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NORTH CAROLINA MUST PAY DEBTS GARDNER ASSERTS

Department Heads Notified That Allotments Will Be Reduced

SCHOOL FUNDS NOT REDUCED

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, Jan. 18—Governor Gardner told the heads of the State departments and divisions and later the people of the State, over radio, some very definite things that must and must not be done in North Carolina.

"I would resort to the full power of this office to do anything and everything that is necessary to prevent this State from defaulting in its debt obligations," he said, adding that all the resources of the people of the State will be called upon to prevent this result.

"This State cannot continue beyond the period of this storm to operate on a deficit, that is, on borrowed money," and the State must reduce its expenditures to keep within its revenues, balance its budget. Road work and the new State's Prison plans must be held up for a time, he said.

No consideration is to be given to a special General Assembly session to balance the budget until costs are cut to the bone and until it is found what the income tax, due March 15, will be, in order to know what the General Assembly should have to do, if it should be called into session.

Governor Gardner called the heads together because of rumblings and grumblings at his announced cut of 30 per cent in the allotments for this quarter under General Assembly appropriations. After hearing him, the official family set about revising its operations to meet the cut. Some workers will have to be dropped. Salaries of others will have to be reduced. Some of the activities will be curtailed.

The debt service is fixed, as are Confederate pensions, except reduction from deaths. The public school funds are not to be reduced. It is possible that \$500,000 of the \$1,500,000 set aside for aiding in extended school terms may be saved, because some of the counties will not be able to supply their portion of the funds.

However, reductions must come in the departments institutions and agencies, which get about one-third of the opportunities. It cuts all the deeper, but officials and employees seem willing to do their part toward pulling the State through. The slashing is being done by heads in conference with Henry Burke of the Budget Bureau and Frank Dunlap.

Reports of the accident last week to Josephus Daniels, who received a cut on the forehead, a slight concussion of the brain and a fractured wrist when a car in which he was riding in Georgia was forced from the road by another car and ran into a tree, caused a tremor to pass over the State of North Carolina. It showed, as the Raleigh afternoon paper editor said, just what an institution Mr. Daniels has come to be in this State.

The fractured wrist is his left, leaving him able to return home this week and resume his editorial duties. The head injuries are not serious and the fractured wrist is his left, leaving the right free to push a pencil. His accident is not considered of sufficient importance to have any bearing on his decision as to whether or not to become a candidate for Governor, a decision for which the people of the State have been waiting for some time and which he has promised before very long.

Governor Gardner made one of his extremely rare visits to "death row" at State's Prison last week to talk with Ernest Herring, 22 year old negro of Sampson county, twice convicted of the murder, along with his brother, Chevis Herring, of E. F. Newton, aged Kerr postmaster. Chevis is twice sworn his brother Ernest was guilty of the murder, but while he sat in the electric chair on December 15, just before paying the death penalty himself, he said Ernest was innocent. Ernest was to have been electrocuted last Friday, but Governor Gardner, who previously had declined to interfere with the sentence issued a stay of execution for 60 days, in order to investigate further.

Autoists who have not secured their 1932 licenses are now at the mercy of the State Patrol. Chairman E. B. Jeffers, of the State Highway Commission, who called for a moratorium for 15 days, has removed all restraint. Captain Charles D. Farmer and his force are beginning to "do their stuff."

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JURY WANTED IN JOE WILLIS CASE

Attorney Morris Criticizes Morehead Authorities Rather Severely

Recorder's court had a very short session Tuesday due to the fact that there were only two cases on the docket and both of these were continued. One case was continued in order to have a jury trial and the other to get witnesses.

When the case of Joe L. Willis of Morehead City charged with having been drunk on the streets, was reached his attorney A. B. Morris arose and offered a motion to dismiss the action. He said the action had no merit whatever and "grew out of prejudice, ill will and malice." He told how the defendant had been required to go to Dix Hill by Judge Clayton Moore and that when he returned to Morehead City he was taken upon some charge and without a trial sent to the State road force in Craven county. Mr. Morris then went before Judge Cramer and took out a habeas corpus and brought about the release of his client. It seems that Willis was put under a twelve months road sentence, to be suspended on good behavior, and under this he was sent to the roads by the Morehead City authorities for an alleged infraction of the law.

Judge Davis declined to dismiss the case and then Mr. Morris asked that a jury be drawn which request was granted. The case is set for trial next Tuesday.

