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BROUGHTON SEEMS TO HAVE EDGE IN RUN-OFF PRIMARY

Experience of Past Indicates That Leader in First Race Wins Second.

Raleigh, May 29.—Unless there is a sharp reversal of form, J. M. Broughton of Raleigh will be North Carolina's next governor. Since 1916 when the present primary system was established, the high man in the first gubernatorial primary invariably has defeated the runner-up. Except in one instance he not only has achieved victory but has increased his margin between the first and second primaries.

The exception came in 1932 when Dick Fountain cut the Ehringhaus lead from 47,371 to 13,084 in the runoff primary. In that campaign there was a clear issue between Fountain and Ehringhaus.

In all other second primary battles the winner of the first primary has been swept into office by a sizable margin. In the famous 1920 campaign, for instance, Cameron Morrison led O. Max Gardner by less than 100 votes in the first gubernatorial primary. Four weeks later in the runoff the margin was increased to 9,250 votes.

In 1924 A. W. McLean defeated Josiah W. Bailey decisively. In 1928 Gardner was nominated without opposition. Then followed the Ehringhaus-Fountain battle of 1932. Four years later in 1936 Clyde R. Hoey increased his first primary lead of 4,468 votes over Dr. Ralph McDonald to 51,950 in the runoff. In Saturday's gubernatorial primary Mr. Broughton, running against six opponents, polled approximately a third of the entire vote and ran more than 30,000 votes ahead of his closest rival. His margin of victory was the greatest ever polled in a multiple contest such as was conducted last Saturday.

Martin Serves 38 Years As Official In County Election

S. J. Martin, 60, of Eureka, Wayne county, is believed to have a record of the longest continuous service of a precinct registrar in Wayne county and even in North Carolina. He has held this position for 38 years.

Registrar Martin, who is a Democrat, says he remembers registering at least one negro under the "Grandfather Clause" in 1902. Another negro of the Eureka section was eligible for registration under the clause, but was drowned in Neuse river before his name could be entered on the books, Mr. Martin said.

Mr. Martin is a farmer of recognized ability in his section. He is in good health and says he plows every day during the season.

Grand Jury Calls Attention To The Slow Court Action

"Wasted Time" in Getting the Cases Before the Grand Jury Is Mentioned in Report.

"Wasted time" in the machinery of Wayne Superior Court was one of the items stressed in the grand jury's report made Wednesday before Judge C. E. Thompson of Elizabeth City.

The report stated that there is much delay in some of the cases to go before the grand jury, with witnesses not being present for some of the cases.

The report also called attention to the fact that three children have died of diphtheria in this county within the past eleven months, and the jurors expressed the opinion that these children might have been saved had parents had them vaccinated as the last grand jury recommended.

Tourist camps in the county were visited and it was found that some of them were not keeping proper registration books, while one was found operating without a license. Those who did not have registration books promised to get them at once.

The jury recommended that all reports of the grand jury, beginning with January 1939, be kept in a loose leaf binder so that they will be accessible to future juries or others who may wish to refer to them.

Report of the jury was signed by M. A. Shaver, chairman.

SPEAKERS FOR N. C. COTTON CO-OP MEET



GRAHAM BARDEN

Approximately 5,000 farmers and farm women are expected to gather in Raleigh on Wednesday, June 5, for the annual meeting of members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and patrons of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange in Raleigh.

Wayne Will Send Delegates To Cotton Cooperative Meet

Wayne county will send 100 delegates to the combined annual meeting of members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and patrons of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange in Raleigh, Wednesday, June 5, according to word received here today from M. G. Mann, general manager of the two co-operatives.

The meeting, which is held annually, will start in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium promptly at 10 o'clock and arrangements have been made to take care of an expected crowd of 5,000 farmers and farm women representing every section of the State. The State-wide gathering climaxes a series of 38 local meetings at which delegates were selected.

Congressman Graham Barden of the third North Carolina district will deliver the principal address. His subject will be: "How National



M. G. MANN

Exchange. Congressman Graham A. Barden of the third North Carolina district will be the principal speaker and M. G. Mann, general manager of the two co-operatives, will report on the past year's operations of the Cotton Association and the FCX.

Legislation and Farm Cooperatives Can Aid the Farmer."

A full and detailed report on last year's operations of both the Cotton Association and the FCX will be presented to the assembled members by Mr. Mann and the meeting will then be thrown open for a general discussion from the floor.

One of the highlights of the day will be the induction into office of the directors of the two organizations. One of the directors of the Cotton Association for the coming year.

