hills, from which he originated, as is Governor Alfred E. Smith of the sidewalks of New York. Their environment is inherent.

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TO SHOW MOOSE PICTURE TODAY

"Girls About Town" Will Be Presented This Evening And Tonight

"Girls About Town," a comedy of American life which depicts the idiosyncrasies of the average small town girl, is being shown at the Temple Theatre this afternoon. Tonight the evening presentation will be shown. This splendid picture, the proceeds of which go to the Christmas stocking fund of the Loyal Order of Moose, is considered one of the season's greatest treats from Hollywood.

The public is urged to attend the showing of this picture as the funds derived from its presentation are to be used in a most worthy cause.

NEW DIRECTORS ARE CHOSEN BY KIWANIS CLUB

Local Organization Holds Last Meeting of 1931 At the Carolina Hotel.

TEAGUE IS SECRETARY

Next Meeting To Be Held Friday Night In January—Had Good Year.

The Kiwanis Club held its last meeting of the year at the Carolina Hotel last Friday night. J. A. Overton who filled the office of president with efficiency and helped to make this one of the most successful years in the history of the club, re-charged at the first meeting in the year to P. H. St. Clair, who takes New Year, Friday night, January 1st, at which time the committee appointments will be announced.

The meeting opened with a program of music put on by members of the club with Miss Ruth Phillips at the piano. All enjoyed the selections charmingly rendered by Miss Phillips. Among the selections rendered were spirituals by some of the best singers in the club.

The first business taken up was the election of a board of directors. In addition to J. E. Brinn, John Davenport, J. A. Overton, and P. H. St. Clair, who serves in an official capacity, the following members of the club were elected to serve on the board during the coming year: S. J. Husketh, Dr. Waylon Blue, E. Frank Andrews, Dr. J. F. Foster, J. W. Kirkpatrick, and Fisher Makepeace.

The house committee was instructed to cooperate with the incoming president in an effort to get the meals at a lower rate and to arrange to have the payment of the dues made easier. W. R. Makepeace and Gunter Watson were placed on the underprivileged child committee to assist the other members of the committee Dr. J. F. Foster and T. T. Hayes, in buying and distributing Christmas gifts to children. Upon motion of E. Frank Andrews, Secretary Teague was instructed to extend a vote of thanks to the Raleigh Kiwanis Club Hayes, it was frequently heard expressed is every man the jurist, yet without having lost the touch that is acquired only by association with the great democratic rank and file. He is as much a product of the rough, uncouth hills, from which he originated, as is Governor Alfred E. Smith of the sidewalks of New York. Their environment is inherent.

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TOBACCO MART TO REOPEN JANUARY 4

The first lap of the tobacco season ended last Friday when the market closed for the observance of the Christmas holidays. Tobacconists left Friday afternoon and Saturday for their respective homes in this and other states where they will spend the yuletide season with their families.

According to announcement made public Saturday by the local tobacco Board of Trade a total of 4,015,876 pounds of tobacco was sold during the fall. \$351,789.74 was paid the farmers selling tobacco on this market. The average for pre-Christmas sales was around \$8.75 per hundred pounds, an average, while perhaps the lowest in the history of the local market, is yet among the highest paid in the entire new belt.

The market, it was said, will reopen on January 4th or 5th, depending on which date the other markets in this belt reopen.

ROTARIANS HAVE PLEASANT MEET

Songs of Christmas cheer brightened the weekly meeting of the Rotarians, held at the Hotel Wilrik Tuesday at noon. While there was practically no speech-making, members of the club stated Tuesday's meeting was one of the most enjoyable yet held.

This, of course, was due to the ladies who entertained the club with a number of songs, including Christmas selections, rendering them most beautifully.

The ladies singing were: Mesdames M. J. McPhail, W. M. Kelly, E. W. Hunter, T. L. Riddle, E. C. Heins, Jr., H. F. Makepeace, H. C. Roberts, W. H. White, B. C. Kammer, J. C. Buchanan, F. C. Hawkins, and J. S. Truitt.