

WOULD REMOVE THOUSAND FROM PUBLIC PAY ROLL

Bill Passes Senate To Reduce Number Registrars Of Vital Statistics

The North Carolina Senate this week paved the way for the removal of 1,000 persons from the public pay roll in the state by passing the Long bill calling for the consolidation of vital statistics districts. Complete details of the proposed bill are not known here, and the saving by "firing" 1,000 statisticians can not be determined.

The pay roll cutting which Dr. Long does in his bill that now goes to the house of representatives for action doesn't concern itself with those drawing big sums from the public treasury but rather with the statisticians who are paid so much for each birth and death reported. The bill has the approval of the North Carolina board of health, the introducer said.

From 1,400 districts in North Carolina for each of which there is now a statistician, Dr. Long estimates the various health departments given authority in this bill may cut the number to 400. It also provides that in certain instances the full-time health officer of the county may serve as statistician and the fees accruing by reason of this service may be used by that department either to increase the health officer's salary or for other public health causes.

The measure had the outspoken support of Senator W. G. Clark in addition to the author, and when Lieutenant Governor Graham called for the vote there was not a single dissenter.

At the present time, the 1,400 registrars receive 50 cents each for every death and every birth recorded in their respective districts. If the number of registrars is decreased and the allowance is left unchanged, there will be no saving effected. It is reasonable to believe that as many births and deaths will be recorded on an average in the future as in the past.

In 1931 there were around 700 births and 310 deaths recorded by the 10 registrars in this county at a cost of around \$500. All the births and deaths reported outside the incorporated towns are recorded at the expense of the county. Those deaths and births reported within the incorporated places are recorded at the cost of the municipal governments, or rather they are supposed to be paid by the local treasurers. One or two incorporated units in this county handle their reports right along with those for the township in which they are located.

The price now offered the registrars is considered reasonable, for there is much trouble experienced in many cases in getting the facts. However, some of the registrars are overpaid, especially those who offer incomplete reports, poorly made out and often filed anywhere from one to six months late. One of the 10 registrars in this county has filed no reports in recent months.

Ordinarily, one would think there is little value in the statistics. However, they are referred to by life insurance companies, school authorities, courts, and other agencies nearly every day in the year.

TRY ROBBERS IN GREENVILLE

Confessed Robbers of Local Firm Also To Be Tried For Bank Robbery

Joe Berry and T. C. Poole, self-confessed robbers of the Harrison Wholesale Company store here last November, will be tried in the Pitt County Superior Court in Greenville next week for the alleged robbery of the Bank of Winterville last November. The two men will be held following trial in that county for officers in this county. They will be tried here in March for the robbery of the local wholesale concern, according to present plans. Officers are transferring Poole from the jail here to Greenville today.

George Bailey, a third party to the robbery here, was released under a \$1,000 bond last Tuesday. He is scheduled to appear before the March term of court here also.

Special Service at Piney Grove Church Sunday

Special events will feature the program of services at the Piney Grove church next Sunday, when Rev. Luke H. Wetherington, of near New Bern, carries his 12-piece band there for a concert and when a picnic dinner will be enjoyed. The regular preaching service will be held at the usual hour, it is understood in an announcement made this week by J. E. Ingalls, clerk. The public is cordially invited.

GIVEN HEARING FOR RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS

Roseboro Merchant Is Put Under \$1,000 Bond At Hearing Tuesday

J. P. Watson, young Roseboro merchant, was ordered held under a \$1,000 bond for his appearance at the next term of Martin County Superior Court for the alleged receiving of cigarettes stolen from the Harrison Wholesale Company here last November. Probable cause was found by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell, and bond was furnished by the man's uncle.

Only two witnesses were called in the case, the evidence of T. C. Poole, admitted robber, was considered sufficient to hold Watson. The defendant had nothing to say himself, but his case was pleaded by Senator Pardon, of Sampson, and B. A. Critcher, local attorney.

Mr. C. A. Harrison, one of the state witnesses, told of the robbery of his company's store on the 13th of November, adding that around 26 cases of cigarettes, valued at about \$1,300 were stolen.

