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A FUSION TICKET TO BE NOMINATED BY INDEPENDENTS

Mass Meeting To Be Held Saturday To Name Candidates For County Board

HAMILTON OPPOSES PLAN

Despite the fact that last Saturday was not very favorable for public meetings, showers fell off and on all day, a good sized crowd assembled at the county courthouse to observe or participate in the meeting called to consider the county's debts, taxation and so on. Several of those who signed the call did not attend the meeting. Several men recognized as leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties were present. The meeting lasted about an hour and a half and there was a good deal of speechmaking, some of which was rather spicy.

N. H. Russell of Beaufort called the meeting to order and was elected permanent chairman. W. L. Hattell Jr., of Beaufort was elected secretary. The chairman made a few remarks as to the purpose of the meeting and was followed by J. F. Duncan who said the purpose of the gathering was not to foster the candidacy of any body for office, said what the people wanted was tax relief and he did not care what party it came from. He said the politicians need not have any fears that there was any purpose to interfere with them.

Mr. Duncan referred to the fact that a valuable piece of property in Beaufort, on the tax books for \$14,000, was put up and sold under foreclosure proceedings and that there was only one bid. He said nobody wanted to own real estate and he doubted if it was worth while to pay taxes on it. The only solution he saw, he said, was to scale down the county's indebtedness by agreement with the bondholders, that county bonds had been offered as low as 15 cents on the dollar. He said the people must show some independence and stand up for their interests regardless of party affiliations.

W. M. Webb, chairman of the board of County Commissioners followed Mr. Duncan and said he agreed with most of what he had said. He said that economic conditions and not taxes were the trouble. He would like to see the county out of debt and said debt must be refunded on a basis of 20 or 25 cents on the dollar. He gave some figures as to the condition of the county when his board took charge and its present condition. He stated that the county is getting further behind every day.

C. R. Wheatly followed Mr. Webb. He said all stocks and bonds have gone down and that Carteret county's bonds had also. He said he wanted to see five men nominated for the board of commissioners who had no political ambition and who would try to get the county's affairs in better shape. He said he believed this could be done. He said he had no ax to grind except to try to save his home.

Hamilton Starts Something
The first note of opposition to what had been said was made by County Attorney Luther Hamilton. He agreed that the debt ought to be refunded and taxes lowered. He said the State Local Government Commission would cooperate with the county and that the board had been working along this line for some time. He said the bondholders did not expect to get 100 cents on the dollar. As to the suggestion of a non partisan board he was very emphatic, saying he did not favor turning the county over to a "hybrid, mongrel crew" and that the Democratic party had plenty of men of sufficient courage and intelligence to handle the situation and any way he had rather see a straight Republican board in charge than a mongrel aggregation.

M. L. Mansfield took some exception to Mr. Hamilton's references to the proposed "mongrel" ticket and Messrs. Wheatly and Duncan also came back with some pretty warm remarks. Wheatly then offered a motion that the meeting be continued until next Saturday afternoon at two o'clock and that at that time a ticket for the board of commissioners be put in the field. Hamilton offered a substitute for this which was tabled on a motion made by Duncan. So the convention adjourned to meet again next Saturday afternoon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

B. H. Hunnings and Iva Guthrie, Beaufort.
Hallas Foster and Rosa Burroughs, Hatteras.
R. E. King, Washington, N. C. and Sarah Hill, Beaufort.

Last Rites Held For Captain Bryan Arthur

Capt. Bryan Wesley Arthur, well-known boatman of this community, passed away suddenly about midnight Sunday in the firemen's recreation room in the city hall, after having been in ill health for the past several years. It is said that Captain Arthur went there Sunday evening, as is the custom of a good many firemen, but did not seem to be as well as usual. About nine o'clock he fell to the floor from his chair and then was removed to the couch. Later, after the seriousness of the attack was seen, a physician was called, but death came shortly after midnight from apoplexy. Captain Arthur was 51 years old, having been born Sept. 13, 1881.

Captain Arthur was employed at the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries at Piver's Island, and previous to this he operated a pleasure boat in this vicinity. He was an honorary member of the fire department at the time of his death, having resigned from active duty some two months ago. At one time he was assistant chief of the firefighters. For a number of years Captain Arthur was harbor master here.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home of the deceased at two thirty o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Reverends R. F. Munns and Worth Wicker. "In the Hour of Trial," "I'll Sing You a Song," and "Abide With Me," were sung. A large gathering of friends and relatives were present for the last rites, including the local fire department and a delegation of Morehead City firemen. Draped fire trucks from both Morehead City and the local department were in the procession, and the remains were conveyed to the Ocean View Cemetery, the place of interment, on the Beaufort truck.

