

ASHEBORO FACES WATER SHORTAGE

Water Department Calls On Citizens of Town To Conserve The Water Supply.

Two weeks ago information from the city water department was that no serious shortage of water was anticipated in Asheboro. However, since no rain has relieved the prolonged drought, the town finds itself facing an insufficient water supply as have many towns and cities in the State. The shortage has not yet reached the acute stage, but unless precautions are taken to conserve the existing supply it will soon reach that point.

In order to acquaint the citizens of the town with the condition and the regulations that have been laid down to meet the situation, the city water department has issued circular letters to each water customer. The people of the town are urgently requested to cooperate with the water department in its effort to conserve the supply. The letter follows:

To all patrons of city water:
On account of the insufficient water supply it is necessary to make the following regulations beginning at once:

REGULATION NO. 1: No water will be permitted to be used for the purpose of washing automobiles, sprinkling streets or sidewalks, lawns or other use which is not absolutely necessary for domestic or manufacturing purposes or any other line of business.

REGULATION NO. 2: All manufacturing plants (all kinds), Hotels, Restaurants, Bottling Plants, Mercantile establishments, Garages, Filling Stations, Barber Shops, all public places and all other kinds of business places city water must reduce to actual needs and no water wasted.

REGULATION NO. 3: All domestic and household users must use as economically as possible by reducing quantity for general use and baths and all other purposes.

PENALTY FOR NOT CARRYING OUT REGULATIONS: Service will be cut off and fined and it will be your interest to see that you have no leaks on your premises as the meters will register the amount you use and you will be held responsible for the amount passing through them.

We request that it is necessary to make these regulations but it is absolutely necessary and we will expect all citizens to cooperate with us.

C. H. RUSH,
Supt. Water Plant.

TAX RECEIPTS DATE BACK TO YEARS 1814 AND 1817

Were Given to William Hinshaw in 1814 and 1817—Miss Litter Has Them Now.

While in Asheboro Wednesday, Miss Beulah Litter, of Rameur, called at The Courier office and exhibited two old tax receipts given in the years 1814 and 1817 to William Hinshaw, uncle of her grandfather. These receipts, while showing signs of age, are well preserved and are perfectly legible.

One of the receipts is dated Nov. 25, 1814, showing that W. Goodman, deputy collector of taxes at that time, had received from William Hinshaw the sum of \$3.67 "for direct tax on his property under act of Congress passed August 1813."

The other receipt was dated Feb. 27, 1817, and was for direct property taxes for the year 1815 collected from Mr. Hinshaw by George Hoover, deputy collector for the 10th district of North Carolina. This receipt was for \$3.52.

The land on which these taxes were levied was what is now known as the Williams place on Harlin's Creek, between Rameur and Franklinville. William Hinshaw lived for many years with Miss Litter's grandfather, Lewis Harlin, and the tax receipts have been handed down as family relics.

REUNION OF THE VUNCANNON FAMILY ON SEPTEMBER 14TH

There will be a reunion of the Vuncannon family at the old home place of the late Peter Vuncannon at Mineral Springs, three miles west of Asheboro, Sunday, September 14th. It is especially urged that all members of the family connections, relatives and friends be present to enjoy the occasion. Dinner will be served on the grounds and those attending are requested to bring a well-filled basket.

Lutterloh Reunion

The annual reunion of the Lutterloh family was held at Richland church, near Liberty, last Sunday. A large number of the members of the family were present and the occasion was very much enjoyed. A picnic dinner was served on the church lawn.

Shot At On Highway

Raymond Corgins, young man of Denton neighborhood, was struck in the back of the head and body by a number of shot fired by an unknown person, near Gordontown, Davidson county, late Sunday night. None of the wounds are fatal. There have been reports of random shooting in that section before and it is not thought that a person firing the shots was trying to shoot at anyone.

DROUGHT HOLDS UP ROAD WORK

Takes 70 Gallons Per Minute for Concrete Pouring—Can't Be Had Now.

Owing to the continued drought and the resulting shortage of water, it is feared that the pouring of concrete on Route No. 70 South, and Route No. 75 East of town will be held up for a while. Ziegler Brothers, contractors, have been in town this week looking over the situation, and it is feared that they will have to postpone work until they can get a sufficient supply of water. The contractors say that it takes approximately 70 gallons of water per minute when they get started, and it is out of the question for the town to try and furnish them at this time. A possible source at the McGrew mine Southwest of town was looked over, but the contractors do not think this will furnish enough, and also the artesian well located near the Randolph Chair Co., from which the town formerly got water was considered, but still the contractors do not believe this adequate. The people of Asheboro would like very much to see the work get under way but if a source of water cannot be had, it will have to wait.

