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Political Atmosphere Is Rather Uncertain

Many Cross Currents; Democratic Gubernatorial Aspirants Rather Plentiful And Some Are Busy; "Local Self Government" May Be Issue; Several Senatorial Prospects Also.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, July 20—Many straws have been eased out into the atmosphere during the past week, fluttering around, hither and yon, and finally coming to rest almost directly under the place or origin, thus giving evidence of many cross currents, but little intimation of any definite direction of political winds.

In the first place, a big barbecue was held at Greenville for the announced purpose of honoring Pitt county's legislators, at which about half of the members of the 1931 General Assembly from the east and a few from the center and west, were present. Intimation was that it was to be something of a "coming out" party for Josephus Daniels, Raleigh publisher, for the race for Governor. Mr. Daniels didn't come out, but sent a message. Later he gave answer to inquiries as to his ambitions for the governorship in a sort of "don't choose to run" manner, in the words: "I can say to you sincerely that I have no desire for public office."

Mr. Daniels didn't close the door and probably is not adverse to the possible urging that may follow, coming from eastern admirers, particularly. Then, too, all of the original prospects for gubernatorial honors were on a program for 10-minute talks at the educational conference at Chapel Hill Friday night, all modestly refraining from political talk, but verging on it in connecting up education and democracy with governmental affairs.

Recently Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, who presided over the Senate side of the General Assembly marathon, came out boldly in criticism of the Brookings report, which recommended many forms of centralization in the State, and decried usurpation by the State of the field of local self-government. Willis Smith, presiding officer on the House side of the same body, and likewise with gubernatorial bees buzzing in his bonnet, took up the cudgel and answered his contemporary at a Durham Kiwanis Club talk, referring to the "fetish" and cry of "the ancient shibboleth—Local Self Government," which, he said to his hearers, has brought many units of the State to the very brink of bankruptcy, from which the State, stepping in with 1927, 1929 and 1931 legislation, had to save them. Looks like the foundation for an issue there.

The Lieutenant Governor, even his opponents will admit, is getting a-bout over the State and shaking more hands and talking with more people than any other man, and is admittedly developing a big following. Yet, it is claimed, he has no local organization, no nucleus of strength, and that the county leaders, within one week, could wrest from him the bulk of his following.

More and more insistent is the rumor that when the primary ballots are printed they will not contain more than one of the names of the original "four horsemen" prospects, and that the name of Allen J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, will be on that ticket. In fact, his friends would not be surprised if he becomes the first formally announced candidate within the next two months. Willis Smith is feeling around, and may enter, but the prediction has been made that Maxwell and Fountain will be the final contestants.

Senatorial Prospects
Frank D. Grist, announced opponent of Senator Morrison, already has started what is expected to be a colorful race, by announcing that he is not pleased with the editorial comment in the Greensboro Daily News that, among other things, "he would make an elegant dog-watcher," and intimating that he may bring suit unless the statement is modified.

He has intimated, in fact, said, that he will ask Senator Morrison some pointed questions, probably in the form of a challenge to public debate, regarding his support of Frank R. McNinch, Anti-Smith leader, for the Federal Power Commission; his

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State Now Repairing Bridges In Carteret

Several bridges here in Carteret County are now being either rebuilt or repaired by the state highway workmen. New piles are being put under the Gales Creek bridge in the western part of the county and also other necessary repairs are being made on the bridge. The bridge over Broad Creek will soon be torn down and an entirely new structure built. Both of these are located on the Bogue Sound road which, since the state took over this segment, is known as highway number 24.

The bridge over North River is moving toward completion rapidly; it is a much sturdier structure than any that has ever spanned that arm of water before. Bids were to be let yesterday for the hydraulic fill at each end of the North River bridge, but the two bids offered were rejected by the state highway commission. The Atkins Dredging Company's bid was \$39,890, while that of Discus Brothers was for \$54,800. On account of the difficulty in getting an acceptable bid for the fill project, it is not known now just when this part of the road between here and Atlantic will be completed and ready for traffic.

