

Seven Definite Defects In Management of County Affairs Are Pointed Out

Commission Named by Governor Makes Report to State Association of County Commissioners

REMEDIES SUGGESTED

Plan Outlined by Commission to Put County Government on More Business-Like Basis in Future

Morehead City, Aug. 11.—Seven definite defects in the financial management of county affairs, and definite recommendations as to how to remedy these defects were presented Tuesday to the State Association of County Commissioners in annual convention here by the Commission on county government, named a year ago by Governor A. W. McLean, to make a study of county government in North Carolina.

The first suggestion made as to necessary changes to enable the counties to improve their methods of administration, is to have the Board of County Commissioners elected for a term longer than two years, and have them so elected that only one or two will retire in any given year, thus preserving continuity of business management. The Commission found that the principal defects in county government existed in the fiscal administration, and its report dealt entirely with this phase of the situation. Other recommendations made are:

1. Employment of a county business manager, selected by the Board of County Commissioners, at a salary fixed by them, to be in full charge of co-ordinating the county's financial affairs.
 2. Creation of the office of Supervisor of Taxables, selected and salary fixed by the County Commissioners, to keep an up-to-date record of all sources of revenues of county property, improvements or depreciation, and other similar duties.
 3. Employment of a tax collector, selected and salary fixed by the Board of County Commissioners, with power to select his assistants. He may be the sheriff, or an entirely separate individual, whose duty it shall be to collect the county revenue from all sources.
 4. Employment of an auditor, purchasing agent and treasurer, selected and salaries fixed by the Board of County Commissioners to have full charge of their respective departments.
 5. Employment of a custodian of physical property. He may be a member of the Board of Commissioners, or a separate employee.
- It was also recommended that the Register of Deeds, Sheriff and Clerk of Court be elected as at present, and that the offices of Surveyor, and Coroner be abolished, their duties to be performed by some person employed by the commission, when necessary. Recommendation was also made that the several boards, such as the Board of Education, Board of Health, and so forth, should be required to report annually to the County Commissioners, on how the money appropriated to each had been spent, and what service had been performed as a result. No change is recommended in the present county machinery for the preservation of law and order.
- Concerning the relation of the State to the county government, five recommendations are made as follows:
1. That the General Assembly should make it possible by statute for any county to adopt and maintain an improved form of local government, suitable to the needs of the county.
 2. That the General Assembly adopt a policy prohibiting an individual member of the Legislature from interfering with any election of his county, unless it shall appear that the change is demanded by the whole people of the county and is in the interest of better local government.
 3. That the General Assembly should set up a State Department of Finance and Accounting to aid the counties in instituting better fiscal methods.
 4. That the General Assembly should provide for the preparation of a code of county government law and a manual on county government for the aid of county officials in carrying out the law and safeguarding the county.
 5. It was also recommended that the Board of County Commissioners have the power to discharge any official who violates the principles of the county government, with the provision that the discharged official should have the right of appeal to the Superior Court.

OHIO PRIMARY OF IMPORTANCE BOTH PARTIES

Prohibition Involved, and Labor Unions, As Well As Personality and Party Politics

POMERENE POPULAR

Washington, Aug. 11.—Ohio's primary Tuesday is of real importance to the Democratic party and possibly to the Republicans. It may furnish a Presidential candidate. For if Former Senator Alton Pomerene is nominated he will give Senator Willis, Republican, a close fight. Should he be victorious in the election, the Ohio and middle western Democracy would be strong for Mr. Pomerene at the next National convention. Early reports are that Pomerene has a slight lead over his opponent, Mrs. Florence E. Allen. Mr. Pomerene is regarded by Republicans as well as Democrats as a strong vote getter. He has strength among the Republican business men in Ohio as well as the wets because of his outspoken stand against dictation either by labor union or the Anti-Saloon League in shaping his course while in the United States Senate.

Mr. Pomerene was appointed special counsel by President Coolidge to prosecute the Teapot Dome Oil cases in the Federal courts. He was always looked upon here as one of the strongest of the Democratic senators. The reports reaching here are to the effect that he has done little campaigning. Those who induced him to enter the race argue it on the ground that an election would mean his certain consideration for the Presidency in 1928.

