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Charges Of Bribery Being Investigated

Something Of A Sensation Started In Raleigh; It Is Alleged That Attempts Have Been Made To Bribe Legislators; Committee is Examining Witnesses Today.

Conference Committee Seeking A Solution

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, May 11—At the end of a week crowded with charges and countercharges, apologies and retractions, instructions and directions in precisely contrary directions, in spite of all that, the solution of the main problem that has confronted the present General Assembly for many weeks now seems much nearer a solution than ever.

The big question before the conferees, reflecting in their personnel the contradictory instructions of House and Senate, that of State support of the schools, on the outside, would seem further from an answer than ever, but in the head-on collision of forces now, something must give. The contest must come to an end. One ray is the only report the conference committee will give out since it has been in part recast and returned to work: that it is meeting and conferring, and is not without hope.

Many plans of compromise are being considered, it is known; in fact, all plans that have been suggested are being weighed. Two seem to stand out:

(1) A 20 cent State-wide ad valorem tax on property and the balance of the cost from an equalizing fund of \$10,000,000 or as much more as is required.

(2) The State take over the elementary schools for six months operation, giving what aid available or procurable for the high schools.

The first means the Senate plan with necessary modifications. The second means carrying out the MacLean law in so far as the elementary schools are concerned, the counties continuing the high school costs, with some State aid. The instructional cost for the high school work is figured at 27 per cent; that for the elementary schools at 73 per cent. The State would pay all the 73 per cent, nearly three-fourths of the cost. It might also aid the high schools, cutting still more of the county costs. School people dislike this division and seemingly prefer the \$10,000,000 equalizing fund for aid of smaller counties.

It is known that the conferees are considering both plans, along with the others, and it is possible that some form of one of them may be the basis of coming to terms and breaking the deadlock within the next few days.

House-Senate Deadlock

The Senate and House deadlock appeared more acute as a result of the action of the two bodies last Thursday and Friday. The House adopted a resolution directing its conferees to return to their labors but to resist all efforts of the Senate to have the schools operated in part by an ad valorem tax on real estate. The Senate countered the next day by adopting a resolution to instruct its conferees to propose the Grier-Folger plan, including the \$10,000,000 equalizing fund for schools, and to oppose any form of sales tax.

The House had tried to include in its resolution a provision that if the conferees did not come together on the Revenue Bill by Tuesday of this week that the General Assembly then adjourn without passing either the Revenue or the Appropriations bill. That provision was stricken out by a 49 to 38 vote. The resolution to instruct the conferees against ad valorem tax was adopted by a 46 to 35 vote, which observers took as an indication of the weakening of the overwhelming vote by which the MacLean measure was adopted early in the session.

The Senate had a warm time over the resolution to instruct its conferees to support the Grier-Folger plan and oppose any form of sales tax. The vote was about the usual majority, 24 to 22, by which the Senate has stood by its plan through several votes. When it was adopted, Senator John W. Hinsdale, author of the "luxury" sales tax, and Senator J. A. Pritchett, an advocate, resigned on the ground that they could not follow the instructions. Senators J. R. Baggett and M. A. Blount were named to succeed them, but both declined to serve, as they too opposed the Grier-Folger plan. Then, the Senate decided to name

two other members favorable to the plan they have adopted and supported from time to time, so the plan Continued on page six

Much interest has been aroused in Raleigh, and throughout the State, by charges that attempts to bribe members of the State Senate have been made. A Senate committee headed by Senator H. S. Ward of Beaufort county has been appointed to investigate the matter and several witnesses were examined yesterday. Witnesses summoned before the committee are Faison Thompson, Goldsboro attorney, W. Lungsford Long of Roanoke Rapids, E. C. House of Weldon, Ray Jones Raleigh hotel clerk, David H. Pope, chairman of the board of commissioners of Wake county. Several witnesses were heard yesterday and the hearings adjourned to commence at 10 o'clock this morning.

