

FIRST DISTRICT PARTY LEADERS MEET TOMORROW

County Chairman and Executive Committee To Meet At Bayview

TO PLAN CAMPAIGN

Meeting Is Primarily For Purpose of Organization; State Chairman Mull in Charge

The first of the State Democratic campaign activities in this section are under way this week, with State Chairman O. M. Mull in charge. Tomorrow the county chairman in the First District with executive committeemen will meet at Bayview, where plans will be formulated for carrying on the campaign in this part of the State. Other party leaders will attend the meeting.

While in this section, Chairman Mull will talk with Senator Simmons, who will probably make a formal statement following the conference. The Senator's place as National Committeeman will be filled within the next few days, it is thought.

Governor McLean is advocating the selection of former Governor Cameron Morrison, who announced his candidacy for the place some days ago. An active campaign is being conducted in behalf of the former governor. Congressman John H. Kerr's hat is also in the ring. Josephus Daniels, who served in this position for 16 years, resigning after he became secretary of the navy in Wilson's cabinet, is prominently mentioned.

State Chairman Mull is not making statements, but he is said to be busy with a heavy volume of mail. He is devoting his time to organization work. He will have his organization well in hand by the time Governor Smith makes his acceptance speech and will be in position to conduct an active campaign during the fall months.

JULY REPORT OF COUNTY AGENT

8-4-6 Analysis Fertilizer Is Making Best Showing In Tobacco Tests

In his report to the county commissioners here yesterday, Agent Brandon pointed out that 8-4-6 fertilizer was making the best tobacco in the tests carried on by several farmers in cooperation with the demonstration work in this county. Mr. Brandon has visited all the farms where demonstrations were started, and he says that tobacco cultivated by the hill method is holding up better than that cultivated under the more common method. Not only is the tobacco cultivated by the hill method holding up during the hot and dry season, but it stood the rains of a few weeks ago much better than the tobacco grown under other conditions.

The agent's report stated that 21 days were spent in field work and 5 days were given over to office work. One hundred office conferences were held during the month; 134 letters were written and 69 telephone calls were handled. In making forty-four farm visits and handling other official duties, the agent traveled 816 miles. During the month 274 hogs were treated for cholera and two articles for papers were prepared.

Rev. and Mrs. Perry Here From Texas

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Perry, of Denton, Texas, are visiting friends and relatives in this section for a few days. Mr. Perry was once pastor of the Robersonville Christian Church, resigning that pastorate to accept a call from the church in Texas. Before returning to Texas, Mr. Perry will hold a short meeting at Bethany.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY
JACK HOXIE
in the
CROW'S NEST
Also
2-REEL COMEDY
And Serial
"The Jungle Goddess"
and
FREE TICKET
FOR SHOW FRIDAY

BORDER MARKETS TO OPEN TODAY

Seven tobacco markets, comprising a part of the Pee Dee tobacco belt, opened today near the South Carolina border today. Markets in South Carolina are also opening today.

Hundreds of thousands of pounds of tobacco were on the floors yesterday waiting for the cry of the auctioneer this morning, and practically all last night trucks loaded with the weed were being driven to the markets.

No reports from the markets as to the prices offered could be had at noon today.

The markets, including Fairmont, Whiteville, Lumberton, Chadbourne, Clarkton, Fair Bluff, and Tabor, all in this State, sold last season 42,006,240 of the 117-585,607 pounds sold throughout the area.

PAST WEEK HARD ON MOONSHINERS

Federal Agent and Deputies Capture Five Plants Last Tuesday

Last week was a rather hard one for moonshiners in this section. C. F. Alexander, Federal Prohibition agent with his deputies, succeeded in capturing five plants last Tuesday, two copper stills and three improvised steam outfits. All the stills were cold and no liquor was found. The officers destroyed about 6,000 gallons of beer at the five plants. The raid was made along the border line of Martin and Beaufort counties.

