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State Election Board Issues Instructions

New Registration of Voters Ordered For Carteret County; Instructions Given As To Absentee Voting; To Vote In A Primary Hereafter One Must Declare His Party Affiliation; No Corruption Found As To Recent Democratic Primaries

Nothing of a sensational nature was developed at the hearing of the State Board of Elections here Saturday. No actual corruption was charged or proved. There was evidence that Republicans voted rather freely in the two June Democratic primaries and it was shown that the absentee ballot law was not carried out strictly in accordance with its provisions. No evidence of bribery or other law violations was presented.

The hearing was held in the county courtroom and was presided over by the chairman of the board Major L. P. McLendon of Greensboro. Other members of the board were W. A. Lucas of Wilson, Adrian Mitchell of Winton, J. H. Sample, Asheville and R. C. Maxwell, secretary to the board. Messrs. Maxwell and Mitchell had arrived a couple of days in advance of the others and made a preliminary investigation. Chairman McLendon stated that the board had received a number of complaints as to the methods used in holding the Democratic primaries and that it was the duty of the board to investigate the matter. He said the board wanted to help improve conditions in Carteret county and wanted all elections in the State held in such a manner that the people would have respect and confidence in them.

The first man examined by the board was D. E. Langdale, chairman of the county board. Mr. Langdale said that he always instructed the pollholders as to how to conduct the elections but that they did not always carry out his instructions. He was instructed that in future written orders for absentee ballots must be taken and receipts for absentee ballots must be taken from agents applying for them for others. Mr. Langdale said that there had been no new registration in Carteret county in many years, he also said he thought that the Beaufort and Morehead City voting precincts were too large and ought to be divided. He was asked as to why such a large vote was polled in the June primaries and why so many Republicans voted. Mr. Langdale said it was not unusual for Republicans to vote in Democratic primaries and that an extra effort was made to get out the vote for the recent primaries.

S. J. Scott, former chairman of the board of county commissioners and a life long Democrat, testified that he challenged the entire list of absentees at Beaufort precinct because many Republicans were on it and further said that one absentee vote, that of Henry Ricks, had been voted without Ricks's knowledge or consent.

Richard Whitehurst, Beaufort registrar, said the primary was conducted as usual, that some of the absentee ballots were not signed, eight were not sworn to. Asked what he thought of absentee voting, he said that is personal opinion was that it ought to be abolished.

C. E. Mann, registrar at Newport, testified that there was no trouble at Newport and that only three absentee votes were polled there. He said 32 Republicans voted in the primaries.

W. H. Bell of Newport, Democratic precinct chairman, made a talk in which he said that Newport elections were always fairly conducted and that he resented any intimations to the contrary. He said that R. S. Tilden who was one of those bringing charges, was disgruntled because he was not appointed County Game Warden. He also said that Tilden voted for Hoover in 1928 and for the Republican nominees for the board of commissioners. Mr. Tilden was not present at the hearing.

C. V. Webb, registrar at Morehead City stated that he did not know of any absentee frauds at his precinct and did not know how many Republicans voted. The absentees he said were mostly for sick people. He thought the Morehead precinct rather large and also thought a new registration in the county might help.

Stacy Wade, Secretary of State, attended the meeting and he asked to be allowed to say a few words. Mr. Wade paid a glowing tribute to the honesty and character of the people of Carteret county and did not believe there was any truth in the charges.

RECORDER TRIES NUMEROUS CASES

Several Trials Drew Large Crowd to Court Room; Three Cases Rather Entertaining

There are two kinds of biting, the tender and affectionate biting of lovers which is in contrast with the ferocious biting of ones enemy, is the opinion of Judge Paul Webb, as expressed in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning, and a person should be sure which variety of biting he should employ, he added. This opinion, which drew laughter from the audience, came during the sentencing of Thornton Darling, who was tried on two charges: (1) the non-support of his wife and infant child, and (2) the beating and biting of his wife in a spirit of animosity.