STRUCK BY AUTO W. J. WILLIS DIES

Second Fatality of Kind Happens In Less Than Ten Days

For the second time in about ten days a life has been lost in Carteret county by reason of the person's being struck by an automobile. The first instance was that of Leon Cook of Morehead City killed on May 1st. The second tragedy of the kind was when William Jones Willis, a highly esteemed citizen of Williston, was struck and killed while crossing the highway near his home Sunday. The accident occurred between twelve and one o'clock in the afternoon.

The verdict of the jury summoned by Coroner G. W. Dill, was that the accident was unavoidable. The jury was composed of Charles Thomas, Everett Willis, Joe Salter, E. B. Willis, H. I. Willis, R. F. Bostic. A number of witnesses were examined including Howard Fulcher Jr., who was the driver of the Ford touring car that struck Mr. Willis. In the car besides Mr. Fulcher were Floyd Gaskill, Maxwell Fulcher, Larry Hill, Koonce Taylor, Newman Taylor, Wesley Taylor. The evidence was that Mr. Fulcher, who is in the Coast Guard service and was at home on vacation, was driving the car at the rate of about 35 miles an hour, that he blew his horn twice and tried to avoid striking Mr. Willis. When the car stopped it was entirely off the pavement. Mr. Willis and his son Guy had started to cross the road, the son called to his father to look out and stepped back off the road. The elder Mr. Willis appears to have gotten confused and stepped in front of the car. He was struck by the left side of the car, broke the handle of the door and made a dent in the fender. The back of his skull was crushed and death was instantaneous. There was no evidence that the young men in the car were drinking.

Funeral Services Monday.

A large crowd attended the funeral services Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Williston Methodist church which were conducted by the pastor the Reverend E. L. Hill assisted by the Reverend J. A. Vache of Beaufort. The hymns "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were sung by the choir and "Peace, Wonderful Peace" was rendered by a quartette composed of Judge M. Leslie Davis, Dr. F. E. Hyde, Graydon Paul and the Reverend J. A. Vache. At the grave the choir sang "That Beautiful Land."

Mr. Willis was 48 years of age. His wife died several years ago. He has two sons Guy and Willard and a daughter Miss Mary who graduated this year at Smyrna High School. Mr. Willis is survived by three brothers Albert, Ion and Robert and six sisters, Mrs. John A. Nelson, Mrs. Stephen Gaskill, Mrs. Richard Lefers of Straits, Mrs. M. C. Piner, Mrs. James M. Wade, Miss Sue Willis of Williston. Mr. Willis had a large circle of friends who greatly deplore his untimely death.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Walter Carter and Lina Chadwick, Beaufort.

Cactus Is Plentiful On Ocracoke Island

By Aycock Brown

Ocracoke, May 12—"What the heck does any one want with cactus?" I said to myself as I walked with Mr. Hammerschlag over the sandhills of Moon Valley last week looking for these little prickly plants that would even stick through the bottom of barefooted Simie O'Neal if he should step on one.

Trying to be my politest, however, I did not say it out loud. Being a sort of a nut on biology, ornithology, ichthyology, chemicalology etc., I walked with Mr. Hammerschlag seeking cactus. There is much cactus on Ocracoke Island as one would find on the Painted Desert of Montana or wherever it is, or the Sahara of Asia. That is, I base my opinion, on a former walk I took over the island trying to be native and shoeless.

"We import cactus, similar to this from Germany and you would be surprised what a business it is," said Mr. Hammerschlag picking up a small plant.

"And I thought that it was considered just a pest like Jimson Weed, wiregrass, chicken mites and drugstore cowboys," I answered picking up one of the plants and getting stuck.

"Oh, no!" said Mr. Hammerschlag. "There are thousands of persons in this country who consider it one of their most prized house plants."

"Well why do they import most of it from Germany I asked," having having been told by Jess Giles that the stuff grew in great profusion out on the Western plains, (where Jess and Gutsom were in the art racket) not including all of this found along the sandy coast of North Carolina and on Ocracoke Island in particular. "Why don't they use local stuff."

Then I thought to myself, I must write Max Gardner and have him mention cactus in his next "Live at Home" lecture. Now there is great prospects for the man who would go out and gather cactus and sell it to those folks who like to have it growing in their hothouses and homes. Personally I prefer Orchids, or violets, or ferns or something. But it is an idea, Governor.