Wednesday, two copper stills were found in Reedy swamp. One of the stills had just been fired when the operators arrived. The operator, a Negro, was warned by parties who saw the officers pass on the road, but even then the officers got near enough to give chase. The operator fired upon the officers, but he was running too fast to take aim, and no one was hurt. The Negro lost his pistol and one of his boots. At the two plants, the officers found 600 gallons of beer and equipment.

Friday, the officers went into Bertie county and with Sheriff Cooper raided in the Quitman section where they found a mammoth plant estimated to have a capacity of 300 gallons. This still was well built, having a brick furnace and equipment ample for a big business. About 750 gallons of beer were destroyed.

This plant was located on the premises of Mont Pettiford, a colored man who was arrested by the officers. Pettiford Jr. was also arrested when evidence pointed to his connection with the still's operation.

Saturday, a plant was discovered in the Biggs school district. The kettle had been carried away, but the officers found the cap worn, seven barrels of beer, a few tools and an empty keg with the owner's name on it.

In the several raids, three arrests were made and the cases are to be investigated.

The officers started their work this week by catching Ben D. Biggs yesterday morning mixing sugar, preparatory to manufacture. The still had been removed from the plant and only a few barrels, a half bag of sugar and a tub of sweet beer which the man was working on at the time were found. The man was so badly frightened when the officers came up that he got his directions wrong and hopped in a spring. Biggs was held for the next term of Federal court convening in Washington next October.

Carcass of Dead Mule Found in Ditch Here

Sending out an odor that disturbed nearby residents for the past several days, a mule's carcass was found yesterday morning in a ditch near the Blount Manufacturing Co.'s shop after a broken search had been made by the street-cleaning department members during the past two or three days. Yesterday morning the body was found and operations were started at once to move it away.

While the mule's owner could not be learned, it is thought that the animal belonged to Howard Outerbridge, a colored man living near here.

Bids for Building Windsor Road To Be Opened Today

Bids for the construction of 22 road projects and two bridges are being opened in Raleigh today by the State Highway Commission. The projects call for the construction of 155.78 miles of road.

In the list of projects is included the construction of a hard-surfaced road from the Roanoke River bridge to a point 2 1/2 miles this side of Windsor. The road from Aulander to Ahsokie will also be hard-surfaced. On route 90, east of Columbia, 17 miles of road will be graded.

BUDGET PROBE BY COMMITTEE OF TAXPAYERS

Number Taxpayers Here Yesterday Protesting Higher Taxes

HOLD SESSION TODAY

Budgets Being Gone Over In Detail By Committee and Members of Both County Boards

The Board of County Commissioners and the County Board of Education in their meetings here yesterday opened their budgets for public inspection and insisted that the investigators go into the items carefully and point out every item where it is possible to effect a saving. The committee, composed of J. G. Staton, C. C. Fleming, Durward Everett, R. W. Salsbury and Eason Lilley, was busy this morning going over the budgets with two members from each the school board and the county board.

Taxpayers from all parts of the county went before the county commissioners yesterday, asking that there be no increase in the tax rate for the current fiscal year. The commissioners examined the budget and found that the items in the budget were very reasonable with the exception of one or two which were thought to be high. The county home costs were declared too high.

The school budget was also gone over in a general way. Most of the items in the school budget are fixed by the State school law, leaving very few items where alterations are possible. Under the State system, it would doubtless require the labor of an expert for weeks to make a thorough investigation, the system providing numbers of classifications for the various costs.

No rate has been mentioned for the county, and none will be placed until every cost item has been given careful consideration.

Tentative reductions totaling approximately \$2,700 in the county's budget today were suggested by the committee of five men appointed by the taxpayers league formed here yesterday. The committee continues to study the budgets, and it is expected the study will continue the remainder of the day.

The committee also suggested that an auditor be hired to work full time for the county.

TYPHOID SHOWS INCREASE IN N. C.

