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### Fees and Expenses

Winston-Salem Journal.  
Some time ago Dr. George W. Paschal, of Wake Forest College, analyzed reports of Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood and showed that in two and a half years Hood had employed attorneys and auditors at an expense of \$542,000. Of this amount \$312,000 was for lawyers' fees. Propaganda was sent out by Hood trying to show a small percentage of such fees paid in proportion to collections.

The Raleigh Evening Times published a news article a few days ago showing collections of Hood's department for Raleigh Banking and Trust Co. of \$145,685.94, at a cost of \$22,991.82. This shows nearly 16 per cent as cost of collecting accounts of a closed bank.

Surely the public needs to know how and why this enormous expense of the Banking Department under Mr. Hood.

### Creating Sentiment

Scotland Neck Commonweal.  
During the nine months that the sales tax has been in effect in North Carolina, no tax has been more generally cussed and discussed by people throughout the state. Volumes have been written about it, it has been the subject of many a speaker's discourse, and it has furnished conversational 'food' for a large number of shoppers.

The mass meeting in Halifax this week was called to hear two actively engaged opponents of the tax lambast it before several hundred people of the county. Both Mr. Leonard and Mr. Dowell admitted that they were trying to create sentiment against the tax all over the state, and said that their aim is to create sentiment so strongly against it that when the 1935 General Assembly convenes in Raleigh the fate of the sales tax will be doomed. We do admire the anti-sales tax speakers for their determination to fight the issue to a finish.

If any legislation is passed removing the 3 per cent in North Carolina, it will be largely due to Mr. Dowell and Mr. Leonard and the organizations which they represent.

### They Fout in Halifax

R. R. Clark's Comment in Greensboro Daily News.

Talking about the scramble of factions to get the bulge through county election boards in the naming of judges and registrars for the primary election—the eight ballots required to elect a chairman in Craven county isn't a circumstance compared with what happened in Halifax. Toward the end of what the press reports call a "heated five-hour meeting," the five hours and the heat being the voicing of objections by supporters of J. R. Allsbrook, candidate for Senate, to recommendations of judges and registrars made by Senator T. W. Long, C. L. Kelly accused Long of lying and Long suggested that they would pass on that outside. Incidentally it is presumed that Senator Long is a candidate to succeed himself.

When the meeting adjourned Long and Kelly met according to appointment and massaged each other's face a bit before they could be separated. Politics is politics in Halifax, as almost everybody knows. In the sections where there are few Republicans to fight the Democrats are most enthusiastic in fighting each other.

### The Trend to Centralization

The Williamston Enterprise.  
Another professor wants to enlarge the counties of the state by reducing the number, putting five for one new county. His theory is that it will cost less and insure more efficiency.

Certainly, almost any one can argue about it, but proving it is quite another matter. We would, of course, pay fewer sheriffs and registers of deeds, but we would pay more deputies and clerks. We would have no more efficiency, and very likely much less. We would have centralized power, with government much further from home. It would cost the people ten times as much in the disadvantage of going to county seats to transact public business as it would save.

All in all, it seems that there is a designing hand that wants to guide the world, and it means to centralize wealth and political power in a few hands. It sounds like Brookings.

Now it may be that some of these advocates are the agents of automobile and oil companies, because such a change would necessarily require much more traveling. But by far the best guess is that it is an effort to thrust a political oligarchy on the people that will take from them more than it gives.

Voters, watch consolidations.

### Opportunity for Economy

Oxford Public Ledger.  
In the resignation of George Ross Pou from his executive position with the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission, the way was cleared for Governor Ehringhaus to manifest his campaign promise of economy.

The position vacated by Mr. Pou was created purposely for the former superintendent of state prison after the economy-minded General Assembly merged the highway and prison departments. Notwithstanding, Mr. Pou was under care of physicians, unable to work, when given the \$6,000 per year appointment, he accepted and has spent a great deal of the time in Southern resorts recuperating.

The prison department for years has been a political storm center of North Carolina and its late alliance with the highway department makes it further a child of the politicians. The economy motive of the General Assembly was blasted when the political powers that be set up the executive position.

