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PEOPLE SUPPORT WAGE COMMISSION GOVERNOR THINKS

No "Spies" in Departments But Information As To Work And Salaries Is Being Sought

SOME EMPLOYEES DISTURBED

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C., May 4—A favorable reaction from all sections of the State met Governor McLean in his direct appeal to the people to support the Salary and Wage Commission and to judge that body after its work had been done. The Governor in his statement referred to the attempt of "certain" parties to discredit the Commission before it had begun its work of equalizing the salaries of state employees and asserted that certain unfair and misleading information was being disseminated.

This was perhaps the outstanding news development in capital circles during the week. That the Governor's course has the approval of the people was demonstrated by the editorial support of his policies from all sections of the State which the statement brought out. The Governor branded as "false" statements made to the effect that "spies" were being sent into the various departments to check up on the attitude of employees and to ascertain in the volume of work they are giving the State. He added that the Wage Commission would go about its work just as any other body appointed to investigate any phase of government activity would function. There will be requests for information from departments, this will be considered by the Commission and decisions regarding salaries and unnecessary employees will be made after the facts in each individual case are considered. There will be no uniform basis of salaries which will not take into account the individuals performing the work.

Some experts from Washington, D. C., are aiding the salary and wage commission in its work. Samuel Rogers, former director of the census, is secretary of the commission and Lewis Miriam, one of the foremost efficiency experts of the country has been brought to the state from Washington to aid in the work. It was Miriam who prepared the two page questionnaire and its four pages of instructions for employees of the State to fill out. The questionnaire was supposed to be the work of Governor McLean and brought about a great deal of criticism of the wage commission. Its questions go into every phase of the work of each employee in a way that is most personal and in some of the questions downright impertinence might be charged. Each employee has received one of them with instructions to fill them out at once. Most of the State employees supported McLean for governor and he is forcing them to take a bitter pill which he calls "economy". The general impression however, among disinterested persons, is that the salary and wage commission will treat the employees fairly and that those who are really working need not fear. It is the manner of approach adopted by the economy advocates that is rubbing some of the employees the wrong way.

During the week it was announced that a delegation of men from the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce would present the name Josephus Daniels, Raleigh editor, to the National Chamber of Commerce convention at Washington on May 20 to be a national director. Mr. Daniels is favorably known over the entire country and it is not unlikely that he will be elected on the national board.

The State Bar Association program for the convention at Asheville, July 1-3, was completed and it indicates the lawyers will have a full time during their three-day stay in the mountain city. Finis J. Garrett, Congressman from Tennessee, is scheduled to be one of the speakers of the occasion.

Governor Acts on Paroles

Governor McLean paroled Carlos Smith of Raleigh during the week and then revoked the parole. Smith had been sentenced to serve three years

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COAST GUARD MEN ARE READY FOR RUM RUNNERS

Rum runners who travel by water will have to be on the lookout now if they want to get in Beaufort Inlet or to travel on any of the waters in this vicinity. Fort Macon Coast Guard Station now has a patrol boat that can step along at the rate of 20 miles an hour and moreover she is pretty well armed to boot. The U. S. Treasury Department has 200 of these boats in service now along the coast and they are said to be giving the booze sellers a pretty hard time. The new boat is known as the C. G. 2348. She is 36 feet in length and is fitted out with a 150 horse power engine. The boat carries a Lewis machine gun, two Winchester rifles and two Colt pistols of large size. No arrests have been made yet although several vessels have been boarded and searched. In the 7th district there are only two boats of this type, the one at Fort Macon and the other at Oak Island station near Southport.

NEW BERN ASKED TO PAY DAMAGES

As A Result of Death of Sea Level Youth \$25,000 Damage Suit Starts

New Bern, N. C., April 4th—At their regular monthly meeting tonight, the board of aldermen will hear a formal demand on the city for payment of \$25,000 damages to the estate of Mitchell Willis, Sea Level youth, as a result of his death when he went off the foot of Craven street into Trent river in an automobile on the night of April 22.

The demand was filed with City Clerk F. T. Patterson yesterday by David H. Willis, local attorney, brother of Mitchell Willis, who has qualified as administrator of the estate. He has retained two local lawyers, Solicitor J. H. Davis, and ex-judge D. L. Ward.

