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STATE EDUCATORS SUBJECT TO RULES OF WAGE FIXERS

Attorney-General Says Salary
And Wage Act Applies to
All State Institutions

DEFICIT NOW NINE MILLION

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, May 25—Governor McLean, as director of the budget, makes it plain to departmental and institutional heads that their estimates must be made on a reduction of at least five per cent below the legislative allowance and be in his hands not later than June 10. This was clearly set forth in a statement to directing heads of the State's business subdivisions during the week. The Governor also declared himself against the governmental policy of estate taxes. The Attorney General decides that the University and other similar State institutions are subject to regulations of the Salary and Wage Commission. Directors of the State's prison report on conditions at that institution and appeal for help in placing idle labor. The State starts suits to recover pension money mis-used in Sampson county and H. D. Griffin, said to be leader of the mob who removed Joseph Needleman from the Martin county jail and mutilated him, appeals his case to the Supreme court for a new trial. These were the outstanding events of a rather quiet week in administration circles. A number of payables were granted, some applications were and happenings of significance, in a general way, add to the more important news of the week.

Governor McLean has issued a memorandum as director suggesting that the budget cut for all departments and institutions be made five instead of seven per cent tentatively fixed some weeks ago. The memorandum calls for all budget estimates not later than June 10, 1925 and for the next biennium period and for the first quarter of the year beginning July 1 next. All appropriations made by the recent General Assembly are expected to be reduced five per cent if not for a greater amount. With a deficit now in excess of \$9,000,000, according to the latest announcement the pruning knife is likely to become more active than at first anticipated.

Answering an inquiry Governor McLean writes Governor Clifford Walker of Georgia: "I am very much interested in this question, and am very firmly of the opinion that the Federal government should abandon its policy of levying estate taxes as a source of revenue and leave the imposition of such taxes to the states as a source of state revenue exclusively." The two executives find themselves in agreement in that an estate tax is, in practical effect, an ad valorem tax on property and should be recognized as a state source of revenue. Governor McLean is bringing the subject to the attention of the North Carolina delegation in congress and urging their attendance upon a convention soon to be held in Savannah to consider taxation problems.

The Attorney General rules that "the act to provide a Salary and Wage Commission applies to the University and all other institutions of the State and that there is no constitutional provision against the passage of such an act by the Legislature." So the Executive Committee of the University Trustees have got what they asked for and may govern themselves accordingly. It is now in order for the University and all other state agencies to send in the questionnaires they have received properly filled out. State employees in and about the capitol are apparently anxious to have the salary matter settled one way or another right away.

Directors of the State's Prison, in session here during the week, ascertained that there are now confined in that institution 1,324 prisoners, of which there are 425 men on the Cal-

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ALLEGED LIQUOR DEALERS HELD FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Two negroes from Craven county were tried last Friday by Mayor Thomas on the charge of having in possession and transporting whiskey and held for the higher court. They were Alvin Miller and Carl Briggs. They were required to give bonds of \$250 each on both counts of the indictment and were committed to jail as they did not give the bonds. The men were arrested on Thursday night in town by officers W. R. Longest and Emmet Chaplain, as they were apparently trying to deliver some of the contraband fluid.

Monday afternoon the Mayor dismissed a few cases. John Bunyan Congleton charged with having been drunk one day last week got 30 days on the streets. John conducted his own defense and afforded considerable amusement to a large audience. He examined the witnesses and made an argument to the Mayor but was unsuccessful and apparently very much disappointed at the result. He took an appeal.

James Glover, Louis Willis and Joseph Glover pleaded guilty to the charge of fighting. They used their fists and no one was hurt much so they were let off with the costs, \$3.90 each. Matthias Skarrent and George Murray Thomas violating a traffic ordinance were assessed, the costs, \$3.90 each.

PLENTY WORK FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Jail Filled With Prisoners And
Many Civil Cases Set For
Trial

A two weeks term of Superior

Court will convene here on June 8th for the trial of both criminal and civil actions. Judge M. V. Barnhill will preside over the court. The indications are that this will be quite a busy term for both sides of the docket. The jail is already well filled with prisoners awaiting trial and it is possible that others will be gathered into the fold before court convenes. If they shall all put up a fight it would take several days to dispose of the criminal matters and there are also many civil suits to be heard.

