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Commissioner Grist Is A Real Fighting Man

Has Recently Attacked Senator Morrison, Governor Gardner And The Industrial Commission; Severely Criticises Governor And Industrial Commission; Holds Up Child Welfare Pay Checks

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH Feb. 8.—"Ten spears he swept within his grasp," classic description of a Swiss here fighting against Austrian domination several centuries ago, may, in a sense, be used to describe recent activities of militant Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and candidate for U. S. Senate, who adds to his recent attack on Senator Morrison another on Governor Gardner and now brings within his range the N. C. Industrial Commission.

Senator Morrison replied to a challenge from Mr. Grist to canvas the State that he would conduct his campaign his own way, intimating Grist may do the same. Governor Gardner replied to Mr. Grist's charges that he was not cutting salaries of his "political pets" as much as others and that he was spending money for entertainment at the Mansion, by referring any interested to the records of appropriations and expenditures.

Grist produced figures from the Auditor's office purporting to show that the expenditures of Mansion and Buildings and Grounds funds were in excess of the appropriations for these purposes in 1930. State Auditor Baxter Durham issued a statement showing that, while Mr. Grist was correct as far as he went, he did not go far enough, and that instead of permitting overdrawal of those funds, there were balances unspent in both, due to receipts considered by the General Assembly when the appropriations were made.

But Grist swung still further. With one fell swoop he topped payment of vouchers for the Industrial Commission, although a truce, which he claims was "temporary" had been reached, by which the Commission was to continue as it was before the reorganization of the Department of Labor by the 1931 General Assembly. The act places the Industrial Commission and Child Welfare Commission under the Department of Labor, but hedges the Commissioner's authority about by "excepts" and "with the approval of the Governor" to such an extent that Commissioner Grist apparently has little authority over them.

Attorney General Dennis Brummitt has been asked for a ruling on authority vested in Commissioner Grist by the new law and to what extent he has domain over these divisions. Meanwhile, it is asserted, Grist is holding up the January pay of the Child Welfare force because members will not come by his office for a conference.

Some there are, in part those who have grievances they want aired, who are cheering the Labor Commissioner on from the sidelines. Others are saying he has an abundance of brass, gall, nerve, but is showing a lack of judgment in the sweeping and numerous attacks he is making. But he has the spotlight.

The Brewer Parole

Governor Gardner decided last week to parole John M. Brewer, Wake Forest banker, president of the defunct Citizens bank, on a sentence of one to three years for accepting deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent, on condition that he furnish bond, which he did, to repay about \$3,000 overdraft made by his business firm, when it was shown that no "moral turpitude" was involved, that Mr. Brewer had lost \$80,000 trying to keep the bank insolvent and for two years had kept the Banking Division of the Corporation Commission advised as to the bank's condition and had suggested closing it before.

Governor Gardner made it plain, in issuing the parole before the sentence began, that it would not be a precedent, was done solely because it was shown there was no juggling of figures, false entries or other acts showing Brewer was seeking to violate the law or serve his own gain. While there have been many commendatory expressions, the bitterest attack on Governor Gardner is in an editorial in "The Technician," student publication at State College.

"Governor O. Max Gardner, alumnus of N. C. State College, has not only placed a blotch on his spotted administration, but turned over the bottle of ink when he paroled John M. Brewer, Wake Forest banker," the publication states, saying that several

ALLEN DISCUSSES EXTENDED TERM

Meeting of Teachers Given Information About School Question

The outlook for the extended term was presented by Supt. J. G. Allen to the teachers of Carteret County, including those of Beaufort and Morehead City, at a meeting held at the courthouse Saturday morning, February 6th, 10:30 o'clock practically every teacher in the county being present. In introducing his remarks on this subject Supt. Allen explained the purpose of the meeting was not to get an expression from the teachers as to their willingness to attempt the extended term but rather to acquaint them in detail with the situation to the end that they could reach a more intelligent decision after mature consideration prior to his sending to the teachers later appropriate blanks on which they could certify their intentions. The considerations presented by the county superintendent involved too much detail to be presented here but the essence of the situation is presented for the information of the public in an article appearing elsewhere in this issue.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Morehead City. Mr. Slaughter read orally in his clear and effective style a portion of the 11th chapter of Romans, following which he made an interesting and helpful talk on service, dealing particularly with the opportunity for cooperative service confronting the teachers in our present emergency. Mr. Slaughter's message was characterized by the logic and simplicity of his scholarly mind and practical outlook on life.