Will Go to Court

Mr. Willis asserted that if the city refused to grant the damages demanded, he would press the matter in court. No expressions as to what possible response might be made by the city aldermen were obtained, but it is understood unofficially that the board is not likely to grant the demand, which if Mr. Willis carries out his intent, will place the matter in court.

The plaintiff contends that his brother's death was the result of negligence on the part of the city, the same, being in the failure to place a guard or danger sign or light of some kind at the foot of Craven street which would have restrained the young man from going to his death. The little three year old son of Mrs. D. H. Willis was riding with Mitchell Willis at the time the car went into the river, and was drowned before rescued.

MEMORIAL DAY WILL BE OBSERVED SUNDAY

The usual memorial exercises in honor of the Confederate dead will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the Graded School. The daughters of the Confederacy will be in charge of the exercises and Congressman Abernethy will deliver the address. A special musical program has been arranged for the occasion. After the conclusion of the address the graves of Confederate soldiers in Live Oak Cemetery will be visited and decorated with flowers. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

Several persons were tried in Mayor Thomas' court Monday. Will Mason charged with assault and one or two other offenses was convicted and bound over to Superior Court under a \$200 bond. Charles Henderson on a charge of forcible trespass in the fish house of J. H. Potter and Son was bound over to court under a \$100 bond. Charlie Smith and John Marshall on a charge of drunkenness were fined \$50 and costs.

APRIL WEATHER MILD AND NOT VERY WET

There were four days during the month of April when the temperature reached 80 degrees. At this time in the interior of the State it was from 90 to 96. The lowest for the month was 40 degrees which occurred on the first day. There were 20 clear days, 6 partly cloudy and four cloudy ones. The rainfall for the month was 1.47 inches. The temperature figures day by day furnished by Weather Observer Charles Hatsell are as follows:

	Max.	Min.
1	62	40
2	63	43
3	66	49
4	69	47
5	65	52
6	51	48
7	68	50
8	74	49
9	70	51
10	67	53
11	72	57
12	69	52
13	83	56
14	76	56
15	76	61
16	73	60
17	73	57
18	79	63
19	80	60
20	80	61
21	64	48
22	64	47
23	74	60
24	80	62
25	78	60
26	78	62
27	80	64
28	78	65
29	77	65
30	70	51

DAVIS HOUSE WILL RE-OPEN NEXT WEEK.

The improvements to the Davis House which have been in progress for several months are now about completed and this well known old hostelry will be formally opened for service Monday. On account of the urgent insistence of some old patrons a few people will be entertained the last of this week. A lot of work has been done on the building and it now presents an excellent appearance both inside and out. A new porch with a lot of stately columns ornaments the front and provides a nice sitting place for guests. The interior of the building has been re-furnished and re-decorated and several private baths have been added. A large number of requests for reservations for the Summer have been received and indications are that the Davis House will have a good season.

SHERIFF FINDS LIQUOR IN MAN'S BOAT

John Griffin, a white man from Pamlico county, had rather bad luck last Friday when he arrived at Atlantic in his boat with a supply of liquor and was met at the wharf by Sheriff T. C. Wade who took charge of him, boat and booze. The sheriff and deputies Emmett Chaplain and Walter Smith later on went to Captain John Day's place near Atlantic and found a still and supplies and liquors of several sorts. Griffin who had charge of the place will be charged with operating the still. Captain Day has been away at sea for some time on a cruise.

Griffin's preliminary hearing will take place as soon as Captain Day gets back.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following realty transactions have been recorded by Register of Deeds, John W. Hamilton since last week:

E. H. Oglesby to L. C. Carroll tract in Beaufort Township, Consideration \$100.

Charlie B. Harkett to Howard Gaskill 5-8 acres, Hunting Quarter Township, Consideration \$500.

Ameos Florence and wife to Kelly Lawrence 7 acres Straits Township, Consideration \$125.

M. McMines et al to S. B. Rhue et al 3 1-4 acres White Oak Township Consideration \$60.

Great Lakes Grilling Co. to A. E. Guess 2,000 acres White Oak Township, consideration \$1.00.