After hearing the evidence in the case, Judge Webb announced that he could not find the defendant guilty of non-support, because the defendant's wife testified that her husband spent what money he was able to make for the support of herself and child. However, upon the testimony of the wife of the defendant, he was found guilty of assault on a female. He was sentenced to serve six months in jail, to be assigned to work the roads of the state under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, this sentence to be suspended upon the conditions that the defendant be of good behavior for two years and support his wife and child to the best of his ability.

When Mark Washington, young local Negro, was questioned concerning whether he had ever been on the roads, he grinningly answered, "six times," and added that he was tired of that form of punishment. Mark told the court that he had only been home about two weeks from the roads. He pleaded not guilty to throwing two minor boys, Charlie and Montrose Debrix, overboard, beating them, and throwing bricks and citrons at them. Witnesses were: Montrose Debrix, Charlie Debrix, Walter Wigfall, Francis Fenderson, Reginald Hawkins and the defendant. Mark was found guilty and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail, to be assigned to work on the court house square.

The lengthy and—at times—humorous trial of El Gillikin drew a large portion of the Bettie and Otway population to the court room. El was charged with assaulting a female, Maggie Gillikin, with a deadly weapon, to-wit, a knife, and with striking her and C. A. Honeycutt, and with the use of profane and indecent language. Witnesses were: Maggie Gillikin, C. A. Honeycutt, Caudius Honeycutt, Kenneth Willis, the defendant, Metro Gillikin, Elbert Gillikin, Brady Gillikin, and Leonard Gillikin. The defendant was found guilty and given a ninety-day road and jail sentence. C. R. Wheatly, the attorney for the defense, gave notice of an appeal to the Superior Court, and bond was set at \$250.

Archie Williams, of Newport, pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle in a reckless manner on the highways of the state on July 22nd. Patrolman J. A. Merritt testified in the case. Prayer for judgment continued upon the payment of the costs.

The cases of Philip Thomas, charged with assault on July 15th, and George Murray Thomas, charged with reckless driving on the same day, were consolidated for simplicity of trial. Witnesses were: Garfield Suggs, Will Nolan, David Felton, John Davis, Benny Day, Joshua Piver, Philip Thomas and George Murray Thomas. After hearing the testimony of the witnesses, the cases were dismissed.

A. L. Howell, of Atlantic, was charged with the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. Continued with prayer for judgment as to fine, upon this payment of the costs.

Braxton Lupton, of Merrimon, charged with reckless driving, continued until next Tuesday afternoon.

PRISONERS PAY TO GET PAROLES

Lawyers And Others Have Charged Prisoners To Get Freedom For Them

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, July 24—Most of the smoke cleared away, leaving a little, but enough to cause some of the smoke, as a result of the report of Commissioner of Paroles Edwin Gill to Governor Ehringhaus on the alleged diabolical "parole racket," of bleeding helpless prisoners by "shysters and fixers" who would make promises of bringing influence to bear to get them out of State's Prison.

"Candor compels me to say that I have not found any violation of the criminal law in connection with these payments," Mr. Gill said, referring to the payments made from funds of prisoners, deposited with the prison warden, and paid out to lawyers and others for paroles. "I have discovered circumstances which may or may not disclose unethical conduct on the part of attorneys at law," he said.

Mr. Gill recited that such payments out of their funds in the warden's hands were made by 21 prisoners in three and a half years, to 14 lawyers, one lawyer, Walter H. Powell, Whiteville, former State senator and now nominee, receiving \$635 from six prisoners, all in 1931; eight of these prisoners received clemency, and five of the total are world war veterans, making payments out of government compensation. Of course, Mr. Gill could not find out how much was paid by prisoners or relatives or friends from funds other than those deposited.