"Folks in America just don't appreciate the value of putting it on the market. I am positive that some of the cactus we import from Germany is gathered on the western plains of this country by German students, carried across the water and then resold into the United States," said Mr. Hammerschlag.

"Such a peculiar situation," I replied and meant it.

Chief Longest Hurt By Rum Runner's Car

Chief of Police W. R. Longest is confined to his bed at home as a result of having been struck by an automobile Tuesday night. The car was driven by a notorious Negro rum runner by the name of Herbert Morris who lives in the more or less famous North Harlowe section.

Acting on information Chief of Police Longest, Police Officer Holland and Deputy Sheriff Chaplain laid in wait for the man for an hour and a half in the section bounded by Craven, Pine and Mulberry streets. Officer Holland was in a car and Messrs Longest and Chaplain hid behind a garage. About 10 o'clock the rum car, a sedan with two or three men in it appeared with Morris at the wheel. The car ran into a yard and with the motor still running got ready to deliver some of his cargo to several men who were apparently waiting for him. Longest and Chaplain started for the car and had gotten in a few feet of it when the rum runner, who is as keen as a fox, saw the Chief. He stepped on the gas, swung his car to the left and before Mr. Longest could get on the running board struck him with such force as to knock him six or eight feet and darting into the street left at probably sixty miles an hour. Deputy Chaplain however managed to get two or three shots at the tires and may have damaged them but it did not stop the fleeing car.

Chief Longest had a small bone broken in his left ankle and his knee right badly bruised. His physician thinks that he will be able to get about in a few days. After such an experience it seems that he is lucky to be no worse off than he is. Morris is regarded as a dangerous fellow who would not hesitate to do any thing to keep from being arrested. He has been chased by officers more than once and they know him to be a hard one to catch.

In Beardstown, Ill., Wheeler Colvin 78, a river pilot, died from cancer on his heel, caused by lightning which struck him years ago.

GRADED SCHOOLS TRUSTEES CHOSE

Entire New Board Elected With One Exception; Night Watchman Elected

A new board of trustees for the Beaufort Graded Schools was elected at a recessed meeting of the city board of commissioners Monday night. The meeting was a continuation of one held Monday a week before. Those present were Mayor Taylor and Commissioners Maxwell, Chaplain, Rumley and Willis.

The first list of names suggested for the board of trustees was composed of J. A. Hornaday, Halsey Paul, John Dill, R. B. Wheatly, Leslie C. Davis. Mr. Wiley H. Taylor who was present said that as a citizen of the town he did not think the list a representative one. He said he understood that it was proposed to make up a board representing the church and the two political parties in the town. He said also that he thought if one bank had a representative on the board that both should be represented. This brought on a caucus between Commissioners Maxwell, Rumley and Willis who then came in with a list which was adopted and which is as follows: J. A. Hornaday, six years, Halsey Paul six years, N. W. Taylor four years, John Dill four years, R. B. Wheatly two years, Richard Felton. Under the special act recently adopted by the General Assembly for Beaufort the town commissioners appoint six trustees and the County Board of Education appoint three. The latter have not been appointed yet. Only one member of the old board has been re-elected—J. A. Hornaday.

The board also elected the following as members of the Water and Light Commission: C. R. Wheatly for two years, W. P. Smith for four years and E. D. Doyle for six years. Commissioner Willis said that the town was very much in need of a night watchman and offered the name of D. M. Jones for the position at a salary of \$30 a month. After a short discussion a motion was passed to this effect.

A committee was appointed composed of Mayor Taylor and Commissioners Rumley and Willis to consult with City Attorney M. Leslie Davis in regard to fixing his compensation for services.

