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VERY FEW NEW BILLS ARE INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE

The legislature seems determined to make few mistakes at this session as fewer bills have been introduced than at any session in many years. Apparently, this may be best, just let things go on in the same good old way.

But the roads of the state are in serious need of some construction work, work which can only be done by State legislation. The Educational system also seems to need relief, but as yet nothing seems to be in sight, except a set determination to make lavish appropriations for the State University. No one denies the need of the University but free tuition to every person in North Carolina at the University means that the rich will get free tuition because the son of the wealthy can go to Chapel Hill while the sons and daughters of the poor will never advance far enough to enter the University. Why build such a strong central institution and neglect the general education of the masses? The education that counts most is that education that carries nearest the homes of the rank and file of the folks.

We are not kicking the University, but are appealing in behalf of the great mass of folks, the common folks, to give them better opportunities in life by giving them a better chance for an education. Certainly we need more college men, the best way to get them is to give all a chance, then the worthy ones, the real men will go to college but the college need not be built first. Of course the way of prosperity just passed indicates the greater need of the college facilities in the State but when the poverty mill grinds awhile perhaps things will not be so crowded. We want the Legislature to do more for education in North Carolina but don't do it all in free tuition where the average man and below can never go, only those who are able to qualify for college degrees.

The Legislature seems inclined to look with favor upon increasing salaries. They raised the salaries of some of the State officers, well enough the salaries now paid are none too high, but the proposition to pay retiring judges three-fourths pay seems a little unkind to the fellows scattered over the State who are not able to pay their taxes. Our observation is that there are some fine judges and there are some mighty sorry ones some wise judges and some not so wise. There are nothing more than just common human beings and when they endeavor to serve the State, or the more deserving a life pension than the other. The average judge learns more law at the mouth of the bench and during a while, the law is better than what he practices in a better position to practice law than he was before. It might be a better thing if the Assembly would pass a law making an age limit, so that men would not be kept on the bench after they become grouchy and peevish. They lose many faculties necessary to make a good judge after passing a certain point in life which is generally not much after middle age.

The dog law at least seems not to be bobbing up again, to hunt the salons. But those ticks and fence are up before our faces and whether they are good things or bad ones, it must be admitted that they are certainly troublesome ones and no one can see the end. We have as much faith in the General Assembly as in any that has convened in years, for the most part it is composed of men of ability and integrity and whatever they do or whatever they fail to do will have little effect on the crops we raise this year, so the best policy for the back home is "push on."

POULTRY CLUB WINS HONORS IN NEW YORK

Tar Heel boys and girls captured three prizes on their poultry club exhibit at the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show, New York City. The club birds were entered in open competition with the professional breeders of the United States, Canada and England, and North Carolina was the only state represented by a club exhibit.

In black Langshan hens the North Carolina entry took second place with a bird pronounced one of the most wonderfully colored hens ever seen. It failed to place first because a few tail feathers were bent and broken during the long trip North.

Among the Buff Plymouth Rock cockerels, with 17 entries, a N. C. club bird took third prize; while in the pullet class a club bird took fifth, among 15 entries. The Buff Plymouth pullet class was one of the "hottest" classes the Madison Square show has seen in years, according to A. G. Oliver, in charge of poultry clubs in North Carolina.

Throughout the show a large display cage containing ten Rhode Island Red cockerels bearing a label, "North Carolina Boys and Girls Poultry Club" occupied the center of the garden, next to the big fountain and fancy waterfowl exhibit. The "reds" attracted much attention and comment and the ten birds were sold at the close of the show to ten different breeders.

MOTHER'S CLUB MEETS

The Mother's Club met Thursday afternoon in the school auditorium, with eight members present. The President, Mrs. Martin, Jr., the Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Grover Harrison were all present. The first number on the program, "The Value of an Acquaintance With Great Literature to Parents in Choosing and Telling Stories to Children and in Training Them in Right Conduct," was read by Miss Helen Chapman, teacher of the second grade. "Story Telling" was read by Miss Patricia D. Thorne, the third grade teacher. "Stories With the Children" was also read by Miss Thorne.

There were other numbers on the program that should have been read or rendered by the resident ladies of the town but a deplorable lack of interest or some slight excuse caused them to be absent. The institution that means more not only to the present but to the future generations of our people than any organization in the town, is being neglected by the mothers, the persons who should be most vitally interested in it. More application to these duties toward our children and less gossip and scandal will eradicate the root of evil in our lovely old town and make us better and far happier people. Use the mirror on your own heart and soul. Make exactly what you are saying about some one else is being said about you to your back. Go easy.

