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## Most State Officials Will Have Opposition

It Seems That Seven Will Be Opposed — State Treasurer O'Berry Will Have No Trouble and Maybe Insurance Commissioner Boney and State Superintendent Allen Will Get By Unscathed.

BY M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, July 27. — In only four of the 11 elective State offices to be filled at the next election, one constitutional and three statutory, has there been no talk of candidates to oppose the incumbents, and prediction is made that not all of the four, possibly none of them, will have opposition. All of the other seven, in the present light, will have to enter the primary.

Captain Nathan O'Berry, State Treasurer, if he stands for re-election is not expected to be opposed. He has the support of all elements and no candidate could hope to make headway against him. If he should decide not to seek the office again, it would let down the bars to a flock of candidates.

Nor is there likely to be opposition to Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner. His record of ability and efficiency for about four years now is expected to bear the closest scrutiny. And it is not likely that Dr. A. T. Allen will be opposed as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. So far there has been no intimation of a contender. These two officials appear safe from opposition. In fact, there was not the slightest suggestion of an attack on either in the recent Legislative session which started attacks on all other elective officers with the "short ballot." They alone appeared immune.

Just what will happen to Stanley Winborne, who comes up for election for the six-year term as member of the Corporation Commission, is problematical. Mr. Winborne is a Gardner appointee, although he was placed in position in the fight on the Banking Division as opposing his chief. He sided with the other two members in attempting to keep this division with the commission, whereas, Governor Gardner was fighting for a separate Banking Department. Whether this fight has alienated the Gardner support remains to be seen.

But the other three officers who, it is assumed, will seek to retain their offices, are expected to have to fight for them. The latest intimation is that Chester Bell, assistant superintendent and auditor at State's Prison, will oppose State Auditor Baxter Durham. Mr. Bell was formerly auditor of Cumberland county. He is an active American Legion member and will make a bid for support of the veterans. Secretary of State J. A. Hartsess will be opposed, apparently, by Stacy Wade, former State Insurance Commissioner, with a possibility that Robert Grady Johnson, of Pender county, a cousin of Charles M. Johnson, Director of Local Government, may be a contender.

It is not likely that William A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, can get by unopposed. He and the Gardner administration are not on the best of terms, and any respectable candidate could get support. Whether enough to unhorse the commissioner remains to be seen. George Watts Hill, Durham, has considered this race, but probably will not run. Laurie McEachern, Hoke County, is considering it, but is not widely known. Col. W. J. Harrelson, of the Conservation and Development Department, took a crack at the "Methuselah and Watt-sized" Department of Agriculture last week. Commissioner Graham came back strong, answering the attack, referring to the Gardner fight on him and mentioning the ranking episode in which he was ignored in the naming of delegates to the industrial and agricultural conference two years ago in Asheville. Harrelson closed up and a "hatchet-burying" incident is under way.

A flock of candidates will be after the new Department of Labor job. Tom P. J. Minson, Charlotte, colorful preacher turned lawyer and exponent of labor, has announced. Major A. L. Fletcher, deputy Insurance Commissioner, has said he expects to announce. It begins to look a little more like J. Dewey Dorsett, member of the Industrial Commission, may get into that race, or it may be that Thad Eure, clerk of the recent House of Representatives, will enter the contest. R. R. Lawrence, president of the State Federation of Labor, is considering it, while Mrs. John L. Scott, Greensboro, daughter of the late Dr. Charles D. McIver, has been mentioned. (Continued on page five)

## CONVENTION WAS GREAT OCCASION

Attendance Large But Not What Was Expected; Street Parade Was A Great Show

The American Legion convention held in Morehead City this week is a thing of the past but its memory will not fade for a long time to come. In point of numbers it was not so large as expected but it was a big gathering any way, perhaps the largest ever held in Morehead City, the scene of many conventions. Five thousand people were expected to attend the Legion meeting but perhaps not much more than half that number really came.

Beaufort had expected to house and feed the overflow but it did not materialize. Some preparations had been made to care for several hundred people, or more if necessary, but not many came. The hotels and boarding houses did have a few more than usual for the week end and a few stayed at some of the private homes. The big rush did not happen.