W. L. Stencil who is doing some work for the city suggested that it is necessary to fix a budget for next year and was authorized to go ahead with it. The board adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

Firemen entertained at Perquimans Farms. Last Friday night Mr. Rufus Sewell entertained the Beaufort firemen and a number of other guests at Perquimans Farms. The refreshments consisted of barbecue, Boston baked beans and other viands all of which were well prepared and greatly enjoyed. There was a good deal of music vocal and instrumental. A colored quartette from Beaufort sang a number of selections which were very favorably received. A similar entertainment was given by Mr. Sewell last year.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
Friday, May 15	
6:29 A. M.	12:22 A. M.
6:46 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
Saturday, May 16	
7:17 A. M.	1:00 A. M.
7:19 P. M.	12:48 P. M.
Sunday, May 17	
7:42 A. M.	1:38 A. M.
7:55 P. M.	1:24 P. M.
Monday, May 18	
8:19 A. M.	2:17 A. M.
8:32 P. M.	2:03 P. M.
Tuesday, May 19	
8:57 A. M.	2:58 A. M.
9:14 P. M.	2:44 P. M.
Wednesday, May 20	
9:38 A. M.	3:41 A. M.
9:59 P. M.	3:28 P. M.
Thursday, May 21	
10:28 A. M.	4:29 A. M.
10:50 P. M.	4:20 P. M.

Allen Mason Rescues Men From Drowning

The account given below, taken from the Daily News of Stuart, Florida, refers to a former well-known Beaufort citizen and will doubtless interest readers of this newspaper.

"A spectacular rescue of two men in a very rough sea was effected by Captain Allen Mason of the United States coast guard station last Thursday.

"Captain Mason observed the boat 'Whistler,' owned by W. A. Larsen of White City, in distress about a half mile north of St. Lucie inlet and 12 miles at sea. She was on her way from Miami to Fort Pierce, and was flying distress signals.

The boat, which was used for snapper fishing, was leaking badly, had considerable motor trouble, rudder gone, and otherwise disabled, when Captain Mason went to her rescue at about 1:30 p. m. He made for Salerno with the wreck, but because of the shallow water at St. Lucie inlet had great difficulty in his attempts to cross the bar, in fact four attempts were made before success was won. The lines between the two boats parted four times before the bar was reached. Ebb tide made the work more difficult.

Finally, after 10 hours struggle, the boat was beached at a point near Salerno, but the men were at the point of exhaustion and suffering greatly from hunger when they set foot on land. Captain Mason said he had been on the water 35 years but had never before been so tossed about by the waves as in this experience. The injured boat was brought to Stuart next day for repairs. Ivy Whisenent was captain of the disabled craft. The other man's name is Louie Barthing.

MRS. SALISBURY DIES SUDDENLY

Highly Esteemed Welfare Agent Succumbs To Heart Attack

Funeral services for Mrs. F. C. Salisbury, County Welfare Agent, whose sudden death Tuesday shocked the people of Carteret county, will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon in the auditorium of the Morehead City school. The Reverend B. B. Slaughter, Methodist minister, will have charge of the services and will be assisted by other pastors of the churches in Morehead City.

Mrs. Salisbury's death occurred shortly after two o'clock Tuesday afternoon near North River bridge while she and Miss Lillian Duncan of Beaufort were on the way to Smyrna to attend to a case there. Mrs. Salisbury seemed to be very well and was talking to Miss Duncan when suddenly she gave an exclamation as if in pain and slumped over in the seat. Miss Duncan grabbed the wheel and cut off the gas bringing the car to a stop about fifty feet from the east end of the bridge. Two men in a passing truck offered their assistance and drove the car as rapidly as possible to Beaufort to the hospital. It was found though even before she was taken from the car that Mrs. Salisbury had passed away and that nothing could be done to resuscitate her. An attack of the heart was the immediate cause of her death.

Mrs. Salisbury previous to her marriage was Miss Katherine Greff, daughter of Phillip and Mary Ann Greff of Warsaw, N. Y. where she was born January 31, 1875. She lived in Warsaw for thirty years and was a graduate of the Warsaw High School. In 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury came to Morehead City to live. Mr. Salisbury is the owner and publisher of the Carteret County Herald and Mrs. Salisbury has been the representative of the Associated Charities of Morehead City for four years and County Welfare Agent for two years. She has always been intensely interested in her work and has done a great deal of work and made many friends in Carteret county.

