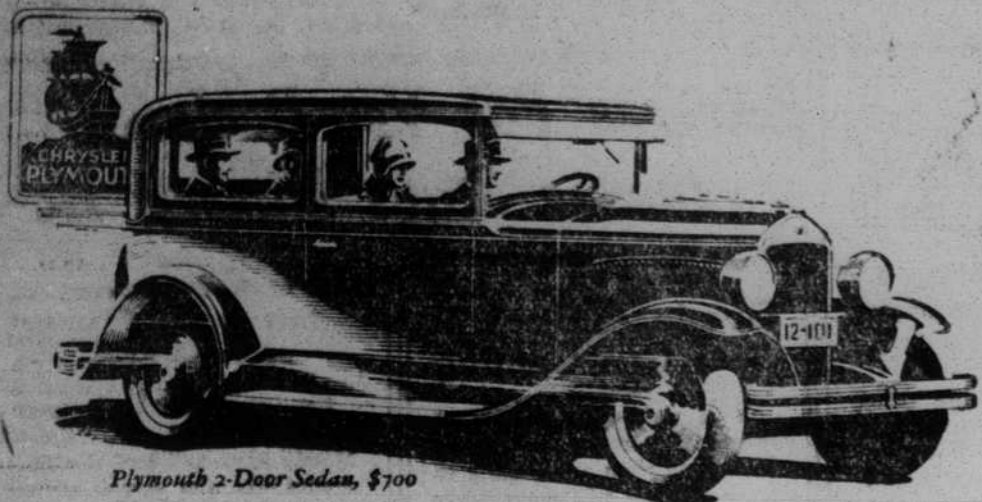


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### Murphy Has Cheer For Straight Talk

(Spencer Murphy in Salisbury Post) So it had to be the Colonel who would come right out in the open and say it. Willie Person, with his great expanse of boisterous vest and jovial face and his voice that gets itself wonderfully amplified between his lungs and his lips, has thrown caution to the winds, exploded in the power of a Franklin county wrath and told a newspaper man that he is damned sick and tired of North Carolina's Democratic candidates for office straddling the fence, pussyfooting and playing hide-and-go-seek with their coats-tails.

It was coming sooner or later, and I am rather glad that Colonel Willie was the man to do it. From now on we should hear considerable of it.

The Democratic party in the state is probably as strong as usual but its unity has certainly been impaired of recent months. It is the most natural thing in the world for an honest voter to so resent the county and state nominees either bellyaching over or bolting from the national ticket so that he will restrict his vote to the national ticket as a gesture of disapproval if nothing else.

I know of half-a-dozen Democrats who swear that they are going to do this very thing and I am not at all out of sympathy with it.

Senator Simmons, even yet a nominal leader in the state, has given the most admirable demonstration of poor sportsmanship that I know of in North Carolina history. He is exactly in the position of a football star who refuses to play because the team elects another man captain. The analogy is perfect. So long as he was the big noise, so long as he got the applause from the grandstands he was a good player, he preached team-work because the better the team-work behind him the more brilliantly he stood out.

But when the team grew out of the prep-school stage and had to hold its own among the big boys the star lost his importance in the team-consciousness which knocked him off his pedestal onto an equal footing with the rest. He was not content to be one of them; so he became a sullen, self-pitying martyr on the side-lines. All this is very well and will not count for much in the end; but if the scrubs, lost without an idol to worship, continue to run around in circles, afraid of their own shadows, then it is going to count for a good deal.

If a candidate for a small job can't be loyal to his party in its choice of a candidate for a big job, he'll get right out if he's a sport. The situation has passed the usual stage of petty politics; it's something bigger now.

The body of the party can stand a sufficient number of bolts through which the corruption may escape in the form of bolts and no harm done; but when even minor organs of the body itself become diseased, then it is every part for itself. In such a case I will vote the national ticket and let the rest, from my good friend Max Gardner down, take care of itself.

