

Lee Gravely Will Emphasize His State Pension Plan In Making Gubernatorial Race

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about \$350,000 annually, he estimated on the basis of a \$35,000,000 annual State payroll, which he thinks is about the top figure. Even if it should go to half a million a year, said Mr. Gravely, it would still be worthwhile and not too great a drain on the State's finances.

The candidate made it clear he has not decided upon any set plan which would be rigidly applied to all classes of state employees. Rather he advocates a flexible principle which could be applied to each group as it seemed necessary after thorough study.

"I do not mean to say flatly that the school teachers and the clerical help in State departments and field workers should all be lumped together under one big pension fund and plan," he said. "There undoubtedly would develop certain differences in circumstances between teachers and other groups, and it might be necessary to set up several different pension funds for several different classes of employees."

"The important thing is recognition of the principle of a decent retirement plan. The workers in my tobacco company are protected by a pension plan worked out by the Federal government. We should work out a similar plan for State employees."

Gravely pointed out that the State has already set up pensions for retiring judges and has provided a plan whereby law enforcement officers can benefit from a pension and retirement fund. He said he sees no difference in principle between pensions for judges and pensions for school teachers.

"Certainly if we are going to provide pensions for judges who draw their salaries from the State, we ought also to provide pensions for the less highly paid employees," he declared.

Mr. Gravely expressed himself as "delighted" with the reaction to his announcement. He said he will open Raleigh headquarters in March; with a second, or regional, setup in Charlotte.

U. S. Trade Policies Are Denounced

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tary Hull's request for an extension of authority to make reciprocal trade agreements with other nations.

Declaring that the trade agreements program had failed so far as finding increased markets for American farm products was concerned, Peek recommended:

1. That Congress pass a bill like one introduced by Representative Woodruff to suspend the importation of any competitive farm products so long as the American domestic price on that commodity was below parity.

2. That all trade agreements be subject to approval by one or both Houses of Congress.

3. That Congress consider the creation of a foreign trade authority of cabinet status to handle matters of foreign commercial and financial policy.

4. After stopping the "price depressing influence" of competitive imports, the government should adopt some method to give farmers better return on export crops.

Schools Forced to Close For Remainder of Week Due To Many Absences

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of the rural schools, while comparatively few came at those in the city, and all were met with the announcement that there would be no schools during the day and were sent back later in the morning, school authorities announced a suspension for the remainder of the week because of expected absences due to the virtual impassability of rural highways and the choked condition of city streets and the hazards of traffic, and because of many children being ill.

Cloudy skies and a falling thermometer preceded the start of the snow late Tuesday afternoon. It quickened and became heavier as the hours passed, and by dark a raging blizzard without precedent here in recent years was whipping in out of the north. Hardly an automobile was in evidence, and the few pedestrians who ventured out in the storm found going extremely difficult.

The snow continued throughout the entire night, but slackened toward morning and stopped entirely shortly after dawn.

Mails Are Delayed.

But private automobiles were not the only ones to feel the choking effects of the blizzard. Bus traffic was greatly hampered and delayed, and fast Seaboard passenger trains ran from one to three or more hours behind their schedules. Mails were delayed, and at the noon hour, the post office had not caught up with distribution of night mails, some of which did not come until late in the morning.

Rural mail carriers and those on routes in the city attempted their rounds, but found the going exceedingly difficult. Carriers in the city, who have to go about made part of their territory in the morning and other portions this afternoon.

Stores and offices found little to do today, and devoted some of their time to clearing away snow on sidewalks in front of their places of business.

No serious accidents as a result of the heavy snow had been reported up until early this afternoon. Only those who found trips urgent attempted to get about.

Trucks Are Stalled.

A number of trucks of the large motor lines stalled or slipped from the highway between Henderson and Oxford, and on the Raleigh route south of the city. Some got caught on the steep Greystone hill five miles north of the city, but got away after determined efforts. Most business people walked to work today, and got to their jobs behind schedule, but for the most

part efforts were made to carry as near to normal as possible.