T. C. Poole, arrested some time ago in connection with the robbery, admitted that he and four others entered the wholesale house here and stole 22 cases of cigarettes, and said that they sold 16 cases of them to Watson in Roseboro. Poole was not sure of the amount received from Watson when the cigarettes were delivered as the money was paid to a companion. He did say that Watson wrote him a letter, enclosing \$20 and asking him to bring more goods. It was pointed out during the hearing that Watson had bought cigarettes in small quantities on previous occasions.

ARRANGE FOR INDOOR CIRCUS

Legion Commander Names Executive Committee To Handle Details

Plans are rapidly materializing for the presentation of the American Legion Indoor Circus, sponsored by the local post, and Legion officials are making every effort to make the circus a success.

Vaudeville and circus acts have been contracted for this week, and an interesting program will be arranged for the week from January 31 through February 3.

Tickets will be issued this week, and the ex-service boys are offering various charitable organizations a substantial profit from the sale of these tickets.

Post Commander Elbert S. Peel this week appointed the following executive committee to function in staging the event: W. E. Dunn, chairman; Hubert Morton, and J. W. Ward.

Junior Council Installs New Officers Last Night

An enjoyable meeting of the local council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, was held in the legion hall last night, when officers were installed and a delicious chicken chowder was served a large percentage of the membership.

Rev. C. H. Dickey, an invited guest, made a short talk to the Juniors.

Names of officers installed are as follows: R. E. Maning, junior past counselor; J. S. Getzinger, counselor; J. C. Leggett, vice counselor; J. H. Harrell, recording secretary; T. M. Britton, financial secretary; W. H. Harrison, assistant recording secretary; W. I. Harrison, conductor; R. D. Gurganus, warden; N. C. Green, treasurer; D. M. Frank, inside sentinel; G. H. Gurganus outside sentinel; B. S. Courtney, chaplain.

Sunday Services at the Local Christian Church

Bible school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. C. E. service at 6:30 p. m., and evening service at 7:30 p. m. All members are invited to be present at all services and take their friends and company. Sunday morning the pastor will preach on: "When Jesus Called for a Showdown." If you think Jesus was not a straight-shooter and if you think He dilly-dallied with folks who come out Sunday morning, be sure and bring the children, and especially the husbands. At the evening service the pastor will preach on: "The Great Beacon Fire of God." You who think one thing in religion is as good as another come out Sunday evening and hear what a strange messenger from another world thought about it and stand for about 20 minutes in the light of the great beacon fire of God. Public cordially invited. Good music, a warm fellowship, and an inspirational gospel message.

Arrested For Not Using Proper License on Truck

J. R. Davenport, of Kinston, was charged in Justice Hassell's court here Wednesday with the operation of a truck with improper license. He was bound over to the county court, and his trial is scheduled for next Tuesday. Bond in the sum of \$200 was required by Justice Hassell.

Davenport is alleged to have operated a truck of two and one-half tons capacity with license for a truck of only one and one-half tons. He is said to have had around five tons of fertilizer on the truck when he was stopped here by Patrolman Braswell.

J. D. MATTHEWS, FARMER, SHOTS SELF THIS WEEK

Despondency Over Losses Given As Reason For Act

J. Daniel Matthews, 37-year-old farmer of the Parmele section of this county, ended his life there early Wednesday morning by firing a pistol ball through his head. He died instantly. Despondency caused by financial losses on the farm and the necessity of moving to another farm were given as the main causes for the tragic act.

Coroner S. R. Biggs was called, but statements made by Matthews' relatives made an inquest unnecessary. Matthews' sister stated that he had threatened to take his life on two or three occasions several days before. He is said to have acted queerly at times during the past few months.

Scheduled to move to the farm of his brother-in-law near Hassell, Matthews is understood to have said he would not move there. Arising about 6:30 Wednesday morning he discussed the matter with his wife, and a few minutes later rushed to a dresser drawer, drew his pistol and fired a ball through his head.

Mr. Matthews, a member of the Robersonville Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, is survived by his wife and three small children. He also leaves four brothers, Messrs. Louis Latham, Willie, Lanier, and Dawson Matthews; and three sisters, Mrs. Cena Dunning, Mrs. Allie Edmondson, and Mrs. Annie Whitehurst.

