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Meeting Of Committee Stirs Up Politicians

Lively Times Expected Now; Democratic Convention Meets In Raleigh June 16th. Candidates For Governor All Favor Economy And State Supported Six Months Term.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Mar. 7.—Meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee in Raleigh last week was the spark needed to set off the political guns, which may now be expected to keep up a continuous popping thru the first primary, June 4, and even a second primary, July 2.

The State Convention will be held in Raleigh June 16, at 11 A. M. preceded by district conventions that morning. The State Convention will draw the party platform and approve the delegates named to the National Democratic Convention to be held in Chicago June 27. The precinct meetings will be held on primary day, June 4, at 3 P. M., followed by the county conventions a week later, June 11, at 2 P. M. at which delegates will be named to the State Convention.

This was the only official action taken by the executive committee, with State Chairman Odus M. Mill presiding, but turning over the gavel to Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, vice-chairman. Senator Josiah W. Bailey enumerated briefly the national legislation enacted and under way, giving the Democrats full credit for the beneficial enactments. Raleigh easily won the convention from Charlotte.

As a side event, the State Board of Elections will meet in Raleigh March 25 to name the county boards of election, two Democratic and one Republican members of which are recommended by the county chairman to the State chairman, who turn over the recommendations to the State election board.

While only a few other candidates are expected to come out for major State offices, a few other announcements may be expected. These and the activities of the candidates, and announcements of local candidates will keep the political pot in a state of boil for the next three months, or four.

Robert R. Reynolds, Frank D. Grist and Thomas C. Bowie have already started their bombardment to oust Senator Cameron Morrison from his seat. He is likely to get into action in the State in the next two or three weeks, and for will fly. Three gubernatorial candidates, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, A. J. Maxwell and R. T. Fountain, are already in action and promise interest in the issues, now issues, changing issues and collateral issues. And many local fights are in the offing.

All of the three active candidates so far for the Democratic nomination for Governor have advocated operation of the six months school term by the State and from revenues other than on property—elimination of the 15 cent ad valorem tax. The next problem for them is to find revenue to take the place of that and the several millions spent as supplemental funds to the State support. All have denounced the "short ballot." All have called for economy in government.

Mr. Maxwell's suggestion that the State supply school books to patrons at a modest rental, as an economy move, and Mr. Ehringhaus' advocacy of the State maintaining streets, designated as State highways, through cities and towns, have struck responsive chords and give promise of being important supplemental issues in their campaigns. Mr. Fountain is advocating the present standard of schools as a minimum standard, to be improved upon as conditions permit.

Loans For Schools

Several limitations are placed on borrowing money in anticipation of taxes for operation of schools of the State, all subject to approval by the Local Government Commission, Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt has held in a letter to Charles M. Johnson, director of Local Government.

In counties which have voted county-wide school taxes, the county commissioners, not the boards of education, may issue notes in anticipation of the school taxes only, to 80 per cent of the uncollected amount, and payable within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year. They are not general county obligations.

The county commissioners, not committee, nor the county board of education, in special school tax districts, have authority to borrow not to exceed 10 per cent of the uncollected tax of the district, and payable on page eight)

HELP FOR HARKER'S ISLAND

As a result of the storm Sunday an effort is being made to obtain some help for those residents of Harker's Island who suffered considerable loss in the storm. A committee composed of Reverend C. A. Johnson, M. L. Yeomans, Clyde Yeomans and Cleveland Davis sent a telegram yesterday to Congressman Abernethy asking him to try to get some aid from the Government. Congressman Abernethy replied that he had taken the matter up with Red Cross officials and the Commandant of the Coast Guard and that relief is on the way. Mr. Abernethy says he thinks that Harker's Island will get sufficient help to rehabilitate the community.

WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION ENDS

Final Report and Resignation Tended; Appropriation For Lumber Plant

The regular monthly meeting of the board of city commissioners took place Monday night at the city hall. All members of the board, the Mayor and City attorney were present.

E. D. Doyle representing the Water and Light Commission appeared before the board, tendered a report and offered the resignation of the members of the board of which he was chairman and W. E. Smith and C. R. Wheatly were members. The report and resignation of the commission was accepted.

Mr. Jesse Pappal came before the board and entered a complaint as to the poll tax in Beaufort, which is \$4.50 and which he claimed is higher than the constitution permits. The board took the position that poll tax rate is legal, that it had already been levied and nothing could be done about it now.

The question of repairing, or building, a breakwater back of some of the stores on Front street was discussed. It was decided that the board could not do any thing about it now.

