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If the ardor of Southern Republicans was not already dampened by Mr. Hoover's failure to include a Southerner in his cabinet, all that rain on inauguration day should have dampened it.

Well, Mr. Hoover got him a cabinet without our helping him a bit. And now we are going to let him settle his farm relief problem. The gentleman is not to be envied. If he pleases all the dissatisfied groups, he will deserve the plaudits of the world.

We notice in The Raleigh Times' "Fifty Years Ago," that Dr. Wingate, president of Wake Forest College, had died at the age of 51, but we were under the impression that Dr. Wingate died in his old age. How different 50 years looks now and then!

Fifty years ago March 1, The Raleigh Visitor, according to The Raleigh Times' items from that date, asked if there had been a single school speech made in the legislature that session. If not, it was quite a different session from any in recent years.

Coolidge has proved himself a man of grit. He has never hesitated, apparently, to veto a bill when he risked arousing the hostility of his own partisans, or even when the measure had much popular favor. He has served well, and if he takes it easy the rest of his life, no one can blame him.

The institutions of the state asked for \$20,000,000 for permanent improvements. The budget committee cut the sum down to less than \$2,000,000, and this was actually needed. But the House became stampeded one day last week and refused to grant that sum in bonds. But wiser action is expected to follow. The state could lose money by a false economy.

From The Raleigh Times' "Fifty Years Ago" items, we note that "Mr. George Dismukes, aged fifty and a most worthy citizen of Chatham county, was drowned in Deep River on February 19." It took ten days to get the item in a Raleigh daily at that time, and probably it was clipped from The Chatham Record. A county paper in those days didn't have its news plucked from under its nose before it could go to press.

The House has really passed a school bill, which fixes the school tax at 30 cents a hundred, with help also for the special tax districts, but as it requires \$5,000,000 more than the appropriation bill had planned for the equalization fund, the next problem, and the real one, if the bill passes the senate, is to discover a source from which to get the money. The land owners will be relieved but somebody else will be soaked, and he will not like it.

Trust Jim Pou, the Raleigh lawyer, to find the weak points in the antagonist's armor. He was talking about extravagance in administration, and struck upon that of school management, when he stated that one school had cashed a voucher of \$83 for payment for fish worms and frogs, presumably for dissection in the biology courses. Some enterprising Raleigh reporter should enlarge upon this. We would like to know whether they were bought by the dozen, by the peck, and the prevailing prices. A youth who is not enterprising enough to find his own frog or fish worm for dissection will never set the world afire as a scientist, you bet. We would wager that Dr. Potat has not paid that sum for worms and frogs in his whole career as teacher of biology at Wake Forest College.

Again the people are probably going to be given a chance to vote upon the question of making it constitutionally possible for the legislature to classify property, and if thought desirable to allow a lower tax on evidences of credit, such as mortgages, notes, etc., and this time to classify lands. The latter is exceedingly important, and will give a chance to fix a low tax rate upon woods lands, making it up when the timber is cut, maybe, 25 years hence.

G. M. Garren, cereal agronomist at State College, says that the average production of corn in North Carolina ought to be fifty bushels or more, instead of 22.8 bushels as at present. Indeed, he says no farmer should plant an acre without the expectation of making fifty bushels, and he is right. Of course, such a production means more idle acres, fewer horses or mules, also fewer farm hands, or an excess of production. But the transition period is upon us, and only those farmers who produce at a cost as low as possible can hope to succeed. The others will have to eke out a bare living, or go at something else, and such a man will find competition in other lines as severe as in farming.

The county commissioners are supposed to know their business, but if they have employed an attorney at \$20 a case to prosecute the hundreds of land tax sales, it is very evident that they do not. It is little short of an outrage, if short at all, for a man who owes, say, ten dollars tax on his lands to have pay not only the interest rate of twenty per cent for the first year, which, however, is the law, and upon top of that a \$20 lawyer fee. Three hundred such cases will amount to \$6,000, and any lawyer in Chatham county can work a whole year for that sum. But such things are being done. The writer has seen a tax bill for \$7 run up to about \$30 by this method. The law allows a reasonable fee, but we protest that \$20 is not a reasonable fee by the wholesale.