COAL STRIKE AFFECTS ANTHRACITE DISTRICT

Over the 500 square miles in northeastern Pennsylvania in which is stored the nation's supply of anthracite not a colliery whistle is heard nor can a mine car be seen to climb the breaker. On hundred and fifty-eight thousand hard coal miners quit on the stroke of midnight Monday because the leaders of the miners and the mine owners could not come to terms over wage contracts. Ten thousand railroad men, employed by the railroads to move the usual run of coal, are thrown out of work also.

BAPTIST NEWS LETTER

The writer and family had a pleasant visit at the home church, Stanley, N. C., last Sunday. It was good to have the privilege of meeting relatives and many good friends and it was indeed a distinguished privilege to preach in their new church building.

Thanks for the many kind thoughts, coming to the pastor through the mail, remembering another milestone on life's winding trail.

Now and for ten days or two weeks the pastor will be at Biscoe assisting Rev. Richard L. West in a series of revival services. Let the brotherhood remember us in prayer.

Next Sunday will mark the first anniversary of the co-operative work of our church and the present pastor. A review of the passing year's work will be given and some thing offered as an objective for the ensuing year. The pastor is giving as much time of the morning service as is desired to the laymen of our church. Let every member make a special effort to attend the morning service. Mrs. C. W. Scott is arranging for special music by the choir, a quartette, and a solo by Mrs. Chas. Wichard.

Commend Oglesby

Judge John M. Oglesby, the State's newest regular Superior Court judge, at the close of court in Lexington last week, was highly complimented by the Davidson county bar association for the way in which he conducted court in that county. The association drew up a resolution and read it just before the close of the sessions of the court Saturday.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE FREE TRIP

Quite a little interest has been manifested in all parts of the county over the announcement of the Courier's free trip to Washington, open to all who care to take off a little extra time in order to qualify. There is no limit to the number who may make the trip. The Courier will take as many as want to go, provided the necessary conditions are met. And these are easy to meet. There is no long, drawn out subscription contest connected in any way with the offer of a free trip.

Three days and three nights will be spent in the nation's capital. These will be three days and nights filled with interest. There are numbers of places of interest in Washington that should be visited by every citizen of the United States. Everybody at some time in their lives should visit the capital of the nation. Here is your chance to go with all the expenses of the trip paid.

Washington is one of the most beautiful cities in the country. It is said to be the most beautiful capital city in the world. You will enjoy the three days and nights under the supervision of guides who know how to crowd the most attractions in the least space of time. There will be no waste of time trying to find what you want to see and what you ought to see.

Write and let the Courier tell you how you can be one of the party making the trip free of charge.

Ross Reunion

There will be a reunion of the Ross family held at Pleasant Garden M. E. church, in Guilford county, Thursday, September 10th, at 10:30 a. m. All relatives are invited to be present.

This Crew Now Opening Its Nation-Wide Dry Drive



All state and divisional chiefs in Gen. Lincoln C. Andrew's new Federal Dry Army were in Washington last week for a final council-of-war before the big drive which started this week. There are 22 district chiefs, unrestricted by state lines. It is planned to "get the big ones"—cutting off the liquor supply at the source. No. 1, Comm. Haynes; No. 2, Gen. Andrews; No. 3, Comm. White.

ASHEBORO SCHOOLS OPEN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Supt. McMahan Gives Some Information Relative To The School Opening.

Asheboro city schools will open Tuesday, September 8. The teachers are expected to be at the school on the opening date at 8:15 and the doors will be opened for the pupils to enter at 9:30. After the opening day the children will march in at 8:25 and any child coming in after 8:40 will be considered tardy. School will run on Western Union time. Parents and friends of the school who wish to attend the chapel exercises will be welcome at any time. After the opening day chapel exercises will be held at 8:40.

For the year 1925-1926, as long as there is room, any child who lives outside of the Asheboro Graded School District may attend the Asheboro Graded School on payment of the regular tuition charges. The rates of tuition have been revised and the charges for all elementary grades will be \$27 for the year and for the high school \$36 for the year. The entire amount of these charges will be due and collected before the child can enter school.

Children who are not six years old before the first of October will not be admitted to the Asheboro Graded Schools.

We hope that the parents and pupils will co-operate with us in every way possible to make this the best school year we have had.