The case against Miss Eula Davis of Bogue alleging trespass was continued as her attorney W. C. Graham said that he had not had an opportunity to study the case and to secure witnesses.

Clerk Charles Hassell was instructed by the Judge to write the sheriff of Beaufort county and try to ascertain why papers sent from this county had not been served. He said that considerable difficulty had been experienced in getting papers served in that county.

New Hotel At Beach Is Nearly Finished

The hotel at Atlantic Beach is now well under way towards completion. The wood work is about finished and considerable progress has been made on the painting, plumbing, electric wiring and other finishing. The building is a two story wooden structure containing about forty bed rooms, a spacious lobby, large dining rooms and kitchen of ample size. The rooms will all have hot and cold water and some of them will have private baths.

The dining room fronts on the ocean, affording every guest an opportunity of watching the breakers while partaking of his meal. Its numerous windows will permit full enjoyment of the sea breezes. This room is to be finished in antique blue to the window sills and suntone to the ceiling all done in panelling effect. The lobby is paneled in pine and a very pretty staircase leads to the floor above.

The view from the rooms on the second floor is very beautiful and no doubt they will be delightfully cool. The picnic buildings that stood on the beach in front of the hotel site have been moved to the rear and the board walk will be extended quite a long distance beyond the hotel and lighted with electric lights.

A short distance west of the hotel a large summer cottage, some sixteen rooms, is to be erected at an early date. M. L. Wright, former Carteret county superintendent of education and some friends of his are going to build this house and expect to have it ready for use this summer.

With improvements now under way and others in contemplation managers of the resort say they are expecting to draw large crowds this year and to have a very good season.

DONAHOE-ROBINSON

Friends and relatives of Miss Carolyn Bernice Robinson have received announcements of her marriage on Saturday, January 9, in Washington, D. C., to Mr. Edward George Donahoe of Washington.

Mrs. Donahoe is the daughter of Mr. W. S. Robinson, and of the late Mrs. Susie Robinson, and was reared in Beaufort. She left Beaufort about five years ago to take a position in Washington with the Government in the Revenue Department, which position she still holds.

Mr. Donahoe is a landscape architect and is employed by the City of Washington.

Cleveland County poultry growers made \$500 extra in one day by selling a car of poultry through cooperative loading.

Reconstruction Act Will Help Business

Agriculture, Commerce And Industry Will Be Stimulated So President Hoover Thinks By This Measure; Two Billion Dollars Will Be Provided Which Will Be Loaned To Farmers, Banks, Railroads And Other Enterprises

(Special To The News)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—Financial relief for agriculture, commerce and industry in the sum total of two billions of dollars is the purpose of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, which forms the hub of President Hoover's twelve-spoke program for the rehabilitation of the nation.

Reduced to simple terms, the act is designated primarily to bolster the fast faltering banking structure by aiding both solvent and insolvent banks; to prevent a collapse of the rail transportation systems of the country which find themselves unable to carry on necessary refinancing because of unfavorable security market conditions, and to aid Intermediate Credit Banks, Agricultural Credit Corporations, building and loan association and insurance companies.

With the failure last year of 2,290 banks with deposits of \$1,759,000,000 it is apparent that swift and effective action must be taken if relief is to be afforded in time to prevent a most serious and far reaching development. The outstanding difficulty confronting the country springs from the loss of confidence and the general state of fear that has been created by these widespread bank failures.

Meantime, banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System find themselves without such negotiable paper as can be offered for re-discount at the Federal Reserve Banks and so are unable to find the necessary assistance from this Federal system. As a consequence of these developments deposits in large amounts have been tide up in banks now solvent; confidence has been seriously shaken and there has been a breakdown of local credit facilities with widespread decreases in values and general demoralization of business.

In this situation there must be an improvement in the banking system before there can be any expectation of a return to normal conditions in

the nation's economic life. With this end in view the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act will provide credit facilities that will afford relief to many banks that are worthy of credit and are unable at this time to command necessary accommodations.

In addition to the relief which will be given to these institutions, provision is made for loans upon the assets of any banks that are closed, insolvent or in process of liquidation to aid in the reorganization or liquidation of such banks. It is hoped that this provision will afford a large measure of relief to communities that have been deprived of normal banking accommodations and so aid such communities in attaining economic recovery.

The depression has hit the railroads hard, causing tremendous decreases in both freight and passenger traffic income. In addition, the condition of the financial market affects their ability to refinance maturities that are coming due and which are in some instances most pressing. The total amount of maturities which fall due this year is \$110,782,506.