In Ohio the "wet" elements are anxious to defeat Senator Willis. The Democrats have in recent years been in almost continuous control of the state government. In fact since 1906, the Republicans have carried the state only twice for governor. The same state voted Democratic for President not only in 1912 when the "bull moose" party was splitting the Republican vote, but in 1916 when the Republican party was united and when Indiana on the one side and practically every state east of the Mississippi cast its electoral votes for Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Willis is somewhat on the defensive in his race, for the Senate because of the charges before the Senate investigating committee that he received fees for speaking in favor of prohibition. The "wets" have made the most of this. Also they have a well-defined feeling that if the wet issue were injected in Ohio at this time there would be evidence of a change of sentiment as this state has always been nip and tuck between the wets and drys in state elections.

Mr. Willis has always been a staunch supporter of President Coolidge and will receive the full measure of the administration's support. The cry will be raised that the loss of any Republican seat in the Senate will embarrass Mr. Coolidge in the second half of his present term.

Under the circumstances if Mr. Pomerene were to win out, he would be a different man to defeat for the Democratic nomination in 1928. It is interesting to note that William G. McAdoo came out in favor of Judge Florence Allen who has been Mr. Pomerene's rival for the Democratic nomination. This may or may not be a factor later on in determining the line up of the different groups of Democrats in Ohio. Mr. Pomerene fought Mr. McAdoo as his lieutenant in the state so the endorsement by Mr. McAdoo of Mr. Pomerene's opponent was considered somewhat in the nature of retaliation. For these reasons the Ohio Senatorial contest may take rank with the race in Massachusetts and New York from the viewpoint of Presidential politics.

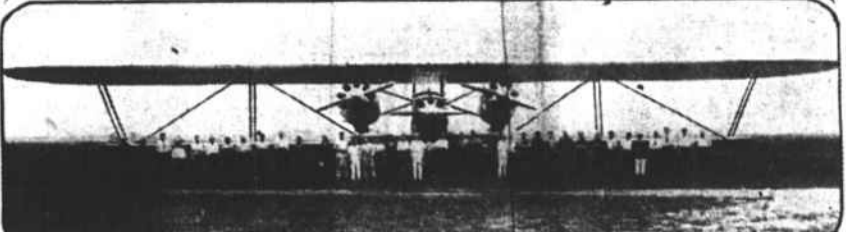
HEAD CLASSIFIED ADS TODAY LEARN WHERE

-To find thoroughbred poultry for sale. Classification 11.

-To find where to sell your old Ford if it is in good condition. Classification 25.

-To find headquarters for cold drinks, etc. Classification 1.

Fonck's New York-to-Paris Plane Nearly Ready



The S-35, giant Sikorsky biplane in which Captain R. B. Fonck, French ace, will attempt to fly from New York to Paris. Notice its 170-hp wing span and 100-hp engine.

To Keep the Highways Safe



Machine guns are to be used by highway police of Cook county Illinois, to keep rural roads safe. This picture shows Sergeant George Ulrich and Chief L. R. Davidson examining the new weapons.

Last Ante-Bellum Estate In Elizabeth City to Go Way of Its Predecessors

J. B. Fearing Property on Riverside Avenue, Comprising Subdivision Next Month

The J. B. Fearing estate, last of the ante-bellum plantations in this city, is about to go the way of its predecessors, a victim to the rapidly increasing residential needs of Elizabeth City, and to the circumstance that it must be divided among a number of heirs. This picturesque old plantation of 55 acres, dating far before the Civil War, is to become a residential subdivision in the early future. It is to be divided into lots and sold at auction on Monday, September 13.

The estate is situated on the south shore of Pasquotank River. In the grateful shade of its wide spreading ancient elms, at this season of the year one may sit and meditate upon the glories of another era, and of those stirring days in the Civil War when Federal gunboats reduced Fort Folly, scarce a mile down the river, before occupying Elizabeth City.

