

MEETING CALLED FOR SATURDAY

Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce Sponsoring the Meetings

CONVICT CARY DURFEY

By M. L. SHIPMAN
 RALEIGH, Oct. 5.—To call a special session of the Legislature, or not to call a special session, that is the question that promises to cause Governor Gardner a lot of trouble. Mass meetings have been called for every cotton and tobacco growing county in the State for next Saturday. The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring these meetings for the purpose of arousing sentiment in favor of statutory curtailment of both cotton and tobacco production. Mass meetings have already been held in many townships, and the majority of them have asked for a special session. The Governor feels that since North Carolina produces only five per cent of the American cotton crop, it can do nothing along that line to influence the price. However, he has been reminded that it is different with flue-cured tobacco.

The center of interest in Raleigh recently has been the trial of Cary K. Durfey on a charge of embezzlement of funds from the Tucker estate. His late partner, S. Wade Marr, was also placed on trial on a similar charge but the indictment fell down when Durfey testified that he could not say that Marr had knowledge of his defalcations. For years the brokerage firm of Durfey and Marr was one of the most prominent in the State. Both partners were active in civic and church work. They have a host of friends including men of influence in the highest stations of life. Durfey got eight to ten years in the State prison. Marr faces other indictments in connection with the failure of the brokerage firm. W. B. Drake, late president of the defunct Raleigh Banking and Trust Co., goes on trial this week on charges of violating the law in conducting its affairs. A jury has been drawn from Chatham county.

The Raleigh city commissioners finally ended their agony over the city budget by fixing the tax rate at \$1.05. Commissioner Williamson started some fireworks by demanding a salary cut of ten per cent, but was outvoted by his two colleagues. The Wake county commissioners after going through similar agonies finally decided to cut salaries. Before the city commissioners got through with their agony there was a warm exchange of views through the local newspapers.

The late Legislature had nothing on the State Equalization Board for marching up hill and then marching down again. After voting on one day not to approve any supplementary school budgets in excess of ten per cent of the amount allotted the counties by the State, the board on the following day approved budgets containing supplements as high as 57 per cent. The later action was by a divided vote, however. The changed attitude permitted the approval of four county budgets that had previously been rejected. Hundreds of district budgets remain for consideration.

Raleigh was deserted during the recent reception of National Commander Henry L. Stevens, of the American Legion. Governor Gardner led the exodus of State officialdom into Duplin county. Never before in the history of the State were so many prominent officials and citizens in that historic county at one time. Both North Carolina Senators were on hand. It was such a homecoming that has not been staged before since President Andrew Johnson paid a visit to his home town of Raleigh. Naturally politics were in the air with actual candidates and prospective candidates on hand to tell Henry Stevens how glad they were that he had gotten the honor.

Educational leaders are buckling on their armor for the fight of their lives to keep the public schools going. President Brooks, of State College, joined the crusaders at the opening of his institution, declaring that North Carolina can never go back to the horse and buggy age in education. Jule B. Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Education association, is addressing civic clubs, telling them that education is the best investment, especially in times of depression like these.

The State Highway Patrol is doing its best to earn its bread. It announces the startling discovery that 88 per cent of automobile brakes are bad. It is almost as bad with automobile lights. Patrolmen are now doing the unprecedented thing of "jacking up" automobile drivers for going too slow. Now they urge autoists to have their equipment in order and to move along.

Governor Gardner is expected to call together the Commission to consider constitutional amendments at an early date. He named the Commission last June, but it has not yet met. This is one of the most important commissions provided for by the last Legislature. It has authority to consider and submit amendments or a proposed new draft of the Constitution for the

consideration of the next Legislature. The members are: Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, Raleigh; Judge John J. Parker, Charlotte; Judge Michael Schenck, Hendersonville; and Burton Craig, Winston-Salem. A. J. Maxwell, Raleigh; Maj. George Butler, Clinton; Dr. Clarence Poe, Raleigh; J. O. Carr, Wilmington.

Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, known as one of the best orators in the State, has finally yielded to the modern demand for radio speeches. He went on the air Saturday night with an appeal to the people of the State to have faith in the ideals that have sustained the State through many crises and to uphold law as the best means of maintaining that faith. He called for old-time honesty and old-time faith, such as the fathers held so sacred.

The North Carolina State Fair, which has had such notables as General Pershing to make its main speech in days gone by, will have a home-grown speaker this year. National Commander Henry L. Stevens, of the American Legion, will address the Fair on October 14. It opens on October 11, and continues for a week.

Raleigh has gotten in the "big time" circuit of aviation. Eighteen passenger airplanes travel through Raleigh both north and south three times a week now. Passenger fares have been reduced to a point that many people use airplanes for long distance traveling. Governor Gardner set the pace by taking a trip into the air in one of the big airplanes.

Despite the inroads made on passenger traffic by airplanes and automobiles, the Southern and Seaboard Air Line are renovating the Raleigh union station after years of agitation for a new station. They are moving their city passenger office to the station as a measure of economy.

The booming of Josephus Daniels for governor died down upon his return from a vacation in Western North Carolina and his failure to make announcement as advertised by several State newspapers. Such metropolitan dailies as the New York Times have taken notice of the agitation for him to run and have advised him not to step down from the editorial tripod to engage in the game of politics. So far he has taken their advice. He is sawing wood and saying nothing about the governorship, despite efforts in many quarters to get him commit himself.

Grand Master J. Wallace Winborne, the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons, who is making a series of visits to lodges in Eastern North Carolina, included Raleigh on his itinerary. Raleigh is quite a Masonic center as the headquarters of the Grand Lodge are in this city, and much interest has recently been aroused in Masonry through the holding of various sorts of social occasions.

The State Central purchasing bureau continues to buy merchandise and equipment by the wholesale. Governor Gardner claims that he has already made good his bond to save \$400,000. Its latest purchase was 75 trucks. Paper stock for the next nine months for all the State's needs was recently placed under contract.

Dr. George Alan Works, dean of students at the University of Chicago, has been named for the job of making a technical survey into the details of combining State College, the State University and the State College for Women. He made a similar survey for the State of Texas several years ago and has been associated with similar surveys in Utah, New York and other states.

Capt. A. J. Fletcher, department historian for the North Carolina American Legion, has been honored with the award of the gold medal annually awarded by the National Legion for the best work done by a State historian. A former newspaper man, Captain Fletcher has had fine training in writing. He went overseas with the 113th Field Artillery during the World War.

Cokesbury News
 Miss Sallie Bet Buchanan has returned home after visiting relatives in Richmond, Va., for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Floyd and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Floyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan.

Mrs. A. T. Frazier and daughter, Virginia. Mrs. Kink Pernel and daughter. Josephine and Ellen Currier of Elberon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vaughan and family Sunday afternoon.

Miss Olive Hicks of Dabney attended the Epworth League at Cokesbury Sunday evening.

Rally Day services at Cokesbury church Sunday.

Miss Kathleen Edwards has returned home after spending several days in Ridgeway with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Edwards.

Mrs. Raymond Taylor and small son, Raymond Earle, of Roanoke Rapids visited Misses Elizabeth and Vergie Hicks on last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perkinson and son, Carey, and daughter, Emma, spent Sunday here attending Rally Day services.

Mrs. Kate Gill has returned to her home in Henderson after visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Spruill here for several weeks.

Rally Day Held
 An all day service was held at Cokesbury M. E. church Sunday, Oct. 4, when Rally Day was celebrated.

In the morning session, Sunday school was held and the attendance numbered 161. After Sunday school the pastor, Rev. P. D. Woodall, delivered an inspiring sermon his topic being, "The Windows of the Soul." A drawing from the small children was illustrated on the board, which made every point clear.

At 11:45 the school adjourned and dinner was served on the ground.

