

Record Primary Vote Seen In State On Next Saturday As Campaign Nears Its End

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AS CANDIDATES GO ON FINAL STRETCH

Interest Approaches White Heat In Local And State-wide Contests, Reports Indicate

TOTAL VOTE CAST MAY REACH 400,000

Aspirants For Major Offices Speaking One to Three Times Daily as They Wind Up Their Campaign; With Only One Contest, G. O. P. Vote To Be Light

Raleigh, May 28 (AP)—Reports of unusual political activity throughout North Carolina reached Raleigh today as more than 2,500 candidates for various offices started their last week of campaigning before the primary.

From every sector came word that interest in the Statewide as well as local races, had reached a hot stage which was fast approaching white heat and a climax next Saturday.

Reports of an unusually heavy registration in most counties of the State, some precincts listing approximately 50 percent more names this year than two years ago, have led political prognosticators here to predict a primary vote of 350,000 to 400,000 votes.

A new record for a Democratic primary will be set if more than 350,000 vote next week.

The vote in the Republican primary where the only contest sees the convention choice of J. F. Newell opposed for the nomination for the United States Senate by George DePriest, is expected to be very light.

Democratic candidates for the major offices of United States Senate and governor are speaking once, twice or more times each day, with the exception of Arthur Simmons, of Burlington.

Henderson Nurses Pass Examination From State Board

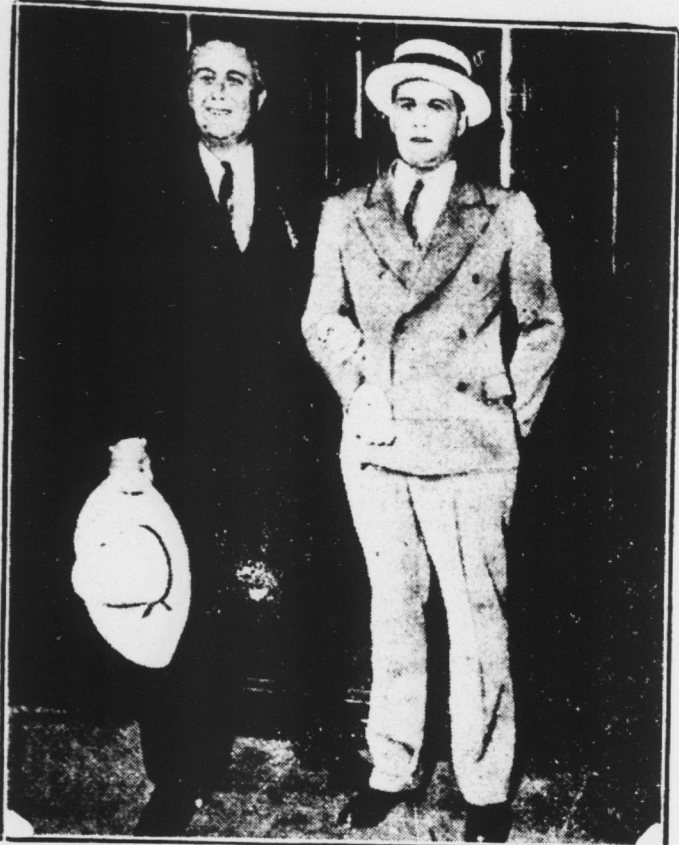
Mount Airy, May 28 (AP)—One hundred and twenty-nine of the 148 nurses who took the State Board examination in Raleigh April 5, 6 and 7 passed successfully. Miss Lula West, secretary of the North Carolina Board of Nurse Examiners, announced today eight nurses from other states were registered by reciprocity.

Miss Myra Ellington, of Maria Parham hospital, Henderson, was among the few who won gold wais, making a grade of 99 or over on all subjects. Others successfully passing the board included Miss Lullie Hubbard, of Henderson.

With Primary Week Away, Ehringhaus Is Considered To Have The Inside Track

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Star-Walker Hotel, BY J. C. BARNWELL, Raleigh, May 28.—With the Democratic primary only one week off and with all the many candidates for office exerting themselves to the utmost as they clatter down the home stretch in a final burst of speed, it is becoming more and more an accepted fact that J. C. B. Ehringhaus is definitely in the lead for the nomination for governor. It is also agreed by most observers here that Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain is much more likely to be in second place than A. J. Maxwell, in spite of the fact that Maxwell has made some substantial gains during the last four or five weeks and still seems to be gaining. That Ehringhaus will undoubtedly be high man in the first primary is generally conceded even by most of the Fountain and Maxwell supporters, although the more enthusiastic followers of each still think their man has a chance to lead. But the offi-

Rested and Ready to Fight



Following a 25-day vacation at his cottage in Warm Springs, Ga., Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, is shown as he arrived in the metropolis of his home State, accompanied by his secretary, Guernsey Cross. The Governor looks in perfect health and fit to take up the battle for the Democratic nomination for President in Chicago next month.