Hot Weather One of Main Reasons for Increase; Epidemic in Lenoir

Contributed largely to the hot and dry weather, typhoid fever is increasing very rapidly throughout the State. Last week 83 new cases were reported to the State Board of Health at Raleigh. The number was greater by 12 than that for the preceding week and as compared with a corresponding week of last year it was 13 greater. A continued increase in the disease is expected during this and next week, when the peak will, in all probability, be reached.

In Lenoir county alone, 30 cases have been reported, since the hot weather set in, and county officials there are making a concerted drive to check the spread of the disease. One dairy has been closed there and water from bathing ponds is being examined. Four deaths caused from the disease have been reported in that section.

While no official check has been made in this county as to the number of cases of the fever, it is understood that the number is comparatively light. This, it is stated, is due to a very great extent to the recent vaccinations made of more than 5,000 men, women, and children. The number of cases is smaller this year than it was last, and all the cases reported so far have been where the subjects had failed to take the treatment offered free of charge a few weeks ago.

Parrot Talks for Smith in Republican Household

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 4.—When the clarion call of "Vote for Al Smith!" rings out in the home of Judge John L. Bonee at all hours of the day and night, both the judge and his wife shudder, for both are stalwart Republicans, and the slogan is not of their choosing.

A saucy green parrot fluttering about in his cage is the source of their worry. Recently the Bonees were away from home for a few days, and in their absence John M. Kinsella, a friend of the family, but also a former Democratic alderman, took care of the bird and, incidentally, taught it the four words that it now repeats over and over.

Judge Bonee has tried unsuccessfully to have the parrot substitute "Hoover" for "Smith."

FORM LEAGUE OF TAXPAYERS

Citizens From Every Section of County At Meet Here Yesterday

Representative citizens from nearly every section of the county met at the courthouse here yesterday and formed a taxpayers league.

The commissioners, the taxing authorities, welcomed the citizens, saying it was the first time in many years that the taxpayers have done more than complain.

A committee appointed by the representatives, are studying the needs of the county and it is understood they will offer suggestions in solving the county's financial problems in the most economical way possible.

The committee's efforts toward holding the rate at the last year's mark might be possible, but not at all likely since the increase is due largely to an unusually large year in the interest and sinking fund of the county. A recent ruling of the Attorney General in a case in Pasquotank county, the commissioners cannot reduce the school funds below the amount fixed by the educational authorities. So it looks as if the rate will be higher than last year, and will continue that way until the next time for re-assessing arrives, when according to the suggestion of many fair valuations should be made and which, in turn, will effect a lower rate.

3 AMENDMENTS BEFORE VOTERS

To Be Decided At November Election; One Deals With Tax Matters

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—When North Carolina voters go to the polls on November 6, they will be called upon to determine the fate of three proposed amendments to the constitution, as well as to decide whether the State shall be found in the Smith and Gardner column, or the Hoover and Seawell rank.

One of the proposals would authorize the General Assembly to classify all forms of property for taxation purposes, another would authorize the erection of twenty solicitor districts in the State separate and distinct from the present judicial circuits, and the third would increase the pay of members of the legislature from the present compensation of \$400 per session to \$600.

Involved in the tax classification amendment is the proposal to authorize the law-making body to levy taxes on intangibles. The proposed amendment specifies that the rate of taxation on real and personal property shall be "uniform within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax," but that "intangible personal property may be classified by the General Assembly which shall prescribe a uniform rate of tax throughout the State for each class."

Proposals looking toward taxation of the so-called intangibles have been advanced from time to time in the legislature in recent years, only to meet defeat each time.

One argument advanced in support of the proposal to make solicitor districts independent of the circuits, in each of which at present a judge and solicitor are elected, is that additional judges can then be appointed as necessary to handle congested dockets, without the necessity of adding a solicitor to every added judge. Efforts in the last two general assemblies to provide for more judges have been opposed on the ground that it could not be done without creating new solicitorships which, it was argued, were unnecessary, and would greatly increase the costs of the judiciary.