The home itself, situated in the depths of a grove a century old, is crowned with the aura of the Old South. It is the two-story type generally in vogue with the aristocracy of those days, having broad verandas at front and back, and still breathes the dignity and charm of half a century ago. The home is still in a good state of preservation, though the Twentieth Century has crept inside, with its electric lights and modern furniture, and has robbed it of something of its charm, at least from the standpoint of the antiquarian.

City Has Grown Around The home is situated on Riverside avenue, commanding a beautiful view of the river, still unobscured despite the fact that, years ago, the city grew up to and around the 55 acres of the estate on the three landward sides, and now extends nearly a mile beyond it. Scarcely it stood while generations came and went; but at last must yield to the demand of the city for room in which to grow. Already the estate has been platted in anticipation of the day when it will pass into history, with the clang of the auctioneer's hammer as its funeral dirge.

HEALTH HELPS KIDS IN MAKING THEIR GRADES

Dr. Townsend of State Board of Health Calls Attention to Need of Health Examinations

SAVES MONEY TOO

Statistics Show That Children Who Have to "Repeat" Their Grades Cost the Taxpayers More

Raleigh, Aug. 11.—The importance of preventive medicine and periodic health examinations, especially as they relate to school children, cannot be overemphasized, although they are equally applicable to all walks of life, according to Dr. M. J. Townsend, director of the education division of the State Board of Health.

rather low at heart to see the value of this relatively new procedure in the field of medicine, doctors everywhere are beginning to see the advantage of keeping a check on the health of their clients, not patients, rather than wait for them to get sick. And the State Board of Health is doing all in its power to educate both the public and the doctors to see the importance of the periodic health examination, which in reality is nothing more than a regular invoice of a person's physical condition.

The Board of Graded School Trustees last night officially gave permission for the use of the high school baseball diamond and adjacent grounds for free parking for visiting motorists, and City Manager Ferebee has tendered the assurance of adequate police guard of the cars as long as it is needed. Mr. Ferebee is arranging also for the erection of signs on the principal highways and streets leading into the city, directing the visitors to the parking space and to the docks where steamers will depart for the island.

Hotels and boarding houses here already have received many reservations for the week of the celebration, and have given positive assurance that there will be no advance in rates. The Chamber of Commerce is assured also that only the usual charges will be in effect on Jersey lines to and from the boats, and on the boats themselves. Eight teams will leave this city on the morning of the celebration, bound for Old Fort Raleigh, the first to depart immediately after the arrival of the morning train due here at 6 o'clock.

The new concrete highway from this city to Currituck Courthouse, completed this week, will be thrown open to the public early next week, in time for the use of motorists who wish to continue on to Point Harbor, in Currituck County, and cross to the island by ferry.

Pilot is Killed and Airplane Wrecked

Dayton, O., Aug. 11.—Lieutenant E. H. Barkdale, McCook Field pilot, was killed today when the parachute failed to open as he jumped from his falling plane near the field. He jumped 500 feet and it is believed the parachute did not have time to open. The plane was wrecked.

SEPTEMBER JURY LIST IN HEART OF EDENTON

Of general interest in Edenton is the auction sale tomorrow of the Moore property in the business section of that city at 10:30 a. m. Gallip & Sawyer of Elizabeth City are the selling agents.

ROBBER KILLED AND DETECTIVE IS HURT

New York, Aug. 11.—A robber was killed and a detective was wounded today after the attempted holdup of an upper Fifth Avenue grocery. John Hutchinson, store manager, also was wounded.

To Poland



Prof. Harley Lutz of the department of economics of Lehigh University is sailing for Europe with a party of bankers and financiers invited by General Plonski to go over and restore Poland's international credit.

Bicyclists Warned Not To Break Law

Bicyclists are taking too many liberties of late the duty-confronted authorities these days, their principal offenses being those of riding on sidewalks, alongside parked streets, and of failing to dismount when they pass pedestrians. Three boys, all under 16, were held into court in that connection Wednesday, but were released with a warning.

It is against the law to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk on any paved street, and under no circumstances is a cyclist allowed to pass a pedestrian without alighting. If the pedestrian gives permission for the other to pass, he is guilty of conspiring to violate the law.

The police warn that those who fail to observe the law in the above particulars will be arrested.

