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STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION LARGELY ATTENDED LAST WEEK

Many Prominent Men Present. No Action Taken On Eight Month's School Term or Australian Ballot Law. Election Board Has Certified List of Candidates For Primaries

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)
RALEIGH, N. C., May 3.—The State Democratic Convention, the final certification of the rolls of candidates for the primary this summer and a variety of lesser affairs occupied the attention and time of officials in Raleigh this week. The Convention was the outstanding feature of the week.

Thursday, in strength more than 2,000 setting a new record, the delegates moved down on Raleigh. Democratic leaders on hand were Governor McLean, who departed from the custom of his predecessors and attended the convention and received a rousing welcome, half a dozen Congressmen, Frank Hampton representing the two Senators and R. R. Reynolds who is aspiring to Senator Overman's seat, Governor-to-be O. Max Gardner, perhaps the most popular, and rightly so, man in Democratic circles of the State at this time.

The morning of the convention was spent in listening to the excellent keynote speech of Walter C. Feimster of Newton which praised the Democracy state and national, and excoriated the Republicans. Mr. Feimster paid particular attention to the record of North Carolina's representatives in Congress and also paid tribute to the record of several past Governors and to Governor McLean.

After the speech, E. O. Everett introduced and Cameron Morrison seconded a resolution of regret at the passing of William Jennings Bryan. Then a similar resolution over the death of former Governor Locke Crisp was adopted. The convention then adjourned for lunch, re-entered the hall two hours later and in a 36 minute session held a love festival at which the platform was adopted and then adjournment was taken.

The platform is chiefly remarkable for the fact that it says nothing. Every opportunity to declare vigorously for or against some of the important questions which are agitating the State was passed up. The Australian ballot was entirely forgotten, the eight months school term was consigned to the Governors educational commission for further investigation.

The State Board of Elections, after some squabbling, certified the list of candidates who may run in the next primary. The list was not made public the day of the closing of the books for fear the newspapers might print some name not approved by the Board. The question of registering by mail or telegraph arose but was finally settled by accepting all who registered in the prescribed form for taking the oath. This barred a half dozen who had failed to do so. There was some criticism of the Board for not allowing Republicans to register by telegraph but this was finally settled.

Prof. Albert Ray Newsome of the University of North Carolina was selected during the week to succeed Robert House as secretary of the State Historical Commission. Mr. House will become executive secretary of the University of North Carolina. John A. Park, publisher of the Raleigh Times gave a dinner on Friday to Oscar J. Coffin who resigned as editor of the paper to become dean of the school of journalism of the University of North Carolina, succeeding Gerald Johnson, who will become editorial writer of the Baltimore Sun.

The convention of state farmers and farm women will be held here on July 27-29, it is announced here. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson believes cruelty to prisoners can be stopped by employing guards with greater mentality rather than by passing new laws. The State employers had a half holiday Convention day in order that they might see their friends in the city attending the Convention.

The North Carolina Welfare Commission has started on the task of collecting data on the number of women employed in industry in the forty largest communities of the State. E. F. Carter, executive secretary of the Commission, is directed to make the survey and report to a future meeting of the Commission, the investigations to follow the outline presented by the organized women of the State to Governor McLean. Judge Walter H. Neal and Representative Zeb V. Turlington of Iredell who have been prominently identified with the "Committee of One Hundred," organized in Charlotte re-

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RAISES BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS.

Dave Whitehurst is a very good barber but nature evidently intended him to be a florist. Most of the time that he is not in his shop is spent in planting, watering and otherwise attending to his flowers. Every bit of space around the house and even the strip along the sidewalk, is filled with flowers of some sort. Roses of many sorts, poppies, petunias, lilies and so many kinds that it is not possible to name them all make the place a regular flower garden. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehurst both take great interest in their flowers and raise a great many beautiful ones. They also give away lots of plants and say that any one who needs a supply may have some by calling and asking for them.