BUILDING-LOAN GOING FORWARD

Carteret County Has Two Associations In Operation at Present Time

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, July 22—While Building and Loan Associations in North Carolina have felt the stress of the economic depression during the last year or two, every one of the 235 associations have successfully weathered the storm and are so far in good working condition. O. K. LaRoque, deputy Insurance Commissioner, in charge of the Building and Loan Division, said in a recent statement.

At the end of business last year these associations had assets of \$9,192,373.69 and had a total of 1,869,291 outstanding at that time, a report issued a short time ago shows. These associations had financed during the year 4,490 homes, valued at \$13,135,440.92 or an average cost of \$2,925.48 per home. It is interesting to note that the average home financed cost about \$162 more in 1930 than it did in 1929.

White members numbered 83,303 and colored members 12,612. Loans made during the year amounted to \$23,077,548.64, loans retired totaled \$27,043,591.76 and stock retired \$27,594,729.24, while profits paid on matured and withdrawn stock reached \$3,295,250.36; on running shares and full paid stock the profits were \$1,342,206.56, an dthe interest paid on borrowed money \$227,682.17.

Carteret county, the report shows, has two associations, one at Beaufort and one at Morehead City, with combined resources of \$84,604 and with 1,519 shares in force at the end of the year. These associations financed the erection of only two homes, with a valuation of \$2,000 together, during the past year and had 121 shareholders at the end of the year.

ASKS FOR ANOTHER HEARING

An unfavorable report having been made on the proposed Beaufort-Core Sound waterway project Congressman Abernethy has taken an appeal and asks for another hearing. The News is informed that Col. J. J. Loving has written Congressman Abernethy that another hearing will be held some time in September.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Henry Davis and Mary F. Lewis, Harkers Island.

JEALOUS WOMAN CARVES UP RIVAL

Trial In Recorder's Court Brings Out Tale of Famine Wrath

The story of a vengeful female venting her wrath upon her rival for the affections of her husband was unfolded in County Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. This was the case wherein Elizabeth Fulford, young Beaufort colored woman, was indicted for attacking Hettie Ann Rhodes, an older woman, with a knife. Attorney C. R. Wheatly with Solicitor Phillips for the prosecution and former Judge E. Walter Hill represented the defendant.

Hettie Ann took the stand and told how Lizzie carved her on her leg when she found her and James William Fulford on a bed in the home of Fannie Chadwick. Testimony of witnesses was that two or three other men were in the room at the time. Hettie Ann said she got cut pretty badly and that her doctors bill was \$14. She showed some of the scars on her leg to prove her story. Testimony was that when the husband, Fulford, saw the gleaming knife in the hands of his angry spouse that he took a nose dive out of a second story window and escaped. Some of the others also departed rather hurriedly. Lizzie admitted wielding the knife but considered that she was justified in doing so. Judge Davis said that she did have considerable provocation and for that reason let her off under a suspended judgment on payment of the costs.

Nat Eborn, Crab Point man, charged with transporting liquor and drunk and disorderly was acquitted on the first charge and convicted on the latter. He was let off with a suspended sentence of 30 days not to go into effect if he paid the costs. His attorney A. Baker Morris took an appeal to Superior Court and \$50 bond was required.

Jesse Knight, colored, charged with parking a car without lights on the highway was acquitted. Evidence was that a truck owned by M. L. Mansfield and driven by a colored man ran into the rear of the Knight car. The accident happened just west of the Beaufort drawbridge on a rainy night. Mr. Wheatly appeared for the defendant.

Lee Garner of the Mansfield community charged with having a considerable quantity of "home brew" Continued on page five

POTTER AGAINST SOUTHGATE HEARING HERE THIS WEEK

A hearing that began Tuesday afternoon and lasted through yesterday took place in the county court room before Referee James D. Grimes of Washington. This was in the matter of Guy D. Potter against the Southgate Packing Company of Norfolk, Va. The suit is for an accounting and settlement of claims alleged to be due the plaintiff.

