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## Democratic Campaign Will Run Eight Weeks

### Raleigh Will Be Headquarters; Conference of Democratic Leaders Held Last Week, Reynolds Not There; Expect To Wage Vigorous Campaign

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Aug. 29.—State Democratic headquarters will be opened in Raleigh September 12, giving eight full weeks of campaigning before the election this fall. J. Wallace Winborne, Marion, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, announced after conferring with party leaders and candidates here the last three days of the week.

Chairman Winborne met J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Democratic nominee for Governor, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, vice-chairman and John Bright Hill, secretary, here Thursday and Friday conferred with seven of the eleven nominees for Congress, six of them present Congressmen. He also conferred with State candidates and party leaders and is getting everything in shape for an active campaign.

Congressmen present for the conference were Lindsay Warren, First district; John H. Kerr, Second; J. Bayard Clark, Seventh; J. Walter Lambeth, Eighth; R. L. Doughton, Ninth; Zebulon Weaver, Eleventh; and William B. Umstead, nominee for the new Sixth district. Congressmen C. L. Abernethy, Third; E. W. Poff, Fourth; Frank Hancock, Fifth; and A. L. Bulwinkle, Tenth, were not present.

Chairman Winborne said he hopes to use all defeated candidates, in State, district and county primary contests, in the campaign this fall, as well as the nominees. He expects to name an advisory committee of about 20 members. Senate nominees Robert R. Reynolds was not here but has been in close touch with Mr. Winborne since the latter was named chairman two or three weeks ago.

### Power Rate Hearings

Public utility rate decrease hearings inaugurated by the N. C. Corporation Commission, at which utilities are asked to "show cause" why they cannot lower rates in the present emergency, have started, the Carolina Power and Light Co., serving 32 towns and cities of the State, and the Durham Public Service Co., subsidiary of the Cities Service Co., having been heard the past week. The Southern Public Utilities Co., and the Tidewater Power Co., serving piedmont and coastal cities and towns, respectively, are scheduled for hearings this week.

Paul Tillery, of the Carolina Power and Light Co., was the only representative of his company. He read a compilation, contending his company cannot reduce prices and make a "fair return" of eight per cent on the investment. F. C. Hamilton, valuation engineer and member of the executive committee of Cities Service, was the only witness for his company, saying a "fair return" is not now being received by the Durham firm. The City of Durham was represented, Major L. P. McLeod setting forth the city's claims and asking for a reduction in electric rates.

The Corporation Commission will make no orders for reductions until it has heard representatives of other utilities. It has asked representatives of gas and telephone companies, a few of the larger ones, to appear at later dates. The Commission seems to take the position that the companies may reduce their rates without an order, voluntarily, after conferences. The members appear to favor this method, since a forced reduction order would be appealed to the courts and several months would elapse before a final court opinion could be reached. The emergency might be over by that time and conditions justify present prices. They want the reductions now, while they will be of benefit during the depression period. (Continued on page six)

### GASKILL-MACE TRUCK WAS DAMAGED BY HIT-AND-RUN

The half-ton delivery truck of Gaskill-Mace Co., was damaged considerably Monday evening when it was struck by a hit-and-run driver near Mansfield. James Stanley, colored delivery man for the hardware company, was riding around after the show when the accident occurred. No one was injured in the truck and apparently the other automobile was not damaged. The delivery truck was damaged to the extent of a front fender, demolished front wheel, axle and bumper.

## Jim Oden Pens Notes Before Breaking Prison

At least one person is in dire need of a lawyer, judging from the notes left in his cell when Jimmie Oden sawed himself out of the cage in the county jail with a hack saw blade and then removed the bars from the cell window with the same tool early Friday morning and left for parts unknown. Jimmie had been tried twice in magistrates court and once in recorder's court in about three weeks for various alleged offenses, among which were: attempted arson, breaking and entering, non-support of his minor children and the whole gamut of other charges. Immediately following his third appearance in court he preceded to go out and stab his wife, Priscilla Oden, about a dozen times with an ice pick, and his sister in law, Blanche Pearsall, twice in the back. After this he forthwith went to the county jail, confessed his crime, and asked to be locked up. Following his incarceration in the county jail, Jimmie had plenty of time to ruminate upon his relative position and to contrive ways and means of setting himself at rights with the laws of the Old North State. He had no money and he knew that it takes money to obtain a lawyer to defend one in the courts. How to get the money was a perplexing problem confronting the Negro man.

At last he decided that the only way he could get money was to earn it, and to earn it he saw he must separate himself from the fold of the county jail. So by deductive reasoning he quite readily arrived at the conclusion that French leave was in order. Obtaining a hacksaw blade from some unknown source he sawed himself to freedom.

