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Absentee Voting Law Defined By Brummitt

Law Is Strict Now; Absentee Voter Must Make Oath Before Notary or Other Official Who Can Administer Oaths; Voter Must Sign Certificate Himself; Any One Who Makes A False Oath Is Guilty of Misdemeanor.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, May 9—Absentee voting, permitted in every county in the State except Buncombe, and there prohibited as to county, township and municipal candidates only, may be used by two classes of voters, those who are to be out of the county on election day, and those who are physically unable to go to the polling places to vote. Attorney General Denis G. Brummitt explains, along with other provisions and requirements, in a letter to Judge J. Crawford Biggs, chairman of the State Board of Elections.

Only those out of the county all of election day may use the absentee ballot which is not to be counted if such voter returns at any hour of the voting time and may cast his ballot in person, Mr. Brummitt holds. Actual physical inability to get to the polling place is necessary in the second case, this to be interpreted strictly, but reasonably, requiring those able to appear to do so.

Certificates supplied by the State Board of Elections must be used, Certificate A by those who are to be out of the county, and Certificate B by those physically unable to appear at the polling places. The oath of a sick person wishing to use the absentee ballot is sufficient, or the certificate of physician showing the voter's inability to get to the polls.

The oath required by these certificates must be made before some official authorized to administer oaths and if such officer, as clerk of the court or notary public, has a seal, it must be attached. Mr. Brummitt states. Signature of the officer is not enough, and the oath must be actually administered by the officer to the person seeking to use the absentee ballot. If the oath is not actually administered, the certificate is invalid, although it is presumed that, nothing else appearing, that it was actually administered, Mr. Brummitt points out.

The certificate must be signed by the elector and not for him, except that an illiterate voter may make his mark. Application must be made to the county chairman, or the precinct registrar, in person, by mail, or thru another, but if made by another must be by written order of the applicant—he must sign the request for ballots or sign a request authorizing another to get the ballots for him. In other words, a person desiring absentee ballots must make the request in person, or in writing, signed by him, or he must, in writing, signed by him appoint some one as his agent to make the application for the ballots for him Mr. Brummitt states.

The ballots, with the return envelope, are then furnished the applicant by the chairman of the county board of elections, or, if the ballots have been distributed by the precinct registrar. The ballots may be delivered to the voter in person, sent through the mail or delivered to the agent duly authorized in writing by the applicant to receive them for him. The absentee voter must sign his name on the ballot or ballots he desires to cast, else such ballots must be rejected and not counted, Mr. Brummitt points out.

"Any applicant, physician, elector officer or other person making any false oath or false certificate in connection with the application for ballots, the return of ballots, or obtaining ballots, or otherwise relating thereto, or any election official violating any of the provisions of the absentee ballot law, is guilty of a misdemeanor," Mr. Brummitt concludes.

STREET FORCE REMOVES DEBRIS ALONG SEAWALL

During the past few days the street force under the direction of Chief Longest have cleaned up all the debris along the seawall that parallels Front Street. This improves the looks of the beach that runs along the front of the community, although the street force did not have the authority to remove old boats on the shore and parts of old deteriorated docks and wharves that do not look so good. Most of the trash that was removed was brought there and deposited by the tide.

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Washington Snapshots

Taken by The Helm News Service

With a 2,000-word attack on the futility and harmfulness of the Democratic tariff bill, President Hoover returned it to the Capitol with his disapproval and within an hour the House, divided substantially on party lines, sustained his veto. A slender majority of 178, as against 166, favored passage of the bill over the President's veto, but a two-thirds majority was required to override the White House action. Twelve Republicans, mostly from the farm belt, and one Farmer-Laborite joined with the Democrats, and two Democrats deserted their side to uphold the President.

In one of the most emphatic messages of his Administration, Mr. Hoover told the House that if Congress wanted a wholesale tariff revision it should undertake to make that revision directly; that if it was proposed to abandon the traditional American principle that the fixing of American tariffs is an exclusive prerogative of the American Government, Congress should say so definitely and not by implication; that he was unwilling to embark upon any negotiations for reciprocal tariff concessions with other nations which have been the fruitful breeding ground of trade wars and more serious controversies, and "there never has been a time in the history of the United States when tariff protection was more essential to the welfare of the American people than at present.

The wet victory in the Ohio primary was regarded here as foreshadowing, more than any other pre-convention development, the adoption of a prohibition referendum plant in the Republican National Convention. Not only was David S. Ingalls, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, a wet member of the Hoover sub-Cabinet, nominated for Governor in a crucial test on the prohibition issue, and with the backing of Postmaster General Walter F. Brown, the President's campaign manager, but the resubmissionists in the President's official family have been banking on such an outcome to clinch their argument for his acceptance of a referendum plank.