The amendment to increase the pay of legislators has been before the voters a number of times in one form or another during recent years, but it has never mustered the necessary popular vote for passage.

Pasquotank County Has Increased Tax Rate

Elizabeth City, Aug. 2.—Pasquotank County's tax rate for the fiscal year 1928-29 is 17 cents higher than for the preceding fiscal year. The new rate as fixed by the county commissioners at a recent meeting is \$1.55 per \$100 of property valuation, as compared with \$1.38.

An effort was made to hold the rate down by cutting the school budget but it came to naught when Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, in response to a request for a ruling, rendered an opinion that the commissioners could not reduce the school funds below the amount fixed by school authorities.

Of the \$1.55 tax, 50 cents represents the levy for the county six months' school current expense fund, and 51 cents is for the road bonds sinking fund.

Williamston Has Chance To Bid for Peanut Show

With the definite announcement that the Eastern Carolina Peanut Exposition will not be carried to Chicago but will be held in this section this year, it is expected that several towns will make a bid for the show within the next few days. It is understood that the cost to the town in which the show is held will be greatly reduced this year as a result of new arrangements made by the committee in charge of the exposition.

While no official action has been taken in the matter, it is the opinion of many people here that the 1928 show should be staged in

Williamston. Centrally located, the town is in the midst of a section that leads the United States in the production of peanuts.

The two expositions, held in Windsor and Ahsokie, were declared very successful, and the show has reached that point where it is on the regular schedule of main annual events in this section.

No definite time for receiving the bids has been announced, but it is the opinion of several here that the people should get busy and bring the 1928 show to this town.

SAYS GEORGIA TOBACCO LOW

Local Man on Waycross Market Says Prices Are Lower Than Last Year

Averaging as low as \$8.73 the 100 pounds and as high as \$16.25 per 100 pounds, tobacco prices being paid on the South Georgia markets will not exceed on an average 12 cents, according to a letter from Mr. Theodore Hassell, who is working on the Waycross market. The price is falling behind at least 6 cents per pound, "in other words, that much lower than the 1927 price," Mr. Hassell stated in his letter covering the first few days operation of the markets in that State.

Mr. Hassell stated that the American and Imperial companies were buying very little, and that the Export, Liggett & Myers were making fairly large purchases. It must be remembered, Mr. Hassell pointed out in his letter, that the offerings have been very poor, and that a higher average price can be expected when that type of tobacco is sold.

ANNUAL MEET OF PEANUT CO-OPS

Stockholders Will Gather In Suffolk Tomorrow; Several To Speak

The Peanut Growers Association will hold its annual stockholders' meeting in Suffolk, Va., tomorrow, in the Academy of Music building. This is the seventh annual meeting of the Peanut Growers Association. At this meeting a resume of the past year's work will be given; and plans for the future of the association will be discussed in detail. All members of the association are expected to be present and participate in the activities of their organization.

Mr. T. B. Hutcheson, from Blacksburg, Va., will make an address on the "Economic Production of Peanuts," and Mr. A. W. McKay, of the United States Department of Agriculture, will speak on "Present-Day Problems of Cooperative Marketing." In these discussions both sides of the agricultural problem will be brought out. A discussion of the production of peanuts as well as the marketing of peanuts will be gone into.

The officers of the association will have extensive reports to make, and a meeting of the newly-elected board of directors will be held immediately after the annual meeting.

Anti-Smith "Democrats" To Meet At Raleigh

The so-called "Anti-Smith Democrats" will meet in Raleigh next Friday morning, at 11 o'clock, when they will attempt to organize for effective work against Governor Smith in this State. In the call issued by Rev. C. A. Upchurch, for the North Carolina organization committee, it is said that all those Democrats who will not vote for Governor Smith, as well as those Democrats who are determined to vote and work against him are to be represented in the Friday's conference.

The aims of the conference as set out in the call "to preserve our ideals and self-respect and the unity and integrity of the southern democracy by the defeat of the wet Tammany candidate for President and the election of dry, democratic Senatorial, Congressional, State and county nominees."