The question of securing the proposed lumber manufacturing company for Beaufort was discussed at length and a motion was passed to appropriate \$150 towards the purchase of a site for the plant.

A number of bills were audited and the board recessed subject to the call of the Mayor.

NORTH CAROLINIANS DROWNED

Press reports Monday carried the report that two North Carolinians in the Coast Guard service in New Jersey lost their lives in Sunday's storm. They were David Barnett of Manteo and William Graham of Newport. The latter was the son of Mr. Alexander Graham of West Beaufort. It appears that five men lost their lives in the accident which happened near Atlantic City while the men were trying to rescue some people who were in distress.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Police Court had a few cases last Friday, three of the defendants being mixed up in the same charge which was having liquor in possession and transporting the same. They were Alonzo Fulford, Manly Bailey and Florence Fisher, all colored. They were bound over to Recorder's court.

"Dick" Chadwick, colored boy, charged with larceny of a dollar bill from Jim Chadwick was tried. Dick admitted getting the dollar but said he found it. Jim said he put the money in his cap and laid it on the ground and saw Dick take it. The Mayor told Dick he could either pay the money back to Jim or work ten days on the streets. Dick said he would pay up.

COMMUNITY CLUB NOTICE

The Community Club will meet in the club room, Thursday night March 10, at eight o'clock. This is an important meeting, election of officers. Every member is asked to attend. There will not be a meeting of the club Friday night.

Vera H. Stubbs, Pres.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL CONTINUE

Officials Think Means Will Be Provided To Operate Schools

From such information as the News has been able to obtain it appears that the public schools of Carteret county will run for the full eight months. If the schools should close at the end of six months they would close March 15. It appears however that no definite arrangements have been made towards securing the funds to pay teachers' salaries.

A reporter for the News saw Superintendent Allen Monday and obtained from him a statement as to the meeting held last Saturday which is as follows:

So far as is known to the Board of Education, the teachers of Carteret County will teach throughout the extended term as a result of representations made by Honorable Luther A. Hamilton, County Attorney, before a county-wide meeting of the teachers in the courthouse at Beaufort last Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. Hamilton assured the teachers of his high appreciation, and that of the County Commissioners, of the excellent spirit demonstrated by the teachers of Carteret County in the past and the willingness evidenced by them to "carry on" under present conditions. Mr. Hamilton also assured the teachers of the purpose and determination of the Commissioners to provide sufficient funds for the extended term. While disclaiming any personal responsibility for any possible failure on the part of the Commissioners to meet their expressed obligation to the teachers, Mr. Hamilton assured the teachers that he believed to a moral certainty that the County Commissioners can and will discharge their extended term obligations to the teachers and that he would be of every possible assistance to the commissioners to that end. He emphasized that he is unwilling and unable to believe that Carteret County does not have the mental and financial resources to provide one

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Defendants Convicted On Liquor Charges

There were several convictions in Recorder's court Tuesday on liquor charges. All the defendants were colored and all were from Beaufort.

Many Bailey, who is reputed to furnish information to the police sometimes far rather badly. Manly submitted to the charge of having liquor in his possession and transporting and expected to be a witness against Alonzo Fulford. He was given twelve months on the roads and not permitted to testify against Fulford. Former Judge E. Walter Hill appearing for Fulford made the legal objection that a defendant could not testify against his partner in crime. He was sustained in this contention by Judge Davis and this weakened the case against Fulford so that he was acquitted. Later the Judge reduced Bailey's sentence to six months.

Emma Barbour charged with possession of liquor for purpose of sale was convicted and given a sentence of three months at the County Home.

Florence Fisher Fulford was also given a three months sentence on a charge of possession, the same to be suspended on payment of costs and showing good behavior for six months.

Recorder's court will not convene next Tuesday as Superior court will be in session then.

Six Durham farmers recently made a cooperative order of pecan trees for setting about over their farms.

MOREHEAD CITY TEN YEAR OLD BOY SAVES HIS SISTER FROM DROWNING

MOREHEAD CITY, March 8 — Kenneth Willis, 10 year old son of John B. Willis, who lives on 23rd and Arendell street was acclaimed a hero by the faculty and school children of the graded school Monday.

When Professor Joslyn told of the heroism and bravery displayed by this little fellow when he saved his little 4 year old sister Saturday. The father and uncle had gone to Hoop Pole creek in a small gasoline fishing boat for wood and oysters and had taken Kenneth and his three sisters along.

