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REEKS ELECT SURLS HEAD OF A. H. E. P. A.

Wilson, Dec. 18.—For the first time since the organization here was founded some 10 years ago an out-own-er was elected president of the Wilson chapter of the American League Educational Progressive Association at the election of officers. Thomas P. Surls, of Rocky Mount, was elected president for the next two years to succeed Socia G. Garmis, of Wilson.

Members of Rocky Mount, Wil-Farmville, Kinston, Raleigh, Ham, Chapel Hill and other clubs in eastern North Carolina attended the meeting. The chapter's membership covers almost the entire territory of eastern Carolina. Installation of the officers will take place next Thursday here. The officers elected for the next year are Bill Williams, Goldsboro, vice president; James Manos, Rocky Mount, secretary; Chris Sou-Wilson, treasurer. The new board of governors includes Socrates Giamis, Wilson, Frankman, Yannonis, Wilson; Kounoukies, Rocky Mount; Williams, Goldsboro; Bill To-Goldsboro.

L. Harris Dies Of Accident Injuries

Rocky Mount, Dec. 18.—L. Harris, 44, died this morning in a Rocky Mount hospital of injuries obtained in an automobile accident two weeks ago when he fell off a car, near Oak

Harris was born in Edgecombe county and was a successful farmer. He lived near Hogwood. He was a member of Calvary Episcopal church, and a member of the American Legion.

He was unmarried and is survived by his sisters: Mrs. Mollie Dunn of Land, Mrs. Laura Webb of Old Land, Mrs. Charlie Howard of Old Land, Mrs. C. M. Parris of Macleod; one brother, J. L. Harris of Rockboro.

Colorado Paying Big Pension Sum

Colorado is paying nearly \$1,500,000 monthly under a 45-a-month old age pension plan, highest in the nation, while nearest state departments or 10 educational institutions may be closed because of lack of funds.

Officials, in need of \$4,000,000 to operate regular state departments, are prevented by law from using nearly a million dollar pension balance. This "jackpot" is to be distributed among the pensioners beginning January as a "bonus," provided by the constitutional amendment that established the pension

to Treasurer Homer F. Bedford today that to avoid closing 40 departments and penal and stable institutions, he would take maintenance funds from 10 educational institutions, under authority of an Attorney General's opinion and Supreme Court decisions. He is seeking to unravel the final tangle officials are eyeing, which is bulging the state treasury, but these can not be used for general fund warrants.

Legislation which adjourned May appropriated more than \$60,000, exclusive of the old age and the other special tax, to be paid last July 1. It entails a two per cent service tax which is expected to yield much of revenue.

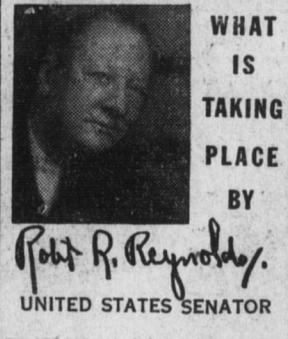
Treasurer estimates only \$8,000 will be received to meet general fund appropriations. Governor Teller Ammons denied Auditor Thomas Amnarr's request for a special session of the legislature to tackle the financial tangle. The Governor indicated he would invoke the State Power Act which allows him to suspend for not more than three months the activities of a department where funds are expended.

Even pigs fed by J. K. Gray, Jr., club member of Green County, him a net profit of \$73.28 or a bushel for \$4.5 bushels of fed to the pigs.

Halifax farmers are cooperating those of Edgecombe to use the facilities of the Edgecombe Live-Stock Association in marketing sur-pluses grown in Halifax.

The last hog sale at Fayette-Cumberland farmers sold 293 weighing 59,455 pounds for

IN WASHINGTON



WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY ROBERT R. REYNOLDS, UNITED STATES SENATOR

It seems difficult to realize that by the end of the current week six Christmas Days will have passed since the "Hoover buggies" appeared on the highways of North Carolina. These never-to-be-forgotten vehicles were a grim reminder of the despair that gripped the State from Currituck Sound to the Peaks of Mount Mitchell. Fortunately, Christmas Day of 1937 will find hope and optimism prevailing throughout the State.