W. H. McMAHAN, Supt.

B. and L. Associations

There are now about 11,844 building and loan associations in the United States. These have possibly 8,554,352 members and total assets of \$4,765,927,197. This is a gain over 1923 of about 18.76 per cent in membership and 20.07 per cent in assets. Such figures, representing additional thrift, money, in all communities, are of significance to every business man.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD INTERESTING MEET

Next Meeting Will Be Held At Franklinville First Sunday In October.

With a good representation from Franklinville, Asheboro and Randleman union, the Randolph county district of the Baptist Young People's Union had one of the best meetings of this nature ever held in this section of the State at the Randleman Baptist church Sunday. Various phases of the young people's work was discussed and explained. Mr. F. H. Jordan, of Franklinville, and Miss Rilla B. Spoon, of Asheboro, were the outstanding speakers.

Special music was rendered as a part of the program. Misses Pauline Phillips and Hohn Moore, of Asheboro, pleased the meeting with a duet, accompanied on the piano by Miss Gladys Hall and on the violin by Edgar R. Thomas, from the Intermediate Union of Asheboro.

Plans were adopted to change the regular meeting dates from each fifth Sunday to the first Sunday in each month, beginning with the first Sunday in October at which time the meeting will be held at Franklinville. It is the hope of the B. Y. P. U. that these more regular meetings will create more inspiration and further promote the work among the young people of the various Baptist churches in the county.

Unlawful For Dogs To Run At Large on Streets of Town

At a meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners held Monday night an ordinance was passed making it unlawful for any dog to run at large on the streets unaccompanied by its owner. A fine not to exceed five dollars is to be imposed for violations.

BOSTIC GETS 50 YEARS FOR MURDER OF 2 NEGRO WOMEN

Al Bostic, who admitted killing Willie May Butler and Jimmy Lou Jones, negro women of Thomasville, several weeks ago, was last week convicted in Davidson county Superior court and sentenced to serve a total of 50 years in the State penitentiary. Bostic pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree.

It will be recalled that Bostic was arrested in Asheboro a few days after the murder by Chief of Police Stead at a negro dwelling house in the northern part of Asheboro. Bostic admitted the killing to Chief Stead at the time of his arrest and talked freely about the crime.

SPECIAL OFFER

During the week beginning September 7th, court week only, The Courier offers for new subscribers and renews this remarkable club offer, four papers for the price of one:

The Courier, Progressive Farmer, Southern Agriculturist and Southern Planter, all for \$2.00, the regular subscription price of The Courier.

Do not fail to take advantage of this offer, and remember that it is during Court Week only. It will positively not be extended longer. If you are behind with your subscription, this is a good time to renew. If you want to get on our mailing list as a new subscriber you could not find a better time or a more advantageous offer.

DESCENDANTS MAKE TRIP TO GRAVE OF BALFOUR

Dr. Long and the Misses Troy, of Greensboro, Visited Grave of Ancestor Friday.

Dr. J. Wesley Long, of Greensboro, accompanied by Miss Nina Troy, who has just returned from a six-year stay as missionary in China, and Misses Allah, Leta and Ethel Troy, of Greensboro, also, and John W. Cannon, staff correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, were in Randolph county last Friday for the purpose of visiting the grave of their ancestor, Andrew Balfour. The grave is located on the John Rush farm about ten miles south of Asheboro. It lies in the corner of a field undisturbed, a simple white headstone marking the resting place of the Revolutionary hero. The stone has on it the following inscription:

"Colonel Andrew Balfour, of revered memory, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. Murdered by a band of Tories at his home March 10, 1872. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord."

Surrounding the central stone are the stones marking the grave of his son, Andrew, and his sister, Margaret. His daughter, Tibby, was not buried in this plot.

It was Colonel Balfour's daughter, Tibby, who was destined to hand down the qualities of the Revolutionary leader. She married John B. Troy and many of their descendants are living in Randolph and adjoining counties. A few of the descendants were those who visited the resting place of Colonel Balfour Friday. The visitors took pictures of the graves and of the group of descendants present and Mr. Cannon wrote an interesting sketch of the life of Balfour for last Sunday's issue of the Daily News.

WATER IN RIVERS LOW AND WELLS DRY DAILY

The present drought in Randolph county has had few equals in the history of the oldest inhabitants. Wells in many parts of the county have gone dry and the people are forced to carry drinking water. Dozens of small streams are dry and have been for weeks. The Uwharrie River at Trinity has been dry for more than a month. For many weeks there was barely enough water in the stream to run. The Uwharrie is the lowest known in the Farmer section. Deep River and the Yadkin are the lowest in the memory of the oldest citizens.

