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## Senatorial Contest Will Be Interesting

Four Candidates Seek Democratic Nemination; Brooks May Enter Race; Reynolds Is Running on a "Wet" Platform; Gardner Not A Candidate

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Aug. 10—Now that four candidates have announced for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, each an excellent showman in his own peculiar way, that contest is expected to begin to take on color, life and animation that will place it, almost, if not entirely in a class to itself in North Carolina political campaigns.

The latest word has come from A. L. Brooks, Greensboro, who has left the way open for entry later, if he deems it advisable or expedient to make a quintet of it, or if it gets still further into a free-for-all. Mr. Brooks is not expected to enter, unless, by some chance, Thomas C. (Tam) Bowie, of West Jefferson, the latest entrant should retire from the race, and that is not on the horizon. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Bowie have conferred about it, probably before, but certainly at lunch on the day Mr. Bowie's announcement appeared, a week or more ago. Mr. Bowie admits that. It is considered that they have an understanding, had one before Mr. Bowie announced, and that Mr. Brooks is not to get in, unless Mr. Bowie gets out, although the Brooks statement leaves him free to do as he pleases.

Mr. Bowie wanted to run for Governor five or six years later, and had told friends of his purpose, conditionally. That is why his platform seems more appropriate to a gubernatorial campaign than a senatorial contest, in that he is a tax-reliever, primarily. He may add planks that are more in line with his present desire to go to the Senate.

Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and first to announce opposition to Senator Cameron Morrison, with the bulk of his duties taken from him and with no apparent desire to reorganize the Department of Labor as provided by the 1931 law, is left free to conduct a campaign, which is expected to have many elements of the spectacular. Senator Morrison refused, some two years ago, to shake hands with him in the Governor's office. Grist is paying him. Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville, probably the best showman of the bunch, has announced on a modification platform. While all available evidence seems to indicate a trend toward a let-up in the prohibition laws, and people now can vote one way and talk another, it is not considered likely that he will be able to overturn the long established dry sentiment in the State. But he will make a showing, for he doubtless lies awake nights thinking up stunts that will get him into the limelight, even if the novelty of his showmanship has been worn off by the two campaigns in recent years.

But Senator Morrison will continue along his way, probably annoyed, but not particularly worried, by the increasing number of opponents. As he has said, it will serve to split his opposition. He has enemies who would like to see him defeated. Some developed during his campaign and others in his term as Governor. Still others opposed his Al Smith support. Many of these came back to him when he caused the appointment of Frank R. McNinch, leader of the Smith opposition, to the Federal Power Commission, and others were alienated by that same act. They will use the fact that he has and will use money in the campaign, against him.

However, friends of Senator Morrison point out he is a patriotic and a loyal North Carolinian, and he is absolutely fearless—two traits which the citizens of this State admire. He had these qualities before he had money and has lost none of either of them. Moreover, he spoke out in public in his gubernatorial campaign and, although 10 years have been added to his age, he may be expected to conduct a lively campaign for the Senate. He has a strong nucleus of supporters in almost every county in the State to start with.

And his most formidable prospective opponent is not likely to oppose him. Friends of Clyde R. Hoey say he will not run, although he keeps them guessing, sort of playing with them. Despite the expressed belief that Governor Gardner appointed Senator Morrison with a view of himself being able to defeat him, Governor Gardner has said definitely that he will not enter the race. In fact, (Continued on page eight)

## OFFICERS AFTER SLAYER OF PEEL

Think Goldsboro Man Committed Brutal Murder of Coast Guard Man

NEW BERN, Aug. 12—Identified today by Mary Cannon from photographs as the murderer of John Peel, Pamlico coast guardsman, and declared by Richard Eubanks and Lawrence Gatlin to be the man they picked up in their Ford roadster at the scene of the murder, "Ben" Thompson, 27, of Goldsboro, who has previously served a sentence for murder in the Jackson Training school and terms in both the Atlanta and Raleigh penitentiaries for car thefts, is being sought as Peel's slayer.