I am not wise and I am not cautious. Old heads will frown at my foolish extremes. But, my ancient and venerable political wisecracks, I assert that you can frown your faces into a permanent paralysis and it will not do half as much good as it will for you to get together and provide some vital and unyielding substance to replace the anemic fluid that trickles up and down the spines of some of our state and county candidates. Make them come out and support Smith in whatever opposition there may be or make them get off the ticket.

And in the meanwhile, three cheers for Willie Person who is going into the next legislature as a Democrat or not going in at all.

### Half Crop Cotton In Gaston, View

Says Reports Of Bolts And Squares Dropping On Account Too Much Rain

Gastonia.—There will be about a half crop of cotton in Gaston county this fall, according to a prediction of Frank Costner, veteran cotton weigher at the local platform, who has been talking with a number of farmers over the county the last few days.

According to Mr. Costner, the small bolts and many of the squares are dropping off on account of the heavy rains and soggy soil which have caused the plants to become too full of sap. Mr. Costner said that several farmers have told him that they expected their cotton crop to be cut in half.

Cotton was doing well up until two weeks ago in spite of the extremely dry spell of three weeks' duration. Then came the series of hard rains which have extended up until now and these have impregnated the soil with a superfluity of water. Cotton can make little growth when surcharged with water in cloudy weather.

Of course all crops in the vicinity of overflowing streams have suffered. In some places along the river bottoms corn and cotton have been swept away entirely by the force of the water.

Truck and garden crops have not been hurt by the rain but it has been hard to get them to market. Cotton, however, is the main money crop in this section and with a short crop and probably a low price farmers will be hard put this fall.

### Seawell Declares Gardner A Good Scout And Sport

Charlotte.—Herbert F. Seawell, Republican candidate for the governorship of North Carolina expects to take an active and aggressive part in the coming political campaign in the state despite the fact that he has been a hospital patient here for several weeks.

Mr. Seawell underwent an operation for appendicitis here three weeks ago. He returned to his home at Carthage Friday accompanied by his wife.

"I was afraid for a while," Mr. Seawell said, "that I would be unable to take an active part in the campaign but I am happy to state now that I will be able to be active in the campaign. I have kept in touch with the situation to a considerable extent."

"I appreciate the messages of good cheer I have received from many friends, but none more than the message from Max Gardner, my opponent in the campaign who is a good scout and a good sport."

### Long Term School In 17 Counties Now

They Have Decided Not To Wait For The State To Take Action.

Raleigh.—Seventeen North Carolina counties which need an eight months school term, have decided not to wait for the state to act. Superintendent Allen was saying Friday and Washington, far down in the east, this week joined the sweet sixteen which already had signed up.

The newspapers in their recent meeting in Sedgefield, the farmers in their west Raleigh convention, and the women in their League of Women voters have gone far enough to register their faith. But politically neither party has acted corporately. There is no pledge that even the 1929 general assembly will make provision for a state wide plan of financing. That this legislature will devote a big pile to the equalization fund is not doubted. The 1927 assembly came near providing a plan of statewide finance. But there are now 17 counties which are going to have the eight months. And they are not all the rich units with an abundance of tangible property to tax.

In the election held this week the tax carried by a two to one vote. This is the home of Van Buren Martin, who has represented the county several times in the lower house. There are not many counties which will have to sacrifice more than this. Dr. Allen was very happy when he received the news.

"A year ago I prophesied that there would probably be 20 counties operating an eight months school term this year," the state superintendent said. "Gaston county missed it by fewer than 100 votes, and Graham county missed it in its election by fewer than 50 votes."

Beaufort county has voted the tax, he said, but as yet has not levied it. "The eight months school term is a question primarily for the people themselves to determine," said Dr. Allen. "It is a difficult matter to carry an election over a whole county, but almost uniformly large special tax districts have carried by large majorities."

The following counties are now operating an eight months school term: Carteret, Currituck, Durham, Edgecombe, Gates, Guilford, Henderson, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Northampton, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Transylvania, Vance, Wilson, Lenoir and Washington.

The Democratic National Committee has made it plain that campaign contributions of a dime will be acceptable. To us experienced political observers that can mean only one thing. The Democrats are trying to get a contribution from the elder Rockefeller.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

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