Before he left he penned the following two notes on a fan he had made from a discarded piece of pasteboard:

"Mr. Chaplain You Neednt Look For Me Ill Be Back For October Term of Court But You understand I couldnt Make No Money To Hire No Lawyer So I Must Make Some Money Ive Got to have A Lawyer."

The second note was on the other side of the fan:

"Mr. Chaplin you Neednt Put your Self to So Much Trouble Looking for Me. Ill Be Back for Court But I need Money To Employ a lawyer and I Cant Make it in here Ill stay in North Carolina and Iam Going to Cut Timber until the 5th of October."

Both notes were signed "James." R. E. Chaplain, the jailor who found the notes, said that there is at least a likelihood that the Negro "might" show up at the October term of Superior Court.

## Start Work on Atlantic Road Friday Morning

A state highway force of some twenty men arrived at the junction of the North River and the old New Bern road Friday afternoon and beginning tomorrow will treat the approaches to the various bridges east of Beaufort with rock and asphalt oil. This will be similar to the road between Morehead City and the Craven County line. Before the crew leaves sections or all of the road from Beaufort will very likely be treated in this manner.

It is said that officials are considering paving the road from Beaufort to Havelock via N. C. Route No. 101 which goes through the Russell Creek, Core Creek and Harlowe settlements, with asphalt oil and rock within the next few months. It is understood that this project is now under official consideration.

Raymond Thomas is the foreman of the crew that will start working on the Beaufort-Atlantic segment of Federal Highway 70 tomorrow.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph House, Saturday, August 27, a daughter, Letitia Ann.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Willis, of Morehead City, at the Morehead City Hospital, Monday, August 29, a daughter. Mrs. Willis was formerly Miss Virginia Guthrie of this community.

## SCHOOL AUDITS COSTS DECREASE

### County Government Advisory Commission Has to Approve Bills Now

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Aug. 30.—Costs of audits of accounts of the county boards of education in the 100 counties of the State last year were less than half the cost of five years ago and were \$10000 lower last year than the year before, Charles M. Johnson, director of Local Government, announces.

The costs last year were \$28,867.30 as compared with \$58,043.98 for the fiscal year 1927-28. In that first year the County Government Advisory Commission started operation, and by the next year had reduced these costs by \$8,000, to \$50,006.82. The next two years the secretary of the commission had authority to approve the per diem expense charges of the accountants, but had no control over the time. The cost dropped the first of the two years about \$12,000, to \$38,604.39, and was \$38,847.90 the next year.

In 1931 the General Assembly directed Mr. Johnson to approve the contracts with the accountants and the bills before being paid by the counties. It was then the county school audits dropped in cost about \$10,000.

This is in the county school funds alone. When savings in special charter school districts, in county board of commissioners operations, and in the nearly 450 incorporated cities, towns and villages in the State, have been completed, Director Johnson is certain it will far exceed the total cost the operation of the Local Government Commission the current year which he estimates at \$30,000, although \$57,500 was appropriated for the work.

Buncombe is the only county which paid as much as \$1,000 for the school audit the past year. Guilford, Johnson and Robeson paid \$800 last year Forsyth paid \$525, and Cleveland, Davidson and Rowan paid \$500. No other county paid that much last year. The range was down to \$100 each for Scotland and Chatham counties.

Carteret county paid for audits of county school funds for the past five years as follows: 1927-28, \$581.50; 1928-29, no audit; 1929-30, \$300.00; 1930-31, \$300.00; 1931-32, \$300.00.

## UNKNOWN VARIETY SNAKE BITES SEA LEVEL YOUTH

Aldridge Daniels, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Daniels, of Sea Level, was badly bitten by an unknown variety of snake Monday afternoon. The youth was brought here and was treated by physicians at the Potter Emergency Hospital shortly after it occurred. He returned home after receiving treatment and will likely get along all right.

## Otway Fishermen Make Pilgrimage Duck Creek For Annual Mulleting

Following a custom of many years standing, about 25 Otway men left their home community and went to Duck Creek for the purpose of seining mullets close to the beach during the next two months. The oldest people in the Otway section cannot remember when the men of that community started going to Duck Creek in the fall of the year mulleting; it seems to be a seasonal occupation that has been handed down from generation to generation, perhaps for a century or more. Duck Creek is near Brown's Inlet down on the coast of Onslow County.

The Otway men have camps at Duck Creek in which they live while they are down there fishing. This takes the form of a sort of outing for the 25 Otway men for the sweet potatoes are now "laid by" and they will return home in time to dig them. Mulleting thus comes in during what otherwise might be a slack season and usually furnishes the men a lucrative occupation.

