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PERJURY CHARGE MAY BE DROPPED ATTORNEYS THINK

Not Likely That Younce And
Brinkley Will Be Convicted

DID TELL LIES THOUGH

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Apr. 11.—George A. Younce, former solicitor, Greensboro, and W. F. Brinkley, prominent Lexington attorney, cleared last week of charges of manslaughter in connection with the death of Sheriff James Leonard, of Davidson county, will never be convicted of the remaining charge of perjury for several very good legal reasons, prominent attorneys familiar with this case and with trials for perjury in general say.

While such attorneys admit that the two men "told d—lies" they remind that perjury is described in part as swearing falsely to a material fact in an action before a duly or legally constituted court, and, with this in view, they say the perjury charges will not stand for four or five reasons:

1. When Sheriff Leonard was killed, the county coroner automatically became sheriff of the county, and as such, he was not any longer coroner, so he had no authority to hold a coroner's inquest. His court, therefore, was not a duly constituted court, and the testimony at the first coroner's inquest was not perjury.

2. A coroner's jury must be empaneled and hold its hearing in the presence of the body. Sheriff Leonard's body was not present at the inquest held in the office of the Chief of Police in Lexington that day. On this score it was not a legally constituted body.

3. The jurors, in this coroner's jury, it is stated, were sworn in by holding up their hands, not by touching and kissing the Bible, which is the legal form prescribed for an oath. The jury was therefore, not sworn.

4. The witness, including Younce and Brinkley, were also sworn by holding up their hands, and therefore were not sworn at all. It is pointed out that the higher courts have held that when a witness holds the Bible in his hand and fails to kiss it, while or after being sworn, he was not properly sworn, and not being properly sworn, he could not swear a falsehood.

Either of these reasons, it is pointed out, is sufficient to cause the evidence and alleged evidence against the men.

More Candidates Out

Announcement of George H. Adams certified public accountant that he will be a candidate for the post of State Auditor, brings about a new and unexpected condition in the contest for that State office. Baxter Durham, incumbent, will seek to succeed himself, while Chester O. Bell, auditor and assistant superintendent of State's Prison, has long been in the field. While Mr. Adams is well known in the auditing field and has held prominent positions in its organization, there is a feeling that he entered the race too late to make a big showing in the race. The three-cornered race will be interesting.

Attention has been centered on the Third Congressional district as a result of the announcement of Senator Rivers D. Johnson, Duplin county, that he will oppose Representative Charles L. Abernethy. For several years Mr. Abernethy has held the post against all opponents and has been a sort of "thorn in the flesh" of the old Simmons faction, which was unable to oust him. He has been sick in Washington, according to reports, which may be responsible for a statement and then an explanation which are not expected to do him any special good. While he is credited with knowing personally about every voter in his district, Rivers Johnson is expected to give him the fight of his life.

While a husky fight is under way in the new Fifth district, prediction being that Solicitor W. B. Umstead is leading, the field Congressman Zebulon Weaver, Asheboro, of the new Eleventh, is opposed by C. S. Davis, also of the mountain metropolis, while it is accepted that J. Q. Kilkey, prominent Marion leader, will get in on the same race. Opposition to Major A. L. Bulwinkle, in the new Tenth, has been predicted, but has not developed. Doubt is expressed that either of the other Congressmen will have opposition.

N. C. Vote For Roosevelt

If North Carolina's delegates to the Democratic National Convention are instructed at all they will be in-

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Assault With Deadly Weapons Predominate

City Police court did rather more business than usual last Friday afternoon. An unusual feature of the court was that several of the defendants were charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

The case of Matthew Bailey, colored, charged with assault upon Mrs. Tom Tosto with a deadly weapon was continued until Mrs. Tosto gets well enough to appear in court. This grew out of an automobile collision which occurred at the corner of Live Oak and Ann streets some weeks ago.

Walter Fulford, colored, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, continued.

Warrants against Matthew Marshall white and Ed. Bullock Henry, colored, charging assault with deadly weapons was changed to disorderly conduct. Marshall was fined \$1.00 and costs or 10 days and Henry was fined \$2.50 and costs or 15 days.

Nettie Henry, colored, assault with deadly weapon plead guilty and was bound over to the Recorder's court.

Walter Chadwick on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon was sent to the Recorder's court. On the charge of drunkenness Walter Chadwick plead guilty and was fined \$1 and costs.

Henry Norcom charged with being drunk plead not guilty and offered two witnesses to prove that he was sober. Witnesses on the other side convinced Mayor Taylor that he was guilty and he so found and fined the defendant \$2.50 and costs. He took an appeal.

J. B. Congleton, drunk, plead guilty and was given 15 days on the street force.

Allison Fulford, colored, drunk, guilty and fined \$5 and costs or 20 days. On a charge of assault with deadly weapon he was sent to the Recorder's court.