With refinancing of these obligations made impossible under present market conditions the whole transportation system is threatened with disaster if relief is not afforded. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to make loans to such carriers as are unable to obtain funds upon reasonable terms through banking channels or from the general public.

A conference of twelve members of the House and Senate held last night practically smoothed out all differences and the bill is expected to be passed today and will reach President Hoover for his signature either today or tomorrow. Former Vice-president Charles G. Dawes has been appointed by the President to head the big corporation. Former Governor McLean of North Carolina may be one of the directors. In ten days or two weeks a stream of money will be flowing from Washington to all parts of the country.

Farmers Mass Meeting At Courthouse Friday

A County Wide outlook meeting for farmers and farm women will be held at 11 o'clock Friday, January 22 at the court house in Beaufort. This meeting was announced by County Agent Hugh Overstreet and Miss Ann Mason Home Demonstration Agent.

The meeting will be held for the purpose of giving information that will be beneficial in making out farm programs for 1932. The general outlook for all farm crops and livestock will be presented by extension workers from State College. Mr. E. N. Gaither, district agent, and Mrs. Estell T. Smith, district demonstration agent will make talks at this meeting. Superintendent Allen will also speak on the "Relations of health to Education." It is hoped that the farmers will avail themselves of this opportunity of getting this valuable information from state workers.

A Chicago inventor has designated a model airplane operated by an electric motor that flaps its wings in beginning flights, rising almost vertically from the ground.

COUNTIES' AND TOWNS' INDEBTEDNESS SOMEWHAT LOWER BUT IS LARGE YET

(Special To The News)

RALEIGH, Jan. 17—While the 100 counties and about 430 municipalities of North Carolina issued only \$804,500 in new bonds and notes, creating new debts, and paid off a total of \$7,016,240 in bonded indebtedness during the last nine months of 1931, as shown recently by Charles M. Johnson, director of Local Government, these governmental units of the State, not counting the State itself, still have a bonded indebtedness of approximately \$360,000,000.

Combined with the State debt of nearly \$182,000,000, the State and its local units have a bonded indebtedness of about \$542,000,000, or an average of about \$174 per person, or more than an average of \$700 for the head of the average family of more

than four persons in the State.

Carteret county, Mr. Johnson's records show, had a total bonded indebtedness on January 1, 1932, of \$3,265,300. During the last nine months of 1931 this county paid on its bonded indebtedness and retired its outstanding bonds in the sum of \$15,400. No new bonds were issued during the period, although some outstanding bonds and notes may have been refunded, which creates no new debt.

Beaufort had a bonded indebtedness January 1, 1932, of \$635,000 and had paid off and retired outstanding bonds during the last nine months of 1931 amounting to \$12,000. No new bonds were issued by the municipality during that period, Mr. Johnson's records show.

Washington Snapshots

Taken by The Helm News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 19—

There is an old saying that "you cannot borrow yourself out of debt." President Hoover, in a new appeal for governmental retrenchment brings the saying down to date by declaring that "we cannot squander ourselves into prosperity." Calling on State and local governments to aid in a general move for economy, the President said that he did not fear a flood of Federal expenditures, despite measures calling for appropriations of \$40,000,000,000 in the next five years, introduced in Congress. Such bills, he said, represented a spirit of spending "which must be abandoned," but he added there was little chance of their passage and urged that the "organizations and sectional interests" which sponsored them cease their pressure on Congress.

Confronted with a difficult task in the selection of a man to succeed Oliver Wendell Holmes, who resigned as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, President Hoover will make a decision as quickly as is consistent with proper consideration of so important an appointment. While no indication of the President's plans could be obtained at the White House opinion expressed by some members of the Senate that the jurist named to succeed Justice Holmes should be a "liberal." "I sincerely trust that a man holding the economic and social views of Justice Holmes will be appointed as his successor" said Senator Norris of Nebraska.

The Senate always adopts the Norris resolution for a constitutional amendment to do away with the "lame duck" session of Congress. It did so for the seventh time recently, and since the majority sentiment of the House is believed to be favorable to the change the state legislatures may (Continued on page 4v)

Attempt At Robbery Results In Failure

A bold attempt at robbery was committed in Morehead City Saturday night when three men tried to hold up Harry Freeman one of the well known grocery firm of Freeman Brothers. The attempt however was unsuccessful.