For several years Mr. Potter was agent in Beaufort for the Southgate Company. While in that capacity he bought some real estate on Front street, what was formerly known as the "catamaran" property formerly owned by the late Alonzo Thomas. It was out of this transaction that the dispute grew. Referee Grimes was appointed by Federal Judge Meekins to ascertain the facts in the case and report them to him. Mr. Potter is represented by attorneys H. G. Connor Jr., of Wilson, W. A. Whitaker of Kinston and M. Leslie Davis of Beaufort. Appearing for the defendant in the suit are A. D. Ward of New Bern and W. B. Rodman Jr., of Washington.

SPECIAL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT TO TRY BIG ROAD PAVING SUITS

Monday August 17 has been set as the date for the special term of court to try what are commonly known as "the county cases." Carteret county seeks to recover certain sums alleged to have been wrongfully obtained growing out of various road-building contracts and tax matters.

Clerk of the Superior Court L. W. Hassell has been advised from the office of Governor Gardner that the date for holding the special term will be August 17 and that it will last for two weeks. Judge Clayton Moore has been designated to preside over

LESS TEACHERS THAN FORMERLY

Under New Allotment Carteret County Will Have 129; Whole State Decreases

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, July 21—"All economies consistent with efficiency" has been made effective by the State Board of Equalization in its allotment of teachers in the public schools of the State for the next year, according to a statement issued by LeRoy Martin, secretary.

The board allotted a total of 21,894 teachers for next year, or 1,933 less than 23,827 employed by all units last year, or 684 less than those employed and allowed under the increased average attendance provision, and 305 less than the 22,198 allowed by the State for participation in the equalizing fund. Local authorities employed 1,249 teachers last year, the record shows.

The decrease in teachers was made possible through the increased teacher load provided in the new law, the consolidations brought about by the board, and by the fact that the increase in average daily attendance for the past year was not equal to the increase of recent years.

The board found that there were 152 high schools operated last year with a daily average attendance of less than 50 pupils, most of them with three teachers and many with four, and found 651 elementary schools operating with less than 22 pupils, the law requiring their elimination and consolidation unless such schools can be more economically operated. The board eliminated 52 high schools by consolidation, and 413 elementary schools by the same method, although all were not under the 50 and 22 pupil class. Consolidation was provided only in schools where room and equipment were already available, so as not to require erection of new buildings at this time. Carteret county, the records show, was allotted a total of 129 teachers, 30 in high and 99 in elementary schools. Of these 107 are for white schools, 27 high and 80 elementary, and 22 for colored schools, three high and 19 elementary. Notices are being sent as rapidly as possible to county officials, notifying them of the number of teachers allotted to the individual schools in their respective counties, Mr. Martin said. No consolidations of schools were made by the State Board in Carteret county.

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AUDITING COUNTY BOOKS

An audit of the County Auditor's books is in progress now and has been going on for several days. The audit covers the fiscal year which ended June 30. Mr. O. O. Hewett representative of A. M. Pullen and Company public accountants of Raleigh is in charge of the work.

Veterans Hold Annual Meeting In Carteret

Six or Seven Thousand Legionnaires and Members of Their Families Expected to Attend Annual Convention in Carteret Sunday, Monday and Tuesday; Many Forms of Diversion Planned for Entertaining Veterans.

Melons And Sweets Now Being Shipped

By HUGH OVERSTREET (County Farm Agent)

June 27th was the date of the first shipment of early sweet potatoes from Carteret County this season. This shipment was made by Mr. J. M. Chadwick who grew these potatoes on his farm at Marshallberg. The variety was early white Triumph.

The first shipment of Jersey Big Stem was made on July 7th. Since that date shipments have been made by Mr. J. M. Chadwick and Mr. S. F. Harris of Marshallberg and Mr. W. H. Chadwick of Straits. On July 18th Mr. John Avery of Beaufort made a shipment of forty two baskets of early Porto Ricos. This is very early for this variety to be ready for market.