GRAND JURY FINDS CURTIS INDICTMENT

One of Three Handed To Justice Trenchard In Flemington, N. J.

Flemington, N. J., May 28 (AP)—An indictment pre-arranged to be against John Hughes Curtis, Norfolk hoaxter in the Lindbergh case, was handed today to Justice Thomas Trenchard, who ordered it delivered in quarter sessions court for further proceedings. J. Chester Skillman, foreman of the grand jury, which considered the Curtis case earlier this week, handed three indictments to Justice Trenchard, who announced that one of them dealt with Julia Winstenstein on a charge of murder. The other two, he said, would be sent to quarter sessions.

The grand jury considered only three cases at the sitting at which evidence was presented in the Curtis case, and so it seemed certain that one of the two indictments not made public today was against the confessed hoaxter.

Prosecutor Anthony Hauck would not say definitely today that the indictment had been returned against Curtis, but he did say: "The Curtis case will be tried not later than the week of June 27." As an indictment is a necessary preliminary to trial, this statement was taken as positive corroboration of the general belief that one of today's indictments was against Curtis.

Long Parliament Ended Year Ago

Raleigh, May 28.—North Carolina's "Long Parliament"—the 1931 session of the General Assembly—came to a close just a year ago. This session, that lasted almost five full months, adjourned sine die at 9 o'clock the night of May 27—a year ago last night.

This session of the General Assembly, in addition to being the longest on record, is now considered as being one of the most important the State has ever witnessed and to have brought about a greater degree of tax reduction on property than any other. It is also credited with having enacted more beneficial legislation than any other in recent years. Measures it enacted are estimated to have saved the taxpayers of the State approximately \$12,000,000 a year in taxes.

CRIPPLED STEAMER PUTS INTO BOSTON

Shows Scars From Fatal Collision at Sea In Fog And Darkness

Boston, May 28 (AP)—The steamship City of Chattanooga arrived at Boston today with scraped and twisted plates extending 20 feet back from its bow and a broken forward flagstaff, telling a tale of a collision at sea which sank the freighter Grecian and killed four of its crew.

Of the 32 members of the Grecian's crew, three who were seriously injured had been removed to Vineyard Haven hospital yesterday and 29 disembarked at Boston this morning—but did not talk for publication. They were whisked away in taxicabs to the offices of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, owners of the Grecian.

But passengers and others aboard the Chattanooga arrived in Boston a day late as the result of the collision, told of the crash in the early morning darkness and fog yesterday off Black Island, and said the impact was not great. They said most of the rescued members of the freighter's crew clambered directly aboard the City of Chattanooga while Captain C. G. Borum had his ship's bow pressed tightly against the gaping wound in the Grecian's side.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Sunday; cooler tonight.

GARNER HITS BACK AT HOOVER ATTACK ON RELIEF PLANS

Denies His \$2,300,000,000 Program Is "Pork Barrel" Legislation, as Hoover Charged

PRESIDENT TALKS WITH POOR GRACE

Man Who Demanded Congress Cooperation on Finance Act Ought Not Talk About "Pork Barrel," Speaker Says, But Attack Was Not Unexpected

Washington, May 28.—(AP)—Speaker Garner today in a formal statement, assailed President Hoover for his criticism of the \$2,300,000,000 relief program and denied that it was "pork barrel" legislation.

At his daily conference with newspaper men, the Texan handed a copy of his statement to them. He said that the President's allusion to the proposed public works program in his relief plan as "pork barrel" comes "with poor grace from one who demanded that Congress cooperate with him in passing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act."

"It would be," Garner said, "just as logical to refer to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act as a 'pork barrel' for the banks, insurance companies, railroads and financial institutions of the country."

"It is not 'pork barrel' nor can any other program which will extend aid in this period of distress be termed as such." Garner smiled as he handed his statement to the newspaper men. He laughingly said that President Hoover's "opposition to the bill to relieve destitution, to broaden the lending powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, an act to create employment by authorizing and expediting a public works program was not unexpected."

