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TENTATIVE PLANS FOR RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

Tentatively in the 1937-38 city budget are appropriations for a city-wide recreational program and for the purchase of more parks and playgrounds, and an increase in the Braswell Memorial library appropriation, it has been learned from City Manager L. B. Aycock.

Authorized by the parks and playgrounds and finance committees of the board of aldermen, the appropriations will be effective if not removed from the budget in last-minute trimming before the budget is finally approved in July.

For a city recreational program which the Junior Chamber of Commerce and other groups have warmly supported, the park and playgrounds committee has inserted \$4,500 in the budget. The sum will provide for a full time director and assistants and will pay the general expenses of the program.

The committee headed by Alderman A. J. Mims authorized \$5,000 to be included in the budget to buy additional parks and playgrounds, and authorized another \$4,500 for Negro recreational work. The latter fund will probably be used to buy a lot for a Negro recreational building and for other recreational facilities for Negroes.

Consideration of a Negro recreational center, for which the city would have to add about \$15,000 to WPA funds, was deferred until it is seen how the budget adds up.

The city will buy a tract of land on Marigold street, suitable for a playground, from the city school board for \$8,200, the playgrounds committee decided.

Pending final adoption of the budget, \$6,000 has been included as the Braswell Memorial library appropriation next year on the authority of Alderman R. C. Brake's finance committee. Library trustees had requested an increase because the heavy use of the library (last year's circulation was equal to the circulation of every book six times) was wearing out the books faster than the library could afford to replace them. The appropriation last year was \$5,400.

Recommendations for salary changes for a number of city employees have been made by the salaries and wages committee, of which Alderman H. F. Hinson is chairman. The committee prepared a list of city employees with the duties, hours and rate of pay of each, and recommended changes in some cases.

BETTER TOB. IS PREDICTED

By Geo. P. Arrington
Supervisor Of Sales

The Eastern Carolina tobacco crop is now showing itself both as to growth and quality. The crop has plenty of rain in the last few days and plants are looking very good. Indications point to a good crop with quality estimated to be somewhat better than last year. The immediate sections around this market show a crop of uniform stands and progress of the crop is very satisfactory.

The Rocky Mount market is now announcing its advertising program for the coming season. The market took the air over station WEED on Monday June 21. Program was set for 15 minutes each week day except Sunday, at 1 to 1:15 o'clock. This season the market will use more time and have a longer program. Talent used will be electrical transcriptions featuring old time barn music. Great programs will include many string bands from every section of the belt.

As an added feature of the program a contest which will be the largest radio contest ever held in Eastern Carolina will start on June 28 and continue until October 18. Prizes totaling over \$500 will be offered in the WEED contest.

The contest is designed to appeal to every tobacco farmer and his family.

DIVORCE LAW DEMANDED BY INDIAN COMMUNITY

Springan, Indla, June 21.—The Kashmiri Pandt community is up in arms for a divorce act, the first Hindu community to declare in favor of divorce. It took an act of savagery to bring this about.

A resident of the community graduate of an Indian university became so enraged at his wife when she refused him money that he destroyed one of her eyes. The act so enraged the populace that a demonstration of more than 4,000 persons was organized in protest and to urge a divorce act.

ROTARY CLUB CHANGES DAYS

The regular weekly supper meetings of the Wendell Rotary Club will be changed, effective with July 1, to Tuesday evening of each week instead of Wednesday evening. The final Wednesday meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 30.

New officers for the club will be installed at the last meeting in June, and will assume their duties July 1. The new officers are: J. Harold Griffin, president; M. C. Todd, vice-president; R. E. Brantley was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

BY R. R. Reynolds
UNITED STATES SENATOR

While the spotlight of public attention throws into bold relief many outstanding national issues that directly relate to, but do not solve the problems of rural America, there is no dearth of official interest in the farm problem. However, it is generally realized that stabilized industrial conditions must precede sound programs for agriculture.

In other words, stabilization of the purchasing power of our people. In this connection, there is much evidence that the farmers of North Carolina are endeavoring to improve their own status. They ask that the government eliminate only the evils in our economic system which are beyond their control.

As I write this weekly article, there is on my desk a letter from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in which she gives me a few impressions of her recent trip to Eastern North Carolina, at Wallace. Some of the expressions are certain to bring pride to any North Carolinian. She said in part:

"I was struck by the fact that the Coastal Plain State was doing such good work in developing new things to grow in the South." "I think that a population which is so largely Anglo-Saxon origin makes any development much easier." "The spirit shown in such a small place as Wallace in doing all they did for their strawberry festival seemed to me extraordinary and could mean only a determination to succeed in what ever they undertook." "I think this is a most interesting part of this country."

North Carolina generally will applaud these very sincere compliments to the state and our people, coming from the First Lady.