The roll call by Miss Josie Pigott, a teacher in the Smyrna School and Secretary of the Local Unit of the North Carolina Education Association, showed every teacher in the rural schools present. Following some general remarks by the county superintendent of particular interest to the county teachers H. L. Joslyn, Supt. of the Morehead City Schools, spoke interestingly and effectively of the objectives of the North Carolina Education Association for 1931-32, emphasizing in particular the part that the teachers of Carteret County can play in putting the program of the association across. Everette Gould and Leighmon Garner, students of the Newport High School, furnished string music that was received with hearty applause.

Because of the extended program and lateness of the hour there was only limited opportunity for questions and answers regarding the outlook for the extended term or for discussion of the topic by the principals and teachers. It is generally believed, however, that 100 per cent of the teachers of Carteret County are willing to meet the patrons and tax payers more than half way if these patrons and tax payers will respond to the present emergency in a manner that will at all justify the teachers in attempting the extended term.

The meeting was presided over by W. E. Powell, Principal of the Newport High School and President of the Local Unit and was dismissed with prayer by R. L. Fritz, Jr., Supt. of Beaufort City Schools.

CANDIDACY ANNOUNCED FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

RALEIGH, Feb. 8.—A. H. (Sandy) Graham, Hillsboro, announces that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina in the June primary. His Statewide service comes through representing Orange county in the General Assembly eight years, 1921 to 1929, in which latter year he was speaker of the House of Representatives, and as a member of the Advisory Budget Commission since 1927, first as chairman of the House finance committee and later by appointment by Governor Gardner.

D. F. Giles, Marion, and David P. Dellinger, Gastonia, are prospective candidates for the Lieutenant Governorship.

SHERIFF KILLED IN DRUNKEN ROW

Solicitor Younce Resigns Office And Is Held Under Big Bond

LEXINGTON, Feb. 8.—George A. Younce, his resignation as solicitor of the district in the hands of Governor O. Max Gardner, today awaited a chance to exonerate himself before the bar of justice of any blame in connection with the fatal shooting of his friend, Sheriff James A. Leonard, here early Friday.

He looked back on swift events that within 48 hours swept aside the course of his public life. Still in his thirties, he had climaxed his term in the legislature by election as solicitor. Then Friday morning Sheriff Leonard was shot to death here.

Younce and W. F. Brinkley, chairman of the county democratic executive committee, who had spent Thursday evening with the sheriff disclaimed to a coroner's jury any knowledge of who killed him. The jury blamed Neal Wimmer, 18, of Roanoke, Va., who testified the sheriff shot and wounded him in an argument over a wrecked automobile but said he did not know who killed Leonard.

With the coroner's verdict, Younce went to his home in Greensboro. Twenty-four hours later he returned here, asked that the coroner hold another hearing and related that Leonard was killed as he grappled with him for possession of the gun after Wimmer was shot.

The jury found that Leonard's death was caused by Younce and Brinkley and put each under a \$10,000 bond for the grand jury.

Brinkley denied any part in the death, but admitted he, Younce and Leonard had been drinking together and said "Whiskey was the underlying cause of all the trouble."

Yesterday Younce stood with bowed head as final rites were held for Leonard, then went home and sent his resignation to Governor Gardner who accepted it immediately.

Wimmer and E. F. Sullivan, of Palatka, Fla., were ordered put under \$2,000 bond as witnesses by the coroner's jury. The two men were hauling fruit from Virginia to Florida with a truck when they stopped and picked up Leonard, Younce and Brinkley after their automobile was wrecked near here early Friday. The sheriff charged the truck caused the wreck and the argument which led to the shooting of Wimmer began.

Sullivan testified he ran when the sheriff drew his gun and did not know how Leonard was killed.

INCOME TAX REPORTS

There may not be many who will have to pay income taxes this year but any way the U. S. Internal Revenue Department is ready to assist those who have to file reports. The News is informed by Collector Grison that a representative will be at Beaufort on February 19 and 20th and in Morehead City February 18th. Those who wish assistance can get it on those dates.

PETUNIA PLANTS FREE

S. H. Darling, keeper of the courthouse and grounds, asks the News to state that next week he will give away petunia plants. Any one who would like to have some of these plants can get the same by calling on Mr. Darling. There are many petunias in the flower beds at the courthouse and when in bloom they make a mighty pretty sight.

Commercial Fish Dealers Will Meet In Morehead City Tuesday

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, Feb. 10.—Commercial fish dealers and packers from the length of the North Carolina coast have been invited to attend a meeting to be held at the city hall, Morehead City, at 10 o'clock Tuesday, February 16, to discuss plans for promoting the industry and looking toward a permanent organization to foster its interests, by Col. J. W. Harrelson, director, and Capt. John A. Nelson, fisheries commissioner, of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The sponsors of the organization say that an interesting program has been arranged, that speakers from the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries will be present, and urge attendance of every person engaged in the industry.