UNVEIL MONUMENT HERE ON MONDAY

Big Crowd Expected Here Monday To See Confederate Memorial Unveiled

All arrangements have been completed for the unveiling of the Confederate monument and the memorial services which take place here next Monday. The exercises will begin at 1:30 in the county courthouse. After the exercises in the courthouse are finished the procession will form and march to the square where the monument stands. There the presentation of the monument and its acceptance will take place. It is expected that a large crowd from all over the county and elsewhere in the State will be present. The unveiling of the Confederate monument is a most important event in the history of the county.

PROGRAM:

Selection—St. Paul's Band.
Hymn—How Firm a Foundation.
1st. verse
2nd. verse.
Invocation—Dr. G. W. Lay.
Introduction of Speaker—E. W. Hill.

Address—Judge Henry A. Grady.
"In God's Acre."
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Bayard Taylor.
Chorus—Old North State.
1st. verse
2nd. verse.

Benediction—Mr. L. B. Boney.
Dixie—St. Paul's Band.
UNVEILING EXERCISE

Presentation of Monument—M. Leslie Davis.
Accepted by—J. E. Woodland,
Chairman Board County Commissioners.

Quartette—Tenting tonight.
Chorus—Dixie—C of C.
Benediction—Rev. E. Frank Lee.
Selection—St. Paul's Band.

PAGES.
Georgie Neal
Lillian Rice
Evelyn Chadwick
Maude Overstreet
Sarah Rumley
Martha Longest.

CAT ABANDONS KITTENS AND ADOPTS POSSUMS

A cat who had adopted seven little opossums attracted a good deal of attention when the aggregation was put on display Monday in the window of the Beaufort Drug Company. The original mother of the little orphans was caught in a steel trap and died. The opossum is a marsupial, like a kangaroo, and so when the mother died the little ones came out of the pouch where she carried them. They were taken to the farm house of Mayor T. M. Thomas, Jr. and there found their new mother. The cat had a family of her own but she decided that the little possums needed her attention more than her own kittens and so she abandoned her offspring in favor of the little strangers. At last account they were all doing very well.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following permits to wed have been issued by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton since last week:
Carlyle Garner and Julia Howard Newport.
C. C. Rice and Minnie Jones, Beaufort.
Garfield Suggs and Letha Ward, Beaufort.

BOARD RESOLVES SEVERAL THINGS

Favors Extension of City Limits And Purchase of Public School Building

Several rather important resolutions were passed by the city board of commissioners at their meeting Monday. The Mayor and all members of the board were present.

The board adopted a resolution favoring the extension of Front street from the present eastern limits of the town to Lenoxville. The petition states that legislation will be sought looking to the inclusion of this territory in the town of Beaufort. The town authorities are pledged to take over any improvements made and to assess and collect taxes on them the same as other property in the town is assessed and taxed. Commissioners Smith and Maxwell were appointed a committee to have a survey made of the proposed extension and report same at a meeting of the board on May 17th.

The board also passed a resolution or an agreement with the owners of the Inlet Inn property in regard to the construction of a wharf in front of that and adjacent property. The agreement provides for the construction of a large wharf and that no fish boats or other commercial craft shall use it. A dock commission composed of the Mayor of Beaufort and C. R. Wheatly was appointed to have charge of the matter.

Another resolution passed was that looking to the purchase of the present city school building for use as a city hall, or in case the county should buy it that the city will undertake to rent a part of it for city hall purposes. Commissioners Maxwell and Smith were appointed a committee to negotiate with the Board of Trustees as to buying or renting the building.

Mrs. C. H. Bushall came before the board and asked that an appropriation be made for Roderick Park which is in the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium. A motion was passed allowing \$15 a month for this purpose. The application of W. L. Paul for permission to build a house on the rear of his lot on Front street was taken up and a motion passed allowing him to build. The request of W. L. Paul and Seth Gibbs to make a change in the driveway on their property was granted. A motion was passed relieving Mrs. M. G. Gardner of her taxes for 1925.