Captain Arthur is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bettie Parsons Arthur, one son, Lionel a sister, Mrs. Ansel Chapin, of this community, and two brothers, Will Arthur, of North River, and Dave Arthur of Southport.

Renovation St. Paul's Church Going Forward

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is now undergoing repairs and refinishing throughout, the work having been started early this week. The workmen are elevating the altar and choir stalls, panelling the back of the chancel, renovating and repainting the interior. After the church is cleaned up after the repairing is completed, a new carpet will be placed upon the floor.

This work will take the better part of two weeks to finish, and owing to this fact church services will be conducted Sunday morning at the regular hour in the auditorium of St. Paul's school. It is expected now that the church will be in readiness for services by Sunday after next.

Mrs. B. C. Way has returned home after a second trip to Duk Hospital for treatment.

RECENT DRENCHING RAINS WILL GREATLY AID POTATO MATURITY

The rain that drenched Carteret County last Saturday and Sunday will probably be worth many thousands of dollars to the growers of Irish potatoes alone, for, as County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet stated, the plants were in need of sufficient moisture to form the potatoes. There had been sufficient rain for the proper growth of the tops, but the rain during the week-end came at just the right time to form the bulbous roots.

Around a thousand acres have been devoted to potato growing this year in Carteret, compared to sixteen hundred last season, and about two hundred of these acres were seriously damaged by the storm about two months ago. The stand and yield last year was probably the best per acre that the county has ever had, and Mr. Overstreet says that the outlook at the present time is that the per-acre yield this year will equal or better that of last season. Those having exceptionally good stands now are: M. S. Snowden, Hugh Carraway, K. W. Wright, G. W. Huntley and W. S. Savage.

Unless something unforeseen happens to prevent this, the growers will begin digging the potatoes about the twenty-third of May, which is now only a little over two weeks away. These will be shipped by freight, as they are too heavy to carry any distance by trucks.

The South Carolina potato crop, which is the only active competitor the North Carolina potatoes have, was reduced one third of what was planted last year. And the storm last month destroyed and seriously dam-

SISTER'S CONDUCT CAUSES SQUABBLE

Endeavoring To Help Sister Brings Negro Into Court; Bootlegger Gets 12 Month Sentence

When Howard ("Nig") Rhodes, colored, intervened in what was alleged to be a compromising situation when he found his sister with a group of men on the night of April 25, it led him into a series of acts that terminated in the breaking of an oil lamp over the head of his cousin Lem Harper, and finally resulted in the airing of the ensuing family brawl in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning.

Rhodes said that when he found his sister with the men, he took her home and that the row resulted. Harper testified that he tried to keep Rhodes and his sister from "going together" and that "Nig" showed his appreciation by grabbing up the lamp and breaking it on Harper's forehead, cutting him there and also beneath the left eye, and then cut his shoulder with what remained of the bottom of the lamp. This Rhodes partly denied, saying that Harper was largely responsible for the affray.

Judge Davis seemed to think that Rhodes had sufficient provocation, but warned him to keep away from his family if they treated him as disrespectfully as was brought out in the trial. He was found guilty, and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and to work at the county home, judgment suspended upon payment of costs. Rhodes represented himself.

For possessing and transporting intoxicating liquor, Murray Davis, Harlowe negro, who officers said is a "shrewd and notorious bootlegger," was sentenced to the common jail for twelve months and to work the roads. Murray Thomas testified that on the night of February 14 he shadowed Davis from the corner of Pollock and Mulberry streets until the (Continued on page five)

4-H Club Rally Well Attended Here Monday

More than three hundred and twenty-five 4-H Club members attended the county meeting here Monday morning in the court house, when all of the ten clubs from seven Carteret county communities were well represented. At this time the May Queen was chosen, Miss Carrie E. Guthrie, of Atlantic, being the lucky winner. She is sixteen years old, is five feet three inches tall and weighs a hundred and seventeen pounds—exact weight for a girl of her measurements and age.

Seven other 4-H girls were recognized for the improvement made in themselves during the past six or eight months. Each member was required to keep exact records of his or her daily life and from these records were chosen the various winners. (Continued on page five)

Washington Snapshots

Taken by The Helm News Service

Addressing the Governors of the States assembled at Richmond, Virginia, President Hoover forcibly presented the most serious problem confronting the country. It is the mounting costs of all government, Federal, State and local, which are breaking the backs of the taxpayers. The figures are startling. Before the World War eight per cent of the national income went to this purpose. In the succeeding period of prosperity the proportion jumped to fifteen per cent. Incomes were greatly increased, but they could not keep pace with the growing expenses of government. Today, with business depressed and when the cry for economy was never more heartfelt and insistent, taxes are taking a toll of twenty per cent of the people's earnings.