Before the legionnaires came reports had been in circulation that a great deal of disorder might be expected; drinking and rough conduct generally. Not much of this happened either. There was some drinking and occasionally a group of merry-makers would get a little boisterous but upon the whole it was a very orderly gathering. In fact a majority of those present were as well behaved people as one would see anywhere.

A religious and memorial service was held Sunday night at the C. S. Wallace school auditorium which was attended by a large crowd. The Reverend Frank S. Blue, department chaplain, was in charge of this meeting.

Monday the first business session of the convention was held. Governor Max Gardner addressed the convention and made a strong plea for unity and harmony among all the people of North Carolina. Senator Morrison was on the program to introduce Senator Bailey but did not come and Senator Bailey was introduced by Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton. Judge Hoyle Sink introduced Governor Gardner. Senator Bailey gave warm praise to the American soldiers of the late war, also enthusiastically lauded the late President Wilson and made a plea for world peace.

Perhaps the speech that made the biggest hit of the convention was that of General A. J. Bowley, former commander of the Fort Bragg army post. He was introduced by J. Y. Joyner Jr., and in a short, witty and eloquent speech aroused great enthusiasm among his hearers. General Manus McCloskey now in command at Fort Bragg also made a short and excellent address. Congressman Abernethy addressed the convention and aroused great enthusiasm when he told them that he made it a rule to vote for anything they wanted and expected to continue doing so as long as he remained a member of Congress.

H. C. Bourne of Tarboro was unanimously elected Commander of the legion for the coming year. The 1932 convention will be held in Asheville. Harry Matthews of Asheville, Dixie Moore of Kinston and Paul Dana of Pinehurst were elected vice commanders. The Raleigh drum and bugle corps won first prize in the competitive drills, with Greensboro second and Charlotte third. The parade of the various posts Monday afternoon on Arendell street Morehead City, was witnessed by thousands of people and was a brilliant spectacle. The gay colors of the uniforms, the music of the many bands and drum corps aroused great enthusiasm and much applause from the long line of spectators. State patrolmen assisted by local officers, controlled the traffic in a very efficient way. But for them there would have been hopeless confusion. Monday night an enormous crowd went over to Atlantic Beach to witness a very fine display of fireworks and to enjoy the seabreeze. The ball room floor there was packed with dancers until the early morning hours. The convention adjourned Tuesday afternoon.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Skarren of Beaufort, Sunday, July 26, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Fulford, of Harkers Island, Saturday, July 25, a son.

Four cars of cucumbers grown for commercial picklers have been shipped by Lee County growers so far this summer.

## BIG BANK TRIAL ON AT ASHEVILLE

Former U. S. Senator Lea And Other Prominent Men Now On Trial

Asheville, July, 29 — Haywood county, on the border of the Great Smoky Mountain national park, will furnish the jury which will decide the guilt or innocence of Colonel Luke Lea and three others charged with conspiracy to defraud the Central Bank and Trust company here of \$1,300,000. Judge M. V. Barnhill late today ordered a special venire of 125 men from the neighbor county to report in Buncombe Superior court Friday morning when selection of a jury is scheduled to get under way.

His order was made after defense plea for a change of venue was denied. It came as the climax to three days of defense motions, all but one of which, that for a bill of particulars, were denied.

On trial with Lea are Luke Lea, Jr., and E. P. Charlet, officials of Lea's Tennessee concerns, and Wallace B. Davis, president of the now defunct bank, who is already under a five year prison sentence for publishing a false report of the bank's condition before it closed.

### Defense Motions Denied

Today the judge denied various defense motions which sought to have the indictment quashed after prosecution counsel had announced it would continue only on two charges — conspiracy and misapplication. Later the two bills of indictment were consolidated so that trial of both charges might be conducted at one time. He also denied a second and third plea for continuance. Supporting one of these, General Albert Cox, of Raleigh, counsel for Lea, read a petition and supporting affidavit touching upon the career of the Tennessee political leader and financier. It also enumerated the various criminal and civil actions filed against him in the state courts of North Carolina and Tennessee and in the federal court for eastern Tennessee.

It questioned the authority of the Buncombe Superior court to try Colonel Lea at this time due to a conflict with the federal courts in Tennessee. Attached to the affidavit were copies of telegrams from district Attorney Carter, in Tennessee, who denied the government had waived its jurisdiction over Lea.