"We hope to have every county in the State represented as well as a number of FCX patrons from South Carolina," Mr. Mann said as he issued a blanket invitation for all cooperative members to be present and learn more about their farmer-owned and farmer-controlled co-operatives—the Cotton Association and the FCX.

Allies Fight to Escape Closing Jaws Of Nazi Trap Laid in Flanders Fields; French Claim Many Germans Taken

French Troops Capture a Bridgehead on Southern Bank of Somme River.

BRITISH AND FRENCH MANEUVER TO COAST

French Navy Is Giving Powerful Support To Allied Forces Seeking Relief.

Paris, May 29.—TP.—The French High Command reported tonight that several hundred German prisoners had been taken when French troops captured a bridgehead today on the southern bank of the Somme river.

The nightly war communique said that in the north British and French troops were striving to maneuver toward the coast at the price of severe fighting.

After reviewing the situation created by the surrender of King Leopold and his army, the communique said:

"From then on our troops, under command of General Georges Blanchard and Adolphe-Felix Prioux and in close collaboration with the British army of General Lord Gort had to face an increased danger.

"Showing indomitable resolution under these grave circumstances, they are striving to maneuver toward the coast at the price of the severest fighting."

Continuing its description of the Flanders situation, the communique said:

"The French navy is rendering them powerful support in the defense of ports and communication routes. Under the command of Admiral Abrial, it is operating with a very large number of ships to supply the fortified position at Dunkerque and the troops depending on it. The cooperation of army and naval aviation continues without interruption."

Concerning operations on the Somme, the communique said:

"On the Somme front, the dogged attack of our troops enabled us today to reduce a bridgehead occupied by the enemy south of the river. We took several hundred prisoners. There is nothing important to report from the rest of the front."

Stanley-Yelverton Plans For Opening Next Wednesday

Stanley-Yelverton Funeral Home will observe the formal opening of its new home at the corner of James and Chestnut streets on next Wednesday, June 5th.

The date, June 5th, has been set for the formal opening as it is the birth date of the late Carl E. Stanley, who founded the Stanley Funeral Home in 1898, and who operated it until his death.

The Stanley-Yelverton Funeral Home, operated by Francis Stanley, son of the founder, and Ralph Yelverton, is one of the most modern in this part of the state. The large dwelling at the northwest intersection of James and Chestnut streets has been remodeled and refurnished inside and out to make it a beautiful building for a funeral home, and now this establishment is prepared as never before to serve the people of this section.

DO YOU REMEMBER THESE MEN?



This picture was taken in the old Messenger Opera House, located at the north-eastern intersection of Center and Chestnut streets in Goldsboro—and now converted into store buildings, on the evening of the election in 1896.

H. B. Parker, standing at the left, is reading the news of Grover Cleveland's election. Mr. Parker was secretary of the County Democratic Executive Committee. In the foreground, center, is Col. A. C. Davis, number 7 in the picture; to the right, sitting in the armchair, is the late Governor Charles B. Aycock, number 12. Captain Nathan O'Berry, number 3, is seen sitting just back of the table; W. H. Smith is the gentleman sitting at the left end of the table with his arms resting on

it. He is number 2 in the picture. Judge Allen is seen standing in the back row, just over Col. Davis and Mr. O'Berry; his number is 6. Number 3 in the back row, the first man to the left facing the front, is the late L. M. Michaux, who at one time was postmaster in Goldsboro; number 9, directly over the head of Col. Davis and standing to Judge Allen's left, is Col. W. T. Ditch. Number 13, just above Governor Aycock's head, is A. Roscow, editor of the Goldsboro Headlight.

Others in the picture are not identified. If some reader knows the identity of the others, the editor would be glad to have the information. The man standing at the extreme right in the back row was the Western Union operator of the time.

Hitler May Be Right In Saying War To End Early

(By Ellis P. Lupton)

The rapid advance and hard blows struck by the Germans and the surrender of King Leopold of the entire Belgium army emphasizes the possibility that Hitler might have been right when he said the war would end by early Autumn.

It seems incredible that one so high a command could so far forget himself as to surrender his country's freedom and betray his allies to an enemy.

It is a puzzling fact that international conduct is often judged by lower standards than the acts of individuals. We Americans cannot conceive of our leaders surrendering our rights and liberties to anyone for if the leader has any function in society it is to preserve a cool and unbiased judgment in the face of all solicitations to passion and offers of great reward.