These growers report that the yield and prices received are very satisfactory. The northern markets were quoted at \$9.00 per barrel yesterday.

Up to date fifty car loads of water-melons have left the county by rail, besides the large number that have been hauled by truck. The crop this year is short in yield but the quality is good and the growers are very well satisfied with prices being received. The majority of these melons have been sold F. O. B. truck for prices ranging from \$175.00 to as high as \$220.00 per car. The price seems to be averaging around \$225.00.

The late sweet potato crop is getting a good start and prospects are for good yields.

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FISHERIES FLAGSHIP WILL BE REPLACED; DESTROYED BY FIRE

Raleigh, July 15—The state department of conservation and development has been given authority by Governor Gardner and the council of state to purchase a boat to replace the "Capt. John A. Nelson," commercial fisheries flagship which burned a year ago, it was announced today. Col. J. W. Harrelson, director of the department, said that the boat will cost \$10,000. It was constructed in 1928 at a cost of \$26,000 and is equipped with two Diesel engines which it is estimated are worth \$15,000 at this time.

Beaufort and Morehead City will play the role of hosts to the largest gathering of people ever to assemble in this section when the Legionnaires of the Old North State forgather in Carteret Sunday, Monday and Tuesday for their annual convention and period of merrimaking and jollity. Dr. O. H. Johnson, who has the program in charge, told a reporter for the News that the State Adjutant had informed him that some four thousand legionnaires were expecting to come to Beaufort and Morehead City for the convention and that in all probability the families who would also come would make a total of six or seven thousand.

The two coastal communities are already taking on a holiday air and the various stores and other business enterprises are decorating the fronts of their buildings with flags in preparation for the legionnaires next week and the N. C. Press Association that is meeting now at the Morehead Villa. Next week these communities will be divested of all the quietness that usually characterizes the towns and will take on a spirited gaiety that is rarely seen hereabouts.

The chief problems confronting those who have had the program and accommodation of the legionnaires' meeting in charge have been in getting proper facilities for taking care of the visitors at night and in providing food for them. At the present time sleeping quarters for approximately four thousand have been promised. Preparations are also being made to furnish meals for all that may come. Packers and wholesale firms in Norfolk, Richmond, New Bern, Wilmington and other cities have offered to co-operate with the local merchants in case the food supply here runs low, and if necessary run the necessary amount in here by trucks and train.

A good many of the legionnaires and the members of their families who will attend the convention will glory in eating seafood—provided of course that they are able to get it. Seafood—especially fish—is none too plentiful around here now, and unless something is done about it a goodly portion of the visitors will go away after the three-day festivities seafoodless. Just think, if every one of the six or seven thousand visitors partake of one mullet each while they are here they'll eat a good, good many pounds of these summer favorites. The same will apply to crabs and clams and other kinds of seafood. If the fishermen are able to make any kind of catches at all they will most assuredly find a ready market for them by catering to the appetites (Continued on page five)

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Friday, July 24	Low Tide
3:20 A. M.		9:10 A. M.
4:01 P. M.		10:24 P. M.
	Saturday, July 25	
4:23 A. M.		10:10 A. M.
5:00 P. M.		10:45 P. M.
	Sunday, July 26	
5:21 A. M.		11:26 A. M.
5:56 P. M.		11:08 P. M.
	Monday, July 27	
6:14 A. M.		12:17 A. M.
6:46 P. M.		12:02 P. M.
	Tuesday, July 28	
7:03 A. M.		1:05 A. M.
7:32 P. M.		12:52 P. M.
	Wednesday, July 29	
7:49 A. M.		1:45 A. M.
8:13 P. M.		1:38 P. M.
	Thursday, July 30	
8:32 A. M.		2:25 A. M.
8:51 P. M.		2:21 P. M.