Assured that he is now on the track of the guilty party, Sheriff R. B. Lane who is directing the search, states that he expects to have Thompson soon in custody. A detective arrived here today to join in the widespread search for the alleged murderer. The sheriff is of the opinion that if Thompson is still in this country, he will be apprehended in time for the inquest next Monday.

Eubanks, who admits he was driving the Ford roadster when Thompson left him and Gatlin at the Pelham filling station to join Peel and Mary Cannon in Peel's truck, enroute to New Bern, was recognized early this morning, by the Cannon girl and in turn he admitted that he had seen her at the station and also on the highway when he and Gatlin picked up Thompson.

Although Eubanks and Gatlin assert that when they picked up Thompson on the highway and gave him a hurried ride to Goldsboro they did not know that Peel had been killed, thinking he was either drunk or asleep while slumped over the truck steering wheel. The Cannon girl insisted today that she had told them both that Peel had been shot.

The girl affirms that she asked them to bring her also in their roadster to New Bern, when they stopped for Thompson, just after the firing of the fatal shot in Peel's mouth, but she says that one of the men pushed her roughly aside and drove away speedily with the murderer, whom all three now claim was Thompson.

The two men also told the sheriff that Thompson talked privately with the girl at the filling station and apparently joined her and Peel upon agreement with her. This the girl emphatically denies.

Eubanks Gatlin and Miss Cannon are all being held in the local jail without privilege of bail as material witnesses in the case. Search is no longer being continued for Claude Scott, alleged dope addict, of Raleigh who was yesterday thought to have been the companion of Eubanks and Gatlin in their car. He is said to have been in the section Friday night but is not thought now to have been connected with the slaying. Allen Oglesby has been cleared of suspicion in the murder case and is no longer being held in that connection, it was announced today by the sheriff. However, he is still in jail on charges of robbing the Braddy laundry and stealing a Whippet car here on July 31. He is also wanted by military authorities as a deserter from the army and escaped military prisoner.

GAME WARDEN MOORE VISITS CARTERET COUNTY

Mr. Charles J. Moore, Assistant State Game Warden, has been spending several days in this vicinity, going over the territory with Mr. Clyde Mason, Game and Fish Warden for Carteret County. Mr. Moore states that he has about three thousand feet of 16 millimeter moving picture film of game, fish, forest fires etc., that he would be glad to show to any organization or public meeting and give a lecture on same. He can be reached at his office in Washington, N. C.

Jackson County farmers are shipping spring lambs at good prices. A car of 95 lambs was shipped to Cincinnati last week.

Bertie County is said to have the best prospects for crops at this time that it has had in eight years.

## RUM RUNNER GETS ROAD SENTENCE

Twelve Months Given Craven County Negro; Hard Fight Over Canfield Case

The case that consumed more time than any other in County Recorder's court Tuesday was that in which G. D. Canfield of Morehead City was the defendant. The charges against him were operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and transportation of liquor. Attorney Luther Hamilton, assisted by C. R. Wheatly, conducted the defense and Solicitor Phillips represented the State.

The witness against the defendant Canfield were Harry Parker, John Mason and William Longest. Parker the chief witness said that on a Sunday night about midnight that Canfield drove his car into Parker's car and did some damage to it. He said Canfield was under the influence of liquor and that there were three men and two women in the car and that one of the women threw a jar of whiskey out on the pavement and broke it. John Mason testified that after the accident he saw Canfield asleep in Parker's car. William Longest said the defendant looked like he had been drinking.

The defendant Canfield testified that he was not drunk and that he accidentally sideswiped the other car. He said a man and his wife and another woman were in the car at the time and that there was no liquor in the car so far as he knew. The Solicitor wanted him to tell who the other occupants of the car were but the witness and Mr. Hamilton objected rather strenuously and finally the Solicitor withdrew the question.