The next meeting of the Mother's Club will be held February 10th at 4:00 P. M. in the school auditorium and every mother in the town is not only invited to attend this free meeting but is urged to do so.

HELD UP AT POINT OF PISTOL

Mr. N. R. Griffin of Griffin's township was held up by a colored man Tuesday on the Greenville road. Mr. Griffin had a truck load of tobacco and before reaching Stokes got down to pick up some tobacco lost from a load in a cart ahead of him. The negro was taking it when Mr. Griffin commanded him to leave it alone. The negro then drew a pistol on the white man, he soon took flight, however, and left. Mr. Griffin did not know the man and he was not arrested.

Mrs. FRANCES LOUISE HARDISON

Mrs. Frances Louise Hardison after a long illness died at her home at Hardison's Mill in Griffins Township on the twenty second of January. She was seventy two years old, the widow of the late Seth R. Hardison. She leaves eight children, Mrs. W. C. Whitley, Mrs. J. J. Roberson, Mrs. Harmon Roberson, Mrs. Jas. A. Daniel, all of the same community, and Luther Hardison of Jamesville, J. W. Hardison of New York, Henry D. Hardison, Attorney at Law and Mayor of Tarboro, N. C. and John Hardison who has the residence beside this one. She was buried in the Hardison family plot in the Roberson cemetery Sunday afternoon, the funeral being conducted by Elder W. B. Harrington, her pastor.

THINKS COUNTY AGENT SHOULD BE RETAINED

Dear Mr. Editor:— In dispensing with the services of our County Farm Demonstration Agent, the Board of County Commissioners have, in my opinion, made a mistake which the farmers of Martin county can ill afford at this time. The fact that it was done in the name of economy does not lessen the error, if it be an error.

The high priced lands of 1919 and the slump in prices of farm products in 1920 have left in their wake new farming problems that are pressing for solution. A wise, conservative agent, such as Mr. J. L. Holliday has proven himself to be, can render great service in aiding us in getting a correct answer to our problems.

Probably ninety or ninety-five per cent of our farmers did not sell their lands at the high prices, but have placed new value on them and are keenly interested in making them pay interest on the new value. The five or ten per cent who bought high priced lands mostly on time, must make more than interest or default in payment and lose all.

The farmers of the county, tenant as well as landlord, are fired with a new zeal and are going into this year fully determined to recoup their losses sustained in 1920. They are, however, in doubt as to what to plant how to fertilize, what price to offer labor, etc. The wise counsel of Joe Holliday would probably be worth his year's salary along this one line to the farmers troubled with these questions.

Speaking of economy, I am advised that the County has been paying \$7 per month as its pro rata share of the Agent's salary, which just about equals 8 days wages for the average bricklayer or carpenter. I believe the county will suffer a greater loss than is apparent if this work is not re-established and hope that the Board of Commissioners will see their way clear to co-operate in every way possible with the farming interests of the county.

Farming, as everyone knows, is the one business that feeds the world and creates most of its wealth and, therefore, should have a square deal.

Yours very truly,
J. G. GODARD.

Jan. 25, 1921.

A BULL ON CAROLINA

North Carolina has more cotton mills, more spindles, more cotton mill operatives, a larger annual pay-roll, consumes more raw cotton, and turns out a greater variety of cotton textiles than any other state in the South. All told, we have more than 600 cotton mills—nearly 100 of them in Gaston County. Last year we built thirty-one new mills, against a total of fifty in the entire south, including Maryland. She new spindles brought into operation during 1920 in the southern states were 711 thousand and 543 thousand of these spindles were set up in North Carolina alone. The South added nineteen thousand new looms and fourteen thousand of these were in North Carolina.

Our textile people are puzzled over the collapse in the market price of cotton goods, and a good many mills were temporarily closed down during the holiday season. Nevertheless they know that no area in the known world offers greater opportunities for expansion in textile industries, than the South offers today and in the indefinite future.

Fat years and lean years follow one another with something like the regular swing of a pendulum now a Pharaoh's day. Cotton mill owners for the most part are banking with undisturbed optimism on North Carolina. And in fat years they have a sense enough to hedge against the hardships of lean years—a lesson that the rest of us seem to learn with difficulty.

I am a bull on America, said Pierpont Morgan, and he sat tight with undisturbed equanimity when the common stock in his steel corporation was selling at ten cents. And the result is the richest single business in America today. This may be a lean year in North Carolina, but there are numberless fat years ahead. Timid people are paralyzed by fear. Intelligent, courageous people are bulls of the Old North State, quite in Morgan's humor.