As is usual with the grocery merchants the Freeman store stayed open late Saturday night. It was pretty late therefore when Mr. Freeman got home. He had put his car in the garage and started to the house when he confronted the three men just a few feet from him. He guessed at once what they wanted but without giving them an opportunity to attack him he made for the street yelling loudly for help as he went. The neighborhood was alarmed and in a few minutes lights were turned on in the houses and men came tumbling out of bed to the rescue. The would be robbers took to flight perhaps badly scared themselves. They left no clue and no arrests have been made at this writing.

JUDGE SINCLAIR DECIDES IN FAVOR OF MRS KOONCE

Clerk of the Superior Court L. W. Hassell has received notice that a judgment has been rendered by Judge Sinclair in the case of Daisy B. Koonce against H. K. Fort. This matter was heard by Judge Sinclair at the December term of court and taken under advisement.

The Judge's decision is that the defendant shall pay the plaintiffs the sum of \$15,000 with interest from January 1930. Through his counsel J. F. Duncan Mr. Fort appealed to the Supreme court. The suit is for the payment of a note given in part payment for the Dr. Sanders place.

SKARREN-PAYNE

The following announcement will be of interest to readers of the Beaufort News:

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Oliver Payne announce the marriage of their daughter Margaret Charlotte, to Mr. Chas. Lambert Skarren Saturday, January 16, 1932.

Mr. Skarren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skarren of Beaufort and is a young attorney in Washington where he has lived for several years. He was reared here, receiving his early education at St. Paul's School and Wake Forest taking advanced work and a law course in Washington.

N. C. ELECTIONS OFTEN DISHONEST MCNEILL ASSERTS

Charges And Counter Charges Made In Bailey-Pritchard Contest

MAY BE INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—A charge that "a system has grown up" in North Carolina that "does not allow a fair and honest election if the machine in power does not desire it" was made today by Robert H. McNeill, attorney for George M. Pritchard, republican, who is contesting the election of Senator Josiah W. Bailey, democrat.

McNeill's statement was made before the senate elections committee after Bailey had questioned the "good faith" of the contest and Pritchard had come forward to defend himself. Chairman Shortridge, republican, California, ruled the committee should confine itself to passing upon the "sufficiency" of the allegations rather than going into the matter of good faith.

After hearing both sides for two hours the committee adjourned with the understanding that no more hearings would be held.

Chairman Shortridge said he would call the committee together next week in executive session to weigh the arguments and decide whether the petition justifies a senate investigation of the election.

Bailey's demurrer, which he read in support of his motion to dismiss the contest, asserted "nothing appears" in the petition "by which the claim may be set up that Mr. Pritchard was elected."

"Nothing," he added, "beyond his mere assertion.

"All the allegations are indefinite and general."

He contended no specific case of irregularity had been cited, although "broad and vague allegations of fraud" including "intimidation, coercion and mismarking of ballots" had been made.

Bailey recalled his margin over Pritchard was 113,632 votes and asserted the returns had been duly canvassed and certified by the bipartisan board of canvassers.

He said no protest had been made to issuance of his certificate of election and on the other hand Pritchard, two weeks after the election made a public statement expressing satisfaction with his record of getting 69,000 more votes than a republican can candidate for office ever before had received in the state.

He charged that after the petition of contest had been filed, Pritchard sought "through the republican organization of the state" to get evidence to support it.

In view of this "dragnet questionaire," Bailey said he attached significance to the fact it had not been followed by "a single specific case of alleged irregularities."

He pointed out that his request for a bill of particulars had been filed last May and said no response had been made to it.

He protested against "sweeping wholesale charges of misconduct on the part of all the election officials of North Carolina."

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, Jan. 22	
6:56 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
7:17 p. m.	1:16 p. m.
Saturday, Jan. 23	
7:39 a. m.	1:03 a. m.
8:00 p. m.	1:56 p. m.
Sunday, Jan. 24	
8:21 a. m.	1:51 a. m.
8:43 p. m.	2:46 p. m.
Monday, Jan. 25	
9:05 a. m.	2:40 a. m.
9:29 p. m.	3:18 p. m.
Tuesday, Jan. 26	
9:47 a. m.	3:29 a. m.
10:17 p. m.	4:01 p. m.
Wednesday, Jan. 27	
10:35 a. m.	4:21 a. m.
10:59 p. m.	4:45 p. m.
Thursday, Jan. 28	
11:50 a. m.	5:19 a. m.
11:25 p. m.	5:33 p. m.