"No greater slander was ever spoken than the statement that political influence and the corrupt expenditure of money is necessary to secure a hearing in matters of executive clemency," Mr. Gill wrote. He recounted efforts that have been made and are being made to prevent prisoners from paying out funds to get their cases before him. He has had posted on prominent places in prison and prison camps notices which contain such statements as "There is little excuse or justification for the expenditure of money in connection with the securing of executive clemency," insisting that the prisoner or relatives may present his case, and that it will be given all attention the limited office force permits.

Isolated cases are disclosed in which there has been efforts at trickery, and conduct of some of the lawyers is questionable. The records collected will be available to the N. C. State Bar officials, who have already started a very vigorous campaign looking toward purging the legal profession of "shysters" and "leaches" who bring it into disrepute.

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RHODE ISLAND MAN KILLS BIG RATTLER

Mr. J. B. Riggs, of Newport, Rhode Island, had an unusual experience last Sunday afternoon, while visiting his sister, Mrs. W. C. Gillikin, in Otway. Upon leaving to return to Beaufort he discovered his car which was parked only a few feet from the front door, was in full possession of a four foot rattler, which boasted 9 rattles and a button. As Mr. Riggs approached his car the reptile prepared for battle, evidently not aware of the fact his opponent was well versed in the art of warfare. A rake was procured and the battle was on, it only took a couple of well directed jabs before Mr. Snake was sprawled full length on his back and was counted out.

Then Mr. Riggs and his niece Miss Alma Gillikin motored to town and over to the beach, where the evening was spent in promenading along a beautiful moonlit walk and inhaling the balmy air from the broad Atlantic. Mr. Riggs says he has visited every resort from Maine to Florida and that he has found none to equal in courtesy and hospitality as he has found in the twin cities of Morehead City and Beaufort, and the drive over the bridge to it's beautiful bathing beach is exhilarating and certainly refreshing.

WILL ELECT OFFICERS

Carteret Post 99 of the American Legion will hold a special meeting in the Legion Hut on Turner Street at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing new officers for the ensuing year. All members are being urged to be present at this important meeting.

M. H. Palmer pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, and was fined \$25.

TOBACCO FARMERS ASK INFORMATION

Saturday Is Last Day For Signing Reduction Contracts By BEN KILGORE

RALEIGH, July 21—A flood of letters from tobacco farmers has poured into the Tobacco Section of the A. A. A. since the passage of the Keer-Smith Tobacco Act. Since this far-reaching and pioneering measure appears to be uppermost in your minds right now, I'd like to give you my ideas on some of its important provisions. You can disagree, if you like. This is a friendly personal visit and not an official lecture.

Human nature forges to the front in most of these letters. Non-cooperating tobacco farmers are seeking a loop-hole to escape the tax and are asking that their case be made an exception. A great many of these are doomed to disappointment. If they can secure an equitable base under the reduction contract, the law clearly states they will not be allotted tax-payment warrants, unless they sign a contract. Large growers, especially, who wish to escape payment of the tax, should take advantage of the extension of time to sign a reduction contract. The final day is July 28 or thirty days from the signing of the bill by President Roosevelt.

This seems fair enough to me. I see no logical reason why large or small growers who can qualify for an equitable base, should fare better than cooperating growers, who have reduced acreage and have made higher prices possible. In my opinion these growers should sign up or should take their medicine without complaining.

Every effort will be made to take care of small growers who, through circumstances beyond their control, were unable to qualify for an equitable base, under the reduction program. This is right and is the human thing to do. After all, the "New Deal" stresses human values and the greatest good to the largest numbers.

Contracting growers will receive, without applying for them, tax-payment warrants to cover their poundage allotment under their contracts. Additional allotments, up to six percent of those issued to contracting growers, will be issued to non-contracting growers, who could not qualify for a fair allotment. Non-contracting growers—tenants or landowners—should make application immediately for these tax-payment warrants to their county agent or their county tobacco committee. Two-thirds of the warrants to non-contract growers shall be to small growers, whose allotments are 1500 pounds or less. The balance can go to small growers, also, if the county tobacco committees so recommended.