A Democratic program for legislation on unemployment relief before the end of this session was put forward in the Senate by Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic leader, and immediately encountered expressions of strong Republican opposition. The program would advance \$300,000,000 of Federal funds, raised by bonds, to the states and municipalities, and would authorize a huge construction program financed by an issue of \$2,000,000,000 in government bonds, to go to states and cities. In part, the program would be based on a bill by Senator Robert F. Wagner, Democrat of New York, for cooperation between the Federal government and the states in relieving unemployment.

Fast on the heels of the declaration of Senator Robinson, that Congress, before adjourning, should authorize a \$2,000,000,000 bond issue for public works, ten Democratic Senators pledged themselves to fight for the legalization of 2.75 per cent beer as a revenue source to pay the interest and amortization charges on such a bond issue. The ten Democrats jointly signed a statement pledging "every resource to have adopted" the Tydings amendment to the revenue bill to legalize 2.75 per cent beer subject to a tax of 24 cents a gallon. This tax would raise \$500,000,000 annually the group estimated.

Senator Hattie W. Caraway, Democrat, of Arkansas, only woman member of the United States Senate, chalked up a new record for the sex by being the first woman who ever presided over the upper House of Congress. She was called to the chair by Vice-President Curtis and held the gavel for about 15 minutes. The honor (Continued on page eight)

CANDIDATES NOW HITTING HARD AT THEIR OPPONENTS

Fountain's Raleigh Speech Stirred Up Ehringhaus And Others

REYNOLDS AFTER MORRISON

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, May 16—The primary campaign is beginning to give off intermittent steam, foreshadowing the explosive type during the coming less than three weeks until the primary, and has taken the question and answer form, especially in the gubernatorial clash, and particularly between R. T. Fountain and J. C. B. Ehringhaus. Standing, probably prancing, is better, on the side line is A. J. Maxwell who is deriving much fun out of the fight, apparently. He is, in large measure, left out of the Ehringhaus-Fountain exchanges.

Mr. Fountain, from manuscript, delivered a speech here early last week which was admittedly one of the best and clearest he had delivered so far, and took positions on several matters which he hitherto touched lightly. His entire trend, however, was toward criticism of Governor Gardner and the present administration, and, in turn, Mr. Ehringhaus, who was described as Governor Gardner's candidate to succeed himself.

Mr. Ehringhaus came back with answer and more questions Friday night, referring to the Fountain delivery as his "swan-song," or "the last desperate effort of a man who contemplates his inevitable defeat." He describes it as "music in the ears of Republicans of North Carolina," but "chilled the hearts of the loyal Democrats throughout the State and awakened a feeling of wonder that one who had so long been the beneficiary of their favors should turn upon his party's record." It constitutes the best political document the Republicans will have in the next campaign, Mr. Ehringhaus describing satisfaction of Charlie Jonas and Clifford Frazier as they clipped it for future reference.

The criticism of Mr. Fountain, aimed at Governor Gardner, missed fire, as the Governor cannot legislate, only recommend, and Mr. Fountain's name is on every bill enacted and which he criticizes, Mr. Ehringhaus said. Answering Mr. Fountain's question relative to accepting appointment to positions he helps create, Mr. Ehringhaus said he declined one, years ago, but that Mr. Fountain has accepted appointment on three, including the Park Commission and Equalization board, on which he has (Continued on page four)

Treasurer Withholding \$10,000 From Carteret

Carteret County school are short some ten thousand dollars of the amount the State appropriated for the extended term of school. This is due to the fact that State Treasurer John P. Stedman is withholding that amount as an offset to the amount Carteret County owes the State literary fund. The total amount withheld from the various counties throughout North Carolina was \$221,000.

When County Superintendent J. G. Allen was interviewed concerning the effect this would have on the local school situation, he stated that "The office of the County Board of Education is encouraged by the fact that the State Treasurer indicated in his recent statement in the News & Observer that the State Treasurer does not intend to withhold all of the State's part for our extended term money due to Carteret County being in default of its debt service obligations to the State. The Board hopes to receive approximately \$3,500 from the State within a few days. Promptly upon the receipt of this, vouchers will be made distributing this amount among the various teachers."

CITY POLICE COURT NEWS

In city police court last Friday the following persons were tried: Hiram Springle, drunk, submitted and fined \$1 and costs or five days on the street work.

Ed. Davis, colored, charged with having been drunk, submitted. He was fined \$1 and costs or five days street work.

Robert Golden, drunkenness, plead guilty and fined \$1 and costs or five days street work.

Fred Hester, two charges, operating car without license and driving car while under the influence of liquor. He plead guilty to the first charge but denied the second. He was bound over to Recorder's court on both charges, \$25 bond required in one case and \$50 in the other.

SEVERAL ASSAULT CASES ARE TRIED

Math Bailey, Charged With Assault With Deadly Weapon Upon Mrs. Tom Tosto, Dismissed

The case in which Math Bailey, colored, was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon Mrs. Tom Tosto was finally dismissed in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning on account of a technical error in drawing up the warrant. After an examination of the various witnesses, it was stated by E. Walter Hill, who appeared for Bailey, and conceded to by C. R. Wheatly, who appeared for the private prosecution, that the defendant could not be held under the charge of assault with deadly weapon, because to do so evidence would have to be produced to show that the running of the car which Bailey was driving into Mrs. Tosto's car was premeditated. And as all evidence given in the case did not show premeditation the case was dismissed by Judge M. Leslie Davis. This was done after Mr. and Mrs. Tosto and Grady Perkins were examined. Attorney Wheatly stated that a civil suit was being instituted against Bailey.

Belford Dudley, colored, of Morehead City, was charged with the trespassing upon and destroying the personal property of another, the wrecking of a motor boat owned by James Hester, also colored. It was stated by Hester, his two sons Frank and Prince Hester, and a white man Kid Guthrie, that Hester's boat went a-drift during the storm about two months ago and that they found the sides and bottom of this under Dudley's home and that he acknowledged finding and tearing up the boat. Dudley and his one witness Luther Tootle claimed that they found the bottom of the boat and thinking that it was something of very little value so they carried it to Dudley's home for firewood. They claimed that they did not get the sides and did not in any way tear up the boat. Judge Davis said that if Dudley would compromise by paying Hester twenty dollars, the amount Hester valued the boat, that he would let him off with the costs of the case. Dudley asked for time in which to get the money, so sentence was withheld until next Tuesday in order to see if the money could be raised by Dudley. This was agreeable with Hester.

Robert Willis, young white man of the North River section, came before Judge Davis on an alleged assault upon Walter ("Rags") Garner. The defendant, who has never been arrested before, plead not guilty. Garner stated that Willis was drinking last Sunday afternoon out at Tom Tosto's filling station. The young fellows were playing and later Willis pulled Garner (Continued on page five)

Police Will Now Pound All Local Street Dogs

Mayor Taylor has ordered that a large pound be built at the rear of the city hall and all dogs found on the streets of Beaufort after the next day or two will be caught and incarcerated therein. After being advertised for a week or ten days, all dogs remaining will be disposed of. Before an owner can get his or her dog back after being caught and confined in this pound a fine of whatever amount the Mayor sees fit must be paid along with the costs which amounts to \$3.90.

There is a town ordinance making it illegal for dogs to run at large thru the streets of the community. During the past year of two the dog population has increased quite a bit, and along with it a complete disregard for the town ordinance forbidding them on the streets, unless however the owners have them on leash. Chief of Police Longest, under whose jurisdiction the catching, pounding and disposing of the dogs come, says that all, not just a few, but ALL dogs found on the streets of Beaufort will be picked up after the next few days.

LOCAL COMMITTEE CONFERS CONCERNING INDEBTEDNESS

Luther Hamilton and Charles S. Wallace, who were appointed on a committee of three to confer with state officials concerning the refinancing of the county's indebtedness, had a conference in Raleigh Friday with Charles Johnson, director of the Local Government Commission. Julius F. Duncan, the other member of the committee, was busy that day attending the Supreme Court and was not present at the conference. Mr. Hamilton told a News reporter that the conference was satisfactory throughout.

Favorable Prospects For Large Yield Of Potatoes

Southern Spuds Now Bringing Excellent Prices In New York; Expect Little Competition In Marketing Carolina Potatoes; Will Begin Digging Next Week; Snap Bean Crop Begins Moving Next Week Also; Cabbages Brought \$50,000 to Carteret This Spring

ALL THE HOME NEWS

Last week's issue of this newspaper carried 184 items of a local nature. That is to say news about people and events in Carteret county. The chief function of this newspaper is to furnish that sort of news and it undertakes to do it. Some newspapers published outside of the county carry more general news but they do not publish anything like as much information about Carteret folks as this family journal does. And because it carries the news about the home folks it is interesting to them and is a valuable advertising medium. Of course the News carries a great deal of other reading matter besides the home news.

Unfortunate Swimmer Drowns Here Tuesday

Scottie is dead. He was a mighty friendly, cheerful sort during his comparatively short life, but he got into dangerous water while out for his daily swim Tuesday and went down valiantly into Davy Jones' locker. Pedestrians never again while walking on the eastern part of Front street will be met by this joyous, capricious young fellow, for Scottie has passed on to the place where all kindhearted, highly-regarded members of the canine family go.

