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At the CAPITAL

By M. R. Dunnagan, The Pilot's Raleigh Correspondent

The call issued to the State Democratic Executive Committee to meet Thursday night, March 8, at 8 o'clock in Raleigh, by Chairman J. Wallace Winborne, will set at rest efforts to have the committee meet earlier to select a successor to former Governor O. Max Gardner, resigned, as a member for North Carolina of the National Democratic Executive Committee.

However, it will start with another spurt efforts for the election of this or that man to the post. Members of the committee state that they have been bombarded with letters in past months from various individuals, but suppose all had the same source, or inspiration, Senator J. W. Bailey, or his candidate C. L. Shuping, Greensboro, urging that the meeting be held as early as possible, as North Carolina should not be without a committeeman. Supposedly, this was done with the view that Mr. Shuping's chances would be better of election early than they would if the election were delayed.

But Mr. Winborne would not be hurried and early indicated that the meeting would be held at the usual time in March, when it makes preparations for the precinct meetings, county conventions and the State convention of the party. He makes the election of the national committeeman a secondary matter, and any other business that may come before the committee the third in order.

Mr. Shuping's friends have been "shelling the woods" in an effort to get a sufficient number of promises to elect him. Of course, those efforts might turn, at the last minute, to getting Mr. Shuping elected State chairman, an office he sought two years ago against Mr. Winborne but without success. The committee is

supposed to be a "Bailey Committee" as it was selected in Senator Bailey's heyday and was selected in the bulge that earlier had sent him to the Senate. It was named before Senator R. R. Reynolds had defeated, finally, Senator Cameron Morrison.

But it elected Mr. Ehringhaus' choice then, and it now seems a contest between Mr. Shuping and Governor Ehringhaus. Former Senator Morrison has eliminated himself, as has Major L. P. McLendon, practically. Naming of J. C. Carr, Wilmington, as district attorney, probably eliminates him. J. A. Goode, Asheville druggist, is mentioned as a compromise candidate. Clyde R. Hoey, Judge L. R. Varner, Lumberton, R. N. Simms, Raleigh, and others are mentioned. But it is believed that the fight will be between Governor Ehringhaus and Mr. Shuping.

Copy of a survey made of the operation of the general sales tax in five states, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania, made by Dr. Arch D. Shultz, director of research for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and published by that organization in connection with the discussion in that state relative to adoption of the sales tax, has been received by the N. C. Department of Revenue.

In the foreword to the publication, the president of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce states that the findings and conclusions of the report are based on the information secured first hand from contact with public officials and persons paying the tax in the states surveyed. In the introductory summary of the booklet, Director Schultz writes conclusions as follows:

"In every case the tax has been successful in accomplishing the pur-

pose for which it was enacted. In no case do I find that it has retarded the progress of industry in the states in which it is in operation. Public officials in whose charge the administration is placed are universally and without exception enthusiastic about the results which they have obtained from the sales tax.

"Strangely as it may seem to those who have not investigated the matter, department store managers and public officials in Michigan are in enthusiastic accord with this form of taxation. It is found that the tax can be passed on to the consumers, and it is welcomed as a more equitable means of distributing necessary tax burdens.

"The array of testimony set forth in section 2 of this report clearly and definitely indicates that the sales tax is not injurious to the industrial prosperity of the states, that it does not drive business out of the State except in the case of high priced articles and although no tax is popular, the sales tax is found to be for various reasons a satisfactory tax even among those who pay it.

"In conclusion, it may be fairly stated that the sales tax is successful and meets with less resistance and causes less dissatisfaction than any other tax that could have been enacted under the circumstances within the five neighboring states reported upon in this study."

Hunting licenses for the season of 1933-34 through Friday reached \$97,400, or more than \$1,000 ahead of the sales of \$96,400 for the previous year to date, which leads R. Bruce Etheridge, director of Conservation and Development, to believe that sales this year will approximate \$100,000 when all reports are in, as compared with \$112,382 for the year 1932-33.

License costs were reduced considerably by the 1933 General Assembly, and the fact that receipts are about the same as last season indicates that from one-third to one-half more persons purchased licenses during the

season just about the close than during the preceding year.

During the season about to close the hunting licenses were reduced, as follows: county, 60 cents from \$1.25 last year; State, \$2.10 from \$3.25 last year, and non-resident, \$10.10 from \$15.25 last year.

Hunting ended for all game in all sections of North Carolina, except in a few counties, on February 20 when the last of the zone seasons for quail, rabbits and wild turkey in the central zone ended.

In addition to the central zone, the hunting season closed Tuesday in several other counties for rabbit, quail and wild turkey, including Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, Person, Martin, Bertie and Washington. Tuesday the uniform season for all kinds of game closed in Nash, Harnett, Cumberland and Transylvania. Hunters report that the past season has been the best in number of years, in the uplands especially. A favorable season for hunting, following two seasons not so favorable, and protection of game laws contribute to the large supply.

A representative of the U. S. Biological Survey will make an investigation of North Carolina sound areas within a few days to determine whether or not it will be advisable to undertake a program of planting aquatic growth for migratory waterfowl, as a result of the request of R. Bruce Etheridge, director of Conservation and Development for such a study, at the request of a number of sportsmen.

Due to the shifts of water in several sounds due to opening and closing of inlets, it will be necessary to make the survey to determine the kinds of grasses that will grow and will be suitable for the migratory fowl. The trip will probably take in Currituck, Pamlico and Albemarle sounds and smaller sounds where migratory fowls are accustomed to stop in their flights.

Pay Rates for CWA Projects Announced

Scale Runs From 30 Cents for Common Labor to \$1.10 for Skilled Men

The following are the established rates which must be paid on all CWA projects until further instructions from the North Carolina Civil Works Administration, Miss Elizabeth Head.

Unskilled labor, 45c; brick layers, \$1.10; brick layer's apprentice, 75c; mortar mixer, 50c; carpenters (finish, \$1.10; carpenters (rough-frame-work, etc.), 75c; plumbers, \$1.10; plumber apprentice, 60c; electricians, \$1.10; electrician's apprentice, 60c; skilled iron workers (ornamental, \$1.10; skilled iron workers (structural), \$1.10; hoisting engineer (on elevator), 60c; plasterers, \$1.10; plaster apprentice, 60c; plasterer mortar mixer 50c; lathers (Metal), 60c; roofers and sheet metal workers, \$1.10; roofers and sheet metal apprentice, 60c; steam fitters, \$1.10; steam fitters' apprentice, 60c; painters, \$1.10; painters' apprentice, etc., 75c; tile and marble setters, \$1.10; cement finishers, 75c; mixer operator (small), 60c; mixer operator (large), \$1.10; truck driver (1 1-2 ton and under) 5, 45c; truck driver (over 1 1-2 tons), 75c; glaziers, 75c; pipe layer, 60c; caulker, 60c; blacksmith, \$1.10; apprentice blacksmith, 60c; machinist, \$1.10; apprentice machinist, 60c; skilled foreman, \$1.10; semi-skilled foreman, 60c; unskilled foreman, 50c; timekeepers, 50c; tool checkers, 50c; quarry drill operators, 75c; tree surgeons, 80c.

Highway projects — Unskilled labor, 30c; skilled labor, 40c; truck drivers (1 1-2 and under) 30c; truck drivers (over 1 1-2 ton), 40c. (Wage rate is determined by the nature of work which worker is performing).

The services of Jack Lang, senior inspector of the Labor Department, have been secured to adjust labor difficulties.

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