Crops are badly damaged. Many farmers find themselves facing not only shortage of corn crop but also an insufficient supply of hay. The grass is not growing and hasn't for several weeks. Many farmers are cutting down their corn for roughage, there not being enough corn on the stalks to warrant pulling it.

The dry spell is said to be as bad as the one of 1885, which is said to have been the worst or one of the worst in the history of the State.

PARAMOUNT WEEK AT THE LOCAL THEATRE SEPT. 6-13

The Capitol Theatre, Asheboro, is one of the 8,000 theatres throughout the country that will exhibit Paramount pictures exclusively the week beginning Sept. 6th. Paramount week at the local theatre is always looked forward to with pleasant anticipation by local patrons of the Capitol. Among the Paramount pictures to be shown during the week at the Capitol are: Madame Sans Gene', 'Top of the World', 'The Goose Hangs High', and 'Crowded Hour.'

These pictures feature some of the most popular screen stars in the country, including Gloria Swanson, James Kirkwood and Bebe Daniels.

FARMER HIGH SCHOOL OPENS NEXT MONDAY

Expect Enrollment of More than 275—Splendid Corps of Teachers.

Farmer high school will open next Monday, September 7th, for the fall term. Judging from the enrollment of 244 last year, the number expected to be enrolled this year is about 275. A strong faculty has been secured headed by Prof. Fred A. Fiquett, of Elizabeth City, who in addition to his duties as directing head of the school will teach mathematics and science.

Associated with Prof. Fiquett in the high school department will be Prof. J. W. Lank, of Wilson's Beach, New Brunswick, Canada, who will teach Latin and history. Mrs. Lank will teach English and French. Vocational agriculture will be in the hands of Mr. R. F. Brackin, who taught at Farmer last session. Mr. Brackin is originally from Headland, Ala., but since he has married a Farmer young lady, Farmer and the county lay claim to his citizenship.

In the grammar grades, the following are teachers: Mrs. Fred A. Fiquett, of Elizabeth City; Miss Vera McLeod, of Broadway; Miss Tula Morris, of Farmer; and Miss Linnie Dorsett, of Farmer. A Miss Dixon, of Rameur, will also teach at Farmer.

Each of the teachers has had several years of experience and all were teachers at Farmer last year except Misses McLeod, Morris and Dixon. However, they are teachers of experience and come to Farmer highly recommended.

M. E. CHURCH MATTERS

(By Rev. W. H. Willis)
Rev. G. W. Clay reports an unusually successful meeting at Tabernacle. Rev. V. B. Stanly assisted. There were about 50 conversions.

Great crowds heard the writer last week at Macedonia, on the New Hope circuit. He returned Sunday morning.

Rev. W. F. Womble will hold our fourth quarterly conference, Sunday, next, at 3 p. m.

The Epworth League entertained delightfully the young people who are soon to go away to school, on Tuesday evening. A pageant depicting scriptural parables were shown. Refreshments were served. Some parents were present.

The Randleman "Home Coming" last Sunday, according to Bro. J. E. Walker, was a great occasion. People advanced in years are invited to hear a sermon Sunday morning on "The Good Old Age." The communion will follow. At night he speaks to parents on "Our Children."

MR. C. L. WILLIAMS HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM NAVY

Mr. C. L. Williams, who is a member of the United States Navy, is at home on a furlough. Since joining the Navy in 1923, he has spent two years in Honolulu, has been in California, Cuba, Nicaragua, Panama, and numbers of other places. He is a member of the hospital corps, being a pharmacist mate on the ship Mercy. Mr. Williams expected to be in Asheboro for a six weeks' furlough but has been called to Philadelphia to join his ship which sails September 15th for Cuba and Panama Bay. Mr. Williams was in a Navy hospital at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, and expects to continue his training. He notes with interest many improvements in Asheboro since his visit here two and a half years ago. He expects to visit his sister, Mrs. Arthur Stillwell, in Wilmington, next week.

High Point College Opens Sept. 15

The fall term of High Point College, at High Point, will open September 15th, according to announcement made by president Dr. R. M. Andrews. Six new members have been added to the faculty which now consists of 18. Walter F. McCannless, of Wadesboro, becomes head of the department of mathematics. Mrs. P. E. Lindsey, of Alamance county, will teach home economics. These are two new additions to the faculty.

RANDLEMAN ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC SEPT. 17TH

J. D. Waldrop, fifth district state highway engineer, made the statement Tuesday in an interview with newspaper men in Greensboro that the Randleman-Greensboro road should at the present rate of construction be open to the public Sept. 17th. The actual pouring of concrete will have been completed before that time, but the road must "settle" two weeks before it is open for traffic.

WHITE TO CARRY STAR ROUTE MAIL

Glensia Man Gets Contract For New Mail Route—Begins Next Monday, Sept. 7.

Earl White, of High Point, Rt. 3, has been awarded contract to carry mail on the newly established Asheboro-High Point star route. Mr. White's bid of \$2,450 per annum was accepted out of fifty bids submitted. The contract begins September 7th, next, and ends June 30th, 1928. Two round trips will be made daily, except Sunday, beginning next Monday morning. The distance to be traveled is 28.7 miles each way, making a total daily mileage of 114.8.

Train mail service will be discontinued on the Southern between Asheboro and High Point. This makes the star route to be inaugurated Monday one of the most important in the State. Not only will mail be brought for all parts of the county, but mail for distribution all down the Norfolk Southern will be handled.

Four postoffices between Asheboro and High Point will be served by the star route. These are Randleman, Archdale, Spero and Sophia. A large amount of mail will be handled. Postmaster York of High Point states that on Mondays approximately 100 bags of mail are sent from High Point to Asheboro and during other days from 30 to 75.

This new mail service will be welcomed by people of Asheboro and the rest of the county. Under the present service the town and county have been handicapped in the way of mail service. It was only after consistent efforts on part of the people of Asheboro and the postoffices affected that the establishment of the route was considered by the postoffice department. This new route together with the star route already in operation between Greensboro and Rameur will furnish the people of the county a first class mail service to which they are justly entitled.

The schedule for the new service is as follows:
Leave High Point daily, except Sunday, at 8:30 o'clock and at 2:30 o'clock.

Arrive Asheboro daily, except Sunday, at 10 o'clock and 4 o'clock.

Leave Asheboro daily, except Sunday, at 10:10 o'clock and 4:10 o'clock.

Arrive High Point daily, except Sunday, at 11:40 o'clock and 5:40 o'clock.

Want New Court House

The Davidson county grand jury at the recent session of Superior court at Lexington made as a part of its regular report recommendation for the construction of a new court house for the county. The present court house, according to the grand jury, should not be torn down, but kept as a community house and the new court house erected elsewhere in Lexington.

Kennedy Gets Twelve Months

John Ad Kennedy, aged Thomasville township farmer, convicted in Davidson county Superior court last week on charge of bigamy, was sentenced to the county roads for twelve months with privilege of being hired out. His son paid the costs of the action and took his father home to care for him. It will be recalled that Kennedy left home many weeks ago and for a long time nothing was heard from him until he returned home of his own accord. It was found that during his absence he had married a Stokes county woman, although he had a wife and several grown children living. It is the general opinion that his mind is affected.

CRIME INCREASE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Brummitt's Annual Report Discloses Large Increase—267 Criminal Cases in County.

Crime is on the increase in North Carolina, judging from the increase in the number of cases tried in the Superior courts of the State for the twelve month period ending July 30th, 1925. According to the annual report of Attorney General Dennis C. Brummitt, there were 14,706 criminal cases tried in these courts in North Carolina during the year, or 885 more than the previous year.

Violations of the prohibition laws led all other offenses with 4,450 cases, or 1,738 more than for the previous year. A number of other crimes showed an increase over the preceding 12-month period. Larceny and receiving numbered 1,945 cases, while assault with deadly weapons numbered 1,293. Fifteen men were sentenced to die in the electric chair during the period. For murder in the second degree there were 249 cases tried and 84 for manslaughter.

Mecklenburg led all the counties in the State in number of cases with 1,166. Currituck came last with only 7 criminal cases. Following is a list of cases in a number of other counties in the State:

Alamance, 252; Anson, 186; Chatham, 192; Davidson, 155; Durham, 446; Forsyth, 637; Guilford, 481; Harnett, 97; Hoke, 85; Iredell, 76; Montgomery, 171; Randolph, 287; Richmond, 314; Rowan, 89; Scotland, 67; Stanly, 33; Stokes, 89; Surry, 173; Union, 53; Wake, 927; Wilkes, 245; and Yadkin, 62.

R. Q. Alexander, wealthy cotton broker of Gastonia, has been committed to the insane asylum through habeas corpus proceedings brought by members of his family, who state he is mentally imbalanced.

ORGANIZES "OUTS" IN BATTLE ARRAY

Kohloss Heads Movement to Organize Republicans in All Parts of State.

News comes from Greensboro that R. A. Kohloss, of Liberty, Randolph county, is heading a movement to organize Republican clubs in every voting precinct in North Carolina. Randolph and Chatham counties, so the story goes, were selected as the entering wedge in this far-flung organization. Kohloss is president of the organization in the State and J. J. Jenkins, of Siler City, is another officer.

In Randolph, Dr. J. D. Gregg, of Liberty, is county president of the organization. R. E. Johnson, of Asheboro, is vice president, and C. N. Cox, of Asheboro, is secretary and treasurer. A precinct club at Liberty has as its president S. G. Frazier, A. C. Pickett, vice president, and R. N. Garner, secretary-treasurer.

In Chatham, L. L. Wrenn, of Siler City, is president of the club. C. C. Brewer, of Bonlee, vice president, and W. S. Durham, of Siler City, secretary-treasurer.

The cohorts of Marion Butler, the henchmen of the "Anti-Hog Combine," the "outs," seem to be behind the movement, whose purpose, as heralded to the people, is to wrest North Carolina from the Democrats, but, if one is to believe other members of the party not included in the organization, is for the purpose of taking the Republican organization in the State from the hands of the "ins," like Dave Blair and W. G. Bramham, and place it in the hands of the "outs" led by Marion Butler.

Judging from the roster of the officers of the organization in this county, one is led to the conclusion that none who enjoy the Federal pie counter are eligible to membership. The membership seems to be exclusive and confined to the "outs." R. A. Kohloss, who is heading the movement in North Carolina, is a deposed revenue agent. He is ably assisted by Dr. J. D. Gregg, of Liberty, who failed to get his coveted seat at the pie counter. Another assistant is R. E. Johnson, deposed from seat of the mighty in the Randolph county courthouse, and of whom it is said when he left the courthouse, shorn of authority, made the remark that he might continue to vote the Republican ticket, but could not work longer for the party. Somebody had to go, it is said, and Johnson, was the goat. And this too in face of the fact that by virtue of official capacity as secretary to the county Republican executive committee furnished a lot of the fireworks in the recent campaign. He may have felt like he should have been rewarded for his efforts in behalf of the Grand Old Party, but Johnson and the duly constituted officials couldn't mix and he had to walk the gang plank. Still another of the officers of the organization in this county is Clifford N. Cox, who, if reports are correct, is to hold the purse strings. Just why Cox should have been included in the "outs" is not known. He is county attorney and Republican county chairman and by virtue of this should be one of the "ins." However, maybe the Federal pie counter has attractions for Cox and by virtue of this he gets in a class with the "outs."

But, before the echo of the fanfare of trumpets announcing this formidable organization died out, Marion Butler, himself, from his Washington office, issues a statement in which he denies being "daddy" of the organization. He does not denounce the plan as being unsound, but makes the point that it is premature. He takes occasion to say that the men promoting the clubs have a contempt for the present State Republican organization in North Carolina. And then he takes a fling at Chairman Bramham and others who are guiding the destinies of his party in North Carolina.

However, before the announcement was made of the formation of the clubs, it was intimated that Butler was in sympathy with such a movement and that it had his sanction. Whether he is really the "daddy" of the organization and his henchmen were too enthusiastic in their work, or whether Kohloss is acting independently of both Butler and the State organization is not known. To the average reader it appears that a cog has slipped somewhere and that the old machinery of the Butler crowd is not in good working order. From Raleigh comes a statement from Gilliam Grissom, who, by virtue of holding a Federal job, is not eligible to membership. Grissom speaks in parables and hasn't given the slightest indication of what he means by his statement, but the Butler crowd will perhaps be able to interpret his remarks.

"For instance," Mr. Grissom says, "one of the present office holders might be a splendid public servant and have an excellent public record. He would be an asset to any Republican club and to the Republican party. A former office holder may have had a record which was not helpful to the party. Surely if a present office holder whose record is good is to be barred from active participation in politics, a past office holder whose record was not good should be left out."

R. Q. Alexander, wealthy cotton broker of Gastonia, has been committed to the insane asylum through habeas corpus proceedings brought by members of his family, who state he is mentally imbalanced.