TOBACCO MARKET

The Williamston tobacco market has had very little tobacco on any of the warehouse floors this week. The inclement weather has been partly the cause of this, then we have only two buyers on our market, Export and Imperial, both companies buying good grades of tobacco, leaving small sale for the common. However, the price for good tobacco are about the same here as at other places. A large amount of Martin County tobacco is being carried to Washington and Greenville.

Local News and Personal Mention

Mr. H. C. Harrison after attending the burial of his father Mr. John R. Harrison returned to his home in Hatleboro Tuesday.

Mr. A. R. Dunning spent Tuesday night in Greenville.

Mr. J. D. Ray of Scotland Neck has been in town this week.

Mr. J. G. Godard, Mrs. J. G. Godard and Mrs. Oscar Anderson went to Norfolk Wednesday to hear Alma Gluck sing.

Mr. Peyton Moss of Charlotte will spend the weekend in town.

Mr. T. F. Harrison was in Raleigh Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Jr. has returned from Scotland Neck after nursing her mother, Mrs. Dunn who has been ill with diphtheria.

Miss Stella Ward is in Raleigh attending Peace Institute.

Capt. and Mrs. C. T. Rhein have returned from Weldon. They are now occupying their new home on East Main Street.

The officers of The Lotus Club have found it necessary to lock the club rooms to prevent non-members and undesirable from disturbing and molesting club property. Keys have been sold to all members in good standing.

Mrs. Fabia Minga returned to her home in Petersburg after spending a month with her mother, Mrs. J. Henry Peel.

Mrs. Minerva Everetts is visiting relatives in Everetts this week.

Miss Mamie Freeman of Wilson arrived last night to visit her sister, Mrs. P. B. Cone, for the month of February.

Mr. V. G. Taylor of Everetts was a business visitor here yesterday.

Mr. B. F. Jeannette spent last night in town.

Mr. Robert S. E-mail of Washington was in town yesterday for a few hours.

Mr. J. W. Watts, Jr. has returned from Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wilkinson are residing with Mr. and Mrs. Powell at the home of Mrs. Sue Ewell. Mr. Wilkinson is connected with F. W. Graves and Co., and he comes here from Mebane, N. C.

Several families in town have been inconvenienced this week by the new law of the town requiring people to pay their electric light bills by the twenty-fifth of the month. It is a splendid order and should be carried out to the dot. If every person owing the town for lights paid the electric bills of the people in general would not be so enormous. It is but fair that these people should be made to come across.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ramsey are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Rogerson while in town. Mr. Ramsey is associated with the F. W. Graves Co. as the Imperial Tobacco Company's representative. They come here from Oxford, N. C.

Have you seen that Spring line of dress gingham at C. D. Carstarphen's? 15c, 20c and 25c per yard.

Tobacco prices show decided improvement. If you have fairly good tobacco, the prices are reasonable. seem to range from 10 per cent to 20 per cent higher than the market just before Christmas. Now is the time to sell because the warm spring weather sometimes damages tobacco.

JOHN R. HARRISON DEAD

Mr. John R. Harrison died Sunday afternoon at five o'clock at his home in Bear-Grass. He was stricken with paralysis Thursday night, gradually growing worse to the end. Mr. Harrison was seventy one years old, he married Miss Mary Thomas and to this union was born seven children, the wife and children, Miss Malinda Harrison, Messrs H. D. G. H. A. C. and H. C. Harrison and Mrs. Lena Wade, surviving him. Interment was in the Cowing cemetery. Elders Rogerson and Cowing, pastors of the deceased holding the funeral service.

LOST: ON MAIN STREET—SATURDAY night, a sterling silver card case mirror inside broken. Return to V. L. P., care Enterprise.

USE LIMESTONE WITH OTHER FERTILIZERS

Crop yields are increased and cost of production correspondingly lowered by using pulverized limestone in combination with acid phosphates or other commercial fertilizers, according to the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

At an experiment station long stone in combination with fertilizer under the wheat crop gave an increase of an average of \$18.23 an acre more than was secured with the fertilizer without lime.

At another experiment station fertilizer limestone, in combination with acid phosphate, nitrogen and potash increased the clover hay crop over six times what was secured from the fertilizer without lime.

Practical farmers are reported as getting similar results from the use of limestone in combination with fertilizers. "Do not fail to use limestone with your commercial fertilizers next season; it will more than double the value of your fertilizers," says the department.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture can furnish farmers a limited supply of high grade limestone. Orders for limestone to be used next season should reach the department just as soon as possible. The price is \$2.50 a ton in bulk and \$3.00 a ton in 200 lb. jute bags. Freight rates will be quoted on request.