The calendar for the term is as follows:

CRIMINAL CASES

Monday and Tuesday—8th & 9th

Wednesday, June 10

1. Elfenbein vs Newby et al (pl pro);
2. Willis vs Roper Lbr. Co
3. Golden vs Davis
4. Lee vs Morris
5. Garner vs Bection.

Thursday, June 11

6. Warrington vs Hardesty
7. Bell vs Long
8. Morton, admn. vs Turner
9. Bain-Kimball vs Ball
10. Ramsey vs Jones

Friday, June 12

11. Hoffman vs John Willis
12. Hoffman vs Henry Willis
13. Service Garage vs Wodell
14. Hamilton vs Willis
15. Taylor vs Geo. Taylor
16. Eure vs Davis et al.

Saturday, June 13

MOTIONS

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ANOTHER DIPPING CASE.

For failure to dip his cattle Mr. Warren Chadwick of Gloucester was bound over to Superior Court by Justice of the Peace H. D. Norcom last Friday. He was put under a \$50 bond. When the cattle dipping first commenced there were a considerable number of persons tried on the non dipping charge but not many have been tried recently. These cases are to come up at the June term of Superior Court.

PUT YOUR TRASH OUT

Sam Jones Pigott of the street cleaning department asks the News to inform the public that no trash will be collected on Saturdays after twelve o'clock noon. All persons who have trash they wished removed are requested to have ready not later than noon on Saturdays.

MANY KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Sixty Men May Have Been
Killed Yesterday In Chat-
ham County Mine.

Coal Glen, May 27.—The mine of the Carolina Coal company today became the scene of the greatest mine disaster in the history of North Carolina when three successive explosions deep in the bowels of the earth entombed 59 miners, every one of whom tonight was believed to be dead.

At 7:20 tonight the first six bodies were brought to the surface. No trace has been found yet of the remaining 53 believed to be in the mine. Rescue workers, digging on hourly shifts and desperately attacking the piles of debris that closed the main shaft, are fighting ahead with every ounce of strength and skill they possess to reach their comrades.

Claude Scott, in active charge of the rescue work, and Dr. J. F. Foster, one of the medical corps in charge of arrangements on top, said tonight at 9 o'clock that they did not believe any man would be brought out of the mine alive. Others are more optimistic.

Six Bodies Brought Up.

The known dead, whose bodies were brought out, are:

- Archie Hollins, white.
- Hollins Richardson, white.
- William E. Byerley, white.
- William Erick, negro.
- James William, negro.
- A sixth negro, unidentified.

All these men were killed almost certainly by the force of one of the explosions, either the second or the third. They were found first by Howard Butler, acting superintendent of the mine, and Joe Richardson, a machinist, when these two plunged down the shaft immediately after the first explosion. Butler and Richardson found them about 1,000 feet down, or about 500 feet in a vertical line from the top of the ground, dazed, bruised, but still breathing.

CLEVELAND MEN SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN COUNTY

The three Cleveland capitalists who arrived Sunday and have been seeing Carteret county ever since left this afternoon in their private car for home. The visitors were Mr. John Sherwin, vice-president of the N. Y. Central and St. Louis Railroad, otherwise known as the Nickle Plate road Mr. A. H. Scoville an official of the Union Trust Company one of the largest concerns of the kind in the world, and Mr. C. H. Stewart a big real estate operator. They came here for the purpose of securing a site for a shooting club and have several locations under consideration but left without buying anything. Local men showed the visitors Cape Lookout, the banks opposite Davis and several places in the eastern part of the county. They expressed themselves as being very favorably impressed with this country and stated they would probably return "a great many times" as they expressed it.

CLUB MEETING.

A meeting of the Community Club has been called for Thursday June 4th. It will take place in the Rest Rooms.