This is the story as Kenneth himself told it later in his classroom when asked to tell the members of his class just how it happened:

"My daddy and uncle had left us in the boat while they had gone around the creek for some oysters. I was in the front of the boat and just then I heard my oldest sister scream out that Catherine was overboard. I

LARGER COST OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Expenditures Six Times Greater Than Sixteen Years Ago

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Mar. 7.—Public school expenditures in North Carolina have increased more than six times in the past 16 years, or from \$5,449,644.55 for the school year 1914-15 to \$33,425,754.59 for the year 1929-30, while the current expenses per pupil enrolled increased from 6.95 to \$33.01 in the same period, State School Facts, published by State Supt. A. T. Allen, shows in its current issue.

Of the 1929-30 cost of schools, \$28,616,603.14 was for current expenses and \$4,809,151.35 was for capital outlay, while \$20,825,335.85 was spent by rural schools and \$12,690,418.91 by charter schools. A decrease in total school costs is shown in four years, the high peak having been in 1926-27, when \$36,701,501.36 was the cost, to above \$28,000,000 more than the 1929-30 costs.

The tendency has been for rural school costs to grow more rapidly than for charter schools thus lessening the big difference in cost of the two groups. In 1914-15 the rural current cost per pupil enrolled was \$5.78 while for the charter schools it was \$12.62. In 1929-30 the rural per pupil current expense was \$28.92 and for charter schools, \$44.27.

The more than 4,000 school busses in use in the State, costing more than \$2,000,000 annually, yet at the lowest per pupil of any state in the Union, better trained teachers, better buildings, broader curricula and a larger portion of high school pupils are given as reasons for increased cost per pupil. Reasons assigned for variations in costs in different school systems include: difference in school organization, as small or large schools; density of school population; transportation problem; number in high schools, training teachers, including salaries paid; and curricula offered.

In the Carteret county rural system, it is shown, the 1929-30 total cost was \$122,534.43, divided into \$14,421.81 for capital outlay and \$108,112.62 for current expenses. The current expenses per pupil enrolled for four years follow: 1926-27 \$38.14; 1927-28, \$48.35; 1928-29, \$40.83; and 1929-30, \$43.52. This county took 5th place among the 100 counties of the State in cost per pupil enrolled, this report shows.

The annual State Picture Memory Contest will be held in Raleigh April 16, under auspices of the art department of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs and the State Department of education, one division for sixth and seventh grade pupils and the other for high school pupils. Each city may send four representatives, each town two and each county eight, according to the rules.

The 36th annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers Association will be held at the Carolina Hotel, Pinchurst, Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, Paul P. Brown, Secretary, announces.

LINDBERGH BABY NOT FOUND

Up to the hour of going to press no information has been received here by radio or otherwise that the son of the famous aviator Charles A. Lindbergh had been found. The child, 20 months old, was stolen from the home of his parents Tuesday night March 1st. A tremendous search has been going on ever since and officials say some progress has been made towards solving the mystery.

Serious Damage Done By Southeast Storm Sunday

Terrific Wind And Extremely High Tide Damaged Buildings, Boats, Wharves, Power, Telephone Lines; Truck Crops Injured By Wind And Tide

REWARD OFFERED FOR WANTED MAN

County Will Pay \$100 For Assailant of J. C. Helms; Tax Listers Appointed

As is usually the case there were several applications for help from the Poor Fund at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Monday. Messrs W. M. Webb, C. T. Chadwick, L. C. Carroll, Martin Guthrie and W. W. Etyron who constitute the board were all present.

The application of Mrs. Clem Gaskill of Harker's Island for assistance was heard and a motion passed allowing her \$5 a month.

A motion was passed to admit John McIntosh to the County Home. A similar motion was passed admitting Mrs. Abbie Cohon.

The matter of offering a reward for the man who secretly assaulted J. C. Helms of Morehead City was discussed and a motion offered by Commissioner Chadwick offering \$100 for this purpose was passed.

Attorneys J. F. Duncan and C. R. Wheatly came before the board with reference to a claim of \$440, which in accordance with an audit made by Mr. Hewitt some months ago, is due the county by Clerk of the Court L. W. Hassell. Mr. Duncan introduced evidence which showed that Mr. Hassell does not owe the county any thing but that on the contrary the county owes him a considerable sum.

Motions were passed allowing a reduction of \$400 on the property of Borden Adams in White Oak township and \$75 on the property of R. L. Daniels in Cedar Island township.

The following list takers were appointed by the board to list taxes:

White Oak Township—W. F. Taylor.

Newport Township—G. E. Sander-son.

Morehead Township—C. V. Webb.

Beaufort Township—John Johnson.

Harlowe Township—Raymond Ball.

Merrimon Township—H. B. Salter.

Straits Township—Elwood Willis.