Address all orders to W. V. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

WHAT OLD FOLKS WILL SAY IN 1921

May I top right here and look fifty years into the future? Very well, then: Fifty years from now, your grandchildren and mine will hear an old white haired man of woman (may be it will be you) say with a twinkle in his eye, "I remember the old farming conditions as they were up to 1921. And in the course of his or her reminiscence, the old patriarch will say something like this:

"My children, back there before 1921 the farmer had no voice whatever in fixing the price of anything they sold. Every little one of us, two horse, five horse, ten horse, or twenty horse farmer, individually sold, or tried to sell the products of his particular little piece of ground, all by himself, and money came out of a hundred without any real thoroughgoing knowledge as to market conditions or what price he ought to get. You may not believe it, but it is true. The farmer made the cotton without which the cotton dealers, cotton manufacturers, etc., all would have been helpless, yet the farmer never had any voice in town and before the buyers what price they chose to bid it and what price they saw fit to give—and he had nothing to do but accept. Then when he bought cotton goods, he had to pay what the manufacturer and merchant asked."

"In the same way the farmer who made tobacco had to ask the buyer, 'How much will you give me?' but whenever he bought a plug of chewing tobacco, a cigar, or a cigarette, the price was fixed for him, and he could do nothing but pay it."

"The truth is that before 1921 the farmer of the South let the other people buy, but he also let other people both grade and price all the products which he and his family worked hard to raise."—Progressive Farmer.

FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON

The words "Beautiful Snow" arose in children Wednesday morning and no other call was necessary. Chattering with glee they rushed out to roll in the fleecy flakes and it is said that Mr. Henry Crawford actually lay up all night to see the first flake fall which he says was at 3:30 A. M. The fall was about one and a half inches here but in most sections of the state it seems to have been much heavier ranging up to eight inches or more. The snow lasted through the day and rabbit hunters looked forward to a great hunt Thursday morning but their hopes were all blighted by the rain that came and destroyed all rabbit tracks.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School, 9:45 A. M., Dr. P. B. Cone, Supt. Our school is growing in interest and numbers. May we expect YOU Sunday morning?—Sermon by the pastor, 11 A. M. Subject: "The Lost Christ."—Sermon by the pastor 7:30 P. M.—Subject: "With God in the Crisis of Life."—Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30.

We most cordially invite you to attend all these services. You will enjoy the music, and the pastor will try to bring you a practical and helpful message.

Two Carloads Wire Fencing at C. D. Carstarphen's cheap for cash.

FIRST STEP TAKEN TO SECURE A PERMANENT TARIFF ON PEANUTS

REGULAR SESSION OF RECORDER'S COURT

The weekly Recorder's Court convened Tuesday with Judge Calvin South presiding, and Attorney E. D. Cotcher prosecuting in behalf of the State.

State vs James Garfield and Gatsie Garfield, larceny and receiving, James Garfield suspended upon payment of cost and Gatsie Garfield not guilty.

State vs Bertha Carr—A. D. W. Plead guilty, fined \$10.00.

State vs Henry Lanier—C. to A. guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs Henry Stalls, Jesse Wynne Geo. Brown—injury to property, not not guilty.

State vs Wm. H. Roberson—C. C. W. Continued for jury.

State vs Jno. S. Griffin—C. C. W. Fined \$50.00, bond discharged.

State vs Charles Macon—Assault Plead guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs West Woolard, Jr.—A. D. W. Guilty, sentenced to jail for five days, fined \$15.00, cost and jail board.

OAK CITY NEWS ITEMS

Mr. W. E. Tyson and little son, Woodrow went to Richmond Monday.

Mr. Cannon of Ayden was in town Tuesday.

Mr. T. W. Davenport and Mr. J. R. Bunting went to Rocky Mount Monday.

Mrs. Sophia Tyson has returned from Greenville where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Parlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Strickland spent Sunday with Mrs. Strickland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Long.

Mr. J. L. Davenport and family of Wake Forest are visiting Mrs. Davenport's father, Mr. B. E. Moye.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Simmons, of Gold Point spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Roy Colburn was in town Sunday night.

Mr. Edgar Long spent the weekend with his mother Mrs. N. M. Worsley.

Mrs. Ed. Council has returned from Norfolk where she has been pending some time.

Mrs. Mary Robert on spent the weekend in Hampton.

Mr. F. Q. Tarbow spent Saturday in Wilson.

Mr. Pitt Robertson was in town Friday night.