During the months of June, July and August the Beaufort Circulating Library will be open two afternoons a week. That is it will be open from 4 to 5 p. m., Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Only one license to wed was issued by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last Thursday, it was to Charlie Robinson and Mary E. Weeks, both of Beaufort.

STATE NEWS

Items Of Interest From Various
Parts of North Carolina

A hot wave struck the State last Saturday and lasted until Monday when it was followed by an unusually cold spell. In Charlotte last Saturday and other parts of the State the thermometer reached 96 degrees Tuesday it went down below fifty and in the mountains in some places light frost fell.

In an election Tuesday Guilford county voted against a plan to have a uniform tax rate for schools. Many voters registered and stayed away from the polls. The county districts as a rule opposed the plan. Most of the taxes are paid by Greensboro and High Point.

Ed Bowman white, 21 years old, of Catawba county is in jail charged with killing his father which he says was in self defense. The two men quarrelled because the father scolded son about letting some cattle chew up a piece of harness and the fight resulted.

Tuesday, High Point voted for a bond issue of \$750,000 to be used in building a new high school and for other school extension. The voters also authorized the city council to fix a tax rate of 50 cents for the maintenance of schools.

The estate of Mrs. Katherine Reynolds Johnson of Winston-Salem has recently paid the State \$200,000 a first payment on an inheritance tax. The total amount of the tax will be about \$450,000.

William Phillips, a constable in Lenoir county was shot in the abdomen by Augustus Washington a negro whom Phillips was trying to arrest. The constable was taken to a hospital but died there Tuesday. Washington attempted to escape but was caught and carried to the penitentiary at Raleigh. His chances for electrocution are considered good.

Monday afternoon Duke University baseball team defeated the University team by a score of 10 to 5. The Methodist players out hit the University boys, or their pitcher was more effective. This was the last game of the season between them.

When a Ford car turned over in Winston-Salem four people were hurt one of the Bill Davis of Salisbury is at the point of death suffering from concussion of the brain. Mrs. Elizabeth Gray of Bluefields, W. Va. who was driving the car is under a \$5000 bond charged with reckless driving.

Ground has been broken for a new fifty room hotel in Sanford. This will make the fifth hotel in Sanford and it now expects to become a convention center.

The Burke tannery located near Morganton had a bad fire last Saturday and Sunday. Thousands of cords of wood and bark were burned and a damage estimated at more than \$100,000 was sustained.

RECITAL THIS EVENING

Mrs. O. B. Moore's music class will give a recital in the Public School auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock. The date for the recital was given in the News last week as for next Tuesday evening, but it has been changed and will occur tonight.

WRITE A SLOGAN

Get up a good slogan for Carteret county and maybe you will win \$25. It does not cost anything to make the effort and the chance is open to any one. Mr. H. K. Fort of Philadelphia offers a prize of \$25 for the winning slogan. Put it in a sealed envelope marked "Slogan" and send it to the Beaufort News. The contest closes on July 3rd.

CARTERET COUNTY CLUB WILL GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Carteret County Club and Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina will hold its annual banquet at the Atlantic Hotel July 24th. Mr. R. D. W. Connor will be the principal speaker on the program. It is planned to make this banquet the biggest and best that has ever been held in Carteret County.

The dining hall will be decorated in Carolina colors, white and blue, and an abundance of pennants. Appropriate favors will be given to all the guests. At the conclusion of the banquet there will be a grand march on the ballroom floor, followed by dancing.

This banquet is to be held for two purposes, primarily to serve as a get-together for the Alumni and to promote interest among the high school graduates in the University of North Carolina.

At a recent meeting of the Carteret County Club plans were discussed for the banquet this summer and the election of officers was held. The following officers were elected:

President, Clarence Hall of Newport.

Vice-president, Earle Freeman of Morehead City.

Treasurer, Charles Bennett of Morehead City.

Secretary, Henry Lay of Beaufort.