Speaking of agricultural income. Recently there was submitted to Congress a report of the Federal Trade Commission with regard to its inquiry on the subject. Of particular interest to my state is confirmation of the belief shared by many that the present Federal taxes on tobacco seriously affect the price the farmer receives for his leaf tobacco. On this point, the report says:

"The cigarette industry is dominated by four brands of cigarettes whose manufacturers maintain identical prices and change these prices upward or downward almost simultaneously with no apparent relation to either leaf tobacco or other price levels. Although in recent years the sales volume of ten cent cigarettes has diminished, the existence of the four leading brands has not been seriously impaired. The uniform internal-revenue tax of \$3 per thousand on small cigarettes has been a faction tending to restrict the competition of the lower-priced brands."

"It is believed that the use of a different basis of taxation would promote competition within the cigarette industry and that this competition would in turn result in increased competition in the purchase of leaf tobacco."

"The Commission therefore recommends that Congress consider the advisability of levying, in place of the present uniform tax, a cigarette tax graduated according to the manufacturer's net selling price. In this connection, it should be noted that since manufacturers do little if any retailing of cigarettes, any effort to graduate the tax according to the retail price instead of the manufacturer's net selling price would be an attempt to base it upon prices which the law forbids the manufacturer to control."

Obviously, here is a condition that should be considered when Federal tax revision is undertaken.

Says Black Widow Bite Not Fatal

Raleigh.—The bite of the black widow spider is painful and may be very serious, but it is not fatal, per se, according to a statement made here by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer for North Carolina. He said that numerous inquiries on this subject led him to make this fact plain, "in order to allay the inordinate fear of this insect," now reported prevalent in many sections of the State. He urged caution, however, and said it would be well to shun all spider webs, the presence of which should be reported to their elders by children discovering them, in order that they be destroyed and the danger of bites, thereby, be minimized.



After a hot, dusty drive in an open car through the Penderlea Resettlement Project, Mrs. Roosevelt returned to Wallace to be greeted at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Robinson for luncheon. Shown on the porch of the Robinson home are, left to right, Dr. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson, Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Mrs. Roosevelt, Governor Hoey, Mrs. Hoey and Mayor Aubrey Harrell of Wallace who arranged the Strawberry Festival and Mrs. Roosevelt's appearance.

INVITE KERR TO CONFER WITH PRES.

John H. Kerr, Member of Congress from the second congressional district, has been invited by the President to confer with him while he is spending some time at Jefferson Islands Club, a Club composed of Nationally prominent Democrats, situated near Annapolis, Maryland.

Representatives Kerr was among the first invited and will see President Roosevelt on Saturday. While at Jefferson Islands the President will confer with the Democratic Members of Congress from both Houses relating to pending legislation in an effort to clear the legislative calendar as quickly as possible.

WINSLOW IS ASSN. HEAD

A. D. MacLean Attacks Court Reform Plan As Convention Ship Approaches Norfolk

Aboard S. S. Reliance, June 23.—Rough seas yesterday and this morning kept many conventioning lawyers below in their cabins when the North Carolina Bar Association, in its business session late this afternoon, elected Francis E. Winslow of Rocky Mount as its president for the coming year.

The attorneys also elected three vice-presidents—Odus M. Mull of Shelby, former chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee; Henry F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage and W. D. Pruden of Edenton.

Although at this meeting, re-elected for the 17th time as secretary-treasurer for the Association Henry M. London was among those made conspicuous by their absence following the untimely seas. Secretary London had previously confessed that ocean trips usually had an up-setting effect upon him. "I may start out by boat," the secretary groaned, "but I usually return by rail."

Among resolutions passed during the business session was one asking association members "to contemplate with deep concern" President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reorganization proposal.

Court Reform Attacked
Prior to the business session, the second blast against the President's court reform plan heard during the State Bar convention, now nearing the end of its Bermuda cruise, was set off by A. D. MacLean of Raleigh former assistant Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. MacLean's plea for the preservation of constitutional democracy was more subtle than the two-faced assault of the retiring president, B. S. Womble of Winston-Salem, in his speech last Saturday. Following the business session the conventioning lawyers and publishers devoted their last night at sea to a "Snow Dinner" and a "Snow Ball," a brilliant dance with every one attired in white and decorations to match and both the ship's orchestra and the Hawaiians in full tilt, and to the Hawaiian Beer Festival which began at 10 P. M., but it's everyone's own business about how late it lasted. The latter question didn't worry anyone much because the "Reliance" is running about two hours behind schedule and is not due to dock until about noon tomorrow, instead of 10 o'clock as originally planned.

HIT-AND-RUN
A hit-and-run driver in Morganton this week knocked down a light pole and a thirty young tree, and was so far uninjured as to drive off hurriedly before officers arrived. It is thought the vehicle was a large truck.