Doesn't the following paragraph sound as if it might have been written any time within the last ten years. Yet it is from The Raleigh Visitor of fifty years ago, March 1, and was probably written by the late C. A. Brown, so long a printer at Pittsboro and Siler City. If you will read "Fifty Years Ago" section in The Raleigh Times, you will detect frequently an item that may be attributed to Mr. Brown's pen, as he and his father ran The Raleigh Visitor at that date. But here is the item referred to:

"Cape Fear and Yadkin Railroad—When the legislature chartered this road, it provided what has long been needed, a line from the seaboard to the great northwest, to tap Virginia, which has so long and so often bled us, and still runs our railroads for us. It is well that there should be one line of railway running through the State from southeast to northwest owned by the State and its people."

Small favors thankfully received. Property owners in the poorer counties, it appears, will be relieved of ten cents of the school taxes. Thirty cents a hundred beats 40 cents right along. But now it will be interesting to see how those upon whom the burden taken from property owners is saddled will take the change. If the legislators succeed in giving property considerable relief and at the same time do not overburden industries or individuals, they will have earned and deserved their ten dollars a day.

State College folk helped kill Senator Hobbs' bill to forbid publication of forecasts of crop and prices, on the ground that the bill would hinder the extension work of State College, and of course the machinery must be allowed to work and the machinists to hold their jobs, whether the consequences are good or evil. Senator Hobbs gave assurance that he would insert a clause in the bill making it impossible for it, if passed, to hinder any of the extension work except that of crop and price estimating. But still the House wouldn't have it. The bill passed the Senate.

It is "Better English" week, but it depends upon the quality of our new proofreader, as yet unproved, as to whether The Record will practice "better English."

Since writing the protest about the attorney's fee for settlement of land tax cases, we are informed by Sheriff Blair that there are not so nearly many cases as one might estimate from the advertisements. Many have been settled, and there were numerous errors of one kind or another, mostly as to the ownership of the land advertised.

The terms of Messrs. Bray and Wilson as members of the Board of Education expire soon, but The Record is not informed as to whether they are slated to succeed themselves or not. Also the term of Supt. Thompson is soon to expire, and it may be that the re-election of him or of another will play a part in the slating of the board members. These things should be more of a matter for the people. As it is, a half-dozen men will control the situation, or possibly fewer. But Dr. Edwards, member of the house of representatives, will really have the deciding voice, we presume.

It is evident that the majority of the legislature has come to the conclusion that it is better for the farmers' children to have bread than to have two extra months of school. The legislators want to cut taxes, but they do not know where to get the money the state must have if it maintains its present expensive school system. Twelve years ago \$50 was a good salary for teachers in North Carolina, \$75 would be as good now as \$50 then. Cut salaries now and raise them again when times get better. And don't confine the cutting to teachers' salaries. Begin right in the departments at Raleigh.

Bear Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coggins and family, of Hallison, were Sunday visitors in the home of W. A. Coggins. Dewey Rives is spending some time with his mother near here.

W. L. Coggins recently visited his daughter in Greensboro, who underwent an operation there about two weeks ago.

Mrs. P. D. Harris is in the Clinic Hospital, Greensboro, for an operation. We wish her an immediate recovery.

Robert Snipes, of Durham, spent the week-end at his home on route 2. Eugene B. Straughan, who is in the Clinic Hospital, Greensboro, is improving, we are glad to state.

Miss Lelia Justice of Corinth was a week-end visitor in the home of J. A. Phillips.

Miss Dora Moody, of Burlington, was recent visitor in the home of her parents.

D. F. Perrel and son, Elvid, of Greensboro, were week-end visitors near here. Mrs. Perrel is in Washington, D. C., attending the inauguration of President Herbert C. Hoover, which took place Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burke and family of Burlington were visitors here and near here, during the week-end. Houston Parrish and family have moved from here. He worked on the section force here with R. R. Buelin.

Harley Buelin is visiting relatives in Elkin.

R. C. Dunn is on the sick list—we wish him a speedy recovery.

R. R. Buelin, truck foreman, visited relatives in Walnut Cove, during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Smith visited his kinsfolk near Hillsboro last week.