At the conclusion of the testimony Mr. Hamilton offered a plea of guilty to reckless driving but this was not permitted by the court and a verdict of guilty to the charge of driving while under the influence of liquor was rendered. The charge of transporting whiskey was dropped. The sentence given the defendant was a fine of \$50 and costs and an order (Continued on page five)

## School Board Adopts Next Year's Budget

The County Board of Education held a meeting Tuesday in the office of Superintendent Allen at which the school budget and other matters were considered. Chairman Wiley H. Taylor and members Dennis Mason and C. V. Webb were present.

The school budget for the coming year was adopted and that afternoon was presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval. The latter body deferred action on the budget until the September meeting. Under the new law the State pays for the six months school term but the Board of Equalization passes upon the different items of expense. For instance the county asked for an allowance of \$2400 for coal and wood, but the State Equalization Board cut this item to \$1390. Other items may be cut and if so the county board will protest.

In order to provide facilities for Harker's Island and Cedar Island 10th and 11th grade pupils the school board will contribute half of the cost of board at Atlantic, Smyrna or Beaufort. The cost to the county however is not to exceed \$10 per pupil. No action has been taken yet as to a

## COUNTY TAX RATE WILL BE REDUCED

Fifty Cents Less Than Last Year's Rate; School Budget Considered

As was indicated in this newspaper last week Carteret county taxpayers will enjoy a lower tax rate this year than they have had for some time. The general county tax rate last year was 2.30 and this has been cut to 1.80 on the hundred dollar valuation. The fact that the State has assumed the maintenance of the public schools of the 100 counties for the six months term makes the reduction possible.

The tax rate was fixed Tuesday at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. In the absence of Chairman Webb Vice-chairman C. T. Chadwick presided over the meeting. Commissioners Carroll, Guthrie and Styron were present. The board put in the whole day considering the budget, the tax rate, the school budget and other matters. The tax rate and budget were submitted to the Local Government Commission Monday, County Auditor J. J. Whitehurst, County Attorney Luther Hamilton and Accountant O. O. Hewett having gone to Raleigh for that purpose.

A conference between the board and the County School Board was held in regard to the school budget for the coming year. Final action on the school budget was deferred until the regular meeting on the first Monday in September. The county board had agreed on a levy of 47 cents for school purposes while Superintendent Allen had figured that it would be necessary to make the rate 65 2-10 cents. This brought on considerable discussion during which it was found that Mr. Allen had figured and included \$25,500 for debt service. It was decided that as the county is negotiating a deal to fund a considerable part of its indebtedness that it will not be necessary to provide for the \$25,500 item in the tax levy. Deducting this it was found that Mr. Allen's figure was 47 2-10 which is practically the same as that of the county board.

## DR. CREE GOING ABROAD

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cree, and those who heard Dr. A. C. Cree when he was here in April and made an address will be interested in the following, taken from the Salisbury paper.

"Dr. A. C. Cree, pastor of the First Baptist church at Salisbury, will spend his vacation in a motor tour of the British Isles. Dr. Cree is the southern president of the British-American Fraternal and will be in conference with the British Baptist leaders and speak at several meetings. He will preach at the First Baptist church at Harrogate, England, and at the Adelaide Place Baptist church, Glasgow church, Scotland. These are two of the outstanding churches of Great Britain.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Linwood Davis and Cora Lee Guthrie, Marshallberg, N. C.

school supervisor. Superintendent Allen suggested to the Board of Commissioners that the duties of school supervisor and welfare agent might be combined in one person. This he said would be an economical measure and would save the county a good deal of money.

## DIAMOND BACK TERRAPIN DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD DESPITE HARD TIMES

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Aug. 10—Demand for the diamond-back terrapin, development of which delicacy has reached fair proportions in North Carolina, has held up well beyond the average, while other branches of the commercial fisheries industry have suffered severely from curtailment of markets during the period of financial stringency, Captain John A. Nelson, N. C. fisheries commissioner, said today.

The industry has again become active since the opening of the season for taking this sea product August 1, the annual breeding season in this State extending from April 15 to August 1.