FLAMES STILL BELCH FROM HUGE OIL TANKS

Baltimore, Aug. 11.—Flames still belched fitfully from seven huge tanks of burning gasoline, kerosene and benzol on the grounds of the American Oil Company refining plant in South Baltimore where terrific explosions late yesterday rocked the neighborhood and sent hundreds of families scurrying from their homes in fear of a general conflagration.

BRINGHAUS SAYS HOPE OF ALBEMARLE IN EXON

Judge Henry A. Grady and J. C. B. Bringhaus were the speakers at the weekly luncheon at the Hotel Hertford Tuesday of the Hertford Rotary Club.

Both speakers made a decided hit with the Rotarians. Mr. Bringhaus, observing that an Elizabeth City man was called upon to speak and that so many Elizabeth City Rotarians occupied places at Hertford's Rotary table, said that he thanked God for Rotary, "which offers balm to heal the late unpleasantness which marked the close of the baseball season in the two towns."

Bankhead and Black Leading in Alabama

Birmingham, Aug. 11.—Five hundred and twenty-seven boxes of 1,800 in Alabama in the Democratic primary today gave for the Senate, Bankhead 6,848 and Hugo Black, 5,998. Maxfield, Kilby and Musgrave were running far behind.

FUNERAL MRS. BARCLIFT

The funeral of Mrs. Mary S. Barclift of New Hope, Perquimans County, who died Wednesday morning at 4:20 o'clock at the home of her son, Walter C. Barclift, will be conducted at New Hope Methodist Church by Rev. E. T. Stanford Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be made in the family burying ground.

"CUCUMBER" CUTS WAY TO LIBERTY IN PERQUIMANS

Negro Desperado and Three Others Effect Escape From Hertford Jail; One Recaptured Later

SAWED CELL BARS

Fugitive From State Prison, Also Wanted on Robbery Charge, Believed to Have Come This Way

"Cucumber" Banks, negro desperado held in Hertford jail since the latter part of May in connection with the robbery of the store of J. C. Blanchard & Company there, and also as a fugitive from the State penitentiary, again is at large. With three other negroes, he cut his way through the bars of the cell in which they were confined, and all dug their way to liberty through the soft brick walls of the jail.

One of the negroes was recaptured near Hertford Wednesday morning—an offender who had been arrested yesterday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. His name could not be learned. The other two who, with Banks, are still at liberty, are Alfred Skinner, charged with house-breaking, and Dillard Walker, accused of forgery.

The jail break is believed to have occurred Wednesday morning shortly after 1 o'clock. In a long distance telephone interview at noon today, Sheriff Whit Wright of Perquimans County, stated that he had information that the trio had passed through Elizabeth City in their effort to put as many miles as possible between themselves and Hertford. "Cucumber," whose real name is Alfred Banks, according to the police, escaped from the State prison camp near Asheville on May 17. He was recaptured in Pasquotank County about a week later, after he had stolen a horse and cart in Hertford, and had loaded it with merchandise stolen from the Blanchard store there. He had been serving a five-year sentence, imposed in Perquimans County on a house-breaking charge, when he escaped from the prison camp.

The four negro fugitives left nothing behind to show conclusively how they managed to escape, but the condition of the cell indicated that they had used a back saw, according to Sheriff Wright. It was thought possible that one of them had had the saw concealed in his clothing when he was put in jail, as a confederate from the outside would have had little or no opportunity to slip one in to them.

Banks was identified partially by Constable P. C. Cohoon, of this city, as the negro who attacked him in his home here on the night of May 15. A perfect alibi was established for him father, however, when it was learned that he had not escaped from the Asheville camp until May 17.

Martineau Maintains His Lead Over Terral

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 11.—Judge John E. Martineau of Pulaski Chancery Court maintained a lead of approximately 3,000 votes over Governor Tom J. Terral in the contest for the Democratic nomination for governor of Arkansas on the face of unofficial returns from more than half the voting precincts in the state. Martineau's total was 48,043 and Terral's 49,288.

New York, Aug. 11.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 16.70, Dec. 16.75, Jan. 16.73, March 16.95, May 17.68.