STATE NEWS

Items Of Interest From Various Parts of North Carolina

Upwards of a million dollars has been brought into the North Carolina strawberry district this year. About 1200 cars of berries were shipped this year which is not more than two thirds of last year's crop. Prices were better than last year though.

George Terrell, a 24 year old negro from Wilson county, was carried to the penitentiary Sunday to keep a mob from lynching him. He was charged with attempting a criminal assault on an elderly white woman in Wilson county. For attempting an assault on a white girl near Carthage, 50 Temple Peace a seventeen year old negro has been arrested and taken to the penitentiary to await trial.

President H. W. Chase of the University of N. C. has decided not to accept a flattering offer from a New York city educational institution and will remain at the University. Professor Archibald Henderson who was offered the presidency of the University of Oklahoma has refused and will remain at the University.

Six Durham physicians have been indicted in Federal court for violating the anti-narcotic law. They were put under bonds of \$500 each and will be tried at the May term of court in Raleigh.

Citizens of Wendell at a mass meeting held last Friday subscribed to stock for a cotton mill. The mill, to be owned and operated by local people and they hope to have it going by January the first.

From March 26th to April 23rd, North Carolina farmers sold through the state division of markets 181,910 pounds of poultry. They received 23 1-2 to 24 1-2 cents per pound for it.

K. C. McMasters of Greensboro fell five stories in an elevator recently and lived to tell the tale. Just after falling John Ford rushed in and pulled McMasters out of the wreckage and saved him from death by reason of falling weights.

While engaged in blasting operations at Mount Holly, J. H. Mays working for the county was badly injured. The dynamite went off too soon and the man had an arm blown off and other injuries from which he shortly died.

A contract was let in Goldsboro Saturday for a modern theater. The building will have a seating capacity of 1200 and will cost about \$100,000. It is expected to be finished about October the first.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton since last week.

Ivey G. Willis, Williston and Ruby Picklesimer, Greensboro, N. C.

Alfred J. Davis and Grace Watkins Morehead City, N. C.

J. F. Willis, Williston and Eunice Harts, Roanoke, N. C.

BIRTH OF SON.

On May 1st a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Pullock of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Pullock was formerly Miss Martha Forlaw of Beaufort and is a niece of Messrs. John and Herbert Forlaw.

SLANDER CASE CONTINUED

A somewhat sensational trial which was to have taken place yesterday before Justice M. R. Springle involving a number of Sea Level folks was continued until tomorrow. The case is one in which a number of women are charged with having slandered a young woman Miss Flora Gaskill who is a daughter of Mr. Wash Gaskill.

Mr. Alton Davis of Stacy who is in the U. A. aviation service now on leave is in town today.

ELECTION TUESDAY WAS RATHER QUIET AFFAIR

The city election Tuesday was one of the quietest that has been held in Beaufort in many years. The present administration had no opposition at all, with the exception of Chief of Police W. R. Longest and he won a complete victory over his opponent police officer John C. Pake. A few ballots were cast as a joke for several persons but they were thrown out by the election board.

The vote as officially recorded is as follows:

For mayor T. M. Thomas Jr., 382, Chief of Police, W. R. Longest 419, John C. Pake 80. The votes for commissioner were L. J. Noe, 339, H. M. Parkin 339, W. P. Smith 339, C. R. Wheatly 336, David Whitehurst 337. Some effort was made to get out the vote but as there was no contest very little interest was taken in it and not much more than a third of the qualified vote was cast.

EDUCATION BOARD DEFERS ELECTION

Board Fails To Agree On New Rural Schools Superintendent

The county board of education did not elect a county superintendent at its meeting Monday. The matter was discussed at some length but the board took no action other than to adjourn to meet again Thursday the 7th. The News understands that several applications were considered by the board for the position of superintendent including two from citizens of Carteret county Messrs L. B. Ennett of Stella and Joseph Hamilton of Atlantic.

