

**Too Many Officers In N. C., Al Smith Says; Gardner Plans Endorsed For A Reorganization**

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money in the office of the comptroller.

New York formerly had a similar system, he said, but 150 boards, commissions and departments were reduced to 17 by reorganization accomplished after a fight of 12 years.

"Nobody can tell you a week after the election who they voted for," he said, as he attacked the multiplicity of names found on ballots.

Consolidation of counties was advocated by the former governor, though he noted "counties supply the grease, the patronage for the political machine."

"The principal burden on the taxpayers," Smith said, "is not state government, but local. If the citizens, because of tradition, will not let counties be merged, let them pay for it."

That was crack number one, and perhaps jointed Secretary of the State James A. Hartness, Als Watts protege, who was never overly fond of the New York man anyway.

Commissioner of Agriculture Graham, Commissioner of Labor Frank Grist, and Lieutenant Governor Fountain had their day. Here's East's version of it:

"In North Carolina you go New York one better," Mr. Smith said, regarding the multiplicity of offices. "You elect a commissioner of agriculture."

The house roared. He appeared not to have heard that there is a bill in the legislature working on the commissioner of agriculture. He laughed more at a commissioner of labor and printing, quite oblivious of the fact that Commissioner Frank Grist thoroughly disapproved Mr. Smith two years ago. "If the governor has any labor policy why not let him put it into effect?" Mr. Smith asked.

"I never did think anything on an ex-officio officer," Governor Smith said, referring to the number of places in North Carolina which are filled ex-officio.

**Quotes Former Governors.** He could not think this cumbersome state government can be light and all the governors who have recommended improvement wrong. He quoted Craig, Bickett, Morrison, McClean and Gardner in opposition to it and in favor of the short ballot.

**There Sat Fountain.** And Mr. Smith, who was standing five feet from Lieutenant Governor Fountain, never made a crack that changed that official's pained look. On that broad, not to say expansive, not to mention capacious countenance, did there appear anything that suggested a smile. Indeed, it appeared as though the New Yorker was talking at Mr. Fountain and speaking to the general assembly.

**Gov. Gardner and Senator Bailey.** Governor Gardner and Senator Bailey came in for their portion of the cheers from the big theatre crowd. So says the Daily News correspondent in telling of the opening of the meeting as follows: "The New Yorker, fresh from lunch at the home of Governor and Mrs. Gardner, came into the theatre exactly on the dot. He walked on the stage with State college band playing 'East Side, West Side. All Around The Town,' the national hymn of the east elders. The crowd was on its feet in a second and standing the full minute while the Smith party and their hosts were walking across the stage. Senator Josiah William Bailey and Mrs. Bailey preceded them. The new senator received quite an ovation, to which he bent and broke almost as Smith himself. The new United States senator has no cause for esteeming Mr. Smith lightly. It took Mr. Bailey days, weeks, months years to get himself placed on Smith. But finally he leaped. They said he fell on his smart head; history tells us that he lit squarely on two stable feet. For it took just two more years, on account of Smith for Mr. Bailey to oust Mr. Smith's chief blackguard and one of these days the twain, Smith and Bailey, are going to meet as United States senators in the most deliberative body on earth.

**GLAD NOW HE COULDN'T GIVE HIS LOTS AWAY**

Boone.—Rev. Uriah Farthing, Baptist minister here, paid \$50 each for two lots in Oklahoma City a few years ago. He got tired of paying taxes on them.

Three months ago he offered to give them to a brother if the latter would pay taxes on them and two other lots, but the brother declined.

Now Mr. Farthing is on his way to Oklahoma, the lots having been found to cover oil which is now paying him an income of \$924 per day.

The average Wall Street lamb would prefer an unsteady market. —Louisville Times.

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**Two Mills Here Cut Night Work Plan For Women**

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have issued no statements. Unofficially it is learned that there are those who consider the Textile Institute request for elimination of night work a hardship for smaller plants in this area. "Many of those mills which are cooperating in the plan to eliminate night work for women are big mills, some of which haven't been operating at night. To them it does not mean cutting of employes or making shifts that are hard to make. It is another proposition to those of us who have full shifts by the change? There are not places enough on day shifts for all of them."

Another factor pointed out is that a full night shift of male workers cannot handle certain departments, such as spinning, with the speed and ability of women workers.

**Covers 600 Mills.** That the move necessarily brings on a vast change in the textile industry is shown by the Textile Institute's report that the more than 600 mills which have agreed to the plan represent a total of 26,000,000 spindles, including 79 per cent of the spindleage in night running mills.

The Cotton Textile Institute is made up of members of the American and National Cotton Manufacturers' association. Its headquarters are in New York.

George A. Sloan, president of the institute, in a signed statement made public by Mr. McLaughlin, in regard to elimination of night work said:

"We announce the necessary conformity to the elimination of night work for women and minors in cotton mills, and, therefore, that the voluntary plan of such elimination becomes effective at once. The industry is to be heartily congratulated on the conclusive support it has given this great reform."