Dave Mason, submitted and was fined \$1 and costs.

Henry Ricks, drunk, submitted and was fined \$1 and costs.

D. W. MORTON RECOGNIZED FOR GENEALOGICAL WORK

Mr. David W. Morton, of Beaufort, North Carolina, who has won local recognition for his work in genealogical and historical research, has been honored by a "Who's Who in Genealogy" sketch of his work included in the list of the leading active genealogical researchers in the United States, in The Handbook of American Genealogy recently issued by The Institute of American Genealogy of Chicago.

PRECINCT MEETING HELD

A Republican precinct meeting of Beaufort precinct was held at the city hall Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The principal business transacted was the election of a chairman and secretary for the next two years. L. J. Noe was elected chairman and G. W. Duncan secretary. In addition to the chairman and secretary the following were named on the precinct committee: A. T. Gardner, D. M. Jones, Geo. T. Woolard, E. Walter Hill, James W. Mason, W. G. Mebane.

CHARITABLE BROTHERHOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETS

NEWPORT, April 12.—Carteret Division No. 8 of the Charitable Brotherhood met with Newport Lodge No. 19, Thursday April 7th. There were approximately seventy five per cent of the lodges in Carteret County represented. Meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock A. M. by District Marshall C. T. Jarvis, of Straits. A big barbecue dinner was served all delegates to the County meet, and their friends, and a rising vote of thanks was extended the membership of Newport lodge for their hospitality.

Reports from each lodge was rendered and for the last few months there has been gains made in membership of over fifty per cent of the lodges, while all reports were very encouraging.

In the election of officers S. D. Edwards of Newport was elected District Secretary to succeed Geo. W. Piner, who tendered his resignation due to poor health. It will be remembered that Mr. Edwards served for a number of years in same capacity prior to two years ago. He resigned due to business affairs requiring his entire attention, he now has the time to conduct the affairs of his office, SO WATCH THE C. B. H. GROW.

C. T. Jarvis was reelected District Marshall; Carl Gaskill of Straits, District Treas. and Mrs. L. B. Lewis of Marshallberg, District Chaplain.

In attendance to this meeting were Neal P. Davis, of Morehead City, Treasurer and Wm. H. Bell, of Newport, Marshall the Grand Lodge of N. C.

SIX MONTHS TERM COSTS MUCH LESS

Under State Control Four
Millions Cut From Operating
Costs

RALEIGH, April 12.—Nearly \$4,000,000 have been saved during the past year, the first under State operation, in the cost of the six months constitutional school term, based on a cost of approximately \$22,500,000 for the year 1930-31, as compared with \$19,183,642.83 budgeted for 1931-32, some of which will be saved, according to figures announced by Le Roy Martin, secretary of the State Board of Equalization.

The 10 per cent cut in salaries accounts for \$1,300,000 of the reduction, while the remainder results from reductions in numbers of teachers paid extra from county and local funds and savings through all of the operating costs of the public schools, Mr. Martin's figures show.

Figures by counties show that the total expenditures from county and State funds for the public school six months period in 1930-31 was \$21,642,765.62, in addition to funds from local district levies used in meeting operating costs of the six months term. Based on the \$1,367,091.58 shown in the present year budgets, Mr. Martin places a conservative for last year at \$900,000 from local tax levies, which estimate would show a total cost of approximately \$22,500,000 for the six months term in 1930-31.

The total so far allotted from State and Federal funds for 1931-32 is now \$15,958,529.16, which Mr. Martin estimates will reach \$16,000,000 when all allotments are completed, including audits. The counties and local districts budgeted \$3,225,103.67 from county and local levies to supplement the State funds, of which \$1,858,012.09 is derived from county-wide ad valorem levies, fines, forfeitures, dog tax and part of poll tax levies, and \$1,367,091.58 is expected to be derived from local district levies for 1931-32 six months costs.

Although the amounts budgeted for 1931-32 show a decrease in cost of only \$3,300,000, the actual, rather than the budgeted, expenditures, will bring this decrease in cost to nearly \$4,000,000, Mr. Martin estimates.

Carteret county spent \$142,231.12 in the six months term for 1930-31, as compared with \$104,508.72 budgeted for this year, including \$100,108.72 in State and Federal funds, and \$4,400.00 in county and local funds, it is shown.

RECORDER'S COURT HAS A VERY SHORT SESSION

It took a very short time to dispose of the business in Recorder's court Tuesday. Two cases were tried and two were continued.

Nettie Henry, Beaufort colored woman, submitted to the charge of cutting William Potter with a knife. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Allison Fulford, colored of Beaufort, assault with a deadly weapon. No evidence of any consequence and the action dismissed.

Walter Chadwick, Beaufort, assault with a deadly weapon. The case was continued to next Tuesday in order for the prosecuting witness to have opportunity to get well enough to attend court.