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Mayor Gives Offenders Long Sentences Mond'y

Six defendants faced Mayor Bayard Taylor in Police Court Monday evening, five of which were convicted, one on two counts, and one was sent to the Superior Court for trial.

John Croker, colored, of New Bern, charged with drunkenness, found guilty and was given the privilege of paying a fine of two-fifty or serving five days with the street force.

Elijah Hardesty, colored, drunkenness, seven-fifty or fifteen days.

Rad East, drunkenness, five days or two-fifty.

Calvin Stanley, colored, drunkenness, thirty-day sentence, to run concurrently with present sentence.

W. W. Stanley, colored, up on two counts of cursing and disorderly conduct, was given fifteen days on the first count and twenty days on the second count.

W. W. Chadwick, charged with secret assault on Clyde Owens, was sent to Superior Court for trial, bond was fixed at \$200.

SWIMMING INSTRUCTIONS NOW BEING GIVEN DAILY

Life saving and swimming instructions were started here Tuesday by Eric Tucker, of Greenville, which are being conducted under the auspices of the American Red Cross. This will continue through Saturday. The life saving classes are held each morning, while the swimming instructions are given each afternoon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George Johnson and Annie Dennis, Beaufort.
Henry Gaskins and Elizie Allison, of Beaufort.
Frances Lee Stroupe, Crossnore, and Margaret Elizabeth Pierce.

Will Replace Clawson Residence With Commercial Structure Soon

;-OFF THE BAT:-

By A. R. RICE

Behind the very effective hurling of "Snoozy" Morris who gave up only four hits, the locals won from Chocowinity Sunday 2 to 1 in eleven innings. Ralph Hassell furnished the fire works in the eleventh when he singled to score Hattell with the winning marker.

The visiting club had tallied one in the third to lead the local team and the consequent winning team came back to tie the count in the fourth and the resultant victor in the last frame.

Reddick collected three of the four hits his team contracted with. Mixon and Sawyer formed the losing battery.

Ray Hassell and Potter caught for Beaufort and together hit for eight safeties.

Frank Rice featured in the field, saving seven balls.

The Roanoke Rapids Blue Sox, one of the strongest amateur teams in North Carolina invade Beaufort for two games Saturday and Sunday at 3:30 P. M. The locals play New Bern Wednesday at Kafer Park in New Bern. If Beaufort wants their base ball, turn out for these games.

Four Persons Rescued From Burning Boat

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz White of Raleigh and Captain Charles Powers of Morehead City had a narrow escape Saturday the 21st when the 32 foot boat Tommy Mack in which they were fishing caught fire, burned to the water's edge and finally sank. Mr. and Mrs. White jumped overboard and succeeded in grabbing life preservers which were thrown to them by Captain Powers.

Several other fishing boats were fishing near the Tommy Mack, which was just off Beaufort Inlet, and one of these rescued the three people. A Coast Guard boat from Fort Macon arrived in a few minutes and carried them to Morehead City. Mr. White had one of his hands burned right badly and had to spend several days in the hospital. Mrs. White was not hurt but was badly shocked by her experience. Captain Powers was not injured. The boat belonged to T. J. Rosemond of Spencer, N. C. Willie Lewis, engineer on the Mack, said the explosion was caused by a clogged oil line.

SLIGHT DAMAGE RESULTS WHEN CARS RUN TOGETHER

When Jude Small, of Core Creek started to turn his car into Tom's Service Station at Highland Park about seven-thirty Saturday evening, his car accidentally struck the automobile driven by Louis Hooper, young local man. A large Saturday evening crowd quickly gathered. Little damage other than bent fenders was done, and no one was injured.

ADDS NEW DELIVERY TRUCK

A new half-ton Dodge delivery truck was put into commission here Wednesday by the C. D. Jones Company. During the past few weeks two commodious electric refrigerators have been installed by this firm and other improvements have been added. This new delivery service will completely modernize this firm's methods of doing business and no doubt will meet with the approval of its many customers.