C. R. Wheatly came before the board and asked that the matter of the fish platform on Broad street and the railroad siding question be reopened. A motion was passed to have a hearing on these matters on May 17th, at which all who are interested are invited to be present. The matter of buying 25 seats to be put along Front street was continued until May 17th. Several bids for these seats were received. The clerk was instructed to write a mail order house in Chicago for prices. Several bids for boring a well at the power plant were received and all rejected. The matter was left to the Water and Light Commission. The estimate of D. M. DeNoyer and City Engineer Brooks for sewer work done by DeNoyer was read and approved. A plumber's license was granted to C. R. Manson and Son.

DRAW BRIDGE CLOSED.

According to an order issued by the N. C. Highway Commission the drawbridge across Newport River on the Morehead City side has been closed for two weeks beginning on May 5th. This was necessitated by work on the bridge now in progress. Boats will be compelled to use the Beaufort channel which will remain open.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

About the average number of offenders against the majesty of the law faced Mayor Thomas in his court Monday afternoon. They were disposed of as follows:
Bert Godet (colored) carrying a concealed weapon, to wit a pistol, was held for Superior Court under bond of \$100.
Tom Davis (colored) drunk, guilty got 30 days on the streets.
Mark Washington (colored) throwing a rock through a window, guilty 30 days on the streets.
Floyd Robinson and Hubert Springle, fighting and disorderly conduct, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
William Loftin, exceeding speed limit, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
Two cases were continued until next Monday afternoon.

STORE BUILDING DESTROYED EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

The wooden store building at the corner of Queen and Ann street owned by Mr. Gerald Hill was destroyed by fire at an early hour Sunday morning. The dwelling houses close to the building were in great danger but by the strenuous efforts of both the colored and white fire companies they were saved. The house occupied by the family of Mr. J. T. Blythe was damaged considerably by water and was also scorched right badly. The residences occupied by Mr. Wilbur Willis and family and that of Mr. C. P. Tyler and family had a close call but were not hurt seriously. It is generally thought that if the wind had been blowing hard at the time that a number of houses would probably have been burned. The store building was a total loss and there was no insurance on it.

The origin of the fire is somewhat of a mystery. The building was first discovered to be on fire about 11:30 but the blaze had not made much of a start and was put out by hand by a number of people in the neighborhood. Along about two o'clock the house was found to be on fire again in the rear of the building. This time the fire got such a good start that it was impossible to stop it until the building was burned to the ground.

YOUNG WOMEN WILL GET A FREE TRIP TO EUROPE

Raleigh, May 4th.—The Jefferson Centennial Election in North Carolina, a part of a National movement has for its purpose the payment of the debt on Monticello to perpetuate it as a National Shrine—and a selection of a number of North Carolina representative young women to go as honor members of America's Birthday Party to Europe, visiting France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Holland Belgium and England as guests of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation.

Nomination by organizations or business firms of young women to be selected as candidates may now be filed at Election Headquarters, 212 Dixie Building, Raleigh, telephone 3213, of Charlotte and vicinity Headquarters Room 918, Hotel Charlotte. No candidates may be entered after May 17th.

Balloting in the Election begins May 18th and continues until June 3rd. Votes are counted for a designated candidate on the basis of ten votes for each one dollar contributed to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation during the Election. The number to be elected is determined only by the total number of votes cast. If the grand total of all votes cast in the Election aggregates 50,000 (\$50,000), the candidate having the greatest number of votes at the end of the Election will be declared elected. If all the candidates combined poll 100,000 votes the two highest will be the winners, and so on at the rate of one delegate for each unit of 50,000 votes.

Winners of the Educational European Tour will be announced June 4th. On July 17th they will sail from New York on the Pennland, as honor members of a National delegation, commemorating the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the 100th anniversary of the death of its famous writer, Thomas Jefferson.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS NOT SO NUMEROUS THIS WEEK

Activity in real estate, as shown by deeds recorded by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton, shows a little falling off this week. Several large deals reported under way have not been filed for record as yet. The list recorded is as follows:
C. R. Wheatly Com. to Tillie Williamson 2 acres Hunting Quarter-Township for \$150.
R. B. Chadwick and wife to B. F. Korgay et al 95 1-2 acres Harkers Island Township for \$1,000.

