

# OVERMAN AND MORRISON SCRAP IN 1932

## STATE TO FIGHT UN-EMPL'YM'NT

### OTHER STATE NEWS

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—As the smoke of the 1930 political battle clears away, the stage, all set for 1932, appears, and the 1936 contests in the offing. Included in the 1932 contests will be those of the U. S. Senate, the Governorship, his lieutenant, the attorney general, and others, while the 1936 governorship race is beginning to take form.

Senator Lee S. Overman has announced his candidacy to succeed himself. Former Governor Cameron Morrison has announced his opposition. Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville, and Frank D. Grist, commissioner of Labor and Printing, have given intimation of possible candidacies. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, mentioned frequently has said nothing. Governor Morrison's friends doubt if Senator Overman will finally run, but think their candidate would have no trouble defeating him on the "new and younger blood" idea. Former governor A. W. McLean, it is generally understood, will support the only other member of the N. C. ex-Governor Club, despite splits in the past. Other supporters of Senator Simmons in the June Primary may or may not follow Governor McLean. If Mr. Hoey should enter the race, which many doubt, he would cause trouble, plenty of it.

While the 1932 Governor's race may be said to be status quo, things are heading for the 1936 race. Thomas C. (Tom) Bowie, Jefferson, while not inclined to go by the Attorney General office route, will, under normal conditions, be a gubernatorial candidate in 1936. A. H. (Sandy) Graham, Hillsboro, is expected to keep his contacts and friends by running for lieutenant governor in 1932, with a idea of stepping into the Governor's chair in 1936. Judge Thomas L. Johnson now of Asheville, retired from the 1932 race with the apparent purpose of entering the 1936 contest.

D. F. Giles, Marion and W. F. Wood, also of Marion, are prospects for the Lieutenant Governor's race with Mr. Graham. With Mr. Bowie definitely out, the prospects for the 1932 Attorney General race include I. M. Bailey, attorney for the N. C. Corporation Commission; Charlie Ross, attorney for the N. C. Highway Commission and Kenneth C. Royall, Goldsboro. Doubt that Mr. Royall will run and intimation that another unnamed candidate will enter this race are being expressed. All of these contests have interesting possibilities.

Twenty-two highway construction projects, involving about \$1,500,000 are included in the list on which bids will be received at the State Highway Department December 9, John D. Waldrop, State Highway engineer, announces. These include an aggregate of 25.5 miles of concrete, 11.42 miles of asphalt, 14.31 miles of gravel surfacing, 21.13 miles of grading and structure, 3.42 miles of grading, structures and topsoil, three bridges and the structures on another road.

Nineteen of these projects are approved for Federal aid, estimates being that half a million dollars in Federal money will be utilized on all except those in Martin, Tyrrell and Sampson counties. The \$500,000 county equalizing fund and funds from

the districts will be used on these projects.

First steps toward organized relief and coping with unemployment in the State will be undertaken this week, following the meeting on Tuesday of Governor Gardner's Council on Unemployment and Relief in North Carolina with Frank Bane, Washington, representing President Hoover's Committee on Unemployment in the Revenue Building here at 11 o'clock.

M. Eugene Newsom, Durham, former president of Rotary International, is chairman of the committee, with Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of public welfare, as vice chairman, with 13 other citizens, men and women, leaders in civic, labor, industrial, publishing and other fields as members.

"Immediate organization to meet the many grave issues arising out of this problem appears to me absolutely imperative and at this time and, of course, in conformity with the President's plans in this connection," Governor Gardner wrote the members named on the committee, urging them "to cooperate to the fullest degree in this effort, to work out a program in cooperation with the Labor and Welfare Departments, which will assist in organizing the State for the relief of the distress in which large numbers of our people now find themselves."

Prices of textbooks in the three sub-Arithmetic, Writing and Drawing, will play an important part in determining whether changes will be made for next year in the textbooks in these courses, on bids submitted by the publishers of the multiple books approved by the State Textbook Commission, to the State Board of Education this week. In addition to receiving bids, the board is hearing publishers of the approved books at a series of meetings Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of this week.

