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STATE CHAIRMAN RULES J. C. SWAIN COUNTY LEADER

Letter From Winborne Indicates Matter Closed; Gives Reasons

Below is a letter to J. C. Swain and W. M. Darden from J. Wallace Winborne, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, which sets forth the state's conception of the controversy and which ends it as far as they are concerned.

"When in Ahoskie Mr. John W. Darden talked to me about the chairmanship of Washington County. I asked him to write me the facts. I have carefully gone over his letter and analyzed the facts.

"The Democratic plan of organization provides for a precinct executive committee of five Democrats to be elected by the Democratic voters at an authorized meeting and that in case the precinct fails to elect its executive committee for a period of 30 days, the county executive committee shall appoint a committee from the Democratic voters of the precinct.

"Judge Darden, after referring to Skinnerville Precinct says: 'It appears that this precinct did not hold its regular meeting for the purpose of electing its delegates and committee. Just a while before, and on the same day of the convention, a few of the voters got together and named a committee, and they in turn elected a chairman. That was Walter W. White.'

"This procedure was not in keeping with the plan of organization, and the selection of the precinct committee in this manner was without authority and a nullity, and any vote cast by him as chairman of the precinct committee was of no effect.

"Now, as to the status of Mr. J. C. Swain: An appeal was considered by the state committee on appeals, and a report was made by the committee to and adopted by the State Convention. That report was to the effect that no new committee had been elected in the Skinnerville precinct and that, therefore, the old committee held over and that the chairman of the old committee was entitled to vote as a member of the county executive committee and that Mr. W. M. Darden had not been elected in accordance with the plan of organization.

"A meeting of the county executive committee was ordered to be held on a date named for the election of a county chairman. It is my understanding that the committee met pursuant thereto and elected one who declined to serve and that later the committee met and elected Mr. J. C. Swain.

"On these facts, as I understand them from Mr. Darden's letter, I have no decision to make. The matter was settled by the county executive committee in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the report on the committee on appeals, which was adopted and approved by the state convention.

"Therefore, I, as chairman, have no choice to do otherwise than to recognize Mr. J. C. Swain, who was elected chairman in accordance with the action of the state convention, the same convention that elected the committee that elected me.

"I wish you gentlemen to understand that I have only one desire and that is to do my duty as I see it. This I do, and I sincerely trust that the matter may be closed by all hands joining together and working with Mr. J. C. Swain for the election of the entire Democratic ticket from president to township constable."

Vigorous Campaign Is Under Way in County

Both Democrats and Republicans Getting Set for November 3

Speeches Every Night During Next 11 Days Being Planned by Democrats

Politicians are beating the bushes in Washington County 11 days before the November 3 general election as they bear down in their campaign for ballots. Democrats are confident of victory but are waging a vigorous campaign while the Republicans are extending themselves to demonstrate to the enemy that they are in the fight to the last. Speeches are in order and the campaigners are doing personal canvassing.

The adherents symbolized by the donkey will have speeches nearly every night during the next 11 days, excluding Sundays, while the opposition will have some speeches but are confining most of their activities to personal work among their friends.

Here is the way the slate will look when a voter calls for his ballot for Washington County: State Senator: William B. Rodman jr., and R. L. Coburn, Democrats. No opposition.

House of Representatives: Harry Stell, Democrat; and J. Richard Carr Republican (Mr. Stell defeated Mr. Carr for this office in 1934).

Recorder Judge: John W. Darden, Democrat, and T. W. Snell, Republican (Mr. Darden has defeated Mr. Snell once before for this office).

Register of Deeds: Mary Smith Cahoon, Democrat; and Aubrey D. Ange, Republican.

Treasurer: S. D. Davis, Democrat; and H. A. (Chubby) Liverman, Republican.

Coroner: W. H. (Jack) Peal, Democrat; and W. W. Robertson, Republican.

Surveyor: A. R. Hooker, Democrat; and W. W. Ange, Republican.

County Commissioners: District No. 1 (Plymouth): Frank L. Brinkley, Democrat; and George W. Sitterson, Republican.

District No. 2 (Lees Mills): J. M. Clagon, Democrat; and Arthur Phelps, Republican.