In the afternoon the attendance numbered about 200 and Sunday school work was taken up and discussed. A solo by Miss Reece Tucker was rendered and Misses Elizabeth and Vergie Hicks also gave several numbers. The pastor and superintendent addressed the congregation as to how the Sunday school could be improved and each teacher gave an account of the work being done in their classes and how they felt their classes could improve.

After this discussion, Mr. Stephen Greenway, a former member of the school, made a few remarks, after this address the congregation adjourned.

Epworth League Meets
 Sunday evening at 7:30 Mr. Boyd Edwards superintended an interesting program at Cokesbury M. E. church.

His topic for discussion was, "The Importance of the Church to the Community." This topic was made clear to the point by several talks by the Leaguers. A quartet was sung by Messrs. Boyd Edwards, Clarence Ayscue, Vernon Breedlove and Clyde Edwards, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Misses Olive and Vergie Hicks also entertained the congregation

with a duet, "He Lives on High." After this, business matters were taken up and committees were appointed to get up a social. The committees appointed were Misses Vergie Hicks, Lucille Vaughan and Sallie Bet Buchanan and Messrs. Charlie Bartholomew, Vernon Breedlove and Boyd Edwards. These committees final decision will be announced Sunday.

President Willie Gray Powell then announced that an invitation to the Providence League to visit the Cokesbury League on the third Sunday evening was to be extended and everyone was given a cordial invitation to our community.

The usual meeting hour which is 7:30 was moved up to 7 and all leaguers are asked to be on time each Sunday evening.

After other business matters the meeting adjourned with the League benediction.

Class Entertained
 The Womens Class of Bible study was delightfully entertained on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. John H. Keller from 2 until 5 o'clock. A social conversation was enjoyed by the many members present.

During the afternoon the hostess served delicious fruits, and late in the afternoon the guests, who numbered 22, were invited into the dining room where delicious ice cream and cakes were served.

Class Has Social
 The Junior Class of boys and girls of Cokesbury church was pleasantly entertained Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Clem Fleming. Many games were played and enjoyed by those present.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Tucker, served delicious candy to those present, who numbered about 31.

Vicksboro News

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pulliam and son, Bernard, of West Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tucker and daughter, Reece, of Cokesbury visited Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Abbott of Vicksboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dryden of Bear Pond spent Sunday in Vicksboro.

Misses Clara and Ethel Peoples were the guests of Misses Rena and Minnie Abbott of Vicksboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hamm and Mrs. Robert Gupton of Bear Pond visited Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thompson of Vicksboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Abbott and children Mabel and Olive, and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Abbott and son,

Milton of Vicksboro visited Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Jones of Warren County Tuesday night.

Misses Rena and Minnie Abbott, Misses Beulah and Pearl Robertson of Vicksboro visited Miss Carrie Thompson Saturday night.

Friends of Mrs. J. T. Ayscue of Warren County will be glad to learn she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thompson and Mrs. R. M. Abbott of Vicksboro visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thompson Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pendergraph of Vicksboro announce the marriage of their daughter, Addie, to

Mr. E. L. Hicks of Epsom. They will make their home in the Epsom community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moseley of Warren County spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moseley Jr. of Vicksboro.

Mr. A. V. Jones of Warren county took dinner with Mr. A. M. Abbott of Vicksboro Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ellington of Cokesbury, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thompson of Vicksboro visited Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Hall of Alert Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robertson and daughter, Jessie Mae, of Sandy Creek visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M.

Robertson of Vicksboro Sunday night. Miss Lorena Huff of Vicksboro spent the week end with Miss Emma Overton of Epsom.

Miss Alice Fuller had as her guest Sunday Miss Alice Huff of Vicksboro.

Miss Marjorie Huff of Vicksboro and Miss F. Fuller of Sandy Creek spent Sunday with Mrs. Evelyn Faulkner of Sandy Creek. In the afternoon, the three riding horseback, called on Mrs. J. Robertson, who has been confined to her bed for some time.



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