

At the CAPITAL

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Announcement of Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt that he will not be a candidate for nomination for Governor and admission that he will again seek his present post caused another commotion on the otherwise placid political pond the past week. Surprise was expressed in some quarters, but the announcement was not unexpected in others.

Many political observers express the belief that the Democratic gubernatorial list is closed, that R. T. Fountain, A. J. Maxwell and J. C. B. Ehringhaus will be the only candidates for Governor in the Democratic primary. Others say that Josephus Daniels will either enter himself or trot out another candidate, that neither of the entrants suit him as well as Mr. Brummitt did and that he will not let rest with one of the trio. Willis Smith has not said he will not run, but serious doubt is expressed regarding him. Nor is it expected that General Albert Cox will enter.

General belief is that Mr. Daniels is not satisfied with the line-up. He and Mr. Maxwell might be said to be at opposite poles, within the party. Nor does he see things as does Mr. Ehringhaus, although Mr. Ehringhaus is advocating special consideration for the little man—the small farm owner who works his own farm and the small home owner—for whom Mr. Daniels has always expressed deep concern. The sales tax, opposed in any form by Mr. Ehringhaus, is considered a sufficient barrier to keep him without the Daniels realm. Although Mr. Fountain probably comes nearer the Daniels pattern than either of the others, he probably could not elicit enthusiastic Daniels support.

Just which one of the remaining candidates the Brummitt retirement will aid most is a moot question. The Attorney General has a high type following. Among others it included the bulk of the 23,000 teachers in the state. Only a few of those will go to Mr. Maxwell, who finished alienation of the school forces by his thrusts at subsidizing tuition to out-of-state students at the State institutions, and his recent tilt with Supt. R. H. Latham, Winston-Salem. Mr. Fountain will likely get a good smattering of the school vote, but he is chairman of the State Board of Equalization, the body which has placed a limit on school expenditures, even though that was a command to it from the Legislature, the board is held responsible, and Mr. Fountain, as chairman, will probably bear a big part of the blame.

Normally, it might be supposed that a larger part of the school vote will go to Mr. Ehringhaus. He has not offended the school folks and he is known to be enthusiastic for public schools and higher educational institutions. If Mr. Daniels should get into the race, he would doubtless rally to his support a good slice of the school vote. The school folks are going to be a formidable element in the coming primary and election. Specifically, it is certain that as a body, they will oppose Maxwell. Their vote, and they probably control fully 50,000 votes, may be scattered or divided, unless some new element enters into the campaign.

Mr. Brummitt's answer to inquiry that he will again seek the Attorney General post brings up another interesting condition. Two men had already announced for his job, Senators J. R. Baggett, of Harnett county, and Peyton McSwain, Cleveland county. Both have said they will remain in the race in opposition to Mr. Brummitt. Mr. Brummitt's friends say he has nothing to fear from him, that his record will carry him through without serious trouble, although his opponents are strong men and will have good support. Charles Ross, potential candidate, is not expected to enter against Mr. Brummitt.

Many friends of Mr. Brummitt express satisfaction that he took the step he did. He is looked upon as excellent timber for the Supreme Court, a man with strong legal talent, studious and able. As Attorney General, he would be available as a member of that body, if and when a vacancy occurs. As Governor he would not be. His present office is an excellent training field, a proving ground, for the Supreme Court bench. He is not expected to have additional opposition.

Governor Gardner, in accordance with his announce purpose, has named five agricultural experts to accompany him to Charlotte for the conference with governors of Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia on Thursday of

this week. The men are Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham, Dean I. O. Schaub of Agriculture at State College; George Ross, director of State-owned farms; Dr. G. W. Forster, professor of agricultural economics, State College, and E. G. Moss, director of the Federal-State tobacco experiment station, at Oxford.

Disappointment has been expressed by those urging a special session of the General Assembly that he did not name in the group some of those actively interested in a session called to enact legislation to restrict cotton and tobacco acreage. However, Governor Gardner apparently considers it an agricultural problem, not a political one, and has picked his advisors in accordance with that idea.

North Carolina teachers are in much better condition than are teachers in many other states, despite the permissive reduction in salary to as much as 10 per cent, State Superintendent A. T. Allen said recently. This is the only state that has guar-

anteed to its teachers full pay for the constitutional term, and will borrow money, if necessary, to pay salaries, he said.

In many states the schools, operated locally in part or entirely, have closed and will not be operated, and in many sections of many states teachers have not been paid, he said. Although there was some delay in getting out checks to teachers in this state this fall, due to the new machinery necessary under the new State-support plan, the salary checks are now moving properly. As compared with teachers in many other states, these in North Carolina are extremely fortunate, Dr. Allen said.

Prominent out-of-state speakers at some of the district teacher meetings recently have advised the teachers, in so many words, to "quit beefing and get down to teaching," pointing out that their condition is almost ideal, as compared with that of teachers in many other states.

Utterances of Josephus Daniels at the recent Faison meeting are causing much comment and speculation, some believing it is a fore-runner and statement of platform in a campaign for governor; others interpreting his tirade against government as a renunciation of any hopes of being governor. His denunciation of "entrenched wealth" is interpreted by some as being the reflection of the bitterness he

feels, apparently, in being so far barked in his efforts to bring about a special session of the General Assembly.

His scathing criticism that the government is the people's worst enemy, that the last Legislature failed to tax sufficiently the tobacco companies and other groups, was looked upon by some of those present as inappropriate at a gathering for giving thanks for bountiful crops. Some claim the meeting swung a "Daniels for Governor" demonstration; others that there was an occasional, even frequent, call upon him to be a candidate. It is safe to say that he is not satisfied, and may himself run or get out a more favorable candidate, and A. D. McLean has been suggested, even though he opposes the Daniels special session advocacy.

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ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW ON AT VASS THIS WEEK

The second annual Sandhills Poultry Show is on at Vass, having opened on Wednesday in the tobacco warehouse there. Many birds were exhibited in the various classes. A dance is to be held in connection with the show tonight, Friday, in the warehouse. Officers of the show are Aubrey Keith, president; Martin Cameron and S. D. Byrd, vice presidents; D. A. McLaughlin, treasurer; R. L. Mayfield, secretary and R. H. Cox, manager.

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