District No. 3 (Creswell): E. F. Swain, Democrat; and J. Dewitte Davenport, Republican.

Miss Edith Edmondson, of Plymouth, is among the 125 members of the college vested choir at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. The choir is directed by George M. Thompson, of the faculty of the school of music, and sings regularly at chapel programs.

Roper 4-H Club Elects Officers

New officers were elected in the Roper 4-H club at their last meeting. Junior-Senior club officers are as follows: President, Lila Davenport; vice president, Margaret Phelps; secretary and treasurer, Sara Leary; chairman of program committee, Martha Westray; assistant chairman of program committee, Margie White.

Freshman-Sophomore Club officers: President, Eva Chesson; vice president, Virginia Tarkenton; secretary, Virginia Spruill; chairman of program committee, Elsie Knowles; assistant, Doris Mae Lewis.

These girls chosen to be leaders of to make the clubs the best yet.

Nat Meekins Speaks To Democrats Here

J. C. (Nat) Meekins, of Columbia, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the major faction of the Democratic party here Wednesday evening under the leadership of M. W. Darden. His speech lauded the national state, and county leaders of the party.

The candidates of the party were recognized and applauded. About 50 attended.

Board Postpones Meeting for Week

The Washington County Commissioners will not hold their monthly meeting on the first Monday in November, as is the custom, but they have postponed this meeting until the second Monday, it was announced here today by Frank L. Brinkley, commissioner.

No reason was given, but it is believed that the commissioners are spending their time in campaigning.

Hallowe'en Program At Cherry on 28th

There will be a Hallowe'en program at Cherry school Wednesday, October 28. The public is cordially invited. Each teacher is contributing to the program, and in addition there will be some string music and singing by local talent. There will be a small admission charge.

After the program there will be a supper served. The proceeds will be used in paying for the school piano.

LEASE BUILDING FOR POST OFFICE NEXT TWO YEARS

P. W. Brinkley Submits Only Bid; Town in Line for Federal Building

Only one party entered a bid for leasing to the government of a building in Plymouth for a post office, and this was P. W. Brinkley, in whose building the office is now located.

At first a number inquired when the word went out that the government would lease a building for 10 years, but later, when this was retracted to two years, only Mr. Brinkley formally entered a bid. The others did not feel justified in investing over \$3,000 in fixtures and equipment.

Plymouth now stands fourth in line in the first congressional district for a Federal building to be located here. Ahead of this place are Ahoskie, Farmville, and possibly Williamston. The government did not want to sign a long-time lease for a building, as the town may get a Federal structure before the lease expires.

The government will purchase a site at a reasonable price whenever it gets ready to build. Vacant lots in the business district are few. However, the Hampton lots on Water Street next to the Coca-Cola Bottling Works are good sites and there are others.

No one could guess any place near the time when the other three places would be satisfied so that Plymouth could come in for its share, but it is known that some who are in a position to know these matters believe that it will be some time within Roosevelt's next administration.

A survey has been made here by post office officials. This included the amount of business done, possibility of securing a site and the amount that could be saved on rental expense if a permanent Federal post office building was located here.

Congressman Lindsay Warren, who helped in the matter, announced some time ago that this would be done after he took the matter of a Federal building here up with the proper officials, who had a survey made and reported to him.

Three Cases Tried In Recorders Court Here Last Tuesday

Eleventh Driver's License Revoked Since Law Became Effective

Revocation of the driver's license of Harvey Gibbs in recorder's court Tuesday by Recorder John W. Darden marked the eleventh similar action that has been taken in the court here since the license law has been in effect in this State.

Gibbs, 33, white farmer, appealed from the sentence of 6 months on the roads that was suspended upon the payment of the minimum \$50 fine and costs imposed by Recorder Darden. Bond was fixed at \$200. Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peal signed the warrant charging him with driving while drunk.

The defendant was in court on September 8 with the same charge against him, but Seaton Van Horn, jr., who was at that time the prosecuting witness, would not uphold the charges.

Clyde Crary, 32, white, charged with carrying concealed weapons and being drunk and disorderly on the streets of Creswell, will face the charges next Tuesday, as the case was postponed.

Joe Hardison, who was charged with driving while drunk, was called but failed to answer to his name and a capias was to be issued for him.

Planning for Two Democratic Rallies

Two speakers have been secured for appearances before Democratic audiences here by J. C. Swain, who is recognized as chairman by the State organization.

Trade-in-Plymouth Campaign Is Being Sponsored By Merchants Here; New Car and Cash Prizes

ARMY ENGINEERS WILL REPORT ON BRIDGE DEC. 15TH

Highway Commission Plans To Let Contract Before Assembly Convenes

No reply as to their findings is expected by the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission until December 15 from the United States Army engineers, who held a hearing on the effect a vehicular bridge across Albemarle Sound would have on navigation in Eden-ton the other day.

L. R. Foreman, of Elizabeth City, who is interested in a towing concern, was the chief opponent to the proposition. His opposition was based to a large extent on the clearance of the bridge, alleging that it would impede water traffic of barges.

This delays the building or the starting of the huge structure for several months more. If haste is not made, or if something permanent is not done about allocating the money for this purpose so that the legislature cannot divert it, this money may be used for other purposes.

Governor Ehringhaus is friendly to the building of the bridge, and while he is at the helm can handle the highway commission, but it is not known just what obstructions can be placed in the way of the bridge or what pressure can be brought on the commission after the governor steps out January 1.

Those who have opposed the bridge from this end are now troubled lest the entire project fails. Other sections wanting roads and gasping that this is too much expense for one bridge may in some way use influence or subterfuge in defeating the project.

However, the changing of chief executives of the state may not mean much, as Clyde R. Hoey, who is expected to be the next governor, will continue the policies of Mr. Ehringhaus and may—may not—use his influence against the project.

What the legislature may do, or try to do, to either defeat or delay the project cannot be known certainly here today.

County Fishermen Favor Organization

Fishermen of Washington County did not know what the plans were but expressed themselves as being in favor of the reorganization of the Albemarle Fishermen's Association, with memberships being held in Chowan, Bertie, Washington and Tyrrell Counties.

E. S. Askew, of Raleigh, public relations counsel of the WPA, has been in this section feeling out the opinion of fishermen on certain measures proposed in order to revive the shad fishing industry and to get their suggestions to what had best be done.

Cars Collide Near Here Wednesday

It is understood that a warrant was to have been issued today for Don G. Davis, jeweler, as the result of a wreck on the highway on the outskirts of town Wednesday night.

The cars of Mr. Davis and that of Goliath Blount, negro, were in collision. A woman in the car of Blount sustained a broken knee cap. Other occupants of the cars were injured slightly. Both cars were damaged badly.

Coastal Plain Fair To Begin Monday

"The Coastal Plain Fair at Tarboro next week will be the biggest ever held," declared M. W. Haynes, advertising manager, who was here a few days ago in the interest of the association. Agricultural exhibit premiums have been increased, and the midway will be among the largest playing a fair in Eastern Carolina this season.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Beam Blount has kindly written reviews of the following books, while many others are waiting in the library to give you many hours of profitable, pleasant entertainment (Don't forget library hours from 3:30 to 5 Saturday afternoons and be sure to give your name in favor of the child you wish to win a prize):

"DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK" is a fine book. It gives a new slant to Revolutionary fiction. It is a story of the first settlers of the Mohawk Valley. These valley settlers with their stockades were far beyond the aid of Congress. They were at the mercy of the Tories and Indians, who were continually descending on them from Canada, "like a wolf on the fold," and would kill and scalp men, women and children, burn everything in sight, destroy the crops and rush back to the shelter of the pathless forests before a shot could be fired at them. They naturally beat no drums, but the militia marched up and down the valley beating their drums furiously.

"THE AMERICAN FLAGGS" is on the order of "The White Oaks of Jalna." The Flaggs are a bigger and a better family, being an American family, than the Jalna family, according to Mrs. Norris. Moreover, nearly all the men and boys are named Tom, which is slightly confusing but very American. You can always read Mrs. Norris, if she is getting shopworn, as it were.

"THE GREEN MURDER CASE," though not strictly new, is an excellent mystery story. The author, S. S. Candine, hangs around to watch his friend, Philo Vance, solve the mystery, brilliantly and scientifically. But you could never guess the solution. Never in this world. It is a sealed package from all but Philo Vance.