Doubt Resolution of Bar Represents N. C. Viewpoint

Does the action of the North Carolina Bar Association in its recent meeting represent the attitude of the Bar and the people of North Carolina when it passed a resolution attacking President Roosevelt's Supreme Court Reorganization proposal? We do not believe the action of the Bar represents the majority viewpoint of the lawyers of North Carolina, much less the viewpoint of the people. The opening address of the past president of the Bar was a criticism of the President; and the first speaker, Honorable A. D. McLean also delivered an onset of the same character.

How could this association represent the lawyers of North Carolina when its meetings were held on the high seas and beyond the three miles limit out on the ocean attended in the main by lawyers who represent the great special interest of the country, and their action in passing a resolution in criticism of the President was more in line with the viewpoint of their clients rather than the viewpoint of the American people and especially the citizenship of North Carolina.

With all the wonderful spots in North Carolina, scenery unsurpassed, beautiful mountains, cool sea breeze, lovely lakes, the meeting of the Bar Association was set to meet on the Atlantic Ocean. Our State has recently appropriated \$250,000 to advertise to the world North Carolina, yet the North Carolina Bar could not find a place within its borders which would satisfy the executive Committee. At the time the resolution was passed, according to press reports, the meeting was not largely attended because a large number of those at the convention were unable to attend the meeting by reason of the rough seas or having eaten too much, and were confined to their state rooms. We do not feel that the resolution is altogether fair to the lawyers who were unable to attend.

CITY STARTS RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

The Board of Aldermen at its last meeting made provision for recreational supervision for the children of Rocky Mount and also ordered that the graded school lot located back of the Edgemont Grammar School be cleaned off and developed for park purposes.

The Graded School has owned this lot for a number of years and it is a pity that the children could not have had the use of it all these years. We want to commend the City Administration for taking steps to develop this property for the use of the citizenship of Rocky Mount. This was one of the objectives of the present Mayor and it is hoped that before long other park sites may be secured and developed in line with the Mayor's address to the people.

It was also decided by the City Council to enlarge the power plant, in keeping with the needs and future development of Rocky Mount. We have always contended that Rocky Mount should produce its own power and if there is an actual need for more power, we believe the city should make provision for same. While our electric light plant is a fine revenue producer, yet we are not in favor of spending money until the necessity arises and we are informed that the necessity now exists. It does not take an expert to decide whether we need more power. Our Board of Aldermen and the Mayor and the City Manager should be the most capable ones to decide this question. There is no need for an expert to advise them. This question having been decided, we believe it is the duty of the city in enlarging the power plant to seek the best advice obtainable along this line for this is a highly technical operation.

WAKE COUNTY VOTERS APPROVE LIQUOR STORES

Heavy Wet Vote In Raleigh Overcomes Lead In County Voting

With rural Wake County, including all the small towns in it, voting dry as was expected, the large wet vote in Raleigh overcame this lead and rolled up a majority of 1,500 votes for liquor stores.

Although the county was expected to be close the size of the majority for stores was a surprise to both sides. An analysis of the vote shows that the city of Raleigh cast 5,187

CITY IS OPERATING IN BUDGET LIMITS

FARM TOUR FOR NASH FARMERS

Nash county's first farm tour, a 70 mile all day sight-seeing trip yesterday which showed farmers of the county how their most progressive neighbors are farming, was described by one old time farmer, who preferred to remain anonymous, as "a wonderful success."

"Sixty-four farmers and one farmette, directed by County Agent Joe Sugg and chaperoned by several high grade official specialists of state and Federal bureaus and departments, visited 12 farms of special crops from hogs to airplanes and this participant found everything and everybody in fine shape," the Old Timer related.

Expressing pleasure at many tricks of modern farming, the Old Timer was particularly enthusiastic about Millard F. Morgan's farm near Bailey.

"Way, he had a field just planted in cotton," the Old Timer related. "It made 30 bushels of wheat to the acre. He disliked the stubble in, ploughed, and planted in cotton. It has just come up."

"What on earth will you do with it?" he was asked. "I'll plough it out one time. I'll turn 100 geese in there to keep it grassed. I'll mow it then and sell it all to the pulp manufacturers. You see, this field of 50 acres is leased to the Rocky Mount airport feature flyer for late fall and winter landings for special passengers. See?"

Telling of the farm tour the Old Timer spoke glowingly of County Agent Sugg's strict time schedule from the time the party of 35 cars left the Nashville courthouse at 9:15 o'clock until it adjourned at 4 o'clock after looking over J. L. Reid's farm machinery.

He had warm recollections also of Bob Melton's barbecue and horse and mule exhibit.