The diamond back terrapin is one of the choicest of all seafoods, its consumption being limited largely because of the high price commanded on the market, Captain Nelson said. Prices have ranged as high as \$90 a dozen, he said. This industry as a division of the North Carolina fisheries has been saved by timely protective measures, the commissioner points out. Prior to 1924, con-

cern was felt for the future of this activity because of the steadily diminishing supply of the terrapin. At the suggestion of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, the former Fisheries Commission board decreed a five-year closed season in 1924, and entered into a cooperative arrangement with the federal agency for breeding them in captivity at the Beaufort marine laboratory. Since that time more than 25,000 have been reared at the station and released in suitable areas.

About 6,000 of this number were released last spring, and in spite of the destruction of one seawall at the pens, releasing a large number of the brood stock, officials hope to increase the output of terrapins in coming years.

Since the expiration of the closed season in 1929, Captain Nelson said that reports from fishermen reveal the largest number of terrapins observed in years. As an additional protection, the Board of Conservation and Development has established an annual closed season and a minimum size limit of five inches.

## Trial Of County Cases Will Start Here Monday

A Pitt County Jury Will Pass Upon The Merits of Suits By The County Against Various Individuals And Simmons Construction Corporation; Large Amount Involved; Two Weeks Term.

## A. AND N. C. ROAD HOLDS A MEETING

John R. Dawson Elected President; Terminal Question To Be Investigated

NEW BERN, Aug. 6—John G. Dawson of Kinston was today named president of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company, following his election by the new board of directors at the recommendation of Gov. O. Max Gardner. All other officers were reelected. W. J. Boyd of Ayden, secretary-treasurer; RIVERS D. JOHNSON, Warsaw, attorney John D. Warlick of Jacksonville, auditor and Don C. Humphrey, Goldsboro expert.

Mr. Dawson was named as a new director by the governor, who also appointed Selby Anderson of Wilson, as a new member of the board. The two succeed H. D. Bateman of Wilson and S. B. Alexander, Charlotte. Other former directors were reappointed, Mrs. D. Langston and Sol Isaacs, Goldsboro; Charles B. Park and James H. Holloway of Raleigh; M. W. Stevenson of New Bern and Luther Hamilton of Morehead City, retiring president. The same four directors were reelected by the private stockholders, Dr. J. Y. Joyner and George P. Folk of Raleigh; C. L. Ives and L. H. Cutler of New Bern.

Mr. Folk was elected chairman of the annual stockholders meeting called to order at noon in the assembly room at the Atlantic hotel. George Green of New Bern, again served as secretary in which capacity he has acted for more than a quarter of a century. Fred I. Sutton of Kinston was State's proxy. Only routine business claimed the attention of the stockholders.

The new president was authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the proposed construction of piers and terminals at Morehead City from the State dividends of railroad stocks.

On the finance committee were named George Green, B. O. Jones and E. H. Meadows of New Bern; William M. Webb of Morehead City and T. C. Etheridge of Kinston. For the proxy committee were named J. F. Parrott, Kinston; Jesse S. Claypoole, C. B. Foy, W. P. Metts and Mrs. Richard N. Duffy of New Bern.

## 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.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

High Tide	Friday Aug. 14	Low Tide
8:05 A. M.	1:56 A. M.	
8:29 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	
Saturday, Aug. 15		
8:56 A. M.	2:39 A. M.	
9:15 P. M.	2:55 P. M.	
Sunday, Aug. 16		
9:43 A. M.	3:25 A. M.	
10:06 P. M.	3:50 P. M.	
Monday, Aug. 17		
10:34 A. M.	4:10 A. M.	
10:56 P. M.	4:44 P. M.	
Tuesday Aug. 18		
11:01 A. M.	4:58 A. M.	
11:29 P. M.	5:43 P. M.	
Wednesday Aug. 19		
11:52 A. M.	5:49 A. M.	
12:29 P. M.	6:44 P. M.	
Thursday, Aug. 20		
12:53 A. M.	6:45 A. M.	
1:33 P. M.	7:52 P. M.	