Commercial fisheries of the State, particularly of the oyster industry, offer possibilities of millions of dollars annual return to North Carolina

DEFENDANTS GET ROAD SENTENCES

May Avoid Penalty However By Being of Good Behavior

Two young white men were sentenced to the roads in the Recorder's Court Tuesday by Judge Davis. They were given an opportunity however to avoid actually serving the sentences by showing good behavior over a considerable period of time.

The first case tried was that of Carlton Pittman of Morehead City on the charge of stealing oysters from George Wheaton of Morehead City. The testimony of Wheaton and others was that he had deposited a quantity of oysters near a stake in Newport river and that the defendant admitted that he took them and said he would pay for them but had not done so.

Pittman denied taking the oysters or having ever said that he did so. He and one or two witnesses said that there were other oysters there besides Wheaton's and that many men oystered in that part of the river. Chief of Police Nelson testified that his reputation was bad for "taking things." Judge Davis said the evidence indicated the guilt of the defendant and he would have to go find. A sentence of six months on the roads was given Pittman, to be suspended on condition that he pay the costs and come into court on the first Tuesday in every month for six months and show that he has been behaving himself properly.

Jeff Garner of Newport submitted to the charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and was given a six months suspended road sentence. He was given 60 days in which to pay the costs and must show good behavior for the next twelve months or serve the sentence.

E. M. Early of Washington, whose case has been hanging fire since the 9th of November, plead guilty to giving a worthless check for \$25 to S. K. Scott of Beaufort. He agreed to pay the check and was let off with the costs.

The case of W. E. Abbott of Morehead Bluffs was continued to next Tuesday on request of Solicitor Phillips. The charge in this case is that Mr. Abbott sold coal in Morehead City without paying the license fee.

POLICE COURT RECORD

A few defendants were on the docket last Friday in City Police Court. They were all tried for drunkenness and all either plead guilty or were convicted.

Dave Mason, drunk charge, plead guilty and fined \$1.00 and costs.

Tom Davis, colored, \$1 and costs. Pete Davis, colored, two charges, on first he was fined \$2.50 and costs and the second \$5 and costs, or 10 days on one and 15 days on the other. Viola Rhodes, colored, \$1 and costs. William Ed Potter and George Turner Jr., both colored, got \$1 and costs or ten days.

TWO AUTO FATALITIES IN CARTERET LAST YEAR

RALEIGH, Feb. 8.—Carteret county had two fatalities from automobile accidents during the year 1931, records in the office of Director L. S. Harris, of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, show. During the year automobiles were responsible for 762 deaths in the State, 15 less than in 1930, but 5,075 persons were injured, establishing a new high record.

Gulford led with 41 deaths, Mecklenburg and Wake tying for second place with 38 each. Durham had 31, Forsyth 26 and Wayne 22, the records show.

More Signers Needed To Get Bank Going

Considerable progress has been made in the movement towards organizing a new bank here, but a good deal of work is yet to be done. The plan contemplates the liquidation of the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company by the new bank. In order to do this, it is necessary to get former depositors to sign an agreement as to the disposition of their claims. Since no depositors having balances of less than \$10.00 are asked to sign, it means practically a hundred per cent of all others must sign before the new bank can operate.

The Beaufort Banking and Trust Company had a large number of depositors, around 2,000, and it is difficult to see them all. All who wish information in regard to the organization plan and who want to see a new bank started, are urged to see some member of the committee at once. Something definite must be done in a very short time and any delay is harmful to the plan. The committee have been working for three weeks giving much of their time. This cannot be continued indefinitely. As the plan is a cooperative one, for the benefit of all concerned, every one interested should make it a point to see the committee promptly and aid in the undertaking. If this plan fails, it is doubtful if a bank can be organized any time soon. This will make the liquidation of the two closed banks very difficult.

The following named committees have copies of the agreement and will be glad to explain them:

Dennis Mason ----- Atlantic
Norman Gaskill ----- Sealevel
Henry O. Piner ----- Williston
R. G. Bost ----- Smyrna
D. R. Lewis ----- Marshallberg
C. G. Gaskill ----- Straits
Geo. W. Huntley ----- North River and
New Bern Road

W. H. Taylor ----- Beaufort
F. R. Bell ----- Beaufort
R. H. Hill ----- Beaufort
J. H. Potter Jr. ----- Beaufort
Blythe Nes ----- Beaufort
U. E. Swann ----- Beaufort

AL SMITH SAYS HE IS WILLING

Will Accept Nomination For President If Offered To Him

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Alfred E. Smith looked significantly today at the sword of presidential candidacy, sheathed at the '28 polls, and announced himself willing to go again to the political wars.