W. N. Parker, worthless check case, continued.

A group of Edgecombe farmers shipped 151 hogs last week which weighed 28,861 pounds total.

NORTH CAROLINA BANK SITUATION GREATLY IMPROVED HOOD REPORTS

RALEIGH, Apr. 11.—Stability of the remaining State banks in North Carolina and near completion of liquidation of those not so strong is indicated by the fact that only one bank failed in March, and one formerly closed was reopened, as shown by the report of Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood. While 11 banks were closed in January of this year, only three were closed in February, during which three former closed were reopened, it is shown.

While 83 State banks in North Carolina closed their doors in 1930, most of them in the debacle of the last two months of the year, 48 closed in 1931, and 19 of that number closed in December. Commissioner Hood's figures show for the 12 months in 1931 that four closed in January, none in February, one in March, two in April, three in May, six in June, one in July two in August, six in September, two in October, two in November and 19 in December. Eleven closed in January, this year, the number dropping to three in Febru-

CONVENTION WAS VERY HARMONIOUS

Republican Meeting Last Saturday Re-elected Jones And Woodland

The county Republican convention held at the courthouse last Saturday afternoon was notable for its harmony. There were no contesting delegations and no disputes of any sort of any consequence. The attendance was fairly good there being delegates present from Beaufort, Morehead City, Newport and various other precincts in the county.

As there were no contests no credentials committee was appointed and all Republicans present were permitted to take part in the proceedings. Chairman D. M. Jones called the convention to order at two o'clock and secretary Stanly Woodland read the call for the convention. A motion was passed dispensing with the roll call and the appointment of credentials committee. Chairman Jones called on W. G. Mebane to act as temporary chairman. On taking the chair Mr. Mebane addressed the convention about half an hour. He discussed the depression and denied that the Hoover administration was responsible for it. He criticized the State and county administration for the high valuation of land, the load of debt and the high taxes.

The temporary organization was made permanent and a resolutions committee was appointed composed of E. Walter Hill, D. M. Jones, A. T. Gardner, J. S. Pigott, C. G. Gaskill, Gib Willis. The committee brought in resolutions endorsing the Hoover administration, State chairman J. S. Duncan and the county organization. A motion was offered by A. L. Wilson accrediting all Republicans who attend the State, Congressional and senatorial conventions as delegates. An amendment was offered to this by E. Walter Hill providing that they must have supported the Republican ticket in 1930. The motion and amendment were adopted. A motion offered by A. T. Gardner of Beaufort was adopted authorizing the county chairman to appoint precinct committeemen in precincts that are not functioning. A motion also offered by Mr. Gardner endorsing Dr. Ivey of Goldsboro as the nominee for Congress in the third district was passed.

FLOUR TO BE DISTRIBUTED HERE

A representative of the American Red Cross Headquarters at Washington, D. C. was here Sunday to complete arrangements for shipping flour to this vicinity for those in actual need in the community. Mrs. F. E. Hyde is chairman of this committee. This flour is being distributed all over the United States by the American Red Cross, wheat having been bought by the American Government and turned over to the Red Cross. The Red Cross will supply flour to the ones in need of it over a period of three months. The quota for Carteret County is due to arrive in the very near future.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

N. C. Bank and Trust Co., to State of N. C. 1 lot M. City, for \$1000.

W. L. Arthur and wife to Guy Arthur, 100 acres Bogue Banks, for \$10.

Roy Robinson and wife to Ervin Robinson, 1-4 acre H. Q. Township, for \$10.

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A big parade of peace in commemoration of one of war, celebrating Army Day and the fifteenth anniversary of this Nation's entry into the World War, passed in review before President Hoover, other high Government officials and tens of thousands of citizens. Emblazoning Pennsylvania and Constitution avenues with Khaki and scarlet, polished metal and steel glittering in the bright April afternoon, the demonstration ran the gamut of crack veteran soldiers to high school youths who can barely remember the days of the bloody conflagration of which the occasion was so reminiscent.

Drum beats and thousands of tramp ing feet out of a near, but receding, past swept down the Avenue. More than a seventh of a century has gone, and a new generation has arisen since that momentous proclamation which sent 5,000,000 Americans into battle lines and training camps. There were close to 75,000 uniformed marchers in line when the great parade swung away from the Capitol Plaza. Many of the ranks were filled with men who actually had taken part in the World War. Many were filled with boys who were babies when the regiments of the fighting divisions were crawling through the mud and the mist of the Meuse Valley.