**Co-ed's Protest**



Sara Forsythe, pretty co-ed of Newcomb College, New Orleans, La., as she proudly displays the stripes, ball and chain she wears as a means of protest against a sentence imposed on her and Virginia Catlin. Both girls were forced to remain within the college ground for two weeks because they stayed overnight at a relative's house during the recent Mardi Gras celebration.

**County Board Pays Bills, Hears Pleas**

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for jail \$5.50; Frank L. and Geo. A. Hoyle, insurance \$11.80; E. M. Allen, jail report \$43.40; I. M. Allen, stamps etc., \$22.20.

Stephenson Drug Co., jail 60c; City Shelby, jail \$38.88; J. D. Elliott, bridge lumber \$19; D. H. Cline, bridge dept., \$2.07; T. T. Dye, bridge lumber \$74.10; D. B. Watsnack, bridge lumber \$12.50; J. C. Weathers, bridge work \$146.48; B. B. Harris, flooring bridges \$15.50; Moore & Stewart, bridge dept., \$1.00; Campbell Dept. Store, bridge dept., \$189.00; Campbell Dept. Store, jail \$13.15; J. C. Weathers, concrete mixer, \$4.10.

City of Shelby, court house \$24.33; Elise Green, pension roll, \$20; A. Blanton Gro. Co., 2 brooms \$1.00; Standard Oil Co., bridge dept. \$62.41; J. Y. Kendrick, capture bill \$16.00; J. Y. Kendrick, capt. Joe Hamrick, King Black and E. Harvey \$60.30; J. R. Hord, collecting taxes, \$5.00; M. A. Holley, trip to Forest City and Hollis, \$8.00; J. P. Ledford, capturing still \$10.00; C. H. Sheppard, expenses for sending Mrs. Heafner and daughter to Atlanta, \$5.00; Harvey Harrelson, trip to Morganton \$10; D. A. Fulton, making coffins, \$7.50; Edwards & Broughton, county accountant \$1.35; No. 6 township, commissioners board for prisoners \$383.50; Elmer Lumber Co., \$32.80; Star Pub. Co., register of deeds \$76.93; Cleveland Hdq. Co., \$9.15; Shelby Ptg. Co., recorder, \$39.03.

Kendall Medicine Co., clerk superior court pencils \$0c; A. F. Newton stamps, etc., \$7.40; A. E. Cline, service as commissioner \$77.50; A. E. Cline, expenses to Raleigh \$27.98; Observer Ptg. Co., register of deeds, \$143.50; Mitchell Ptg. Co., register of deeds and C. S. Co., \$48.98; Stephenson Drug Co., by J. B. Smith \$36.00; Swofford Grocery Co., by J. B. Smith \$10.40; Campbell Dept. Store, by J. B. Smith \$26.03; Cleveland Drug Co., by A. E. Cline \$1.55; Buren Dedmon, 1-2 cord wood for Fatty Helton \$2.00; T. P. Eskridge, by J. B. Smith \$4.30; J. C. Feaster Co., by J. B. Smith \$8.63; J. B. Smith, trip to Morrison training school with John Blanton \$9.40; Nab Bowman by J. B. Smith, \$1.50; D. F. Moore, county physician, \$128.00; Southern Bell & Tel. Co., \$40.27; R. L. Weathers, tax supervisor, \$206.00; L. F. McBrayer, tax assessor, \$8.00.

J. C. Weathers, court house ornamental rail \$125.00; Usher Sarden, county home tenant \$15.00; A. C. Brackett, gardener bridge lumber \$36.20; State Dept. labor and printing, tax sheets \$73.00; H. A. Logan was allowed a refund of \$43.85 on account of double discovery of 1628 taxes Mrs. A. L. Hoyle, see discovary book J. T. Beason, 4 hogs for Usher Sarden county home tenant \$24.00; W. T. Randall, county home \$6.95; Thompson Co. lumber county home \$26.28; Standard Oil Co., bridge department \$45.90.

Unlike most fighters, however Buster isn't asking for a return engagement.

**Happy Theatrical Marriages No Novelty**

Contrary to Popular Belief Instances of Marital Devotion Among Stage Folk Outnumber Mismatings and Divorces. Many Examples of Wedded Love That Have Withstood Acid Test of Continuous Association.



HERBERT MARSHALL and EDNA BEST. ALFRED LUNT and LYNN FONTAINE. EUGENIE LEONTOVICH.

(By ALICE ALDEN)

**Asks Birth Control**

New York.—There's happiness amongst the stars! No, not the heavenly variety but those very glittering stars that shine so brightly in the theatrical firmament. Which will be news to lots of people who think stage folk never make obedience to the domestic gods, but marry merely to prepare for the publicity that so often surrounds a theatrical divorce.