PATTON DESIGNATED DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Republican Committee in State Makes Recommendation to Hoover

Greensboro, May 28.—(AP)—Frank C. Patton, of Morganton, assistant district attorney for the Western North Carolina district was selected by the North Carolina Republican Executive Committee here today for recommendation as district attorney to succeed Charles A. Jones, of Lincolnton.

Patton won the recommendation on the eighth ballot by a 42 to 36 vote over Fred Hamrick, of Rutherfordton. Lewis Hamblin, of Brevard, and G. W. Klutz, of Lenior, dropped out of the race after the first several ballots and left Patton and Hamrick in the seventh ballot. Hamrick received 39 votes and Patton 35, and Hamblin 4.

Jones, nomination was rejected by the Senate after several lengthy hearings. Officials said Patton's recommendation would be forwarded to President Hoover at the first opportunity.

WALKER'S BROTHER WAS PAID BIG FEE

Got \$2,800 From Man Who Sold City of New York Street Equipment

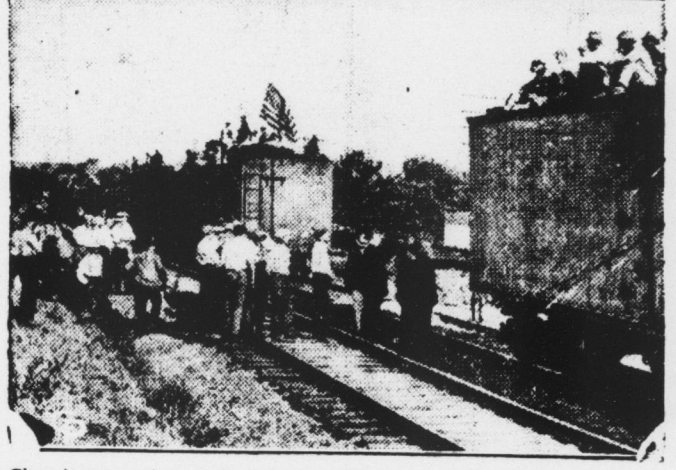
New York, May 28.—(AP)—Irving Ben Cooper, associate counsel of the Hofstadter committee, said today he had been unable to reach Dr. William H. Walker, Mayor Walker's brother, since May 19, the day after Walker, a Sanian testified he had paid Dr. Walker for medical services, \$2,800, a sum equal to about half of a commission Scanlan received on a sale of equipment to the city.

While Mayor Walker was on the stand Thursday, Samuel Seabury asked him if he knew where his brother was and Walker promised to locate him and have him get in touch with the commission.

Scanlan, agent for a street cleaning equipment company, gave his testimony about the \$2,800 on May 19. Cooper said today that Dr. Walker telephoned the committee May 19 and promised to appear for questioning May 20, but failed to show up. Since then, he said, the committee has been unable to reach him, either at his home or at his office.

Sales Tax Lacks Majority But Results Will Be Close When Senate Finally Votes

'BONUS ARMY' SPEEDS ON IN TRUCKS



Cheering, waving and bringing unusual excitement to the quiet, pastoral regions along their way, the "bonus army" of 350 World War veterans speeds on to Washington in motor trucks, above. In the lower photo the veterans are shown on the freight cars at Caseyville, Ill., which they seized and held until Sheriff Munie of St. Clair county agreed to transport them in trucks to Indiana.

HARRISON TELLS ADVOCATES THEY LACK THE VOTES

Accuses Hoover and His Supporters of Trying To Browbeat Senate Into Yielding

BUDGET BALANCED ALREADY, HE SAYS

Leaders Hurriedly Check Polls as a Mississippian Launches Attack on Bill, and Find Only 46 Favorable; Hoover May Make His Position Clear

Washington, May 28.—(AP)—In the midst of the sales tax dispute in the Senate today, petitions were circulated pledging members to vote against the levy.

Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, Democratic tax leader, circulated one on the Democratic side and reported 28 signatures within a few minutes. He claimed a substantial majority of the Senate would be enrolled.

The petition read: "In order to expedite passage of the revenue bill to balance the budget and to prevent unnecessary prolongation of debate thereon, the undersigned now declare that they will at this time vote against any and every form of a general sales tax on the pending bill."

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, and Harrison headed the list of Democratic signers.