A petition was presented to the board asking for an election on the question of consolidating the schools of Wildwood, Camp Glenn and Crab Point. The request was approved and sent to the board of county commissioners for their consideration. The old Rye school house on Cedar Island was sold by the board to Mr. Cicero Goodwin for \$150. Mr. Mr. Leslie Davis was elected a member of the Beaufort Public School board of trustees in place of Mr. G. M. Paul who has moved to Florida. Messrs. D. W. Truckner and J. A. Norris were appointed members of the Buck's store school committee. Several bills were audited and approved by the board.

NEW COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Just as the News was about to go to press information was received that the county board of education had elected J. H. Workman of Green county, superintendent of rural schools. The board was in session several hours today before arriving at a decision.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

A rather short meeting of the board of town commissioners took place Monday at which all members of the board were present. A number of bills were passed upon and a motion passed asking the Light Commission to remove wires from the street to the rear of buildings on Front street in the block between Turner and Craven streets. A permit was granted to C. W. Thomas to put a metal roof on his store building on Turner street. There was some discussion of a few other matters but no other business of importance was done.

BACK FROM FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. John Guy Monihan of Detroit arrived Tuesday from Florida and are stopping at the Inlet and said that certain men had entered into a conspiracy to defeat the three sons spent about ten days here during the Winter and are now waiting for their sons who are on the way here in their yacht. Mr. Monihan expects to go into business of manufacturing a standardised, medium price yacht on a large scale. The boats will be like the one he is now using.

Mr. D. M. Jones left this afternoon for Charlotte on business.

BOARD INVITES BIDS ON ROADS EAST AND WEST

Large Number of Citizens Attend Board Meeting. Both Sides Appear

A largely attended meeting of the board of county commissioners took place Monday. The board found it necessary to hold the meeting in the county court room to accommodate the crowd. A considerable delegation of citizens from the Harlowe section, a good many from the eastern part of the county and a few from the west were on hand to see what would be done about the bond, road and bridge matters. All members of the board were present.

Chairman Woodland stated that he understood that there were persons on both sides of the question present and it was desired to give all a hearing. It was agreed to allow each side thirty minutes to present their views but as a matter of fact considerable more time than this was consumed.

The first speaker heard was Dr. C. N. Mason who presented a petition and a copy of the resolutions adopted at a mass meeting on Saturday April—? and which were printed in last week's issue of the News. Dr. Mason spoke vigorously and received considerable applause especially when he dared the board to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds. He used a number of apt illustrations in the course of his remarks. He described the way the board had acted as neither Democracy nor Republicanism but "Czerism." He said the people could not pay any more taxes and did not propose to pay any more. The people will need bread he said if taxes continue to increase. He closed by appealing to the board to grant an election on the bond issue.

Those who favored the bridge and road bond issue got a chance to applaud when Mr. J. R. Morris of Atlantic took the floor. Mr. Morris spoke briefly but aroused great enthusiasm when he said the people wanted the roads and the bridge and were standing solidly behind the board of commissioners in their action. Mr. A. T. Gardner followed Mr. Morris and wanted to know what the board was going to do with the money if they sold the bonds. Said they ought to explain their plans. Dr. Mason followed by reading a letter written last October by Commissioner Huntley which appeared to commit him to paving the Harlowe road. Mr. Huntley arose then and explained his reasons for writing the letter. Messrs. W. W. Lewis and J. M. Carraway spoke briefly favoring the road and Mr. J. S. Whitehurst followed saying that the county was staggering now under a load of debt. He said that if they issued \$700,000 worth of bonds they would get only about \$350,000 worth of work. Mr. W. H. Bell of Newport said the people in the west wanted good roads and that there was a great era of development ahead of the county if these improvements are carried out. He was liberally applauded. Mr. J. Harry Davis spoke in favor of paving the street to the rear of buildings on Harlowe-New Bern road, saying the contract ought to be carried out as it was made. He said the property owners has sustained heavy damages by to put a metal roof on his store building on Turner street. There was some discussion of a few other matters but no other business of importance was done.

At the afternoon meeting a motion made by Commissioner Huntley and seconded by Commissioner Hall was passed to build two sections of hard surface road. One road is that from Beaufort to the North River bridge and the other is a road leading out from the Harlowe section.

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