## DAVIS TAKES BALL GAME FROM MARSHALLBERG

MARSHALLBERG, Aug. 8—Base Ball here Saturday at "High Hill Park" resulted in a victory for Davis Shore over Marshallberg with a score of 4 to 2. Battery for Marshallberg Riggins pitcher, Hill catcher. Davis, Willis, pitcher; G. Davis, catcher. Umpires Willis and Stewart. Marshallberg 1 hit, 2 runs; Davis 2 hits, one two bagger, 4 runs. Time 3 o'clock.

The long awaited and much discussed so called "county cases" will come up for trial at the county courthouse here Monday morning. Judge Clayton Moore will preside over the court which may be in session for two weeks. Nothing but civil cases will be tried.

The calendar for the two weeks term provides that the first week shall be given to the county cases and the next week to the trial of various other actions. For the county cases a venire of jurors from Pitt county has been summoned and a jury from Carteret county has been drawn for the other cases. As to how long it will take to try the county cases there seems to be considerable difference of opinion. Some say that it will require only a few days. Others are of the opinion that owing to the fact that a good many witnesses are to be examined and that a mass of testimony will be taken, some of it of a highly technical nature, that many lawyers will take part in the trials and that there will probably be much wrangling, that it will require the whole two weeks to get through with these cases.

The first case on the calendar is that of the county against Luther Hamilton. This is for an accounting of certain delinquent taxes collected by Mr. Hamilton while he was County Attorney. The next case on the calendar is that of the county against former County Auditor W. L. Stancil and former Commissioner G. W. Huntley. The next is the county against George J. Brooks, C. K. Howe, F. M. Simmons, Simmons Construction Corporation, W. L. Stancil and George W. Huntley. The last suit set for trial is that of the county against Simmons Construction Corporation, F. M. Simmons, G. W. Huntley, George J. Brooks, C. K. Howe and W. L. Stancil.

The amount which the county is seeking to recover from the defendants mentioned above is close to \$800,000. The period covered begins December 1, 1924 and lasts to December 1928 when a new county board went into office. During all but six months J. E. Woodland was chairman of the county board of commissioners. The rest of the time, after the death of Mr. Woodland, G. W. Huntley was chairman of the board. The complaints filed by the plaintiff allege irregularities of various sorts relating to road paving contracts, delinquent taxes, improper accounting, failure to make reports and so on. Attorneys for the county in the suits are McLendon and Hedrick of Durham, W. B. Rodman Guion, of New Bern; E. H. Gorham, of Morehead City; E. Walter Hill and James W. Mason of Beaufort. The defendants are represented by A. D. Ward and Moore and Dunn of New Bern, Luther Hamilton of Morehead City; J. F. Duncan and C. R. Wheatly of Beaufort. Public accountant C. F. Delamar, formerly of Beaufort, audited the county records and furnished most of the data on which the suits are based.

J. F. Patterson et al to Elizabeth Baker Duffy, 3 lots Morehead Bluffs, for \$10.  
J. F. Patterson et al to Mamie W. Webb, 11 lots Morehead Bluffs, for \$5.  
Norman R. Webb et al to Winfield S. Webb and wife, 3 lots Morehead City, for \$10.  
Bessie Webb, Guardian to Winfield S. Webb and wife, part 3 lots Morehead City, for \$10.  
W. S. Webb and wife to Octavia B. Nelson, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$850.  
T. R. Uzzell, Trustee to J. T. Aycock, 2 lots Morehead City, for \$500.  
C. R. Wheatly, Commissioner to Ivey M. Gaskill and wife 1-2 acre H. I., for \$500.  
Nettie N. Southgate et al to Southgate Holding Co., tract Beaufort, for \$10.  
Nettie N. Southgate et al to Southgate Holding Co., 1 lot Beaufort, for \$10.  
F. U. Pitt et al to John M. Daniels, 70 acres Beaufort Township, for \$10.  
James F. Hill and wife to O. B. Gillikin 4 3-4 acres Beaufort Township, for \$100.  
Nettie N. Oglesby et al to Southgate Holding Co., 1089 acres Hunting Quarter Township, for \$10.