Nat. G. Norwood, of Greensboro, is visiting on route 2.

T. D. Norwood is seriously ill at the home of his mother on Route 2.

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Terracing Schools at Bonlee, March 11-12 and Siler City, 13-14

Guernseys are becoming increasingly popular in this county. Mr. Rufus Clark of Siler City recently purchased a two year old registered Guernsey bull. This is a fine individual, and will certainly improve the quality of the dairy cattle in that community. Mr. Clark is also preparing to seed several acres in improved pasture this spring.

A four-acre field seeded in lespezea last spring was turned this winter to be planted in corn by Mr. J. E. Clark of the Hickory Mountain community. There was a good stand of lespezea on this field, considering that it was the first-year seeding, and farmers will be interested in observing the yield of corn on this land due to the crop of lespezea turned under. Mr. Clark states that the average yield of corn on this land will not go over 20 bushels per acre, but he is expecting a considerably larger yield due to his lespezea.

Mr. D. H. Sinston of the Antioch Church community near Goldston recently purchased a pure bred Jersey bull. This bull is the offspring of one of the heifers sold in the sale at Siler City in 1927, and shows all the ear-marks of good type and breeding.

Messrs. C. A. Culberson and Ernest Brewer, of the Bonlee and Hickory Mountain communities respectively, are cooperating with the agent in conducting two terracing demonstrations on their farms as a part of the program of the two terracing schools to be held at Bonlee and Siler City, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 11, 12, 13 and 14. Class room is to be given in the mornings and practical demonstrations will be conducted in the afternoons.

Mr. N. J. Dark of the Hickory Mountain community will conduct a five-acre demonstration with corn, using nitrate of soda as side dressing this spring. This five-acre field is on the left of highway No. 90 going towards Siler City, and farmers will be interested in observing the effects of large applications of nitrate of soda on the growth of corn.

Mr. M. C. Cooper is conducting a five acre demonstration with nitrate of soda applied as a top dressing for wheat. This demonstration is located near Pittsboro.

FINAL SHIPMENT OF SOY BEANS TO BE MADE SOON

The last co-operative order for soy beans for this season will be sent in shortly. This order will consist of about 800 bushels of Mammoth Yellows, and about 25 bushels of Laredos. These beans will be slightly higher than the previous lots, as they are costing \$2.20 at the shipping point. We hope that every farmer in this county will seed at least two bushels in soy beans this spring.

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PASTURE MEETINGS

Mr. A. C. Kimrey, dairy specialist, and Mr. F. H. Mendenhall will assist the county agent in holding two pasture meetings in the western part of the county this week. The exact date and place of meetings have not been arranged as yet, but we hope to announce them later.

TERRACING SCHOOLS

As has been announced in previous articles, Mr. A. T. Holman, extension agricultural engineer, will assist the agent in conducting two terracing schools in the county, March 11, 12, 13 and 14. Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12, demonstrations in locating and constructing terraces will be held on the farm of C. A. Culberson near Bonlee, beginning at 2 p. m. During the mornings, classroom work will be given at the Bonlee school, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, March 13 and 14, beginning at 2 p. m., practical demonstrations will be given on the farm of Ernest Brewer of the Hickory Mountain community. Classroom work will be conducted in the mornings at Siler City, above the Hardware Store.

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those conditions, eggs alone will not pay it. It will be necessary for you to have also broilers to sell during the season, and if your flock is blood-tested, market baby chicks, provided you sell them from a good, sound flock.

"I am writing you in regard to Korean lespezea. I have tried several parties, and have so far been unable to get any seed. Can you put me in touch with any parties who have used seed for sale?"

The supply of Korean Kobe and Lespezea No. 76 was very limited this year. We do not know of any individual farmers who have any of the above named varieties of seed. However, we notice that T. W. Wood and Son of Richmond, Va., is quoting Korean Lespezea at 50 cents per pound. This is the only source we know of.

Pittsboro Wins From Clayton by Good Score

The winning Pittsboro basket ball team played Clayton Monday evening and as usual won by a good score. The team has won the county championship and has won nearly all games played with out-of-county teams. It is now in line for contests at State College, preliminary to the state championship battle. Pittsboro has won 20 out of 23 games played this season.

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