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## DUNAGAN AND HAMRICK DEBATE POLITICAL ISSUES

Democratic County Chairman Touches Several Important Points in Debate With Republican County Leader.

Rutherfordton, Sept. 22.—The court house was filled to its capacity here Monday night, and many could not secure admittance to the first debate between S. P. Dunagan, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of this county and Fred D. Hamrick, chairman of the Republican county committee. The debate was scheduled to start at eight o'clock, but ten minutes before that time the house was filled, and by agreement the debate began. Mr. Dunagan spoke first, and presented in fine style his charges against his opponent. Mr. Dunagan congratulated Mr. Hamrick for finally adopting his idea, advanced three years previously, that the taxpayers of the county were overburdened and needed relief. Mr. Dunagan said he was not "mad" at anyone, and would not allow himself to get mad over politics. Asserting that he believed the Republicans wanted a one-sided campaign this year he had been criticised severely for calling it "my hand." "I fight for my side," said Mr. Dunagan. "If I lose I will make defeat good naturedly; if I win I'm not going to crow over victory. So far as I'm concerned the counting of the ballots settles the matter until the next election" said the speaker.

**Dunagan's Speech.**  
I ask you Republicans, who started this row anyway? Why Mr. Hamrick started the criticism back in April at the Republican convention. I had his speech in the Sun of April 1930. No one answered him then. So he got a little bolder and on that time on 'till my speech accepting the Chairmanship of the Democratic Executive Committee he got bolder and bolder in charging the Democratic Party with incompetence, violations of the laws, etc. I didn't get mad at him for his remarks, and my message was the forerunner of my intentions to discuss the issues of this campaign in a way to let the people of Rutherford County know the truth. I even admitted that my party had made mistakes, and stated I would not undertake to defend the mistakes. That ought to have tickled my friend Hamrick. It would have if I'd stopped there—but to be fair with the public I felt the voters should know so that someone entirely disconnected with the Democrat Party had something to do with the grave errors. That didn't suit Mr. Hamrick and these Republicans following his leadership. My message exploded in his camp like a bombshell and was out to blow up their chances for victory—a victory that they'd already counted on.

**Conflicting Interests.**  
Now I wasn't mad at anyone, and I came here to say that I have no personal feeling whatever. I myself am convinced that our former board of Commissioners who will necessarily come into this discussion were honest, and acted with honest intentions. So far as they are concerned their big mistake was in accepting the advice of those who had selfish interests at stake rather than the advice of real Democrats who could have the interest of the masses of the people in mind and heart. I'll go further and say that Mr. Hamrick acted conscientiously but being interested from several different angles he could hardly be expected to be fair. His client's interest was foremost in his mind. It's a lawyer's duty, to look after his clients interest. I admire him for that. The great mistake he made was in having clients whose interests conflicted with the rights of the people, and undertaking to look after both sides and advise the county, banks, and Chimney Rock Mountain, Inc., in transactions between

## Dunagan-Hamrick Joint Debates

Hon. S. P. Dunagan, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Rutherford county, will meet Fred D. Hamrick, chairman of the county Republican executive committee in a public debate Friday evening, at eight o'clock at the Caroleen-Henrietta High school. On Tuesday evening, September 30, they will debate at Ellenboro.

Mr. Dunagan was recently challenged to these debates by Mr. Hamrick.

## HON. J. W. BAILEY TO SPEAK HERE OCT. 6

Candidate for U. S. Senate Will Present Issues of Campaign in Impartial Manner.

Hon. Josiah W. Bailey, Democratic candidate for United States Senate, will speak in the school auditorium here Monday evening, October 6, at eight o'clock, according to an announcement made by Hon. Stover P. Dunagan, chairman of the Rutherford County Democratic Executive committee. This will conclude the first series of sixteen campaign speeches by Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Bailey will probably speak at Rutherfordton on Monday afternoon, and come to Forest City Monday night. Further announcement in regard to this arrangement will be made next week.

Mr. Bailey is a forceful and virile speaker; clean, honest and upright, and will present in an impartial and unbiased manner the issues of the campaign. His campaign speeches over the state thus far this season have been free from any abuse and political bunk, and he has been heard by thousands of Republicans as well as Democrats.

A cordial invitation is extended to every voter of Rutherford County to come out and hear the issues of the 1930 campaign presented in an impartial manner Monday evening, October 6.

## THE MOST STUPENDOUS OFFER EVER MADE IN THE COUNTY

Our readers will no doubt be surprised at the two for one announcement made by The Courier this week, wherein we are offering to let our subscribers pay their arrears at two years for the price of one—one dollar. Of course, we will take new subscribers at this special offer, one year for the subscriber and one for any name they suggest.

We have given much thought to this offer, and want it distinctly understood that it does not imply a cut in our subscription price of one dollar per year in the county. We know how hard times have been this year and have not billed our subscribers during the year, consequently many are in arrears with their subscriptions. We appreciate our subscribers continuing with us during the depression, appreciate the loss in the price of cotton, take count of their losses in the banks and otherwise, and to show our appreciation of all these good folks sticking by their favorite county paper, we are going to show our appreciation by taking part of their loss ourselves by allowing everyone who pays during this special offer two years for the price of one. We want every subscriber to continue with us, and believe they will appreciate and take advantage of our offer of two for one.

We are going to send out subscription notices soon and want every one receiving a notice to respond before the offer closes, November 15.

This offer does not apply to any subscriber not living in Rutherford county.

Every subscriber not taking advantage of our offer, and is in arrears at the close, will be stricken from the list. There will positively be no extension of time, and the regular price of one dollar per year will go into effect at the close of the offer.

## THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



## Lake Lure Is Dragged For Woman's Body

Investigation Started by Discovery of Hair on Fishing Hook—No Results Thus Far.

Despite a misting rain, Snug Harbor, on Lake Lure, was dragged for hours Saturday afternoon in attempt to recover the body of some person believed to be in the lake. This belief originated when C. S. Hemphill, this city, while on a fishing party pulled in a bunch of blonde hair on his hook. This he turned over to Coroner W. C. Hightower, who with Garret M. Edwards, county patrolman, led Saturday's investigation. While no body was found, the belief that there was one in the lake was augmented by the finding of several more hairs and a peculiar nauseating odor that prevailed over the spot on the lake where Mr. Hemphill's hook had caught on the hair last week.

For hours a boat plied its way back and forth across the harbor with grappling hooks dragging behind to no avail. Several times the hooks caught on some unseen object, but these turned out to be bushes and stumps. There was one place in the harbor, however, where the hooks caught in some hidden object, and it was here that Mr. Hemphill pulled in the hair on his line and where the strong odor was most prevalent. It seemed to be impossible, though, to get the hooks to catch on to this object and as it was beginning to get late and was raining it was decided to wait until Sunday to continue the search.

Sergeant A. A. Price, of the local police department, received a letter last week from Mrs. J. E. Hicks, of Burlington, Route 4, whose daughter is missing and asking the police to notify her if the body is recovered and can be identified as her daughter. A description was sent with the letter.

In telling of finding the hair on his hook Mr. Hemphill, who was accompanied by J. E. Vassey and W. L. Brown on the fishing trip, stated that when he pulled in his line he noticed something hanging on it, but as it was night he couldn't see what it was and began pulling it off and throwing it on the ground. It was while rebaiting his hook that he happened to look down and see by the light of the lantern that he had been pulling human hair off his hook. Wrapping some of it up in some paper he turned it over to the police the next

## Plucky Girl Catches Automobile Thief

Returning to the home of her father, Dr. G. P. Reid, Sunday night about 10 o'clock, Miss Ruth Reid was surprised to see some one attempting to drive off with the car belonging to Dr. Reid and which was parked at the side entrance to the residence. She sprang from the car in which she was riding and grappled with a negro man who was attempting to start the car. She held him until others of her party, including Miss Elizabeth Davis and two young men, came to her rescue. The men then guarded the negro until Serg. A. A. Price quickly responded to their telephone call and placed the negro under arrest. He turned out to be a young negro of this city who has borne a good reputation. He was drunk at the time and it is said that the Doctor would not press the charge of attempted robbery, but that the negro would be fined for drunkenness.

Miss Reid, the first to reach and grapple with the negro, has been highly complimented by her many friends upon the display of her courage and nerve. She grappled him by an arm and held on until help came.

## Championship Title Fight

Johnnie Price, local boy and a brother of Chief Charles R. Price, will fight Jack Blanton, of Cliffside, Saturday night at the Rutherford County fair grounds for the championship of Rutherford county. The fight is scheduled for six rounds and will be held in front of the grandstand. This will be the main bout before Ambrose Taylor, Forest City negro, clashes with another of his color from High Point, N. C.

Mr. Price is in training to meet Harry Fayles, of the Wilmington, N. C., police force at the Police Field Day exercises in Charlotte, October 24.

New line of wool knit toques, gloves and bootees, 15c to 50c. Stahl's Ten Cent Stores.

morning and the investigation was started.

Several divers attempted Sunday to locate the supposed body, but failed. Coroner W. C. Hightower is of the opinion that if a body is in the lake the only way to raise it is to dynamite the lake.

## Rutherford Fair Opened Tuesday

Good Attendance on Opening Day—Agricultural Exhibits Are Far Superior to Those of Previous Years.

## AUTO RACES AT COUNTY FAIR

Races Friday and Saturday Afternoon Sanctioned By A. A. Racing Board.

Interest is running high in anticipation of the greatest dirt track automobile races ever to be held in this section of the county, for the list of drivers entered in Friday and Saturday's race programs at the Rutherford County Fair grounds will be made up of some of the most famous dirt track pilots of this country.

The races will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon. The program each afternoon will consist of six events, including the time trials, in which all drivers will race against time in an endeavor to set a new North Carolina track record. This record is now unofficially held by the Rutherford fair track, but due to last year's racing not being sanctioned by the contest board of the A.A.A. the record is not recognized. However, a sanction has been granted this year which means that the races will be supervised by a member of the contest board and any records made will go down in the books as official.

The incomplete entry reveals the names of such drivers as Jimmie Patterson, Billy Cain, Charles Cyr, Bruce Thompson, Sam Numis, Ben Shaw, Bill Neapolitan, H. H. "Speed" Campbell, "Mac" McClure and a score of others. Some of these names are familiar to Rutherford people, as they appeared last year at the Rutherford fair.

## PETITIONS OUT FOR MAIL ROUTE

The County Club and Others Asking for Star Mail Route From Marion to Shelby and Return Daily.

At a meeting of The Rutherford County Club, held Friday at the Dutch Grill, the following resolution, requesting a star mail route, was unanimously adopted by the club:

"We, the undersigned, postmasters, patrons, publishers and civic clubs, hereby respectfully petition the establishment of a star mail route leaving Marion on a six day service upon arrival of the Southern train No. 36 (Salisbury-Knoxville), and serving the postoffices of Vein Mountain, Thermal City, Union Mills, Gilkey, Rutherfordton, Spindale, Forest City, Bostic, Ellenboro, Mooresboro and Lattimore, terminating at Shelby, carrying all classes of mail.

"And leaving Shelby each weekday afternoon upon the arrival of star mail route No. 18995 at 3:50 p. m., and returning to Marion that afternoon serving the same postoffices as above. This star mail service is asked in lieu of railway mail service of which we were deprived when trains Nos. 113 and 114 (Marion and Columbia) were discontinued August 17th 1930. Approximate mileage 55 miles one way. Practically all hard surface road."

This resolution was drawn up after a conference was held Thursday afternoon in Shelby, between J. H. Quinn, Shelby postmaster, T. T. Long, of Forest City, and Postmaster Williams of Rutherfordton, and others. Those attending the conference were unanimous in their opinion that a star mail route was needed in lieu of the railway service which was discontinued several weeks ago when Southern trains Nos. 113 and 114 were taken off.

The Rutherford county fair opened Tuesday morning with indications of nice weather for the week, and record breaking crowds. Tuesday was school day, and school children from McDowell, Rutherford, Polk and Henderson counties were admitted free of charge.

Krause Greater Shows are playing on the midway this year, with an aggregation of the cleanest shows on the road. A number of free acts are given each afternoon and night before the grandstand, while horse-racing and automobile races will be afternoon features.

The exhibits this year are above the average of other years. The counties co-operating with Rutherford in this year's fair have a number of good exhibits, which add much to the educational value of the fair.

With all exhibit space taken up before the fair gave promise that this year's fair would be the greatest and largest of them all. Several would-be exhibitors were turned away for lack of space to house their exhibits. A total of 686 front feet in the exhibit hall is devoted entirely to agricultural products, while 176 front feet is devoted to commercial exhibits. This exceeds any previous year's record.

McDowell, Henderson, Polk and Rutherford counties are represented in the hall.

**"Live-at-Home" Booth.**  
A group of enterprising Polk county citizens have placed a booth featuring entirely Governor Gardner's live-at-home program, which is attracting it full share of attention, and is proving of great educational value.

Individual exhibits from Henderson county include those of W. E., D. P., and Eiland Moss, Miss Julia Moss and L. Y. Lydia and others.

The Copisa Orchards, of Saluda, Henderson county, and the Green River Orchards of Tuxedo, Henderson county, are centers of interest with their fine exhibit of Golden Delicious, Winesaps and other brands of apples.

Miss Laura Howard, county home demonstrator, has an attractive booth featuring the Four-H Club work, in connection with pantry supplies. The Alexander Woman's Club have a health booth, and the Central High school has an educational booth featuring dairy products and dairy work.

**Community Booths.**  
Among the community booths are the Oakland community booth, put on by Mrs. Monroe McDonald and Mrs. Fred McDonald; Watkins community booth, in charge of J. J. Geer and son; Harris community booth, put on by Prof. H. W. Bingham and class, of the Harris school; Cool Springs high school, put on by Prof. D. H. Sutton and class, of the Forest City High school; and the Ellenboro school booth, put on by Prof. A. B. Bushong and his class of vocational agriculture students.

Henderson county has an attractive booth, featuring the products of that county.

Farm and farm products booths include those of J. H. Burgess, of Union Mills, R-1; J. M. Cole, Harris; Mrs. Monroe McDonald, Forest City, R-2; and Mrs. A. V. Hamrick, of Sandy Mush.

A well arranged forestry booth, put on by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, co-operating with the county game warden Ed Trammell is attracting much attention.

Another booth that brings forth much comment is that of the Alexander School for Motherless children, of Union Mills, which gives an insight into the work of that school.

**Commercial Booths.**  
Among the commercial booths are exhibits of the new Fords, by the Hunter Motor Company, of Rutherfordton; The Farmers Federation, (Continued On Page Four)

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