JUNIOR ORDER INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS MONDAY

At the regular meeting Monday night Beaufort Council Jr. O. U. A. M. installed the following officers: Councilor, B. H. Noe, Vice-Councilor, Earl Mason, Chaplain, J. D. Biggs, Warden, R. K. Dunn, Conductor, Steve Stanley, Inside Sentinel, C. C. Guthrie, Outside Sentinel, P. B. Beachem, Treasurer, J. H. Ives, Financial Secretary, C. P. Tyler, Recording Secretary, W. L. Hattell Jr.

WILL HAVE PICNIC FRIDAY

The Ruth Bible Class of the Methodist Sunday School will have its annual picnic at Atlantic Beach Friday. All those who attend are requested to carry lunch.

A slight infestation of boll weevil is reported in Richmond County farms with a few farmers dusting with calcium arsenate.

Within the next few days construction of a two-store building will be started on the lot on the north side of Front Street formerly occupied by the Clawson residence. This lot is owned jointly by Blythe H. Noe and F. R. Bell, and it is these two local business men that are having the building constructed.

Each of the two stores will have an inside measurement of about twenty by ninety feet and will be modern in every detail. The Noe side of the building will have two entrances, like the store occupied by W. P. Smith; and the Bell front will have one entrance, like that of Richard Felton and Son's store. The front of this building will be of face brick. Plate glass windows will extend up to thirteen feet six inches above the sidewalk. These windows will be set in chromium steel frames, the first to be used in buildings here in Beaufort.

The interior of these stores will be plastered and all the shelves and other furnishings will be constructed specifically for the type of stores this building will house. In addition to the large windows, several skylights will be used to furnish sufficient light.

The builders of this duplex store have purchased the rights to use the walls of the two adjacent buildings, as far as these walls extend backward. Brick wall extensions will be erected in order to obtain the desired depth. Quite a number of workmen will be employed on this construction job, for it is hoped to have the building ready for occupancy by the middle of September or the first of October. Julius H. Whitehurst will supervise the construction of this building.

Immediately after this is completed, the Noe Hardware Company will be removed to the Noe side of this building. Mr. Bell is expecting to rent his part of the store, and although he has received several applications, has not rented it so far. Several have applied for this store room now occupied by the Noe Hardware Company, but it is said that Mr. N. W. Taylor, who owns it, has not rented it either at this time.

Local Merchants To Enjoy Half Holiday

Beginning this coming week, all dry goods stores and Beaufort's only furniture store will close for a half day each Wednesday afternoon. This will give the proprietors and their employees an opportunity to enjoy a half holiday each week throughout the summer months. The hardware stores have shown a disposition to follow the lead set by the dry goods stores.

A movement similar to this has been the subject of much conversation during the past two months, but the sponsors of the mid-week half holiday have just been able to arrive at an agreement among the local merchants.

SINGING CLASS HERE

The Odd Fellows Orphanage singing class will be at the First Baptist Church Wednesday evening, August 1st, at 8 p. m.

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, July 27	Low Tide
8:38 a. m.		2:33 a. m.
9:33 a. m.		2:46 p. m.
9:03 p. m.	Saturday, July 28	
9:33 a. m.		3:21 a. m.
9:56 p. m.		3:41 p. m.
	Sunday, July 29	
10:25 a. m.		4:09 a. m.
10:47 p. m.		4:36 p. m.
	Monday, July 30	
11:00 a. m.		4:57 a. m.
11:16 p. m.		5:33 p. m.
	Tuesday, July 31	
11:35 a. m.		5:46 a. m.
12:05 p. m.		6:32 p. m.
	Wednesday, Aug. 1	
12:25 a. m.		6:38 a. m.
12:58 p. m.		7:32 p. m.
	Thursday, Aug. 2	
1:15 a. m.		7:33 a. m.
1:57 p. m.		8:33 p. m.