It is ridiculous for me to criticize the works of King Leopold III, but one cannot but think that there was some underlying reason for his strange behavior and wonder if the influence of his father-in-law King Gustav V of Sweden was not the controlling factor in his pusillanimous conduct.

In 1830 Napoleon published in Paris 79 Maxims of War, two of

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Allied Naval and Land Units Fight to Hold Open the Port of Dunkerque.

BELGIUM'S SURRENDER HANDICAPS THE ALLIES

Claims and Counter-Claims are Made by Allies and Germans About Fighting.

(Over WBGR Teletype)

May 29.—The world watched breathlessly tonight as one of the greatest military dramas of modern history rushed toward its climax in Flanders where an allied army was fighting to escape the closing jaws of a Nazi trap.

While the British and French forces fought fierce rearguard actions to cover their retreat, Allied naval and land units battled to hold open the port of Dunkerque until the encircled armies can reach the coast.

The fighting with which the allied forces are covering their retreat was described by a French military spokesman tonight as a furious struggle. He said the British and French forces were fighting their way through masses of Germans in their efforts to reach Dunkerque.

The spokesman said that Dunkerque was still safely in the hands of allied forces which were strongly entrenched at the only major channel port still entirely under their control. Allied troops still hold part of Calais, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the Germans were using heavy aerial forces, artillery and mechanized equipment in a tremendous effort to close in on the trapped allied armies and cut off their retreat before they can gain the coast and effect their embarkation.

Swarms of Nazi bombing planes hurled down tons of high explosive bombs on Dunkerque and Nazi long range artillery shelled the port steadily in an attempt to make it useless as an embarkation point.

The Germans claimed the capture of Lille in northern France to push their lines nearer the coast from the south. They also claimed to have closed in from the northeast by occupying the Belgian channel port of Ostend.

German military spokesmen insisted that their aerial and artillery attacks on Dunkerque would make it impossible for the Allies to embark large forces of troops from the port.

The struggle in Flanders overshadowed developments on other fronts. French forces along the Somme continued their operations in preparation for the counter-offensive which General Weygand was believed to be preparing.

The French High Command reported successful local operations in which three villages were retaken from the Germans and several bridge heads on the north bank of the Somme were seized.

A German attack at Chateau-Portien on the Aisne was reported by the French to have been repulsed with heavy German losses. French artillery along the Rhine shelled Rail communications and junction points.

The Norwegian iron ore port of Narvik was in British hands tonight after a seven-weeks siege and almost constant fighting above the Arctic Circle. German military leaders admitted the loss of Narvik despite efforts to relieve the beleaguered Nazi garrison by dropping parachute troops and by a land drive up the trackless Norwegian coast.

Mrs. R. Gentry White Dies in Florida, 29th

Mrs. R. Gentry White, formerly Miss Irene Giddens of Goldsboro, daughter of Mrs. L. D. Giddens and the late Capt. L. D. Giddens of Goldsboro, died Wednesday night, May 29th, at her home in St. Augustine, Fla. Mrs. White had been ill for several months.

She leaves her husband, Lt.-Col. R. G. White and three children, Sarah Stanley, Gentry, Jr., and Irene. The funeral will take place in Goldsboro. No further arrangements have been made at this date.

BURN

Tip burn has developed to an alarming extent in New Hanover lettuce fields this season, reports J. P. Herring, county agent at large.

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EDITORIALS

PRIMARY IMPROVEMENTS

The primary of last Saturday is now over, and from all reports it went off quietly throughout the State. Due mainly to the fine work of W. H. Lucas, chairman of the State Board of Elections, we have heard of but little irregularities in this primary.

Reforms brought about by the State Board of Elections have improved our primary system. Certainly the doing away with the absentee ballot and markers has done much to do away with fraud in our elections. It is not now easy for a candidate or his workers to buy votes and then make sure that they are properly delivered. We hope that Chairman Lucas and his fellow workers will continue their efforts until crookedness in our elections is completely outlawed.

The most outstanding irregularity we have

heard about during the primary just closed, was that disclosed in the Third Congressional District where a package of official ballots were found in the possession of Charles L. Abernethy, Jr., one of the candidates for Congress. Certainly we do not know how these ballots came into the possession of Abernethy, but we are quite sure that he was in illegal possession of them. We hope that Chairman Lucas will not rest until he has gone to the bottom of this matter and has seen that the courts have meted out proper punishment to the guilty parties.

If Mr. Lucas will do this, he will go a long way toward creating a wholesome respect for the election laws of this State.

It isn't enough to reason that the primary's over and that nobody was especially harmed by the illegal possession of primary ballots.

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