Worse Than Expected.

While weather forecasts Tuesday were for snow and colder weather, few anticipated anything like the blizzard and the foot of snow that came during the night. It was a spectacle and an experience that is very rare in this section, and paralyzed business and traffic in large degree.

State Highway Commission organizations were quick on the job even last night in attempts to clear the snow from pavements, and the city street department put out its plows and street scrapers early in the evening and operated them until far into the night. Traffic lanes were cleared, but much of the hazard remained even then.

Firemen answered an alarm at 7:45 o'clock this morning, but found only slight damage to an automobile in the vicinity of the Vance hotel.

Less than twenty percent of the enrolled students at Henderson high school reported for work today, according to Prof. W. D. Payne, the principal. He estimated the number at around 100, out of an enrollment of 520.

Under direction of Superintendent J. E. Hamlett, the street department made a determined effort to scrape all the streets in the city that was possible, and to remove the snow to one side so that traffic could move with less difficulty. Mr. Hamlett said today he had crews working all last night, all day today, and they would probably complete all night tonight, with one shift succeeding another at intervals.

The superintendent said his equipment was inadequate to do a very satisfactory job, since snows as large as this one, with blizzards like that of Tuesday night, are so rare in this section. He said, however, he was doing everything he possibly could.

In many instances the machines have piled snow in front of residential drives. Mr. Hamlett said, adding that it was impossible for the street crews to open the streets without closing the driveways, and residential owners must clean out their own traffic lanes.

The fire station was opened today in order that trucks could get away with the least possible delay in event of calls. Snow was also being cleared away from fire plugs.

The street superintendent expressed his appreciation to business houses for the promptness with which they cleared the snow from in front of their establishments.

Hocutt Lauds Catawba For Safety Record; Has Good Word For Truck Owners

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tions that something must be done. Something was done. At this writing we have had no report of a single fatality in Catawba county during December. In November there were nine persons killed.

"Catawba's experience is important to us all. It shows what can be done in the direction of safety when we determine to do something. Steady work every day will do it."

Mr. Hocutt said he regards the safety school here last week as one of the most successful of its type ever held and as a real contribution to the cause of public safety.

"Since the purpose of the course, for which the North Carolina Highway Safety Division was one of the sponsors, was not to train beginners but to enable those attending to keep up with the latest safety developments in the field, we may regard the better-than-expected attendance as an evidence of interest in safe operation."

"The North Carolina Truck Owners Association and its members are to be congratulated for the consistent efforts which they are making to have commercial truck operation set the standard of safety for the entire State. There is not a meeting called to which the truck operators are invited that they do not attend in large numbers. There is every indication among them of growing interest in safer transportation."

"I am very glad indeed that a resolution was presented at this meeting and was passed unanimously, making this safety school an annual event. I take this as fresh evidence of the growing desire for safety."

"The Extension Department of State college, of which Edward W. Ruggles is director, Professor Harry Tucker and the State Industrial Commission deserve the highest credit for this successful enterprise. The North Carolina Highway Safety Division is glad, indeed, to have had a small part in making this school possible."

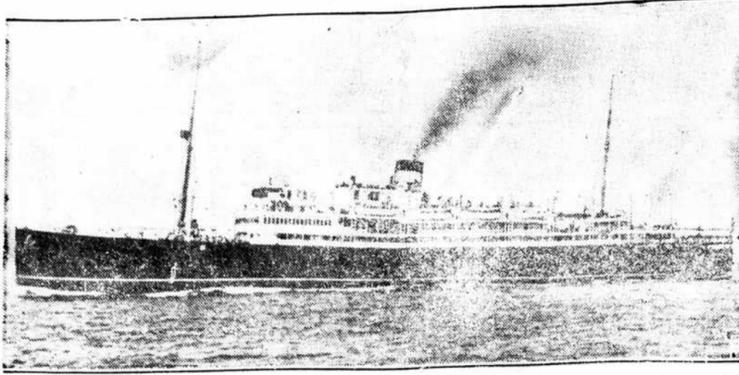
Cop on Trial



Alvin J. Dooley

Alvin J. Dooley, suspended Long Beach, L. I., policeman turns his head as he enters Mineola court for trial in the slaying of Long Beach Mayor Louis F. Edwards. His defense: temporary insanity.