Two of the nation's leading fiscal experts, Secretary of the Treasury Mills and Governor Eugene Meyer of the Federal Reserve Board, led a smashing attack upon the \$2,000,000,000 soldier bonus as an inflationary measure which would prolong the depression. Effect of issuance of \$2,000,000,000 in currency to pay the ex-soldiers "will be to impair public and private credit to destroy confidence and to prolong hard times," Mills told the House Ways and Means Committee. He declared: "No measure was ever drafted better calculated to destroy confidence than the one now before you. Enact it into law and you will stifle all hope of an early economic recovery and write the most lamentable chapter in American financial history."

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee were served with notice that women will fight to the last ditch against American entry into the League Court, by the National Woman's party. The committee held a regular meeting recently but did not once mention the court. There is general agreement to sidetrack the issue in the Senate until next session.

A deadlocked Democratic convention at Chicago became a virtual certainty and the "Stop Roosevelt" movement an apparent success as a result of the returns from the Massachusetts and Pennsylvania primaries. In fact, the elated supporters of Al Smith now claim that enough delegates already are "in the bag" to block the nomination of Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York. They no longer attempt to disguise the fact that Smith entered the race for that purpose.

With galleries crowded by Government employes facing drastic pay slashes, the elimination of holidays and promotions and other curtailments, the House engaged in a bitter battle over the omnibus economy bill, which, it is claimed would save \$200,000,000 in Government expenditures. The question of adopting a special rule, generally declared to be a "gag rule" which would make in order in the legislative appropriation bill an amendment of 71 pages of highly controversial legislation affecting all phases of the Government, was vigorously debated. Leaders on both Democratic and Republican sides have broken party lines in vigorous appeals either for adoption of the rule or its rejection.

Secretary Stimson is leaving Geneva a sadder, but wiser man. His mission of Franco-German mediation was wrecked at the eleventh hour by French Premier Tardieu's inability to meet the American Secretary of State, the British prime minister, the German chancellor and the Italian foreign minister under Col. Stimson's aegis. Instead of presiding over a "Big Five" Conference, as he hoped to do, Secretary Stimson will leave Geneva and return directly to the United States.

Confessing his disappointment, he contents himself with the reflection that his trip does not represent wasted time, because it has given him first hand knowledge of European leaders and their problems. Close acquaintance can hardly have strengthened Col. Stimson's faith in the Old World's peace protestations. The cancellation of M. Tardieu's Geneva visit was officially caused by the premier's attack of laryngitis. Europe has a word for the indisposition that overtakes statesmen at critical moments. It is known as "diplomatic sickness." (Continued on page eight)

Visiting Sportsmen Catch Variety Fish

At least two fishing parties have been very successful this year in landing a large number of fish in this vicinity. Messrs. R. W. and G. S. Lewis, of Montclair, N. J., were taken over to Cape Lookout on Capt. Ned Lewis' boat, "William and Gordon," last Thursday. Between a hundred and eighty and two hundred fine, large black bass were caught by the two northern sportsmen. They were delighted with the quantity and size of the finny creatures and were very enthusiastic about their trip down here in general. While here they were the guests of the Davis House.

Around three hundred and fifty trout, hogfish and blackfish were caught by a party of nine Raleigh men last week-end over near Shackelford's Banks, where they had been taken on Capt. John Dickinson's cruiser, the "Idle-On." The Raleigh sportsmen were: John N. Coffey, J. C. Hardin, Andy McIntosh, Bill Nowell, C. C. Gunn, Barrett D. Wilson, Joe Young, Bob Newcomb and J. F. Willis.

These sportsmen stole a march on the season, which usually begins about the fifteenth of May. From then on many people from up-State and other states come and enjoy the splendid fishing that the waters and ocean around here afford. It is rather infrequent for such large fish to be caught in abundance by anglers around here as early as the Lewises and the Raleigh parties made their "strike" last week.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO ADJUST DEBTS

Committee of Board Members and Citizens Will Consider County Affairs

For the purpose of trying to straighten out the tangle of the county's indebtedness the Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting Monday appointed a committee to meet next Monday and study the question and then make recommendations. Those appointed on the committee are commissioners W. M. Webb, C. T. Chadwick, L. C. Carroll and County Attorney Luther Hamilton. An unofficial citizens' committee to meet with the officials composed of J. H. Potter Sr., I. E. Ramsey, J. F. Duncan, C. R. Wheatly, Dr. C. L. Duncan, T. C. Wade, C. S. Wallace, S. A. Chalk was also appointed. All members of the board were present at the meeting Monday. The board was in session practically all day.