Although the federal judge for that district had informed Solicitor Zeb. V. Nettis that he would not set a date for Lea's trial in that court until the case here has been disposed of, attorneys for the publisher argued the right of waive jurisdiction lay with the district attorney and not the judge. The petition drew several sarcastic remarks from state's counsel.

### Continuance Is Asked

After the motion for continuance had been denied by Judge Barnhill, Mr. Williams, for Davis, asked for a continuance because J. Charles Bradford, not now indicted but named in the indictments as a co-conspirator, is unable to attend the trial.

Bradford, former cashier of the Central Bank and Trust company, attempted to kill himself soon after the first indictments were returned and now is a patient in a Philadelphia hospital. The motion was denied.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Herbert H. Harris to Ruth S. Harris, 3 lots Morehead City, for \$1000. W. C. Garhom Com., to Dr. Ira C. Long, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$108.25.

E. A. Council, Trustee to Chas. S. Wallace, 1.7 acres, Morehead Township, for \$1.

Sam W. Morgan et al to Chas. L. Abernethy, 1 lot Cape Lookout, for \$110.

Geo. D. Styron to Carrie Styron, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$10.

W. O. Williams, Com. to C. M. Jones, tract Beaufort Township, for \$100.

C. M. Jones to Loftin Motor Co., tract Beaufort Township, for \$100.

### NO TRIALS THIS WEEK IN RECORDER'S COURT

There were no trials in Recorder's Court Tuesday. Due to illness of Mrs. Noles, whose case is to be tried by a jury, she was unable to be in court and other cases for one reason or another were also continued.

Already there are several cases awaiting trial and if many more are added to the docket it appears that the court will have a long session next Tuesday and may go over into Wednesday.

## Financial Condition Of Beaufort Discussed

After A Good Deal of Debate The Board Decides To Invite Bids on Water And Light Plant; Local Government Commission Director Johnson Was Present And Gave Advice

### J. S. Whitehurst Dies After Short Illness

Stricken with an attack of paralysis James Samuel Whitehurst, one of Beaufort's best known and highly regarded citizens passed away at his home on Live Oak street at about one o'clock last Friday morning. The stroke, which was the third that Mr. Whitehurst had suffered in recent years, occurred on Wednesday while he was in a field on his farm near town. He was brought home by men working on the place and medical aid was summoned and every thing possible was done for him.

Mr. Whitehurst was born in Beaufort January 3rd, 1869 and had lived here all of his life. On August 21, 1889 he was united in marriage with Miss Cora Morse of Peletier. Two children were born to this union, one of whom died in infancy and the other Dr. E. B. Whitehurst who died last year. Mr. Whitehurst is survived by his wife Mrs. Cora Whitehurst. No immediate relatives by blood survive him.

Funeral services for the deceased were conducted at the home Saturday afternoon by Reverend J. P. Harris pastor of the First Baptist church of which Mr. Whitehurst was a member and Reverend R. F. Munns pastor of Ann Street Methodist church. Mr. Whitehurst belonged to the Masonic order and members of the local lodge conducted the burial service according to the Masonic ritual. At the house the choir sang "Abide With Me" and "Work for the Night is Coming." Judge M. Leslie Davis rendered a solo "Face to Face." Many beautiful floral tributes were sent by sympathizing friends.

Interment was in Ocean View cemetery. Active pallbearers were, Will Arrington, Robert Dunn, Elbert Dudley, George Norcom, J. Wallace Mason, George Woolard. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. S. W. Thompson, Dr. F. E. Hyde, Dr. Frank Staton, Dr. George Davis, F. R. Bell, Joseph House, C. Z. Chappell, J. H. Potter Jr., John Jones, W. L. Arrington, Hugh Jones, Lon Hill, Ben Arrington, C. G. Gaskill, C. P. Dey, D. H. Lewis, L. W. Hassell, M. Leslie Davis U. E. Swann, Walter Longest, J. H. Ives.

### ERROR IN DATE CORRECTED

In the want column of this issue of The News the statement is made that Hancock and Moore will conduct a pony penning near the lighthouse at Cape Lookout on August the 16th. Through a typographical error which was not discovered until that part of the paper had been printed, a wrong date was given for the penning. Instead of the 16th the date is Thursday the 6th day of August. This will be the last penning of the season and ponies and sheep will be for sale on that day.