He was the son of the late Eason Matthews.

Announces Topics At Baptist Church Sunday

The themes for review at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock are these: Shall we have easier marriage laws for North Carolina? The social disease among whites on the increase in this state; illegitimacy's marked advance; Keeley patients increase their numbers; birth control and the church; the "untouchables" gain a point in India; a new leadership for the drys; Glasgow women would prohibit women entering the ministry; the religious exhibits at the Chicago Fair; "The Good Earth" goes on the stage; and the Pope's determination for a holy year in the Catholic World, beginning April 2nd.

Sunday school, morning preaching service and the young people's evening meeting as usual. The text for the Sunday morning sermon will be, "And the nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord."

Ten Ejectment Suits Are Filed in J. P. Court Here

Ten suits for eviction of tenants have been filed with Justice of the Peace John L. Hassell here during the past few days. Several of the suits will be aired in the justice's court tomorrow, it was stated. Most of the suits are against farm tenants located in this township.

Justice Hassell stated that more ejectment suits had been instituted this year than at any time in recent years.

In one or two instances the defendants are completely helpless, making a serious situation for them.

Presbyterians Announce Schedule Of Services

Sunday, January 22, 1933. "The church with an open door." Church school at 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. Subject: "Why I Believe in Foreign Missions." Bear Grass Church school at 9:30 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 7 p. m. Rev. A. J. Crane, of Tarboro, will bring the message of the evening. Roberson's Chapel Church school at 2:30 p. m. Rev. A. J. Crane will speak. Ballard's Farm Prayer meeting every Friday night at 7 p. m. Make mother happy by going to church this Sunday.

RECORDER CALLS 10 CASES IN COURT LAST TUESDAY

Cases Represent Accumulation of Two Weeks; Little of Interest

Ten cases were called in the county recorder's court last Tuesday, the session being the first held in two weeks. Judge H. O. Peel, suffering an attack of influenza on Tuesday of last week, returned to the bench this week. Comparatively few cases originated during the two weeks' period, and the court was through with the criminal docket by noon.

William Harrell, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

Jack Knight, Jack Henderson, Ebner Riddick, Eva Spruill, Nora Joyner, and Novella Joyner were found guilty of fornication and adultery, the court suspending sentence upon payment of the costs.

The case charging Early May James with manufacturing liquor was continued one week.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Johnnie Robbins with violating the traffic laws.

Jodie Thompson was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs when he was adjudged guilty of an assault upon a female.

Will Brayboy was adjudged guilty in the case charging him with an assault upon a female and he was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging Linwood Wiggins with larceny and receiving was not prosed.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging A. B. Rogerson with passing a worthless check.

The case charging Joe H. Hopkins with speeding and reckless driving was not prosed with leave.

Verna Wells, charged with vagrancy was given a six-months suspended jail sentence, judging being suspended upon the payment of the costs.

NO POSITIVE WAY TO STOP DAMAGE FROM BLUE MOLD

Certain Practices Advised To Obtain Healthy Plants

Downy mildew or blue mold in tobacco is due to a fungous, peronospora hyoscyami. This disease has been prevalent in Australia throughout the known history of the tobacco industry in that country.

It first occurred in this country in Florida during the spring of 1921, reappeared in 1922, but did slight damage. Since that time it has not been known to have appeared until the spring of 1931, at which time it spread through the entire eastern and coastal sections of the tobacco belt from Florida to Maryland. Last year the disease was very severe and threatened to destroy the tobacco crop in the area mentioned. Just what is going to happen during 1933 no one can foresee, but we are faced with the possibility of even a more severe attack than we had in 1932.