It is imperative that the highway-prison department have an organization that is efficient and capable in the job of building and maintaining the highways and roads of North Carolina, and retaining and using the prisoners to best advantage, but the motorist who pays about six cents on each gallon of gasoline feels that an executive to pull the political lines has no place in the organization.

When an opportunity for ridding the state's body politic of an "exec" presents itself, why neglect using it?

### Work Is Basis for the School

The Williamston Enterprise.  
Are our schools and colleges doing the right things?

While there is no denial of the fact that they are doing well in many ways, we have the fear, on the other hand, that they are not measuring up to the great tasks and purposes for which they are intended.

Since the primary and fundamental part of the school is the pupil, it is, and always will be, the most important thing of the school to have the full fellowship and partnership of the pupil in all its activities. And since work is the basis for the school, it is very essential that we carry into every schooling himself an upbuilder and promoter of and college pupil the responsibility of making the standards of his school by his or her own efforts, rather than to become a liability to such standards. Too many boys and girls get the idea that school is a place to waste time and do as they please, while hard-working parents are trying to put them a step further along than they themselves had the opportunity to attain. Many college pupils seem to think their duty is mainly to step high in society, even if it takes all the "old man" has got. Some others of the pupils think it is all play and no work. In fact, some of the "idealists" seem to want to make the school a place of play rather than a place of work—a habit and practice which has cut out many of the harder studies, such as Latin, higher mathematics, and the like.

This habit of taking the easier studies is proving embarrassing to our students who attempt to rise in life. And then we find it easy to forget our debates and the things which would really increase our knowledge and qualify us for the kind of lives that we would like to live.

But when did you ever hear of a student body, or a teacher, forgetting games of any kind.

Greenville News Leader.

We are glad to reproduce here in this column, an editorial appearing in a recent issue of The Kinston Free Press.

"The Free Press is glad to recommend the action of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce in appointing a special committee to solicit the tobaccoists, warehousemen, farmers and merchants for funds to reimburse Mr. L. V. Morrill of Snow Hill for financial obligations entailed in his heroic and successful fight in behalf of parity prices for tobacco farmers in the Bright Leaf Belt last fall. It is common report that Mr. Morrill's aggressive and intelligent fight was the prime factor in securing the guarantee of parity price through the United States Government, and the fight resulted in millions of dollars to tobacco growers in this section. The fact that Mr. Morrill impaired his health and finances should inspire quick action in underwriting the financial obligations confronting him as a consequence of his public service."

We endorse the above editorial and hope the action of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce will be followed by action on the part of our Greenville Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Morrill has done a great work for all our people and it was only by his "Bull-Dog" tenacity in organizing the farmers, that the Government took action and saved this section of another financial disaster. Mr. Morrill took his automobile and rode day and night over the Bright Leaf Belt and there is no question that his work caused our people to see just what they were up against and further caused them to organize and go to Washington to seek relief from our Government. This relief was granted and saved this section from disaster, as it was perfectly clear that we would have suffered another bad year had not the Government come to our rescue. Mr. Morrill is entitled to some recognition and should be paid for the splendid work that he did. We hope our Greenville Chamber of Commerce will take the matter in hand and re-imburse Mr. Morrill for his efforts in helping to save this section from disaster and calamity. The News-Leader will be glad to contribute to such a fund, because we think it a worthy cause.

### RESOLUTION

Our church hereby reaffirms its belief that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or the Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes; by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

We, then as a body of God's people, deplore the abuse of the Sabbath by labor that might be avoided, by playing golf on Sunday, by opening the swimming pool on the Sabbath, and by the great drift to Sunday baseball.

We hold that the churches are now making and have always made the greatest moral contribution the community has by emphasizing spiritual values, and we firmly assert that the wholesale desecration of the Sabbath puts a strangle hold upon the churches in this moral ministry because of the hosts of people who give time to these abuses and neglect their duties to God in worship.

We hold, moreover, that the proper observance of the Sabbath is the door to moral living and that disregard for the Sabbath paves the way for every sin against God and man.