Mrs. Salisbury is survived by her husband F. C. Salisbury, two daughters Betty and Jeanne and two brothers—C. H. Greff, Warsaw, N. Y. and P. H. Greff, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

MARVIN LEWIS INJURED WHEN TWO CARS COLLIDE

Marvin Lewis, a young man from Lenoxville, is in the Emergency Hospital here with head injuries and lacerations as a result of an accident that occurred Saturday night about eight o'clock. The young man was coming into town driving a coupe and his car and the car of Mr. C. T. Chadwick collided on Live Oak street. Mr. Chadwick was not hurt. Mr. Lewis was brought to the hospital and is said to be getting along very well.

RECORDER'S COURT HAD BIG DOCKET

Morehead City Cases Furnish Amusement; Several Get Convicted

A rather full docket confronted Judge Davis and Solicitor Phillips in the County Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. Court did not adjourn, except for an intermission for dinner, until three o'clock in the afternoon. The record follows:

Sam Rhodes, colored man of Beaufort for assaulting Owen Vann, also colored, with a brick plead guilty. The two had a fight and Sam hit Owen on his forehead doing some damage but apparently it was not a dangerous wound. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs and he was given two weeks to get up the money.

Lee Brock, a colored man from Morehead City, submitted to a plea of reckless driving and was fined \$25 and costs to be paid in two weeks or go to jail for 60 days.

Earl Mason, eighteen year old white youth who lives near Beaufort, charged with reckless driving submitted and was let off with the costs, prayer for judgment continued for twelve months. He voluntarily stated that he never expected to take another drink of liquor.

The trial of Aleck Mendenhall of Morehead City, 60 year old Negro, veteran of the Spanish and the late World War, on the charge of forcible trespass and assault upon a female furnished considerable amusement to the spectators and officials. The prosecuting witness was Victoria Powers formerly of Beaufort now living in Morehead City. She said that the defendant slapped her and that he forced open the door to her house and entered against her protest. Under the cross-examination of Attorney C. R. Wheatly she stated that she had two or three living husbands. Her daughter Annie Stanly, also married but not living with her husband, corroborated her mother's statement. The defendant denied the slapping and the forcible entry, admitted drinking a good deal of liquor and also a rather irregular relationship with the family. He said he had paid the rent, furnished food and bought liquor occasionally. Evidence of Police officers Willis and Salter was that Mendenhall, who gets a pension, usually gets on a drunk about once a month. He was pronounced guilty by the court and fined \$10 and costs or 40 days in jail.

Another case very similar to the other was that of Hardy Davis charged with trespass and assault upon Oleta Davis both colored and residents of Morehead City. Several witnesses testified that Hardy struck the woman and he admitted shoving her down. He said that there was a friendship between them of several years standing and that Oleta got mad with him because he did not give her some of his bonus money. He was convicted and given the option of paying \$50 and costs or going to jail for three months. Later the court reduced the fine to \$40.

Two citizens of Atlantic, Doris Guthrie and John William Willis were tried on the charge of assault with deadly weapon and both were convicted. Testimony of the defendants and other witnesses was that Doris and Floyd Willis had a dispute which ended in a fight about some crabs which Doris accused Floyd of stealing. It appeared that John W. Willis, father of Floyd, arrived on the scene and took a hand in the fight and struck Guthrie with a piece of wood. Guthrie either before or afterwards, different statements were made about it, struck Floyd with a piece of wood that had a nail in it and stuck it in his head.

Judge Davis decided to let the defendants off with the costs in the case John W. Willis to pay two thirds and Guthrie one third of the amount. Guthrie seemed satisfied with this decision but the father and son protested considerably. Neither side had an attorney and did considerable arguing and disputing.

Lorenzo Lewis, white youth from Otway, submitted to the charge of driving a car in Beaufort while under the influence of liquor. Prayer for judgment was continued for twelve months, defendant to pay costs and not drive a car for 90 days.

POTTER HOSPITAL NEWS

Mr. James Gaskill of Sea Level is recovering from a tonsil operation Tuesday.

Mr. Charles Gillikin of Beaufort was admitted May 12 for treatment. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dickinson Sunday, May 10.