There is not at present any satisfactory control measure known for the blue mold. However, observational results indicate that certain practices may be worked to advantage in obtaining plants despite the prevalence of the disease. Therefore, the following measures are recommended to farmers:

1. Select new plant bed sites with a southeastern exposure and burn to sterilize.
2. Prepare beds in usual way except fertilize a little heavier before seeding.
3. The seeding of two or more plant beds at intervals of two to four weeks seems advisable as offering opportunity to escape serious infection in all beds at critical periods.
4. Give beds plenty of air and sunlight by removing canvas during the warm days.
5. Where plants have been injured by the disease watering at four-day intervals with two to three pounds of nitrate of soda in 50 gallons of water to the 100 square yards is advocated as a means of facilitating recovery. This application should be made in early morning so that the water will dry quickly from the leaves.
6. Experience during 1932 shows that it is best to allow the diseased plants to recover before transplanting into the field.

Curb Market Price List Announced for Saturday

The curb market here last week had the smallest attendance of both sellers and buyers owing to the weather and illness of many. A partial list of our prices follows: Eggs, 19c dozen; butter, 25c pound; salad, 4c pound; meal, 1c pound; cream 25c pint; potatoes, 1c pound; cokes, 20c to 23c pound.

Over \$40,000 Paid on 1932 County Taxes Up To Date

Conditions are not at all favorable, it might be true, but Martin County property owners are meeting their tax obligations, according to a report coming from the office of the sheriff here yesterday afternoon.

Already the office has collected \$41,121.91 of the \$216,304.05 levy for the year 1932. And no exceptionally large property owners are numbered among those who have squared their accounts.

The Atlantic Coast Line, one of the largest taxpayers in the county, is expected to make settlement, or rather it is hoped the company will make settlement, of its \$40,052.20 county tax account between now and the first of the month.

Taxes are payable at par now, and after February 1 a penalty of 1 per cent will be added. Ordinarily the period from December 1 to the last week in January is a dull one for the collector's office, but when the penalty becomes effective the cash starts flowing into the county coffers.

The legislature only this week debated the question of doing away with the penalty, but a final vote on the proposal continued the penalty in effect.

CLOSE SCHOOL ACCOUNT 'FLU'

Action Taken at Jamesville Yesterday; Attendance Hurt in Others

While nearly every school in the county is operating with a decreased attendance, only one has been forced to close on account of influenza. The Jamesville school suspended operations at noon yesterday when 5 of the 12 teachers there were forced to stop their work on account of the "flu."

Absences are making a new record in many of the schools, the attendance in several being reduced by 20 per cent of normal.

As far as it could be learned yesterday, no other plants are considering closing, and plans are being made for reopening the school at Jamesville on Monday.

No deaths have resulted from influenza in the county, it is understood, but the disease has reached the epidemic stage in two or three communities.

Two Aged Negroes Die Near Parmele Last Week

Two of the county's oldest and highly respected colored citizens died at their homes in and near Parmele over the past week-end.

Adolphus Jackson, more than 95 years of age, was buried last Saturday. He moved to this county from Edgecombe about 40 years ago and was recognized as a quiet and industrious farmer.

Juna Brown, wife of Sandy Brown, was buried during the week-end in the same section. She was 92 years old and had been married 62 years. A native of this county, she was of the ante-bellum type. She was quiet and was respected highly by the white as well as by the colored people of her section.

Play To Be Given At Bear Grass Tonight

The play, "When a Woman Decides," will be staged in the Bear Grass School auditorium tonight. The play was to have been given last Friday evening, but was postponed on account of the unfavorable weather.

ADVISES GIRLS TO WED EARLY

Aged British Doctor Says Unwed Girls Susceptible To Consumption

London.—After an exhaustive study of the causes of pulmonary consumption in adolescence Sir James Crichton-Browne, the famous 92-year-old Victorian physician, has been led to declare that girls should marry young.

The unmarried girl of 25, says Sir James, who competes with the harder opposite sex, is exposed to consumption and anemia. His conclusions were based on a personal investigation of thousands of young factory workers and typists.

"Several factors are at work," stated the eminent nonagenarian. "The increase in tuberculosis was coincident with the entry of young women into competitive wage-earning, and a consequent drastic change from their habits of life in the home-keeping Victorian era."

"It is a significant fact, and an argument in support of early marriage that young married women in London up to 25 years of age do not break down from tuberculosis as do their unmarried sisters of the same age."