Believing as we do we therefore resolve:

1.—That we as a church shall seek to keep the Sabbath holy and urge every member of our church to do the same, and especially not lend influence and presence to what weakens the cause of Christ.

2.—That we call upon the devout Christians of other churches of this City to join hands with us in this holy task.

3.—That we request the business concerns of our City to refrain as much as possible from depriving their help of the privileges of worship by having them work on Sunday, along with this we would prepare for the Sabbath by making our purchases beforehand; thereby relieving filling stations, ice wagons, and numerous other places of an excuse for Sunday operations.

4.—That we urge all people old and young to fulfill the highest purposes of the Sabbath by attending the worship of God and seeking the face of the Lord our God.

5.—That we earnestly request the board of Aldermen to protect the moral interests of our City by laws that guard the sanctity of the Sabbath.

6.—That we take this step knowing that it is, in the sight of men, unpopular; but that in the sight of God to whom we must answer, we are eternally right.

7.—That we make this plea on behalf of many forced by superiors to engage in what they conscientiously feel to be wrong and on behalf of the young generation, that they may know God's laws.

TOM C. WALTERS.

Adopted by North Rocky Mount Baptist Church in open meeting, April 22, 1934.

### DISTRICT MEETING OF ORDER OF AHEPA

The order of Ahepa will hold a district meeting of Eastern North Carolina at the Country Club in Wilson on May 9. Two local men, Mr. George L. Patsevouras and Mr. Spero Kounolas will be in charge of the foods for the gala occasion. Barbecue lamb, beer and light wine are on the menu. It is reported that about 200 members are expected. This order also extends an invitation to all members and their friends to have dinner with them.

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### PROF. HOBSON PITTMAN EXHIBITS PAINTINGS

Work of Former Tarboro Man Attracts Much Favorable Attention

New York, April 24.—Prof. Hobson Pittman, well-known Philadelphia artist, is exhibiting in Barbizon-Plaza 58th Street and 6th Avenue, from April 23 to May 12.

Professor Pittman is a native of Tarboro, N. C., and is a member of An American Group. He has traveled and studied in Europe, and has exhibited in important museums and galleries of this country, including several national and international exhibitions. He was selected as one of the nine painters to represent Philadelphia in the show held by the Museum of Modern Art this year entitled "Sixteen American Cities." His work is in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan, the Brooklyn and Whitney Museums and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts as well as several private collections.

His exhibitions of paintings last season elicited the following comment:

"He characterizes his buildings as Hogarth might characterize human beings."—Dorothy Graftly.

"Professor Pittman has a decidedly personal idiom of expression incisive definition of form, clean-cut contours, clarity of pure, bright colors."—Margaret Breuning.

"I should be inclined to place very high in the scale Henry G. Keller's 'Stampeding Wild Horses' and Hobson Pittman's 'After Breakfast.'"—Edward Alden Jewell.

"Hobson Pittman's painting is refreshingly indigenous."—Edwina Spencer.

Some of the paintings on exhibition now are:

Third Floor Room; Flowered Cloth; Factory Houses (N. C.); Winter Night; Autumn Night; My Dresser; June Morning; Three Rooms; Trolley Station; Thawing Snow; City Room; Country Room; House in Kingston; Early Spring;

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Professor Pittman is the youngest son of the late Biscoe Pittman and Martha A. Pittman. He was reared in Edgecombe County, N. C., No. 5 Township.

### COLORED CHILD DIES FROM DRINKING LIQUOR

Tarboro, April 24.—Louis Whitaker, Jr., seven-year old colored boy died Sunday in a local hospital after drinking liquor that he and his brother found.

While Louis and his brother were walking along the highway near the Halifax county line it was said they found a pint of whiskey on the roadside and the two consumed it.

Louis soon after drinking the liquor became partially unconscious and was brought to a hospital here for treatment. Efforts to save his life were ineffective. His brother suffered no harmful effects from drinking, it was stated.

E. F. Arnold, energetic county agent of Pitt County, reports that 1,652 cotton contracts and 2,600 tobacco contracts have been signed and approved to date in that county.

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