It seems fitting at this season to write about some of the reasons for this new spirit and the "looking-ahead" attitude of the people back home. Here in Washington there is feverish activity among North Carolinians. Thousands of Tar Heels now residing in the National Capital are making plans to rush homeward for the holidays or to greet relatives and friends who will come here. Members of Congress are likewise anxious to be with their constituents. This binding of families and friendly ties is one of the finest evidences of this season of "peace on earth and good will toward men."

This is also a period of stock-taking. It is the proper time to analyze gains and losses.

For the farmer, there is new hope in the Farm Bill. It combines features of both compulsory and voluntary control of crop production. Its objective is to maintain price levels under which the farmers sell their commodities. Night sessions in the Senate to secure passage of this bill before Christmas offers evidence of the vital interest that the Congress has in the farmer. Differences between the measure passed by the House and that passed by the Senate will be adjusted in conferences.

An indication of the thorough manner in which the bill was finally drafted is found in the fact that it required lengthy debate on the floor of both houses. In the House of Representatives ten days were devoted to debate on the Farm Bill, the longest time given to any legislation within the last fifteen years.

For the wage-earner, the Holiday Season brings hope for new wage standards and working conditions. The Wage and Hour Bill will be a live issue at the regular session convening in January. This is perhaps the most misunderstood of all legislation. It would affect only industries engaged in interstate commerce. The local merchant, the local druggist and the local butcher would not be affected, except insofar as he would be helped by higher wages in the community paid by industries engaged in interstate commerce. The fact that our splendid Governor and the capable members of the North Carolina Development and Conservation Commission have seen fit to frown upon the practice of trying to secure for the state industries that employ "pauper labor" working under "sweat shop" conditions, is evidence of the new thought in North Carolina with reference to wages and hours.

For the business man, there is hope in the fact that shortly after January 1, the Congress will turn to a new tax legislation. It is widely recognized that taxes are definitely retarding business. Another reason for hope on the part of the business man are the many signs that indicate new harmony between government and business. There is no reason why the government or business should view each other with suspicion. One of the finest things that Congress can do is to help eliminate this atmosphere of mutual suspicion.

It is time to realize that everything rests with business. Our government could not exist, nor could labor be employed, unless business moves ahead.

Changes are needed in both the ideas of government and the idea of business. In my opinion, there is no attempt in Congress to penalize business as such, but rather to eliminate harmful practices that exist in business. Fortunately, the great body of business men are in agreement and it is only a stubborn minority that seeks to retain the advantages of the "Hoover Buggy Days" that is causing the trouble.

For the country, there is hope in the new attitude of members of Congress. Legislative proposals are scanned more closely. Evidence of this is found in the careful attention given to the Farm Bill. The fact that it required more than thirty days to pass this legislation indicates the comprehensive way in which it was studied.

These things alone should stimulate new confidence. It is much needed. Lack of confidence is holding back economic progress. It is retarding employment and there is every reason to believe that once the Congress

FINAL FIGURES ON COT. CROP

1937 Production Now Set At 18,746,000 Bales; Record-Breaking Yield.

Washington, December 9.—The agriculture department forecast an 18,746,000 bale record cotton crop today in its final 1937 estimate.

A bale is figured by the department at 500 pounds gross weight. Last month's estimate was 18,243,000 bales, an increase of 670,000 over October.

The previous record was 17,978,000 bales in 1926. Last year 12,399,000 bales came from the fields and in the five years 1928 to 1932 an average of 14,667,000 bales was produced.

The heaviest per acre yield on record caused the new production high. The department said it was indicated an average of 264.6 pounds had been grown on 33,930,000 acres.

This compared with 34,383,000 acres estimated July 1. The record-breaking acre yield compared with 197.6 pounds last year. The previous record yield was 223.1 pounds in 1898.

North Carolina's acre yield was forecast at 336 pounds and her total production at 775,000 bales.

The census bureau's report for ginning in running bales to December 1 included: North Carolina, 709,320 bales this year and 403,488 bales last year.