Mrs. Eva Peel spent the weekend in Williamston with her parents.

Sheriff Robertson of Williamston was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crisp entertained the teacher at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. R. F. Hooker of Robersonville was in town Monday.

Mrs. Millie Roebuck spent the weekend at home.

Mrs. B. D. Tew of Darlington, S. C. and Mrs. Pharaoh of Port Norfolk have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hines.

Mr. George Leggett of Hassell was in Oak City Tuesday.

Mr. H. S. Everett went to Petersburg Tuesday.

Mr. W. E. Davis spent Monday and Tuesday in town. He travels for the Richmond Hardware Company.

Mr. D. C. Sobiston was in town Thursday.

You want more business. So do we! So does the other fellow. Well, business is buying and selling. The best way to start something is to tell the other fellow what you want to sell or what you want to buy. Let us tell you for you. We can do it cheaper than you can open your mouth.

THE ENTERPRISE

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred in the power of sale, contained in a certain deed of trust executed to me, the undersigned trustee, by W. A. Ravander and wife, Georgia Ann Ravander and W. A. Ravander, on the 9th day of December, 1918. Said deed of trust being of record in Martin county registry in book O-1, page 452, and the stipulations therein in not having been complied with and at the request of the parties interested, I will expose to public auction in front of the Court house door in Williamston, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M. on the 28th day of February, 1921, the following described tract of land:

Commencing at Spencer Wynne's corner on the road leading from Jamesville to Williamston; running up said road 305 yards to an oak stake; thence a north course along the line of marked trees to a birch on the Devils Gut; thence down said gut to Spencer Wynne's corner, thence along the line of Wynne's second tract to the ditch and road; thence along the line to the beginning, containing 30 acres more or less.

This the 26th day of January, 1921.
B. A. CRITCHER, Trustee.

The first step in the securing of an increased duty on peanuts in the permanent tariff bill has been taken. The case of the peanut was heard in Washington Friday by the Ways and Means Committee of the House, which devoted three days, Jan. 21-24, to hearings on agricultural crops.

The plea for a higher duty on peanuts was presented by D. L. Groner of Norfolk, who was representing the United Peanut Associations of America. Mr. Groner's plea was wholly from the standpoint of the growers and was clearly and forcibly put. He asked for a duty of four cents on peanuts, both shelled and unshelled, and of five cents a pound on peanut oil and presented striking facts justifying this increased duty. The minimum cost of production was put at eight cents a pound for the American producer, while the average price to the grower in China was given at about 1 1/2 cents a pound.

Following Mr. Groner, J. Frank Foeche, Secretary and Manager of the Virginia Carolina Co-operative Peanut Exchange, made a brief statement in support of the facts as presented by Mr. Groner. The position of the oil mills was forcibly put in a clear and concise statement by Mr. Humphries of Memphis. Next came the real event of the hearing and one that will stand out long in the memory of the Ways and Means committee, as one of the most unique in its history. This was Dr. G. W. Carver, in charge of the research laboratories of Tuskegee.

Dr. Carver was rather slow in opening his Pandora's box, laden with over a hundred peanut products he has tried out in his research work. But as he laid his various products out one by one on the stenographers table directly in front of Chairman Fordney and then told what each was by name and number he literally woke up the whole committee seated on the platform overlooking the committee room with its hundred or more members and soon had them each and every one leaning forward over the railing to see what was coming next and to get every word spoken.

With characteristic remark as to the value of this or that product and with sharp repartee in reply to questions from the committee he got them so completely under his sway that at the end of his allotted time of ten minutes there came cries for him to go on and then for twenty minutes longer he waited them on the wings of unlimited possibilities for the peanut, if the American grower was only given such protection as would insure a full development of the industry.

The occasion was a great inning for Dr. Carver as well as for the peanut. The questions asked about himself as he went along showed that the committee was as much interested in him and the great work he is doing as in the products he was making from the peanut. In addition to the spellbound attention given him throughout his talk Chairman Fordney personally expressed his gratification for his most unusual presentation and then requested him to prepare for the printed records of the committee such statements as he might wish in connection with the peanut and its possibilities.

The only opposition to the peanut tariff was presented by Allan de Ford of Washington, representing Musher and Company of New York, large importer of olive and vegetable oils.

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Cotton Seed Hulls and Meal also car of hay at Carstarphen's, cheap for cash.

STRAND THEATRE

Tuesday night

"Treasure Island"

A roaring romance for boys and girls twist nine and ninety!

Wicked pirates and buried gold, Deeds that make the blood run cold; Tallest tale that e'er was told; Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum