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Chairmanship Question Is Arousing Interest

Democratic Committee Will Elect Successor to Chairman Mull; Ehringhaus and Reynolds Have Conference But Have Not Agreed Yet; Several Names Mentioned For Place

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, July 11—When the State Democratic Executive Committee meets in Raleigh the latter part of this month, at call of Chairman O. M. Mull, one of its most important tasks will be to select a State chairman to take active charge of the campaign this fall and guide the destinies of the party for the next two years. Chairman Mull, holding this post for four years, has indicated that he will not stand for re-election.

The committee of 132 members will do the electing, but will listen to the principal candidates, for Governor and U. S. Senator J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Robert R. Reynolds, these candidates, have conferred together and with Governor O. Max Gardner, titular head of the party, and it believed that a leader suitable to all factions will be selected.

Major L. P. McLendon, Ehringhaus manager, and C. L. Shuping, Baily manager two years ago, have been mentioned, as has Thomas C. (Tam) Bowie defeated in the first primary as candidate for the Senate. Objections have been made to all of them. Reynolds has indicated that Walter H. Woodson, Salisbury, is acceptable to him. Governor-Nominee Ehringhaus has made no indication of his preference. J. Wallace Winborne, Marion, might be a compromise. He is said to be on proper terms with Ehringhaus and Reynolds. Governor Gardner and Senator Bailey. Others will be suggested. Harmony is expected.

Must Cut State's Expense

The State's Advisory Budget Commission will be wrestling this week with the State's financial problem for the next year, which is expected to be much more troublesome than the fiscal year just ended, due to a drying up of the known and heretofore dependable sources of revenue.

Another cut in salaries of 10 to 20 per cent is one apparent necessity. Another method suggested is to either cut or hold back salaries of the school teachers next year to the extent of 10 or 15 per cent, in face of legislative acts forbidding cuts to teachers, and leave it up to the next General Assembly to either ratify the cut or levy additional taxes to pay the amount held back—and that, almost certainly, would mean the cut.

Sales and luxury tax advocates, who expected \$9,600,000 from the sales tax or \$8,000,000 from the luxury tax, based on 1929 purchases, now find that less than \$4,000,000 would have been realized from the 1 per cent sales tax and less than \$3,000,000 from the luxury tax advocated. This is seen by the collections on the merchants license tax of one-tenth to one-eighth of one per cent during the past year of only about \$380,000 to date. The one per cent sales tax would have produced less than 10 times as much, or in an event more than \$4,000,000, and the luxury tax much less.

If either of those taxes had been adopted, the 15-cent ad valorem tax on property would have been removed. That tax, estimated at \$4,000,000 will bring in probably \$350,000. So, the tax situation in the State would not be improved by adoption of either sales tax and removal of the 15-cent tax. The deficit would be approximately the same. One indication that the people are not desirous of such taxes is in the fact that more than a dozen of the most ardent sales and luxury tax advocates in the last General Assembly have been defeated for renomination in their respective counties in the two primaries.

The N. C. Constitutional Commission, authorized by the 1931 General Assembly and appointed by Governor Gardner, was in executive session practically all of last week, working out constitutional changes to be submitted to the next Legislature, for re-submission to the voters of the State. Members report some progress. Another meeting will be held about the middle of August and several meetings are expected in the next five months, during which something definite is expected to emerge from the deliberations.

David L. Strain, field manager for Robt. R. Reynolds in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate, is trying to work out some plan to realize on the famous Reynolds Ford to help pay a

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Murder Case Before Mayor Last Friday

Mayor's court had one very unusual case before it last Thursday for trial—a first degree murder case. This was the case in which Nettie Henry, Beaufort colored woman, stands indicted for killing Alex Mendhall 64 year old Negro who has made his home in Morehead City and Beaufort for several years. An account of the shooting was carried in the News last week. Through her attorney C. R. Wheatly, the defendant waived examination and was sent to the county jail to await trial in Superior Court.

William Barber, colored tried on two charges, assault with a deadly weapon, a bottle, and assault was given fifteen days on the street force.

Fred Fulcher, colored, admitted stealing a pocket book with \$2.50 in it and was sent to Recorder's court under a bond of \$15.

Dave Vann, colored boy, charged with robbing Chappell's grocery store of cigarettes and other articles was sent to Juvenile Judge L. W. Hassell. Two other boys who were witnesses against Dave were also bound over to the court. The boys were found with the goods and told contradictory tales about where they got them.

THIS WEEK'S Obituaries

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. JENNIE H. LEWIS

Funeral services were conducted at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Harkers Island for Mrs. Jennie H. Lewis, who passed away there at her home early Wednesday morning. Mrs. Lewis has been in ill health for about a year, but was taken seriously ill Monday. She had been a member of the Northern Methodist Church for many years, and was known to be an active worker in religious activities. She was about 50 years old.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by her husband, Jimmie H. Lewis; a sister, Miss Martha Ann Willis; her mother Mrs. Angeline Willis; two brothers, Joe Willis and Louie Willis; one daughter, Miss Lillie Belle Willis; and by three sons, James and Theodore Lewis, who are in the Coast Guard service on the New Jersey coast, and Burgess Lewis.

MRS. THERESA LAWRENCE PASSES SUNDAY MORNING

Mrs. Theresa Lawrence passed away at her home in Otway early Sunday morning. She had been in ill health for some six months, and grew rapidly worse during the last few days until death came Sunday morning. She was the widow of the late Watson Lawrence, who died about seven years ago. Mrs. Lawrence was a member of the Christian Church. She was 69 years old.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at three o'clock Monday afternoon by the Rev. J. H. Williams, of New Bern. Interment was in the family cemetery at the old homestead.

Mrs. Lawrence is survived by two sons and three daughters: Watson Lawrence, Jr., Elijah Davis Lawrence, Mesdames Harvey Lawrence, Clyde Lawrence and Harvey Hancock.

LAST RITES FOR C. P. DEY HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for the late Charles P. Dey, an account of whose death was told in the News last week, were held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Ann Street Methodist church. A large congregation of friends of Mr. Dey from Beaufort, Morehead City and other places in the county and also some from more distant points attended the services.

The Reverend R. F. Munns pastor of the church, assisted by Presiding Elder, Reverend J. H. McCracken, was in charge of the services which was according to the ritual of the church. The Presiding Elder, who was

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RECENT PRIMARY OFFICIAL VOTE

Big Vote Given Reynolds And Fountain Was Big Surprise

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, July 11—John Christopher Blucher Ehringhaus was declared the Democratic nominee for Governor, Robert Rice Reynolds for United States Senator, and Arthur L. Fletcher for Commissioner of Labor by the State Board of Elections, in session for that purpose here today.

The official vote for the second primary, July 2, for Senate follows:

Short Term:

Reynolds 227,864
Morrison 120,426

Rey. majority 107,438
Total vote 348,292

Long Term:

Reynolds 221,869
Morrison 116,012

Rey. majority 105,857
Total vote 337,881

Governor:

Ehringhaus 182,055
Fountain 168,917

Ehr. majority 13,138
Total vote 350,972

Commissioner of Labor:

Fletcher 184,203
Mitchell 114,072

Flet. majority 70,131
Total vote 298,275

These figures tell the story of two of the hardest State-wide intra-party simultaneous fights in the history of politics in North Carolina. They show that Reynolds won over Cameron Morrison by the largest vote ever cast in a Democratic primary, which vote surprised even the most hopeful Reynolds followers. Reynolds himself, in his most sanguine moments would not have claimed half the 107,468 majority he received. They also show that Richard T. Fountain came up from under a 47,000 lead in the first primary to within 13,000 of Ehringhaus, also a surprise. A majority for Major Fletcher over Clarence E. Mitchell was expected, the extent uncertain.

The total vote for Governor fell about 41,000 behind the nearly 390,000 cast in the first primary, but held up better than was expected.

But the hatchet has been buried and the winners and losers have established friendly relations. Senator

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GIVE SUSPENDED ROAD SENTENCES

Several Tried in Recorder's Court for Breaking Prohibition Laws and Giving Worthless Checks

George Austin, middle-aged Morehead City man with tongue-tied impediment in his speech, pled not guilty in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning to a charge of possessing and transporting malt liquor for the purpose of sale, and then conducted his own defense. The defendant and the following witnesses were put on the stand: Chief of Police George J. Nelson and Officers Seth Hughes and J. N. Willis. Officer Hughes stated to the court that on the night of July 9 that he saw Austin secret three bottles of "home brew" in some weeds near an intersection of two streets in Morehead City. Later he and the other officers retrieved the "home brew" and apprehended the defendant. Judge M. Leslie Davis found Austin guilty of the charge and sentenced him to serve six months on the roads, said sentence not to go into effect if he pays the costs and is of good behavior for twelve months.

Willie Best, of Wildwood, and Brady Wade, of Morehead City, were charged with possessing and transporting on the 28th of June one-half gallon of intoxicating liquor for the purpose of sale. Best pled not guilty, while Wade pled guilty to possessing and transporting but not to the charge "for the purpose of sale." Wade was represented by Will Gorman and Best by Charles Stevens. Chief Nelson and Officer Hughes were examined, and the latter stated that when he reached the parked car that the half-gallon jar of whiskey was between the legs of Best and that he had a hammer poised in the act of breaking the jar. However, Officer Hughes was able to intervene in time to save the jar and its contents. Wade stated that the three men in the car—Charles Wickizer was on the rear seat—were on their way to the Wickizer boat to have a little drinking party, and that the liquor was not for sale but was to be consumed by the trio.

It was stated in court that Wade has been of very ill health for the past several years and as a consequence could not be incarcerated in the county jail or serve a term on the roads. It was also stated that the Morehead City officers "have been after" Best for the past several months but that this is the first time they have been successful. Judge Da-

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Highway Patrolmen Make Many Arrests

RALEIGH, July 11—While the function of the Highway Patrol is to prevent traffic violations on the State roads by warning and advising motorists, the patrolmen found it necessary to arrest and bring to trial in the 100 counties 6,800 violators, who were required to pay fines and costs of \$138,000 and serve an aggregate of 159 years, seven months and one day, during the first nine months of the fiscal year just ended, figures just compiled by Captain Charles D. Farmer show.

Guilford led in numbers of arrests with 543, Cumberland was second, Robeson third, Mecklenburg fourth and Forsyth fifth, the nine months report shows.

In Carteret county the arrests made in that time numbered 18, the fines imposed were \$240.00 and the costs \$296.00, or a total of fines and costs of \$536.00. Sentences to jail or the roads aggregated 12 months.

FAMOUS ORCHESTRA TO PLAY FOR ATLANTIC HOTEL DANCE

The annual ball in honor of the 120th infantry, now in camp at Camp Glenn will take place tonight in the ball room of the Atlantic Hotel. This famous old ball room has been the scene of many affairs of this kind. The grand march will be led by Col. and Mrs. Don Scott. Music will be furnished by Milt Lyon's Broadway Revelers.

Friday night a fancy dress children's ball will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 and afterwards the grown-ups who desire to trip the light fantastic toe will have an opportunity of doing so. Milt Lyon's orchestra will play.

One of the biggest events of the season will occur on Saturday night when Cab Calloway and his famous Cotton Club orchestra, well known radio audiences, will play for the dancers and many others. Manager Dan Bell and Mrs. Bell are expecting large crowds for each of these three events.

LONG HAUL SEINE MATTER DEBATED

Board Hears Speakers Discuss At Length Disputed Question

Morehead City, July 12—The old time wrangle over the long haul net question broke out in full force Tuesday at a meeting of the State Board of Conservation and Development held at the city hall here today. There was a considerable debate over the question participated in by speakers from various sections of the coast. A big crowd was present and the speakers were loudly applauded by their respective backers. The speaking lasted several hours.

A committee of six members representing the two sides to the question was appointed for the purpose of reaching a compromise. On the committee were J. R. Morris, Atlantic, Theodore Salter, Portsmouth, Dr. Winstead and Fred Latham, Belhaven, Fred Morton, Whortonville, D. B. Fearing of Manteo. By a majority report the committee recommended that long haulers be prevented from operating on the Pamlico river above a point drawn from the east end of Indian Island to the east end of North Creek and on the Pungo River from Wad's Point to Wright's Creeks to Currituck Point. Long net fishing was prohibited in New River. Other decisions on the question were postponed for further consideration.