Thirty-four names were attached to the call.

Hearing for Roberts and Wells Being Held Today

Washington, Aug. 7.—Hearings for H. B. Roberts and W. A. Wells, who are out on a \$5,000 and \$2,500 bonds respectively, as the result of the fatal accident on the Bath road several weeks ago, are scheduled for today.

Wells was released the day following the crash, and Roberts was released on bond, following his recovery at the Riverview hospital, where he was taken with Miss Nanette Smith, Windsor girl, who lost her life in the crash.

TOWN FATHERS REGULAR MEET MONDAY NIGHT

"Go To Work Or Go To Jail" Is Edict Issued To Loafers

NO MAJOR PROBLEMS

Consider Buying Additional Fire Apparatus; Would Save \$6,000 On Insurance Rates

In their regular meeting here last night, the town commissioners, while they dealt with no major problems, discussed many minor ones and took final action in a number of cases.

For more than an hour the officials studied the insurance classification in effect here and investigated the saving to be made possible by the purchase of additional fire-fighting apparatus. According to the figures advanced at the meeting last night, a saving of approximately \$6,000 a year would be effected should the town purchase a new truck and meet the requirements of fire underwriting companies. The new equipment will cost \$12,500, a new truck representing the greater part of that amount. The members of the board stated that the needed additions could be made provided that a substantial saving in insurance rates would result. It was agreed that an expert from the insurance department at Raleigh be called down here as soon as possible, when the matter will be given another hearing.

While no deed has been drawn at this time, a part of the lot upon which the town's power and water plant now stands was sold to the Virginia Electric & Power Co. for a \$600 consideration. The lot is to the rear of the municipal buildings, where the power company plans to erect its sub-station.

"Go to work or go to jail" was issued for the benefit of those who count it a misfortune to toil in an uncompromising sun. The police were ordered to check up on the "sons of rest" and carry them before the mayor, where an explanation will be asked. It might be that the mystery of living high without working will be solved. Yesterday there were 36 men idle here. A few days ago one of the town officials counted 50 persons who preferred to lounge around rather than exchange a fair day's labor for a fair wage. With conditions gradually becoming worse, the town officials plan to rigidly enforce the yagranity law, and their order stated that the rigid enforcement would begin at once.

A report having to do with dogs running at large in the streets was asked of the members of the police force, and it was learned that the canines running loose will have only a few more days of freedom; as there will be built a pound for them. While no warrants have been issued, it was stated that several people were reminded of the law and that the number of dogs running loose has been greatly decreased since attention of dog owners was called to the law affecting their pets.

Several complaints were placed before the board, but Chief Daniel stated that the street force was busy clearing the weeds from the streets and that additional complaints would not be necessary. The officer was instructed to see the owners of vacant lots, where weeds and trash are in abundance and ask them to clean up their premises.

Permission to hold a dance the middle of this month was refused Vanderbilt Respass, colored. The order granting William Cook permission to hold a dance some time this month was rescinded, and the commissioners said no more dances for a while.

The chief of police was ordered to collect taxes from bread wagons and fruit trucks. The tax of \$50 imposed last year will remain unchanged for the bread wagons, and \$25 a day will be charged the operators of fruit trucks, where the owners sell and deliver all in one operation. This order does not apply, however, to farm produce grown and handled by the farmers themselves of this section. A tax of \$50 was ordered to be placed on apple cars.

The construction of a water line to the new school building was mentioned and it was learned that the material had been ordered and that the connection would be made not later than the last of this month. The line will connect with the Houghton Street mains.

To Select National Committeeman 24th

A Democratic national committeeman to succeed Senator Simmons, who resigned a few weeks ago, will be selected August 24, when a meeting of the State Democratic Committee will be held in Raleigh.

Senator Simmons and State Chairman Mull met in conference last night in New Bern, but no reasons were given for publication as to why the Senator resigned the position of national committeeman.