Martha Lewis et al to Clyde Mason et al 36 acres in Atlantic for \$50, and other valuable considerations.

L. D. Willis and wife to R. W. Smith 1-2 of lot 1 block 98 Morehead City for \$1,000.

B. P. Way and wife to B. C. Way lot 9 block 8 Morehead City for \$10.

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Bogue Development Corp. to W. L. Brogden 5 lots Morehead City for \$100.

Arthur Smith and wife to W. H. Brown Jr. 1-2 acre Newport Township for \$350.

BIRTH OF SON.

A son was born Wednesday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. James V. Caffrey. The infant has been named David Stewart.

CRIPPLED PEOPLE MAY HAVE FREE TREATMENT

Another clinic for crippled men, women and children is to be held in New Bern on Saturday May 8th. This clinic is held each month in the offices of the County Health Department.

Crippled children and disabled men and women with clubbed feet, deformed backs, crippled hands, arms, and legs are having their deformities corrected through the treatment afforded them free of charge by this clinic.

At the first session of this clinic on April 3rd, thirty-five cripples reported for examination and treatment. A number were found who cannot be treated in the clinic, but require operations necessitating their going to Raleigh where a hospital bed is furnished by the Kiwanis Club of that city or to the State Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia.

This clinic is sponsored and supported by the Rotary Club of New Bern, which brings Dr. Hugh Thompson, one of the leading orthopaedic surgeons of the State, to New Bern each month for the examination and treatment of the cripples of Craven and adjacent counties. Every disabled resident of this county is invited to attend the clinic.

SCHOOL TERM MAY BE MADE LONGER

Committeemen Go On Record In Favor Of Eight Months Term For Rural Schools

An important meeting of the committeemen of the rural schools of the county took place Saturday in the auditorium of the Beaufort Public School. County Superintendent J. H. Workman was in charge of the meeting. The object of the gathering was to get acquainted, to discuss school problems and to get each other's idea as to what is needed for the betterment of the schools. About fifty committeemen were present.

The most important subject discussed perhaps was that of the proposed eight months term for the rural schools. This matter has been under consideration for some time. After discussing the question throughly by the members of the committee went on record as being in favor of it. Superintendent Workman showed that only 36 percent of the children who entered the first grade seven years ago reached the 7th grade and only 50 percent of those reached the 11th grade. With eight months term in effect it is thought many more pupils would finish the higher grades.

On Monday the regular meeting of the Board of Education took place. R. E. L. Hardesty was appointed committeeman for the Core Creek school and Albert Taylor for the White Oak school. The board decided to advertise for sale the land on which the Ocean school stands. F. R. Seeley submitted estimates as to the cost of teacherages at several places. The board will get the lumber from Mr. Seeley for the teacherages at Newport and Harkers Island. Bills were audited and some other routine business transacted after which the board adjourned.

ROSES OF RARE BEAUTY

There are many beautiful flowers in Beaufort now but none more so than the American Beauty rambler which Mrs. George J. Brooks has in her flower garden. Besides the beauty of these roses their fragrance is unsurpassed. A bouquet composed of them kindly presented to the News by Mrs. Brooks fills the entire office with their delicious odor and besides delights the eyes of all who behold them.

MRS. C. P. ANDREWSKI NOW CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED

Mrs. Casimer P. Andrewski, formerly Miss Virginia Hudgins, who was hurt in an automobile accident last Friday afternoon is now able to sit up and is making good progress towards recovery according to her physician Dr. E. B. Whitehurst. When a car driven by Charles Delamar and that of Mrs. Andrewski collided at the corner of Ann and Marsh streets last Friday she was thrown from her car. Mrs. Andrewski struck the pavement with such force that she was badly stunned and sustained a severe scalp wound. The car in which she was driving was considerably damaged and the other car slightly so.

A man who went over Niagra Falls in a barrel in 1911 without mishap slipped on an orange peel in Auckland New Zealand, and broke his leg.

