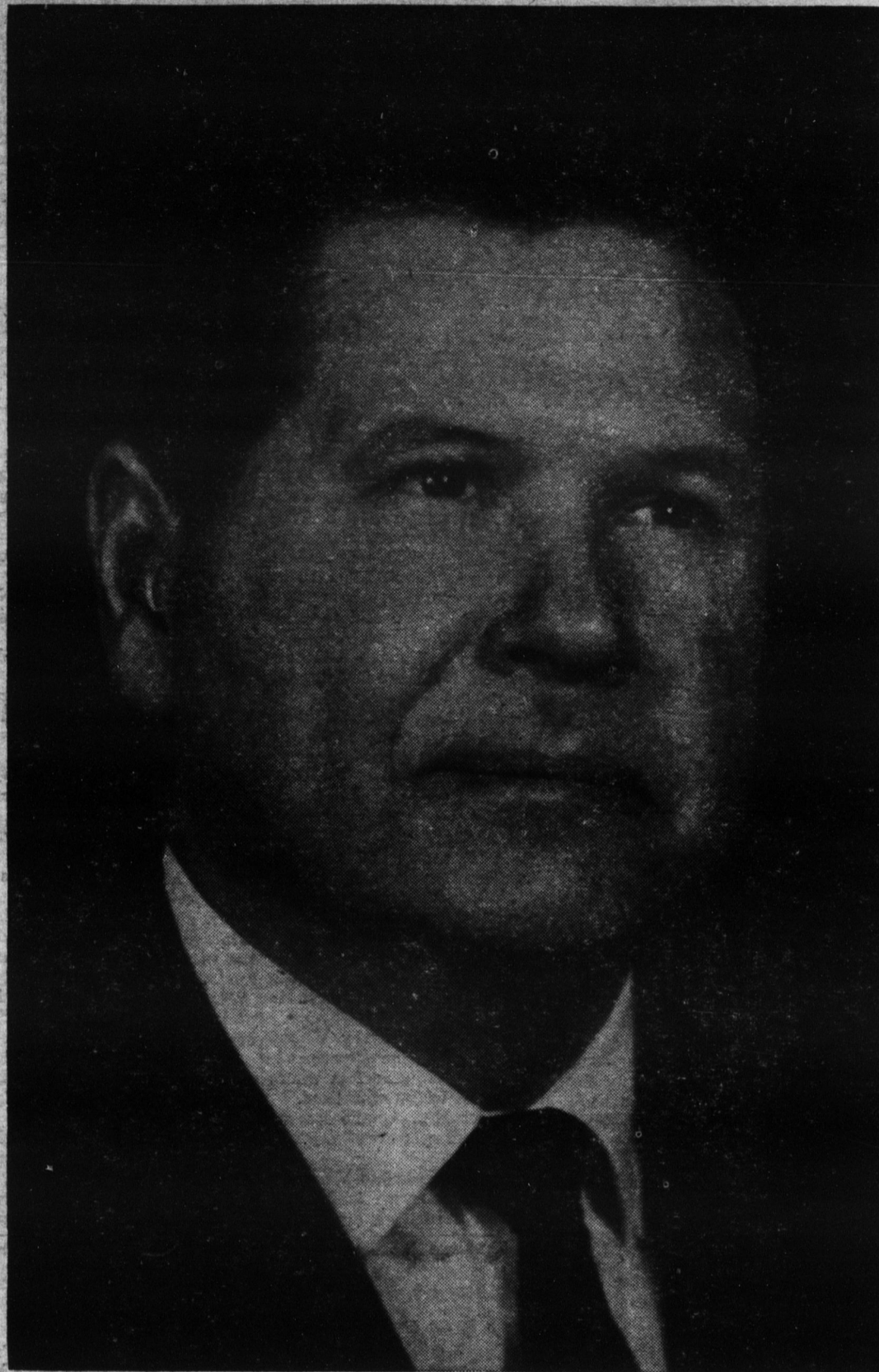


FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



TO THE PEOPLE OF DARE COUNTY — GREETINGS:

My recently announced intention to file for the House of Representatives is official. I am a candidate for this office.

But even before my candidacy became confirmed by filing as required by law the rumor began passing that I was not sincere in my announced intention—that I had no real interest in this representative office, but was merely attempting to divide the voting support of one candidate in an effort to aid or strengthen the other! For the people throughout the county who know me, such slanderous statements do not merit a reply. However, for those who do not know me and may be misled, let me say only that this is a deliberate, vicious untruth designed to discourage my entry into this political race and to discredit my candidacy thereafter. It is a false rumor born of fear by certain persons that upon being elected to serve as the people's representative I would not be dictated to or controlled by any one person or any small group.

Let all men who labor under such a fear know that they have real cause for concern. For my interest is not in any select individual or group, but in all the people of Dare County, their economic welfare and happiness. Only to the people, therefore, shall my responsibility lie.

The qualifications for this important office of public trust are extremely high and we can no longer afford other than the best. In its present disastrous plight if Dare County is to continue in successful competition with other areas of like interest in North Carolina and other states it must stand in the General Assembly as a powerful, moving force, capable not only of introducing occasional local bills but one which continuously exerts an influence in shaping state-wide policy and in the enactment of the general laws under which we all abide. Our county is small in size, therefore, it must be large in its quality of leadership. We must employ our most capable talent in order to reap the ultimate benefit. And if this degree of excellence should eliminate me, then let it be, for the county's interest must be second to none. Our forebears on this coast were among the first, and it lay in us to be among the best. The great heritage of the past leaves no other choice.

With a great deal of humility I offer my services as a native Dare Countian and a lawyer to become your representative in the State Legislature. Should you favor me with this high position of public trust the several interests of Dare County will be my most cherished client.

The support of all who feel I will represent them with honor, dignity, and credit to our county is solicited.

WALLACE R. GRAY