"If the democratic national convention should decide that it wants me to lead, I will make the fight," he said in a terse statement published today.

The statement itself was widely construed in editorial comment as in effect a thrust against the candidacy of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York—the man who nominated Smith for the presidential nomination at the 1928 democratic national convention and sent him forward to the contest of votes as the "happy warrior" or democracy.

Governor Roosevelt declined to comment. So also did Governor Ritchie, an avowed candidate, Speaker Garner and Newton D. Baker, each of whom has been mentioned as a presidential possibility.

Smith's statement said:

"So many inquiries have come to me from friends throughout the country who worked for and believe in me as to my political attitude in the present political situation, that I feel that I owe it to my friends and to the millions of men and women who supported me so loyally in 1928 to make my position clear.

"If the democratic national convention after careful consideration should decide that it wants me to lead, I will make the fight; but I will not make a pre-convention campaign to secure the support of delegates.

"By action of the democratic national convention of 1928 I am the leader of my party in the nation. With a full sense of the responsibility thereby imposed, I shall not in advance of the convention either support or oppose the candidacy of any aspirant for the nomination."

Smith declined to discuss any party issues. Asked what he thought the principal issue of the campaign would be he said:

"I don't know."
The consensus of political comment was that the Smith statement likely will mean a deadlock of the national democratic convention at Chicago. Smith advocates pointed out that 770 votes are necessary to nominate, and that 385 are enough to block nomination. Many viewed the

TAXPAYERS ASKED TO SAVE SCHOOLS

Critical Situation Can Be Remedied If People Will Pay Taxes

To the People of Carteret County: Carteret County can and will have a county-wide extended term if the patrons, tax payers, and friends of the children want the extended term badly enough to pay in, in back or 1931 taxes, an amount sufficient to yield the Board of Education \$6,000.00 by March 15 and an additional \$7,833.00 by May 1st. Hon. John P. Stedman, State Treasurer, has given positive and unequivocal assurance that unless the county pays his department these past due debt service obligations in the amounts and on the dates specified above, there will be no state supported extended term this year in any school in Carteret County. The schools receive 29 per cent of your back taxes and 18 per cent of your 1931 tax.

To meet this grave emergency our taxpayers will have to pay in during the next five weeks almost four times as much as they have paid in during the last four months. But this very thing can and will be done in the big way Carteret County does the things she really wants to do, if our people will meet the proposition squarely and heed these simple suggestions:

(1) Quit waiting on the other fellow.

(2) Quit choking the life out of the struggle possibility of an extended term by waiting to see whether there will be an extended term before paying your taxes.

(3) Don't hesitate to pay your 1931 extended term tax—if the writer understands the temperament of the teachers and people of the county, we will have an extended term in every school in the county or in none of the schools of the county. If eventually we should not have an extended term this year, your extended term tax will be refunded to you by law, and only for extended term purposes.

(4) Don't be fooled into thinking, if a receiver should ever be appointed for the county, that any taxpayer, however humble, would be in the slightest danger of losing a penny's worth of property to which he had a clear title and on which he had paid in full the taxes levied from time to time by the tax levying authorities. The Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North Carolina are your absolute guarantee against such injustice. People who claim otherwise either are ignorant of the rock-ribbed security afforded by our Constitution or else are merely seeking an excuse for not paying their taxes.

(5) Don't pay too much attention to the rumor that "some big shots" are getting by without paying or being advertised. Rumors of that kind are as old as Carteret County. If such cases should exist, the deferred payment increases the lien against the property—and an intelligent, united citizenship can eventually force a settlement to the full value of the property.

(6) Don't increase the lien a—
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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, Feb. 12	
11:33 a. m.	5:35 a. m.
11:39 p. m.	5:41 p. m.
Saturday, Feb. 13	
12:15 a. m.	6:22 a. m.
12:23 p. m.	6:24 p. m.
Sunday, Feb. 14	
1:02 a. m.	7:14 a. m.
1:16 p. m.	7:14 p. m.
Monday, Feb. 15	
1:59 a. m.	8:14 a. m.
2:16 p. m.	8:06 p. m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16	
2:59 a. m.	9:17 a. m.
3:20 p. m.	9:07 p. m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17	
4:00 a. m.	10:19 a. m.
4:23 p. m.	10:05 p. m.
Thursday, Feb. 18	
4:55 a. m.	11:13 a. m.
5:23 p. m.	11:10 p. m.