### 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	Low Tide
Friday, July 31	
9:15 A. M.	3:01 A. M.
9:23 P. M.	3:02 P. M.
Saturday, Aug. 1	
9:54 A. M.	3:36 A. M.
10:05 P. M.	3:43 P. M.
Sunday, Aug. 2	
10:32 A. M.	4:09 A. M.
10:38 P. M.	4:25 P. M.
Monday, Aug. 3	
10:50 A. M.	4:45 A. M.
11:11 P. M.	5:07 P. M.
Tuesday, Aug. 4	
11:16 A. M.	5:21 A. M.
11:53 P. M.	5:52 P. M.
Wednesday, Aug. 5	
11:56 A. M.	6:00 A. M.
12:35 P. M.	6:41 P. M.
Thursday, Aug. 6	
12:42 A. M.	6:45 A. M.
1:24 P. M.	7:37 P. M.

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At a meeting held Tuesday night at the city hall and which was participated in by several members of the Board of Commissioners and some forty or fifty citizens the question of the town's financial condition was pretty thoroughly threshed out.

The meeting started at a few minutes past eight o'clock. Mayor Taylor presided over it and started the discussion by calling on C. M. Johnson, director of the State Local Government Commission, to express his views. Mr. Johnson spoke briefly but to the point. He said that he would talk frankly and invited others to do the same thing. He said Beaufort owes too much money and its tax rate is too high. The town is in default \$135,000, its credit is gone and something must be done about it. Mr. Johnson said that he knew no way for the town to raise any money except by a sale of its water and light plant. He said that if the town would pay its past due debts and meet its obligations that long term refunding bonds could be sold and the tax rate lowered. Several questions were asked him along this line to which he replied. The suggestion that the Local Government Commission take charge of the town's affairs was made; he said that this was the last thing he wanted to do and that such a course would be very harmful to the town.

Some questions were asked about the budget and other matters and City Clerk Thomas read from that document showing that the General Fund requires for paying running expenses \$18,880, and that Debt Service calls for \$19,615.82 making a total of \$38,495.82. To raise this amount of money will require so he said a tax rate of \$3.70.

Commissioner Seth Gibbs discussed the questions of the town's financial condition. He said he would never have run for commissioner if he had realized what he was getting into. He said that a \$3.50 tax rate would be entirely too high and could not be collected. He had always been opposed to a sale of the plant but had about come to the conclusion that it was the best thing to do. F. R. Seely said he opposed the sale of the plant at \$185,000 because he thought it would not be enough to put the town on its feet and that and that in a year from now we would be as badly off as ever. Later he said that if a good price could be realized he would be willing for a sale.

J. H. Potter Sr., said he thought the delinquent taxes ought to be collected and asked how much was past due. He opposed a sale of the plant but later on stated that if there was no other way out of it that maybe that it would be the best solution. He was informed by W. L. Stancil that the past due taxes amounted to about \$60,000, of which probably \$25,000 could not be collected.

Hal Potter was opposed to the sale of the plant but seemed to favor doing so if no better plan could be devised.

W. P. Smith who is a member of the Water and Light Commission said that it costs 2 7-10 cents per kilowatt to produce electric power here. He said that the plant is in good condition and making money and he opposed a sale. In reply to a question he said that the plant now owes \$40,000. He said that it cost Morehead City a large sum to light the streets and it was being done here much cheaper.

N. H. Russell argued against selling the plant.

R. B. Wheatly wanted to know if the plant did not owe the General Fund money right now. Clerk Thomas said it owed the General Fund \$3500. Mr. Gibbs said it had been the custom for many years for the plant to borrow money from the General Fund. He said that generally when a new board was elected that it would spend more money on the plant and that it had never paid a cent into the town's treasury. U. E. Swann said it would be a bigger sacrifice for the town to go into bankruptcy than it would be to sell the plant and that we would lose the plant any way in that event.

J. A. Hornaday said it seemed wise to sell the plant and refund the town's indebtedness.

G. W. Duncan said it seemed a case of either selling the plant or doing something worse.

Joe House said he favored selling. (Continued on page five)