Along with Flea Hound, Scottie was in the habit of swimming over to the Bird Shoal and chasing the sea gulls almost daily, a sport which both dogs were very fond of. Tuesday they went over as usual and chased the sea gulls for some time. Evidently tiring of this, they were struck by adventurous spirit and after wading off into the water started swimming southward.

Where their canine whimsicalities were promising to carry them is not known, but it evidently played a nasty trick upon them by leading them into the treacherous waters out beyond the Beaufort bar. They were in immediate danger of losing their lives when Guy Lewis came along on a boat from Cape Lookout. Seeing their plight, he rescued Flea Hound, but before he could get to Scottie the terrier went down into the depths of the inlet, never to rise to the surface again.

In commenting on the death of his animal friend, Scottie, C. R. Wheatly said he thought that the dogs had probably started to Willis' Lump out near the bar on a sort of an excursion; and he then jocularly added that the two comrades perhaps had decided to spend a few days at Bermuda and disaster confronted them at the beginning of their journey over. The surviving dog, Flea Hound, is the house pet of Ed Potter.

FIREMEN ENTERTAINED AGAIN BY RUFUS SEWELL

The annual barbecue at Perquimans Farms given by Mr. Rufus Sewell and which is looked forward to with much interest by Beaufort firemen and other guests took place Tuesday evening. The entertainment was in honor of the firemen and a large majority of them attended it. A considerable number of other guests were present also. Morehead City firemen were on duty in Beaufort during the absence of the Beaufort fire fighters.

The supper which began at about 7:30, consisted of barbecued pig, genuine home baked beans, corn bread, pickles and onions. Four pigs done to a turn were served and practically all consumed by the hungry crowd. Before supper and afterwards the guests were entertained by some excellent singing by a colored quartette from Beaufort. Some of the guests themselves were also moved to song and rendered a number of selections which were greatly applauded. The weather was also delightful and that fact and a very beautiful moon contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Fifty-six Durham County farmers sold \$271.88 worth of surplus produce on the curb market last Saturday.

The first of Carteret County's eight hundred acres of Irish potatoes will be dug the first part of next week and the shipments will probably reach the peak of the season on the following week of May 30-June 4, according to County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet. Southern potatoes are now bringing top-notch prices in New York; primes are now quoted at \$8.00 a barrel and number twos at \$4.50 a barrel. The outlook at present, taking into consideration the extremely small crop in this and other states and the high price the Southern crop is now bringing, is very hopeful for Carteret County growers. Last year number twos could not be marketed, but so far this season the market is very good for these.

Although a few of the farmers are intending to begin digging the first part of next week, the bulk of the producers will not begin until week after next. These latter growers wish to give their crop time in which to fully mature and thus increase the amount of potatoes produced this year. None at the present time have any fear of the competition that is generally experienced from the South Carolina and Virginia crops, for the acreage in both of these states have been greatly reduced below previous years.

South Carolina has only one third of the acreage planted last season; this is the smallest crop since 1917. Virginia growers have also reduced the acreage devoted to this crop in that commonwealth, which is the smallest since 1918. The information about the crops in these two states was derived from a letter received by Mr. C. G. Gaskill, local broker, from A. E. Mercker, who is with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and is considered an authority on potato production and marketing.

All things considered, prospects are now expected to be very favorable in the way of remunerative market for the Carteret County spuds this season. Reduction of the crop in this and adjacent states tend to reduce the amount of competition generally experienced in marketing the Carolina crop about the same time the Palmetto and Old Dominion potatoes are shipped. In all probability this will favorably affect the prices brought by the Carteret County potatoes.

No more rain is needed in order to bring the potatoes to maturity. Mr. Overstreet stated to a News reporter. It will be a distinct advantage to the growers if it does not rain again until the entire crop is marketed. Two hundred of the thousand acres planted this year in Carteret County was seriously damaged by the sea tide which covered them about two months ago; and the heavy rain about two weeks ago completely ruined the damaged area. The other eight hundred (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, May 20	Low Tide
7:41 a. m.		1:36 a. m.
8:08 p. m.		1:30 p. m.
Saturday, May 21		
8:33 a. m.		2:31 a. m.
9:01 p. m.		2:23 p. m.
Sunday, May 22		
9:26 a. m.		3:22 a. m.
9:56 p. m.		3:15 p. m.
Monday, May 23		
10:33 a. m.		4:15 a. m.
10:53 p. m.		4:14 p. m.
Tuesday, May 24		
11:12 a. m.		5:11 a. m.
11:24 p. m.		5:12 p. m.
Wednesday, May 25		
11:52 a. m.		6:06 a. m.
12:29 p. m.		6:17 p. m.
Thursday, May 26		
12:53 a. m.		7:06 a. m.
1:33 p. m.		7:27 p. m.