POTATO HARVEST NOW IN PROGRESS

Favorable Weather For Dig-
ging. Prices Advance But
Yield Is Not Large

Potato digging has been very active this week. The weather has been cool and dry which is favorable for handling the crop. On Tuesday 17 cars went forward from Beaufort and a considerable number of cars, though not so many, yesterday and today. There is not enough labor available for everybody to dig at once but a large number of people are employed and the harvesting is making very good progress. It is considered likely that nearly all of the crop in the Beaufort area will have been gathered and sold by the end of next week. Prices have advanced some since last week. Number ones started off at \$4 and are now bringing \$4.50 a barrel.

Last year 143 cars of early potatoes were shipped from Beaufort. This means about 30,000 barrels were produced and sold. The weather at harvesting time was very rainy and prices were low. The yield last year was good, many growers getting 20 barrels and sometimes more for every barrel planted. This year the yield is not so good, most of the growers are said to be getting 10 to 12 for one. It is thought that dry weather during the growing season cut down the yield. If the acreage planted this year is the same as last the chances are that the shipments from Beaufort will be less than 20,000 barrels. Last year 47 cars were shipped from Morehead City, 9 from Newport and 2 from Wildwood.

CHAUTAUQUA GUARANTORS

WILL MEET TOMORROW

EVENING

All Chautauqua guarantors are asked to attend a meeting which is to take place tomorrow evening (Friday) at 8 o'clock at the offices of Drs. Maxwell and Hendrix. There is a large list of guarantors this year and it is thought that if they will take an interest in the sale of the tickets that there will be deficit. To make it a success will require the cooperation of all the guarantors and the chautauqua association officials. With this fact impressed upon all concerned: The program of the chautauqua this season includes two plays and in every respect it is said to be a very strong list of attractions. Tickets will go on sale at an early date. The Chautauqua begins June 17th.

PARENT-TEACHERS VERY HELPFUL TO RURAL SCHOOLS

Have Aroused Interest In Ed-
ucation And Made Friends
For Schools

CONSIDERABLE MONEY RAISED

The Parent-Teacher Associations of the Rural Schools are getting to be a very important part of the educational work of Carteret county, is the opinion of those in charge of the county's schools. Besides raising considerable money to buy books and for other purposes the associations have done a great deal to arouse public interest in the schools and to inform the people about them. County Superintendent Wright regards their work of the highest importance as stated in a letter to the members of the associations. The letter and information as to what the organizations have accomplished are given below:

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS OF CARTERET COUNTY.

I am enclosing you herewith a copy of the annual statement of the Parent-Teacher activities of Carteret County for the past school year.

On behalf of the Board of Education I wish to thank you for your hearty cooperation in the school work of the county during the past year. I consider the Parent-Teacher movement, which has gained such headway in the county during the past year, the most important force set to work for education and I look for more lasting good to come from it in the future than from any other educational agency.

You have helped to build up a better community spirit in your district, you have come to understand the purposes and needs of the schools, you have helped to build up a better sentiment for education and to create a better school spirit than you have had before in your school. You have cooperated with the teachers and with this office in a way that makes us proud of you and your community.

I hope this good work may continue in the future and that the Parent-Teacher movement will grow until its spirit of cooperation will dominate the educational sentiment of the county. I hope its progressive ideas will permeate every community to the extent that it will be satisfied with nothing but the best in the way of educational opportunities for its children.

Keep the good work going. Don't listen to these hard time stories. Your children are the only things you have that are worth working for and living for. A dollar spent for something to eat must be spent over again tomorrow. A dollar spent on the education of your child will last a lifetime. Keep the good work going.

Sincerely yours,

M. L. Wright

The following is a list of the amounts raised by the Parent-Teachers Associations in those districts of the county where they are active:

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RATTLE SNAKE PROVES BAD BED FELLOW

Going to sleep with a rattle snake is a somewhat dangerous business, at least that is what Clyde Mason a young man from Atlantic doubtless thinks about it. Last Thursday while he and some other young men were in the woods near Smyrna, the weather was warm and feeling a little tired he laid down under a tree to take a nap. He had hardly dozed off before he felt something on his leg and looking down saw that a large rattler had crawled up on him. When he kicked the snake off it struck at him and bit him on the ankle. A rubber boot which he was wearing saved him though and little if any of the poison got into his blood. The snake was killed.