TOURGELEVING OF LICENSE TAX ON ALL PEDDLERS

Committee of Merchants Will Confer With City Council

A committee from the Plymouth Merchants Association will meet with the city council on the first Monday night in November asking that a license be charged foreign and local peddlers who vend their wares on the streets in house-to-house canvasses.

The merchants declare that they are imposed upon by people from the inside and outside of town, who pay no town or county tax but who come into the town and work from house to house selling cosmetics, rugs, furniture, hardware, groceries and other such commodities.

They know that a state license is collected and that probably the county gets some revenue, but seldom is it the case that the Town of Plymouth gets any money from these traveling peddlers or local peddlers who have the same opportunity that they have to sell and still they pay no tax.

It is said that World War veterans have a special privilege granted them and most of these peddlers can also produce these credentials. But this is not meant for those who the law exempts. Zeb Vance Norman, city attorney, will probably be asked to give some legal advice on this matter.

This is not intended, nor is it to be construed that the merchants would make a single effort to prevent a person from the country, or town, either, selling any commodity that they grow or produce like a farmer, but they are anxious to prevent outside peddling.

Just what authority the law will give the city council to remedy this evil is not known, but it is expected that it will all be brought out at the meeting in November.

Beaufort Farmers Report Damage To Hay Crops

Beaufort County farmers report heavy losses of hay due to recent rains; however, the cotton crop is said to be the best ever grown in the county.

Starts Saturday and Continues Through Two-Month Period

New Ford V-8 To Be Given Holder of Lucky Number On December 28th

Business in Plymouth will increase weekly now until the first of the year, it was predicted today by observers, with the announcement that \$1.00 was being offered as inducements to the customers in the trading area of this Washington County metropolis to do their trading at home.

Some one will be the winner of a brand new, shiny, Ford V-8, straight from the show windows of the Plymouth Motor Company, Inc. The car will not be driven a mile until the owner steps into it—and it will be given to him or her by a generous group of merchants who are pooling their advertising funds to gladden their customers' hearts.

There will be no adding to the price of the merchandise. There will be no "cheap-skate" practices. Everything is on the level, and anyone may win either the grand prize or one of the seven weekly \$25 cash prizes which will be awarded at a drawing held here each Wednesday afternoon, beginning November 4, at 3 o'clock in front of the market on Water Street.

All that is required is that a person purchase from the large list of bargains that 54 merchants are offering in the stores in Plymouth. Trade with any merchant you like, but demand that you get a ticket that entitles you to an equal chance to get the new automobile on December 28 as anyone else has.

Remember last year when Mrs. Bryant Jordan was given \$525 as the first prize? All she did was to purchase from her neighbors. Buy merchandise that she can see and merchandise from her neighbors and merchandise as good and as cheap as any that can be purchased. She helped her merchants, helped her town and helped herself.

3 Lunch Rooms and Recreation Projects In County Approved

Roper, Creswell, Plymouth Are Towns To Be Benefited

Lunch rooms and recreational projects in three communities in Washington County have been approved. It was announced today by Mrs. W. C. Brewer, WPA sewing room supervisor.

Children in the schools in Roper and Creswell will be enabled to purchase a lunch at the school buildings. This will be true for the primary school in Plymouth, but no effort will be made to induce students from the Plymouth High School building, where Mrs. D. A. Hurley operates a lunch room.

These lunches will be served at a small cost, with 5 cents being charged for soup. Sandwiches will also be sold. It will be so arranged and operated that for a dime a child can purchase a substantial lunch. This is expected to eliminate to some extent the old-time lunch box and replace it with warm, nourishing and well-balanced lunches.

There will be three employed at Roper, three in Creswell and four in Plymouth. Women from the WPA sewing rooms will be employed. The lunch project is likely to start about November 1. Lunch will be served in the courthouse basement to the public on election day to be used in "place of the other stimulants" that are commonly used at that time.

The recreational projects will include pre-school classes and supervised play after school hours. This will be run in the three schools. It may be that some arrangement can be made to extend the lunch and recreational projects to include Cherry school. But this is not definite.

The election lunch, and the profits derived from the lunches served in the schools will be devoted to the purchase of more and better equipment and dishes to be used in the projects for which they are intended.