Work at high pressure, excitement and confinement in badly ventilated areas are said by Sir James to be responsible for these conditions. There are the hurried breakfasts, work in all kinds of weather, and colds which are neglected.

Meals are not dietetically correct. Examinations, night school, dancing, cinemas, theatres and social engagements rob these girls from the sleep they require.

RELIEF MAY BE LIMEUD TO TWO FARM PRODUCTS

Roosevelt Said To Favor Bill With Only Cotton And Wheat Included

The farm relief picture at Washington City took on a totally new aspect this week with members of Congress expressing varied and conflicting reactions to President-elect Roosevelt's proposal that the "domestic allotment" bill, passed by the House, be confined to wheat and cotton.

Opinions differed as to whether the bill's chances for enactment would be enhanced or hindered under Mr. Roosevelt's plan, but signs of fight appeared among Congressional advocates of the five products which would be eliminated—tobacco, hogs, dairy products, rice and peanuts.

The views of the next President were expressed by Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, ranking Democrat on the agricultural committee, who was summoned to New York for a conference with him Tuesday.

Senator Smith told reporters Mr. Roosevelt's "first idea was to try it on one product—namely, wheat—the idea being that if it did not work, it would involve the least elements."

New Cotton Idea

The South Carolina Senator, who has been nicknamed "Cotton Ed" for his legislative efforts in behalf of that product, added that he told Mr. Roosevelt he thought a different principle of aid for cotton producers should be incorporated in the bill. He said further that the President-elect had assured him he would approve any plan on which the "cotton people" might agree.

Senator Smith said he then outlined to his chief a plan under which the government, through the regional agricultural credit corporations, would lend a cotton farmer money enough to buy his crop on the present surplus-glutted market, wholly or in part, instead of planting a crop.

The cotton producer's acres for that one year would be planted in food-stuffs. The cotton obtained by the farmer without planting or growing would be held in trust for him by the government until after August 1, when presumably the price would have risen.

Mr. Roosevelt's reaction to this plan was described by Senator Smith as one of approval, provided it represented the views of the cotton sections generally.

Operating on an entirely different basis, the "domestic allotment" plan provides for a system of bounties to the farmer on his share of domestic production in an amount sufficient to equalize the present price with that which prevailed before the war.

The question of limiting the products now contained in the bill came in for discussion in an executive session of the agriculture committee, but no action was taken.

RAISE FOOD FOR FAMILY FIRST

Garden Budget Advocated for Each Family by Specialists

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER

A garden budget worked out at State College by E. B. Morrow and Miss Mary E. Thomas, nutrition specialist, should be most helpful to every one making plans for the home garden. The budget follows: (in each case the number of feet of row for each vegetable per person for one year is given)

Potato group: Sweet, 100 feet of row for each person; Irish, 75 feet of row.

Tomatoes: 75 feet of row per person. Leafy group: Asparagus, 15 feet; cabbage, 50 feet; celery, 5 feet; lettuce, 25 feet; spinach, 75 feet; winter salads, 320 feet of row per person.

Other vegetables: Beet, 25 feet; carrot, 25 feet; onion, 20 feet; radish, 15 feet; turnip, 20 feet; parsnip, 20 feet; salsify, 20 feet; snap beans, 100 feet; garden peas, 80 feet; lima beans, 100 feet; sweet corn, 120 feet; okra, 5 feet; cucumber, 10 feet; summer squash, 10 feet; dried beans and peas, 100 feet.

This is a garden plot for one person for one year and is planned to give a canning budget for 57 pints for each person during the winter months.

W. T. Meadows Announces Candidacy for Mayorship

While the convention is yet several months away, town political gossip is now going the rounds here. Mr. W. T. Meadows, for years a member of the board of town commissioners here, has announced his candidacy for the mayorship, and several other applicants are expected to announce within the next week or so, it was learned yesterday.

Mayor Coburn is expected to run again, it was said.

The southern group of Martin County school teachers will hold a regular monthly meeting here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Many of the teachers will be unable to attend on account of influenza, but the county superintendent said yesterday that arrangements were complete for holding the meeting any way.