This fall pilgrimage to the prized Duck Creek "haul" has been participated in by the people who have lived at Otway probably since colonial days until it has now become a custom that borders very closely upon their ritual. It is just as natural for the Otway men to leave their various homes for the Duck Creek fishery about the first of September as it is for the rivers to flow, the ocean to roll, or the birds to mate and rear their young in the springtime. It is just bred into the very woof and warp of the fabric of their lives and it would be virtually sac-

religious for them to fail to make the annual fall pilgrimage to the mullet fishery at Duck Creek along about the first of September.

These Otwayites fish in crews of five men each. Each crew uses a 225 yard seine that is 200 meshes deep, each mesh being one and one-eighth inches. While the warp—a long rope attached to one of the staffs at the end of the seine—is held on the beach by several men the crew of five men put out in their sea-going, dory-like boat. Four men man the oars while the fifth one throws the seine overboard and looks after the warp at the boat end of the net. After surrounding the school of mullets, the men in the boat land upon the beach and pull their net right up on the shore. In this way the mullets are brought up on the dry land so they may be picked up by the fishermen.

## ARREST OFFICERS FOR DOING DUTY

### Two Morehead City Officers Haled In to Recorder's Court For Executing Police Duties

For doing what Judge M. Leslie Davis later ruled was in their line of duty as police officers of Morehead City, Chief George J. Nelson and Officer Seth Hughes were brought into Recorder's Court for searching the car of C. M. Krouse. The officers were charged with trespass upon the property of Krouse and entering and searching his automobile.

C. R. Wheatly appeared as counsel for the two defendants.

According to the evidence given in the case, Krouse had been in the habit of lending his automobile to James Johnson, a young Morehead City Negro, for helping with the upkeep of the vehicle. The two Morehead City officers, while out on another errand about on thirty Sunday morning saw the Krouse car driven at a great rate of speed down Arendell Street and upon following it, saw the car was driven into the yard of Krouse and under the shed that served as a garage.

Thinking that the automobile might contain liquor, the officers followed it into the yard and James Johnson and Aaron George got out of the automobile. Krouse was awakened by the running motors and wanted to know what the trouble was. Later he came down stairs and out into the yard. In the meantime Officer Hughes had searched the car and, finding no intoxicating liquors, was preparing to leave. Krouse became enraged and forbade the officers to ever search his car again.

The following witnesses were examined: C. M. Krouse, Seth Hughes, George J. Nelson, E. C. Willis, A. B. Morris, Jimmie Garner and Alex Curtis. Ruling that the officers had a right to make the search, Judge Davis dismissed the case.

James Stanley, young local colored man, was haled into court by his wife on the charge of abandonment of his minor child and refusing to provide adequate support for it. The defendant pled not guilty. Annis Stanley told the court that she and James had been married about six years and their child is about five years old. She claimed that her husband had not contributed to the support of the child for about two years. Some three years ago the case was tried before Justice of Peace Henry W. Noe and he ruled that James should pay her \$3 a week for the child. The child is now living in New Bern with its grandfather, while its mother is working here for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saunders. James contended that he would be willing to support the child if he were allowed the custody or the child was kept here in Beaufort so that he could see it occur.

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## Hundreds Here Wed

Large crowds of people gathered on the various streets in Beaufort and Morehead City yesterday afternoon and viewed what appeared to be about a four-fifths eclipse of the sun. Children appeared on the streets early in the day with smoked glass and tried to observe the phenomenon of the sun and the moon. Right after the noon hour crowds began to gather and did not disperse until late in the afternoon after the eclipse was over.

The eclipse began, as viewed from Beaufort, at about 2:30, reached its greatest degree of totality at about 3:45 and went out of eclipse at about 5 o'clock. The moon appeared to travel from right to left across the surface of the sun, and was distinct to the smoked-glass "astronomers" here. When the eclipse reached its greatest degree of totality, the visible part of the sun appeared to be about one-fifth of the whole; and it looked like an inverted crescent.

During the eclipse here—especially about the middle of it—the sky was distinctly overcast, particularly in the north and east. The shadows cast by leaves on trees and plants and by other objects were very unusual—the northwest edge of the shadow was hazy, while the south-east edge was distinctly clear-cut. Many Carteret County people marveled at the phenomenon. The atmosphere cooled somewhat as the sun rays were almost wholly shut off from the earth. The unusual appearance of the sky, the observation of the eclipse and the cooling of the air, gave the atmosphere a sort of hallowness that was experienced by virtually all the observers.

Although there will be a number of total eclipses during the remainder of the twentieth century, the next total eclipse widely visible in the United States will be August 13, 2017—which is eighty-five years hence.

## Spider Bites Local Man Quite Painfully Monday

George Newkirk was painfully and dangerously bitten by a large, black, fuzzy spider early Monday morning. When Mr. Newkirk pulled on his boots in preparing to go shrimping, the spider was in one of them and bit his foot.

Thinking that the spider bite was only of minor significance, Mr. Newkirk went on shrimping with his father, Mr. Arthur Newkirk. After hauling their trawl a short while in North River, Mr. Newkirk was taken with violent pains in his legs and they increased as they went upward in his body. His father took him to the North River bridge and hailed Captain Kelly Gillikin, who was passing, and asked that he take the sick man to town and to a doctor.

Mr. Newkirk was first treated by Dr. F. E. Hyde and later by Dr. W. S. Chadwick. He was in a critical condition for the first forty-eight hours, and is still quite ill, but it is generally expected that he will live. The venom of the spider caused violent pains in all parts of the body and was accompanied by considerable general swelling.

## FEW CHANGES THIS YEAR IN SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS

Information received thus far by County Superintendent J. G. Allen from the State Department indicates that Arithmetics for grades 3 through 7 will be the only major text book changed in the elementary books of North Carolina during the next session. Industrial and Applied Art Books (state edition) will be used for drawing, and Palmer Method (six book series or three book series) will be used for writing. The arithmetics adopted for grades 3 through 7 will be "The New Day Arithmetic" published by Charles E. Merrill Company, a separate book being required for each grade. The books for grades 3 through 6 selling at 31c each, and the book for grade 7 selling at 37c. The drawing books are selling for 14c for each elementary grade. The six book series of writing lessons sells for 6c each and the three book series for 12c. Writing and drawing materials should not be purchased for the children except on the instruction of the teacher in the several schools.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Gordon Beeton, Morehead City, and Alberta Lewis, Marshallberg.  
Arnold Kenudsen and Gladis Golden, Bettie.  
Daniel Hamilton, Sea Level, and Beulah Mason, Stacy.

## EXPECT IMPROVED PRICES FOR FISH

### Better Markets for Seafoods Generally Follow Increased Prices of Cotton and Tobacco

That the tobacco and cotton markets will materially aid Carteret County fishermen in obtaining more demand and better prices for their produce than there has been for some time, is the firm belief of Capt. John A. Nelson, State Fisheries Commissioner. The rise in the selling prices of cotton has steadily increased during the past several weeks until it has almost doubled in value. Both the common and prime grades of tobacco that have been sold this season in the South Carolina and the extremely southern North Carolina markets have brought much better returns to the growers than last season. And it is thought that the opening of all the principal tobacco marts in tidewater and piedmont Carolina Tuesday morning will probably bring even more satisfactory prices.

Captain Nelson told a News reporter yesterday afternoon (Wednesday) that the fish truck operators in the county reported to him that the last trips they made into the interior of the State with their cargo of salt water produce, that the fish sold at slightly increased prices and with more demand. He is firm in the opinion that this betterment of prices and demand is due directly to the more satisfactory returns netted the growers of tobacco and cotton for their products.

It is an estimated fact among the fishermen in general and the officials of the fisheries commission in particular that when the farmers of the state have better markets for their various agricultural products that they will buy large quantities of fish, oysters, clams and other sea foods. The fishing industry and the agricultural industry in North Carolina are tightly interwoven together.

The most potential markets, to be exploited by the Carteret County fishermen and fish dealers during the fall months is now considered to be within the bounds of the state of North Carolina. And particularly will this be true if the opening of the major tobacco marts in the state Tuesday morning bring better prices to the growers of the week. Should this be the case, improvement in price and demand for seafood will likely be seen from the outset, but it will probably take two or three weeks to see marked improvement in the existing conditions.

Fishermen, fish dealers, and Captain Nelson have all stated to the News reporter that there are untold quantities of fish in Carteret County's bays, sounds, rivers and the adjacent Atlantic (and with the increase in both demand and price the fishermen would very likely be able to keep pace with the market. The sky will take on a rosier hue for local fishermen and business men if the tobacco marts in the state open and continue with a "wham" Tuesday morning, and the present prices of cotton are increased or maintained.

### 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
<b>Friday, Sept. 2</b>	
8:43 a. m.	2:23 a. m.
9:04 p. m.	2:50 p. m.
<b>Saturday, Sept. 3</b>	
9:28 a. m.	3:05 a. m.
9:48 p. m.	3:39 p. m.
<b>Sunday, Sept. 4</b>	
10:16 a. m.	3:47 a. m.
10:36 p. m.	4:31 p. m.
<b>Monday, Sept. 5</b>	
11:05 a. m.	4:35 a. m.
11:10 p. m.	5:27 p. m.
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 6</b>	
11:30 a. m.	5:28 a. m.
12:10 p. m.	6:30 p. m.
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 7</b>	
12:34 a. m.	6:27 a. m.
1:20 p. m.	7:40 p. m.
<b>Thursday, Sept. 8</b>	
1:45 a. m.	7:35 a. m.
2:35 p. m.	8:56 p. m.