Eleven members of the twelve who constitute the board were present for the meeting and S. Wade Marr of Raleigh presided over it. Col. Harelson, director of the board was present and made a speech in which he said the State was practicing false economy in making small appropriations for conservation work. Addresses were made by Elmer Higgins of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries and W. H. Booker of the State Board of Health.

The board raised the cull limit for oysters from two and a half inches to three. The Fisheries Commissioner was authorized to permit marketing of oysters from bottoms that do not produce oysters as large as the three inch minimum required elsewhere. An oyster culture exhibit arranged by Dr. H. F. Prytherch of the Biological station at Beaufort was on display. A number of requests for oyster bottom leases, longer seasons for pounds and so on were made.

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A LARGE DECLINE IN ESTATE TAXES

Receipts From Inheritances Less Than First Half of Previous Year

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, July 12—Estates of 940 citizens of North Carolina contributed \$482,545.27, with a slight addition for bad check penalties, to the general fund of the State during the fiscal year which closed June 30, as compared with 1130 estates contributing \$1,006,068.70 the year before, and inheritance collections of \$1,385,525.45 for the year 1929-30 figures in the office of A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, show.

The 1931-32 collections from the inheritance tax, less than half a million dollars, were far below expectations, the estimate being \$1,000,000. This tax is dependent upon deaths of residents with property, of course. Ten of the 100 counties paid less than \$100 and 18 counties, Alexander, Carteret, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Gates, Graham, Hoke, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Robeson, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Wat-uga and Yancey, paid nothing.

Burke, with only four deaths, paid the largest amount, above \$120,000 while payments from Forsyth and Guilford, with Burke's account for almost half the entire amount. Their payments, with those of 10 other counties, Buncombe, Mecklenburg, Durham, Alamance, Cleveland, Rowan, Union, Catawba, Iredell and Davidson the 13 counties, paid two-thirds of the total.

Last year Durham and Forsyth paid more than half the inheritance tax of that year, and with four other counties, Scotland, Stanly, Mecklenburg and Buncombe, paid more than two-thirds of the \$1,006,068.70 paid that year. In 1929-30, two years ago, Forsyth, Guilford and Mecklenburg paid nearly one-half of the \$1,385,525.45 in inheritance taxes collected, while they and five others, Buncombe, Scotland, Union, Surry and Henderson paid two-thirds of it.

Carteret county had no estates which paid inheritance taxes for the year just ended. For the year before this county had two estates which paid \$173.88, and for 1929-30 estates in this county paid \$1,231.25 in inheritance taxes.

These taxes are collected from one to three years after the death of the owner of the estate. The tax is due at death, with a discount of 3 per cent if paid in six months, a charge of 6 per cent interest after one year and a penalty of 5 per cent if not paid in two years, but the commissioner of revenue has authority to waive penalties if the estate is in litigation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Martha Gray and son to R. S. Tilden, 2 acres Newport Township, for \$50.

Julian Price Trustee, to Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., 2 lots M. City, for \$7500.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

H. B. Young Jr., Harkers Island, and Flora Belle Newton, Cash Corner, N. C.

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 15	
5:24 a. m.	11:25 a. m.
6:01 p. m.	11:11 p. m.
Saturday, July 16	
6:26 a. m.	12:22 a. m.
6:58 p. m.	12:10 p. m.
Sunday, July 17	
7:20 a. m.	1:15 a. m.
7:49 p. m.	1:07 p. m.
Monday, July 18	
8:10 a. m.	2:03 a. m.
8:37 p. m.	1:59 p. m.
Tuesday, July 19	
9:00 a. m.	2:49 a. m.
9:22 p. m.	2:50 p. m.
Wednesday, July 20	
9:49 a. m.	3:32 a. m.
10:06 p. m.	3:39 p. m.
Thursday, July 21	
10:36 a. m.	4:13 a. m.
10:49 p. m.	4:29 p. m.