State Superintendent A. T. Allen states that conditions appear favorable for a reduction at this time in the prices of textbooks, due to economic conditions, with a resultant saving to the school patrons, if a change should be made. However, he said, the board will scrutinize the prices carefully and if no saving can be made, the present books may be continued.

In every contract the publishers of books used in this State agree to furnish books at a price as low as the same books are furnished to any other states, and when a reduction is made in prices on these books elsewhere, North Carolina and her divisions automatically receive a reduction to that price. By which is seen that no state can get books at prices lower than North Carolina and few, if any receive them at a price as low.

Even though 11.7 per cent of the banks and 19 per cent of the branches in the State banking system in North Carolina, involving 13.33 per cent of the total capital stock, have closed their doors since January 1, only 7.8 per cent of the deposits and slightly more than 8 per cent of the total resources in the system are involved in the banks that are still closed, according to figures compiled from records in the office of the State Banking Department.

This means that 92.2 per cent of the deposits and 92 per cent of the resources in the State banking system remain intact and untouched by the 34 banks and nine branches which closed and did not reopen, seven banks and five branches closed having re-

opened and continued business.

The 350 banks and 74 branches operating in the State January 1, 1930 had total deposits of \$113,595,202 and total resources of \$341,750,996 on that date, while only \$8,853,898 in deposits subject to check, and only \$27,606,892 in total resources were involved in the bank failures during the year, including the 13 banks, led by the Central Bank and Trust Co., Asheville, which closed last week. The bulk of the State bank money is still intact.

The Advisory Budget Commission, composed of chairmen of the finance and appropriations committee of the House and Senate and two additional citizens with Governor Gardner as chairman, is this week going over the requests for maintenance and permanent improvements asked by the State's departments, institutions and agencies, which will be presented to the 1931 General Assembly, after the commissions pares and cuts them down in many places, probably all.

The requests total approximately \$2,000,000 for the next two years, of

which includes highway funds of \$17,563,365 for maintenance and \$5,896,122 for road construction and \$544,157 for 1931-32 and \$546,582 for 1932-33 for the Department of Agriculture, both of which funds come from special taxes raised by the departments.

Of the 32 counties which had Republican administration during the past two years, between 20 and 25 are now manned by Democrats, leaving less than a dozen with all or a dominating part of the county administration in the hands of Republicans, as a result of the changes made Monday, following the election last month. While only six of the 100 counties have Republican representatives in the legislature, some of those electing Democrats as representatives, did not change parties in county administration.

**Weldon Bridge To Be Completed Jan. 1st.**  
Concrete work on the road leading

from Garysburg, in Northampton County, to the bridge now under construction at Weldon was begun a few days ago.

It is understood the bridge will be completed on or about January 1. The steel work was recently finished, and little work remains to be done before the bridge is completed. The

new bridge will serve as a shorter route from Northampton County to Halifax County.

Work is progressing rapidly on the bridge at Roanoke Rapids, connecting this county with Northampton County. Two new piers are completed. The recent cold weather has not delayed any of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wyche attended the funeral of Mr. Traynham in South Boston, Va., Friday.

Miss Lillian Walston of Scotland Neck, N. C., and Miss Maude Fonville, of Pikeville, N. C., spent Thanksgiving here as the guests of Miss Viola Glover.



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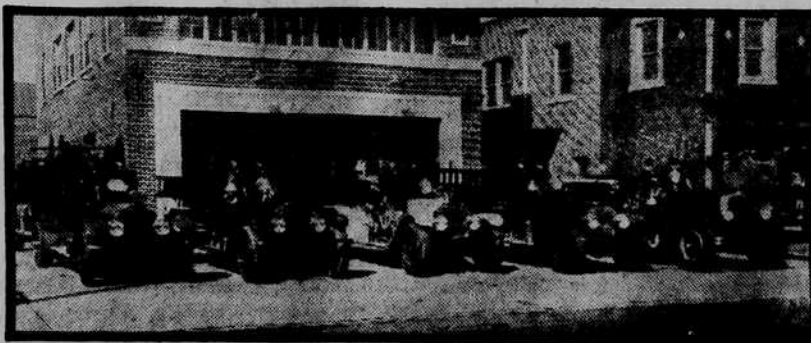
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