American Legion officials who are attempting to halt the stampede toward full payment of the bonus deserve high commendation. They reflect the true spirit of the veterans who went to France to serve their country. If the rank and file of former soldiers support them in this stand the American Legion will consolidate its reputation for patriotic thinking and constructive action. In spite of the fact that many veterans are in favor of obtaining anything they can get from Uncle Sam, Henry L. Stevens, national commander of the Legion, has taken a definite stand against the bonus grab while the Treasury is in such a depleted condition. His courageous action puts in a precarious situation those veterans in the House who are leading the fight to debate the currency for the benefit of themselves and companions. The bonus drive thus becomes a co-operative project in which lobbyists and spineless congressmen join hands.

Statements of Mr. Stevens that Legions posts with only a few exceptions opposed immediate payment of adjusted compensation certificates, evoked strong expressions from bonus advocates in the House, who contend that the rank and file of the veterans favor the bonus payment. Representative Rankin of Mississippi, as spokesman for the bonus advocates, said that Mr. Stevens "must have been talking in his sleep." On the other hand, Representative Johnson of South Dakota expressed the view that a bonus bill would probably be defeated in the House. Senate leaders fighting the bonus have already said that while a bonus bill, if passed by the House, might pass the Senate, a Presidential veto would be sustained. Senator Harrison, who announced that he opposed the bonus, has since received a large number of telegrams and letters of congratulation.

The controversy over further reduction in the cost of government is at a point where it may swing strongly in the direction of reduction or nothing may be done. If reduction by Congress ends with what Congress already has done, not a great deal will have been accomplished. Some of the reductions made by Congress were, as President Hoover pointed out, rather in the nature of postponements which will have to be made up in the usual manner by "deficiency appropriations" a year from now. The most recent installment of recommendations from the committee of the House working on economy were for items of \$2,000,000 or \$1,000,000 or less, which are trivial compared to the \$200,000,000 which President Hoover says, can be cut off permanently by thoroughgoing consolidations and reductions of unessential government functions.

Supporters of former Governor Smith for the Democratic nomination for President professed to see a distinct victory in the action of the committee of arrangements for the national convention in voting to "commend" Jouett Shouse, national executive chairman, for permanent chairman of the convention. Mr. Shouse was the professed choice of the Smith supporters and John J. (Continued on page five)

North Carolina row—April 14. The oyster season which is just ending now has not been a good one. The quality of the oysters has been good, in fact some unusually fine ones have been marketed, but demand has been poor and prices also. The scallop and clam demand has been very slack too and prices low. The scallop season ends May 1st. It is permissible to sell clams at any time during the year.

Fishing this year in this section has not been profitable to fishermen or dealers. Bad weather has interfered somewhat and storms did considerable damage to boats and gear. Shad fishing has been unusually good in Albemarle Sound and Pamlico and other rivers. However not many shad are caught in Carteret county waters. Blue fish are now being brought to the market here and other sorts of fish are getting somewhat plentiful but prices are still low.

CONSIDERABLE BANKING
DONE BY POSTOFFICE

Contrary to the impression of some people everybody in Carteret county is not "busted." The savings department of the postoffice in Beaufort has over \$100,000 in savings accounts and it is growing steadily.

Some of those who withdrew their money from the banks last fall took it to the postoffice and probably others have opened accounts there. The postoffice pays only two per cent but people feel that their money is safe there and some of them have a violent antipathy to banks now. Handling these savings accounts has put a good deal of extra work on the post-office force and is giving them some instruction in the banking business.

MRS. CAROLINE TAYLOR DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Caroline Taylor, mother of Mr. H. H. Taylor, Liquidating Agent for the Bank of Beaufort, and the Marine Bank, died at Mr. Taylor's home in Morehead City, Sunday, April 10 after a lingering illness, at the age of 78 years. Funeral services were held Monday at Robersonville, her old home, and interment was in the family burying plot there.

ROBERT L. FRITZ NAMED TO HEAD GRANITE FALLS SCHOOL

Lenoir, April 8.—Robert L. Fritz, Jr., head of the Beaufort city schools for several years, has been named to succeed Supt. Walter R. Schaff, of Granite Falls, for the coming year. It is not known here whether he will accept the position.

Mr. Schaff last week formally accepted the superintendency of Elkin graded schools and will leave Granite Falls on July 1.

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, April 15	
2:38 a. m.	8:57 a. m.
3:17 p. m.	9:11 p. m.
Saturday, April 16	
3:34 a. m.	9:53 a. m.
4:17 p. m.	10:16 p. m.
Sunday, April 17	
4:40 a. m.	10:44 a. m.
5:09 p. m.	— p. m.
Monday, April 17	
5:33 a. m.	11:15 a. m.
5:59 p. m.	11:31 p. m.
Tuesday, April 19	
6:24 a. m.	12:09 a. m.
6:47 p. m.	12:20 p. m.
Wednesday, April 20	
7:12 a. m.	1:02 a. m.
7:34 p. m.	1:05 p. m.
Thursday, April 21	
8:10 a. m.	1:53 a. m.
8:24 p. m.	1:54 p. m.