Italian Liner Abandoned in Fire at Sea



Nearly one thousand passengers and crew members of the 11,669-ton Italian liner Orasio took to the lifeboats when flames swept the twelve-year-old ship (above), one day out of Genoa, steaming through the Mediterranean toward South America. The victims included many women and children, a number of prominent diplomats and an Italian military mission. Stormy seas handicapped rescue ships picking up the lifeboats.

His Birthday Means More Relief for Sufferers



Again, this year, President Roosevelt celebrates his birthday, his 58th, by calling upon the nation to contribute to the "March of Dimes" in the fight against infantile paralysis, which he, himself, once had. The President is shown (right, in photo at left) conferring with an officer during the World War, when he was assistant secretary of the Navy and before he contracted the vicious disease. Right, top, he swims in a pool, one of his favorite exercises and which is prescribed for infantile paralysis patients. Right, bottom, the Chief Executive and a young patient enjoy Thanksgiving turkey together on an annual visit of Roosevelt to the Warm Springs, Ga., foundation, where he was treated. Warm Springs has been greatly aided, financially, through national observance of the President's birthday.

He's the Tops



F. A. Countway

F. A. Countway, head of Lever Bros., U. S. subsidiary of a British concern, is revealed as the highest paid citizen employed in U. S. during the year 1938. The soap manufacturer received \$469,713.

"A Capitalist Plot"



Earl Browder

Sentenced to four years in prison and \$2,000 fine in passport fraud, Earl Browder, nation's No. 1 Communist, takes advantage of stay pending appeal to address 18,000 Reds in New York. Declaring it a "great honor" to be able to go to jail for the cause, he said his conviction was all part of a foul capitalist plot.

Stalked by Tragedy



Eva Kohn

Little Eva Kohn, 4, Viennese refugee, arrives at Los Angeles, Cal., enroute to Pasadena where she will live with her aunt, Mrs. Victor Stein. Eva's father, Robert Kohn, doctor of law, is seriously ill in Honolulu; her mother died nine months ago in Shanghai.

Economy on the Police Force



Because the county court failed to provide new official cars for the sheriff's office, Deputy Sheriff Jesse Criss of Clarksburg, W. Va., has gone back to the old reliable burro as a means of transportation. The mounted cop is shown serving a process to a gent who apparently sees some humor in the situation.

HOLLYWOOD STARS SELECT THEIR FAVORITE DISHES



Their tastes vary as much as their personalities, so getting the inside dope on their favorite foods should prove interesting. Lew Ayres is convinced that nothing can take the place of box lunches, and proves it by almost always bringing his lunch to work with him each day. The actor often admits that he often prepares it himself.

Escapes Death by Seconds



Central Press Photo

Two-year-old Maureen Walsh (left) is comforted by her mother, Mrs. Walsh, after narrowly escaping death in a 25-foot cistern near the Walsh home in Waukegan, Ill. She fell in while playing. Her father heard her screams and pulled Maureen out in the nick of time. Her only injury was a scratched nose.

Fake Detective Detected



Donald Lloid, 27, shown in Brooklyn, N. Y., police headquarters with the equipment which he used, is charged with posing as a detective, using a fake badge and a real pistol. Police say he is an ex-convict. They accuse him of extorting money from bookmakers.

Mentioned for Borah Post



Among the candidates reported under consideration as successor to the late William E. Borah, of Idaho, are John Thomas (left) and Tom Heath (right). Borah's senate term runs until 1942.

Four Times Blessed



Smiling happily is Mrs. Clyde Short, who gave birth to quadruplets, three girls and one boy, in her tiny, ill-heated, cabin near Jasper, Ala. Mr. Short is a coal miner. The girls are named Faith, Hope and Charity; the boy is as yet unnamed.