MAY BUILD ROAD FROM BEAUFORT TO LENOXVILLE

County Asked To Make This Improvement And Be Reimbursed Later

MAY BUY SCHOOL BUILDING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners took place here Monday with all members present. Besides the routine work of auditing and paying bills there were some matters of general interest transacted.

Permission was granted to the Atlantic Beach Corporation to erect a bridge and causeway across Bogue Sound, permission having already been granted by the War Department.

A petition was presented to the board asking that a paved road be built from the eastern end of Front street to Lenoxville. This to be done with the understanding that the town of Beaufort will secure legislation to take that territory into the town's boundaries and then will reimburse the county for the work done. Chairman Woodland and Commissioner Huntley were appointed a committee to look into the matter and report at the next meeting of the board.

Chairman Woodland and Commissioner Huntley were appointed a committee to look into the matter of buying the Beaufort public school building and using it for county purposes. This action was taken in response to a request from the board of trustees of the Beaufort School. The price suggested for the building by the school board was \$50,000.

County Auditor Stencil was instructed to write U. S. Engineer H. T. Patterson and ask him to make a survey for a causeway and bridge from Harkers Island to the main land. Engineer G. J. Brooks was instructed to go to Harkers Island and lay off a borrow pit to get shells for improving the road on the island. The date for holding the special election in Morehead City township was changed; the date to be fixed later. Jurors for the June term of Superior Court were drawn and are as follows:

JURORS FOR JUNE TERM OF COURT, FIRST WEEK

G. W. Harris, Marshallberg; Eli Prescott, New Port; C. F. Davis, Davis; A. L. Paul, Davis; M. S. Lee, Morehead City; Ambrose F. Roberts, Beaufort; D. S. Willis, Straits; A. B. Willis, Newport; Dennis M. Goodwin, Roe; Andrew Rhue, Peletier; Browning Piner, Beaufort; Thos. W. Davis, Marshallberg; Jerome Fulcher, Stacy L. C. Holland, Peletier; M. S. Webb, Morehead City; John H. Lewis, Harkers Island; W. H. Forbes, Morehead City; C. C. Dennis, Ocean; S. F. Harris, Marshallberg; Stephen Davis, Marshallberg; Delton Davis, Davis; R. E. L. Davis, Smyrna; William Fulcher, Stacy; G. B. Goodwin, Roe; Theo. R. Webb, Morehead City; E. Stamey Davis, Morehead City; Doyle Hancock, Morehead City; Charlie Hancock, Harkers Island; Leslie Whitehurst, Beaufort; F. L. Bell, Wildwood; W. C. Murdock, Wildwood; S. D. Edwards, Newport; Sam Davis, Gloucester; H. C. Jones, Jr., Beaufort; Joe Mason, Atlantic; Bryant Davis, Beaufort.

Second Week

W. L. Arrington, Beaufort; D. Ira Garner, Newport; Baker Lawrence, Beaufort; John W. Guthrie, Wildwood; H. C. Davis, Morehead City; Wilbur Lewis, Beaufort; D. M. Salter Merrimon; B. A. Felton, Beaufort; J. L. Salter, Sea Level; Charlie Gould, Newport; C. W. Mason, Stacy; W. C. Irving, Peletier; H. M. Whitehurst, Gloucester; J. A. Styron, Sea Level; Asa Lawrence, Beaufort; J. W. Gillikin, Atlantic; C. E. Herrington, Newport; Alex Foreman, Beaufort. RFD.

RUM CHASERS HERE FOR A SHORT VISIT

Three coast Guard patrol boats or "rum chasers" as they are commonly called came into the harbor here Tuesday and stayed until Wednesday afternoon. The vessels came here from Cape May, New Jersey where they have been trying to keep the liquor runners off the coast. They have gone to Savannah, Georgia and will do the same sort of work along the Georgia and Florida coast. The vessels have eight men in their crews and are armed with a one pounder gun, a machine gun and several rifles. They are 75 feet in length, have a draft of 4 1-2 feet and make about 12 miles an hour.