Of course there are divorces, disagreements and disastrous marriages amongst the people of the theatre. But not, they will hasten to inform you, in greater numbers than among members of any other profession or career. For, they argue, in what other walk of life would you find a handsome woman walking away from the chance of a lifetime in order to be with a man, when that man is her husband. That is just one of the things that isn't done in polite circles, but in the theatre, well—that's another and a nicer story.

The stage abounds with happy couples like pretty Edna Best, who walked off the Hollywood lot and took the first train East to hand one Herbert Marshall, from whom he couldn't just hear to be separated for more than three weeks. 'Real love is like that and that's the brand of love with which the stage abounds.

**On Trial in Mexico**

It's easy to imagine Bill Brady granting his satisfaction when he read the Edna Best story, even if he did desert a job. For William A. Brady and his wife, Grace George, are among the happiest and most devoted of stage couples. They consult each other in everything and neither would dream of doing any theatrical work without co-operating from each other. And Bill Brady, Jr. and Katherine Alexander bid fair to emulate the example of the older Bradys. And then there is the domestic sage of exotic Eugenie Leonovitch and her husband, Gregory Ratoff. The actress is starring in "Grand Hotel" in New York. Her husband is appearing in Chicago. And so each Saturday night the two take the train and meet in Pittsburgh where they spend Sunday together.

They fail to see anything extraordinary in their devotion and believe it only to be typical of the theatre. The discomfort, the inconvenience of the trip is as nothing when compared to the joy of being together for at least one day each week. Sounds like domestic harmony doesn't it?

Another divinely happy couple is June Walker and Geoffry Kerr. They always try to secure engagements together and one sees them always in restaurants or clubs, tremendously engrossed in each other. Then there's glamorous Claudette Colbert and Norman Foster, two of the cleverest young people of the theatre. When the movies claimed Claudette she persuaded Paramount to give her husband a contract, too so that they could be together even on the lot. Is that wifely devotion or not?

It has often been said that being together continuously destroys the delicate fabric that is marriage. But it hasn't been so in the case of Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine. For they invariably appear in the same theatre. Guild offerings and their devotion offstage is just as intense. Each is the other's best booster. Of another generation E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe, were everywhere hailed as a perfect example of domestic harmony in the theatre. They are still just as devoted to each other and are a happy instance

**Boys Enrolling For Citizens Training Camp This Summer**

Many Applications Have Gone In. But Others May Apply At Once. To Lee B. Weathers.

The coming summer will mark another year of Citizens' military training camps. All indications point to a greater number of American boys enrolling than ever before. Last year in the fourth corps area, comprising the southeastern states, more than double the number applied than could be taken care of. Already applications are coming in fast, and the policy of "first come, first served," makes it necessary for those who wish to take advantage of the government's splendid offer to get busy at once.

Any boy who will be 17 years old by the opening date, June 12, 1931, is eligible to go to camp. He must be physically fit, of good character, and an American citizen. A physical examination, vaccination against small-pox and typhoid fever, and a certificate of good moral character are required on the application blank of candidates.

The United States government will pay all necessary expenses, including the trip to and from camp, laundry, and any necessary medical care. The necessary uniforms will be furnished while at camp, three wholesome meals a day, comfortable bedding and quarters in a concrete floored tent.

The purpose of the camps is to train good healthy Americans to carry on the nation's work and perpetuate its institutions; develop young men who will hold their heads high and take honored places in the community and who will spread the doctrine of healthy, democratic Americanism by their daily lives.

The motto "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is not forgotten. In addition to the morning periods of study and drill, the afternoons, in the basic or first year course particularly, are devoted to supervised athletics, such as baseball, basketball, tennis, track and other outdoor sports. Swimming, with the Red Cross life saving course is open to all. In the evenings the "talkies," sings and stunt programs, dances, concerts, boxing matches, and many other forms of amusements serve to bring the day to a happy conclusion. No formations are scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday afternoons or Sundays, except the church parade on Sunday of a couple who have walked the road of life together and found the going all the pleasanter for each other's companionship. Then, too, there are the Coburns who have worked together and been happily married for 10, these many years.

Recently Victor Moore, the comedian, and his wife, Emma Littlefield, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. They, too, have always appeared in vaudeville together until quite recently. And then there's Mr. and Mrs. Florenz Ziegfeld. Mrs. Florenz the winsome Billie Burke, has found her greatest happiness in the companionship of Flo and their daughter, Patricia. To see them all together at the Ziegfeld home at Hastings-on-the-Hudson is to know that theatrical people have found the key to domestic happiness. Theatrical divorces may be news but happiness in the theatre world is certainly no novelty.

**With "Mallets" Toward None**



The charge of the Light Brigade could hardly have exceeded the enthusiasm of these millionaire sportsmen as they charged after the ball in a friendly game at Miami Beach. Incidentally it looks as if the cameraman had a close shave from these fleet ponies.

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