Included in the tour were the farms of G. C. Bunn, M. F. Morgan, J. G. Daniel, C. S. Bunn, J. C. Beal, C. E. Bell, Bob Melton, J. L. Cornwell, G. E. Beal and J. L. Reid.

For the two best descriptions of the tour written by farmers and sent to County Agent Sugg by next Tuesday prizes will be given: first prize, a fountain pen from a drug store of Nashville; second prize, a 200 pound bag of fertilizer or top dresser from a cotton oil & fertilizer company of Rocky Mount.

COMMISSION SITS AS TAX REVIEW BOARD

Few Complaints Presented Are Adjusted Or Referred To Appraisers

Sitting as boards of equalization and review, both the Nash and Edgemont county commissioners at Nashville and Tarboro considered complaints about county taxes and assessments.

Of a small number of complaints, the Nash commissioners settled the majority and referred the rest to local appraisers. The Edgemont commissioners satisfactorily adjusted 22 complaints.

The Edgemont board approved a proposal to unite Edgemont and Green counties in a single health district under the administration of Dr. L. L. Parks.

The Nash commissioners deferred preparations for old age assistance and child welfare administration in the county pending investigation of Rocky Mount's plans to create a separate welfare office for the city alone.

Nash commissioners also approved "a considerable portion" of the 1937 33 county budget, County Auditor J. L. Cornwell observed today. Final adoption of the budget, however, will be made later when it has been completed.

PRESS OFFICIALS

W. Curtis Russ, of Waynesville, was elected president, H. A. Cecil, vice-president, and Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, secretary, at a recent convention of the North Carolina Press Association. It will be Miss Cobb's seventeenth year in the post of secretary.

Logic

Cop—You can't park here.
Bill—Why?
Cop—Well, if everybody wanted to park here, how could anybody get by?

Light And Power Department Over \$22,000 Ahead Of Estimate At End Of May

Counting up its money with only one month to finish before the end of the fiscal year, the city of Rocky Mount found that receipts through May 31 amounted to \$15,459.43 more than was expected for the whole year of 1936-37.

Biggest contributor to the extra city revenue was the light and power department, which at the beginning of this month already had a \$22,231.92 excess over the expected year's income. It had topped its \$355,000 expected revenue with receipts through May totalling \$390,321.92.

Another surprisingly productive source was special assessments. From them the city expected during the year \$2,000, but through May had already received \$12,077.26. Cemetery sales had altogether contributed more than \$2,000 extra revenue.

Other revenue sources which had more than reached their expected year's quota at the beginning of this month were license taxes, dog taxes, sanitary taxes, building permits and sewer system receipts.

Building permits, which it had been estimated would furnish \$75 in fees during the year, had by June 1 furnished \$138.25.

The general administration branches of the city had by June 1 spent \$271,639.79 of their \$313,437 annual budget. The city utilities had spent \$3,707.07 more than their \$390,960.24 budget provision at the beginning of this month. The power plant division, which had produced the most extra revenue, had also spent \$17,888.74 more than their \$390,960.24 budget provision of the year but less expenses in other divisions of the utilities had pared down the over-expenditure.

With income and expense both ahead of estimates, but with income farther ahead, city officials can turn their worries to the next year's budget which must be completed and adopted by the end of next month.

Social Security Is LongRange Program

Raleigh, June, 24.—Speaking in Raleigh recently before a meeting of orphanage officials of North Carolina, Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, asserted that "if we could have but one generation of properly born, trained, educated and healthy children, a thousand other problems of government would vanish."

"We would assure ourselves of healthier minds in more vigorous bodies," Mrs. Bost continued, "to direct the energies of our nation to yet greater heights of achievements. Perhaps, through the Social Security program, we are even now on the road to that goal. Certainly we must center our endeavor more than ever around the needs of the child, and make him in truth the cornerstone of society. We must give him the chance from birth, and even beyond, to be a better-born child, and to help him throughout the period of happy childhood."

"Social Security legislation is today very definitely in the foreground," Mrs. Bost said. "But anyone is mistaken in thinking that everything necessary is already being done by the government or institutions. Government alone cannot do the job. The Social Security Act providing aid to dependent children—is not intended to replace money now being expended by states, local communities, or agencies supported largely by private gifts."

"Children's institutions and child-caring agencies—state, county, municipal and private—are expected to continue to carry the load they now have and to meet those new demands which each day brings, and citizens are expected to continue the support of these agencies through voluntary contributions or state and local taxes."

"The Social Security Act, in providing aid to dependent children, gives evidence of long-range planning for the future. It stands out as the greatest opportunity for constructive work with children that has ever been available to the nation."

J. J. BRADDOCK KNOCKED OUT

For the first time in twenty seven years the heavyweight pugilistic crown passed from a white man to a colored man last night when Joe Louis stopped Champion James J. Braddock by a knockout in the early minutes of the eighth round.

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