The injunction against the advertising of delinquent taxes for the year 1931 was brought to the attention of the board. After some discussion the matter was referred to the County Attorney.

A motion was passed instructing the County Auditor to pay Craven and Craven the sum of \$100 and to pay a \$400 note with interest from September 1, 1931 in full settlement of the contract.

A motion was passed reducing the valuation of the property of C. N. Nelson of Merrimon township to \$2500. This was done on account of a house on the property being burned.

A motion was passed relieving B. L. Carraway of Newport of tax on personal property, except on organ, because tax had been paid in Florida.

By motion made and carried a check of the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company for taxes was accepted as an offset to note of the county held by the bank.

A motion was made and carried relieving Mrs. Walter P. Willis of the assessment of three acres of land in Morehead township which she does not own.

A motion was passed that the valuation of land belonging to Mrs. J. C. Davis on Taylor's Creek be listed in proportion to the lands of the Beaufort Realty and Investment Corporation and I. E. Ramsey.

It was ordered that the valuation of T. C. Cuttrell's land, Martin Spring tract, be reduced from \$4,900 to \$3,000. Also reduction of \$900 be made on I. W. Russell tract of woods land on account of fire damage. A reduction of \$300 on automobile of Wardy Murphy was authorized on account of error in listing.

A resolution was adopted that 742 acres of land listed in the name of the Waddell Lumber Company be dropped from the tax records for 1931 because it is listed in the name of the Serpell Lumber Company.

A motion was passed allowing James Rhue and Harriett Rhue \$5 each from the poor fund.

Motions were passed allowing Es-

GARDNER'S TALK WITH ROOSEVELT ATTRACTS NOTICE

N. C. Governor Might Be Nominated By Democrats For Vice-President

CANDIDATES BUSY NOW

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, May 2—The Governor of North Carolina said many things to many Governors of other states during the Governor's Conference at Richmond, Va., last week, and, traditionally, heard something from the Governor of South Carolina. Governor Blackwood said: "Perhaps it won't be so long now."

But Governor O. Max Gardner was talking about other things than drinks. He was "one of the boys" with Governors of numbers of states, Governors who are expected to give President Hoover a run for the White House position in November. Particularly, Governor Gardner spent two or three hours conferring with Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, while the other Governors were off on a jaunt. It may develop into a history-making conference.

For Governor Roosevelt is far and away in the lead for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, even though Governor Alfred E. Smith gave his triumphant march a slight halt last week by lining up the Massachusetts Democrats. Unless all signs fail, however, Governor Roosevelt will be the Democratic nominee for President at the Chicago convention. Why would he pick out Governor Gardner out of all the others for a long conference? Why not some other Governor of some other State?

The Presidential candidate usually chooses his running mate and if Governor Roosevelt is nominated, what more natural than that he select the North Carolina Governor? Governor Gardner has made a great record of striking out into new and untried fields in highways, schools, local government and university consolidations. These are attracting wide attention. What more natural than that the man who started all this be given national recognition? What better way to re-cement the "Solid South" after the 1928 veering off than to name as Vice-Presidential candidate an outstanding Governor of one of the stray ing states?

Regardless of the result, it might well be said that a North Carolinian is now nearer to a place on the national Democratic ticket than one has been since the civil war, and with prospects better for a Democratic administration.

Campaign Lacks Heat

While the present political campaign is lacking some of the heat and steam of previous contests of this nature, the political arena is one of unusual activity, and will be increasingly so for the next four weeks until the primary. The candidates for Governor and for the Senate are putting on the "rousements" and the unusually large number of candidates for all offices, down to constable, insure one of the biggest votes ever cast in a primary.

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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, May 6	
8:21 a. m.	2:14 a. m.
8:32 p. m.	2:02 p. m.
Saturday, May 7	
8:53 a. m.	2:48 a. m.
9:05 p. m.	2:38 p. m.
Sunday, May 8	
9:28 a. m.	3:25 a. m.
9:41 p. m.	3:12 p. m.
Monday, May 9	
10:05 a. m.	4:05 a. m.
10:21 p. m.	3:53 p. m.
Tuesday, May 10	
10:46 a. m.	4:49 a. m.
11:00 a. m.	4:40 p. m.
Wednesday, May 11	
11:06 a. m.	5:36 a. m.
11:38 p. m.	5:34 p. m.
Thursday, May 12	
11:59 a. m.	6:29 a. m.
12:38 p. m.	6:36 p. m.