Harkers Island Township—Jimmie Guthrie.

Smyrna and Marshallberg Township—Elwood Willis.

Panting Quarter Township—H. H. Davis.

Cedar Island Township—Jno. W. Daniels.

Portsmouth Township—Mrs. Abner Dixon.

\$57,000 IS ALLOTTED FOR CARE OF INLAND WATERWAY

Washington, March 8.—Allotment of \$57,000 for operation and care of the inland waterway Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort Inlet, N. C. including repairs to Deep Creek lock, Dismal Swamp canal, was made today by the war department.

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, March 11	Low Tide
10:22 a. m.		4:16 a. m.
10:45 p. m.		4:19 p. m.
Saturday, March 12		
10:56 a. m.		4:56 a. m.
10:59 p. m.		4:55 p. m.
Sunday, March 13		
11:23 a. m.		5:41 a. m.
11:38 p. m.		5:39 p. m.
Monday, March 14		
12:09 a. m.		6:31 a. m.
12:26 p. m.		6:28 p. m.
Tuesday, March 15		
1:05 a. m.		7:30 a. m.
1:28 p. m.		7:26 p. m.
Wednesday, March 16		
2:12 a. m.		8:35 a. m.
2:38 p. m.		8:30 p. m.
Thursday, March 17		
3:19 a. m.		9:37 a. m.
3:46 p. m.		9:36 p. m.

The first two or three days of March weather were pretty enough but on the 6th it made up for lost time. A roaring southeaster hit the coast Sunday and for several hundred miles along the coast and back some distance into the interior it kicked up an awful shindy. According to press reports several lives were lost by drowning and property loss ran up into a good many thousands. Citizens in Beaufort say that southeasters here in the spring of the year are extremely rare. They usually come in late summer or early fall.

There was a heavy rainfall Saturday night and Sunday morning but the wind storm did not start until about seven o'clock. It reached its greatest velocity between nine and ten o'clock and may have been blowing 50 miles or more an hour at that time. It did considerable damage in Beaufort. A good many of the wharves along Front street were destroyed and there was some injury to boats. Some of the small boats were carried clear across the street and up into people's yards. The large menhaden boat, "Kingfisher" was driven by the wind and tide up to the seawall on Front street and is still there. She does not seem to be damaged much however. The tide was very high and came up into quite a number of stores along Front street. Those that suffered most from the water were R. R. Bell's drug store and C. V. Hill's general merchandise store.

The News has been told that Harker's Island suffered heavily by reason of the storm. Out of 150 boats only seven were left that had not been badly damaged or destroyed. Also much damage was done to fish houses, wharves, nets and equipment.

There was considerable damage done to fishermen along Bogue and Core sounds. Mr. Kelly Gillikin's new boat, getting ready for his first trip and loaded with 800 bushels of potatoes, was wrecked at Marshallberg. At Morehead City all wharves from Atlantic Beach bridge to the city hospital were washed away and numerous telephone and light poles were blown down and other minor damages done to roofs, signs and the like. In Beaufort the roof was blown off the Duncan-Wheatly building on the south side of Front street and the roof of the C. P. Dey building at the corner of Craven and Front street was partly blown off. A large plate glass window in the store occupied by Sam Lipman and Son was smashed. Many awnings were demolished, some trees blown down and a few chimneys overturned.

One of the worst features of the storm in Carteret county was that truck crops were badly injured, some practically destroyed. Radishes, peas, beets, cabbage and broccoli all suffered bad effects. In the Otway section and on some farms near Beaufort tide water covered the recently planted white potato crop and probably ruined the seed. Sweet potatoes in storage hills in some places were damaged by tide water. G. W. Huntley, Gibbs Brothers and K. W. Wright had fine crops of radishes which were just beginning to go to the markets at good prices, and these were badly hurt. Mr. Huntley had some poultry houses blown down and lost some fine chickens. To report in detail all the loss caused by the storm in Carteret county probably would take a man fully a month. It must have been many thousands of dollars.

The wind changed to the southwest about eleven o'clock and then hauled to the northwest and by nightfall it was quite cold. During the night it became still colder and by morning there was ice about half an inch thick. Monday and Tuesday were fair and Wednesday there was a cold rain mixed with some snow. Last night the temperature dropped to 20 which is the record for this winter.

As has been stated in this newspaper a good many times articles intended for publication in the News will not be printed unless the writer's name is known. Two unsigned communications have been received lately which would have been published had the writers signed their names. We do not print names if requested not to do so but we must know who does the writing or we cannot publish the article.

UNSIGNED COMMUNICATIONS