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FRENCHMAN FAVORS DEBT CURTAILMENT

Man Who Helped Negotiate Agreement Suggests Cut of One-Third

Paris, May 28 (AP)—Victor Henry Berenger, negotiator of the recent Franco-American debt arrangement, suggested in an article published here today that the Young plan annuities be reduced one-third to meet a 30 per cent fall in business. If the payments then should prove too heavy for Germany, M. Berenger recommended a moratorium on all payments except 440 million reichsmarks (\$out \$110,000,000).

He said the debt agreement linked the amount the United States will receive to the amount Germany pays France, and that the success of the coming Lausanne conference be subordinate to an settlement between the United States and Europe.

OPPOSING MERGER NEGRO COLLEGES

Group Meeting in Raleigh Against Uniting Five in The State

Raleigh, May 28.—(AP)—Opposition to consolidation of the five Negro institutions of higher learning supported by the State into a "North Carolina State University for Negroes" was expressed by over 40 representatives of Negro colleges and universities who met here today.

The group, however, adopted a resolution suggesting that the five institutions be included under whatever board or boards might be set up to control public higher education in the State, anticipating the merger under one board July 1 of the University of North Carolina, N. C. C. W., and N. C. State College.

The recommendation for consolidation grew out of a survey of Negro education in the State. A commission of experts in education proposed the merger under one board of trustees of A. and T. College at Greensboro, North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham, State Normal School for Negroes at Fayetteville, Winston-Salem Teachers College at Winston-Salem and State Normal School for Negroes at Elizabeth City.

Get Big Still In Druid Hills Area

Atlanta, Ga., May 28.—(AP)—Three persons were arrested and an elaborate whisky distillery and a quantity of liquor were seized in a police raid on a palatial home in the elite Druid Hills section of Atlanta last night.

The distillery was going at full blast when policemen broke into the house. Many of the finest homes of Atlanta are in the vicinity.

PARENTS BLAMED BY PRESBYTERIANS

They and Wet Press Accused of Breakdown of Prohibition Laws

Montreal, May 28.—(AP)—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States adopted a resolution today blaming parents and the "older generation" and the "wet press" for the "breakdown" of the prohibition laws.

The resolution, introduced by E. T. George, of New Orleans, a ruling elder, was adopted by a unanimous standing vote.

It contained a scathing denunciation of parents who purchase and serve liquor, roundly "scored the wet press" for giving publicity to "propaganda and unreliable and unproven data" and recommended a "boycott of moving pictures for presenting sordid and suggestive plays and scenes." The latter were described as "degrading and demoralizing in the extreme," and the boycott was urged as a means of bringing about a "prompt and permanent correction."

Swift Packing Co. Chairman Dives to Death In Chicago

Chicago, May 28 (AP)—Edward F. Swift, Sr., chairman of Swift and Company, plunged to death at 9 a. m. today from the window of his six-story apartment at 1550 North State street.

He was 64 years old, and had been in ill health for several weeks. Charles H. Swift, his brother, and vice-chairman of the packing company said that, on his physician's advice, Mr. Swift had planned to leave Tuesday for a vacation and rest in Europe.

"His affairs are in excellent condition," Charles Swift said. The veteran packer had fallen from his window to the alley at the rear of the North State street apartment. Death was instant.

How North Carolina Has Reduced Taxes Given In Interview With Gardner

By CHARLES F. STEWART

Washington, May 28 Cutting the Federal government's expenses helps, certainly. Nevertheless, it is from the cost of state, community, municipal and other local governments that the average taxpayer, the doughy over, is most rapidly bleeding to death.

Government, in all its forms, now takes more than 20 per cent of the annual national income including current charges on outstanding indebtedness. Of the total, Uncle Sam takes about one-third; local government the rest.

Thus, obviously, economies nearer home can do folks more good than those congress effects, but they do not sound so big because even great states deal only in millions, whereas

in Washington it is customary to refer to any sum much under a billion as mere small change.

However, here and there a provincial executive is to be found who really is grappling with financial conditions in his bailiwick in a fashion to get results.

According to accounts from North Carolina, Gov. O. Max Gardner is one of them.

Under his administration, beginning in January, 1929, the Tarheel commonwealth's overhead has been so drastically reduced, they say, that taxes actually have been lowered while the state has been paying off its previously accumulated obligations and at the same time maintaining and steadily expanding its public improvements. That is a remarkable performance for a term almost exactly coincidental with the whole of the depression. I think it will be agreed.

The governor, happening to be in

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