College Occupies Its 22 Story Home

Cleveland, Dec. 11.—Fenn College Cleveland's "fairy-tale" institution of learning, in February will move into its new downtown home, a luxurious 22-story building which never has been occupied.

The structure rivals the skyscraper homes of the University of Pittsburgh and Northwestern University's downtown college in Chicago.

It was built in 1930 by the Prudential Corp. at a cost of \$2,000,000. Originally it was intended as a club for wealthy yachtmen. Reverses during the depression, however, caused abandonment of the club plans and the building was taken over by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Fenn trustees purchased it at a Federal auction for \$250,000. A total of \$450,000 will be expended for back taxes and remodeling before the college moves into it.

The new home supplies the climax in the fairy-tale-like rise of the school.

Founded in 1881 as a small educational unit of the Cleveland Y. M. C. A., it employed a cooperative plan, dedicating itself to the large number of young men and women who were unable to attend college due to lack of money.

Three small buildings in downtown Cleveland were purchased to accommodate increasing enrollment.

Under the cooperative plan, students after their freshman year were given employment six months out of the year. Aside from financial aid the work provided practical experience for students enrolled in the engineering, business administration and liberal arts program offered by the college.

The Gila Monster

In the reptilian age the iguanodon was about thirty feet long. However, he is no longer the monster he used to be, having shrunk from thirty feet to one foot, and today is known as the Gila monster. He has the five-fingered claw which resembles, very much, the human hand; a diamond shaped head, which is characteristic of poisonous reptiles.

The Gila monster is not only fatal to humans, but is sure death to small animals and is not too kindly to the birds. The birds of the desert seek the most secluded places to hide their eggs, for there is nothing that Gila relishes more than bird eggs. They place them in the barrel cactus which is covered with a million needles. This, however, does not frustrate Gila. Short-sighted though he is, he measures distance and feels his way with his tongue. He walks over the needles as though he were walking on a Brussels carpet and finds his way to the bird's nest.

The Gila monster stores his food in his tail and hibernates during the winter, drawing upon the stored supply. When he fights an animal he turns upside down to bite, poison running down his teeth. This animal is very prettily colored in a design similar to many Navajo Indian blankets. In fact, it is said that from the Gila monster the Indians took their pattern.—Ruth Ivins in Our Dumb Animals.

charts its definite course, as may be expected, with the convening of the regular session, business and labor will make a new attempt to solve their respective problems and move ahead together.

The hope for this, and the reasons for this hope, add to the Christmas joy of citizens everywhere.

Potential Soup for Large Kettle



When the crew on the skipjack seiner Garfield hauled up one of its nets off Oceanside, Calif., they found entangled in its strands this 475-pound leather-back turtle, so called because of a heavy black skin which covers its shell. Frank Mineghino, fisherman, is seen showing the prize.

Merry Christmas To You

The Rocky Mount Herald wishes for all of its subscribers and friends a happy and prosperous Christmas. We hope for you all good health, plenty of food, and that Santa Claus will make his annual trip through this section, leaving the stockings reasonably filled. There is great peace and joy in store for all, provided we train our heart and mind to understand and enjoy the wonderful blessings that are showered upon us every day. So let us train our hearts and minds to be ready for Noel and have real blessings and pleasure. Our city and section has been wonderfully blessed, in a material way, in the bountiful crops that we have been permitted to raise during the past year which has been practically so throughout the United States. There is reason for great joy among our people and we feel that we have been unusually blessed in having at the head of this great nation President Roosevelt, a man whose heart beats in unison with hopes and ambition of the great common people of this country who has been the President of the whole people, rich and poor alike rather than selecting a few and we should be joyful in this.

We hope that in the past year our paper has served a useful purpose in leadership, education and in understanding to acquaint the people with many of the real problems that so vitally concern their welfare. In conclusion, we again say, we wish you a merry and happy Christmas.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOR COLORED CHILDREN

The completion and opening of the beautiful new Primary and Grammar School for the colored people of our city, situated on Coleman Avenue will be a very much needed and fine Christmas gift to the colored children of Rocky Mount. This building is beautifully designed and well constructed with 14 class rooms, library room, coat room, etc. In addition, this is a building that has been long needed to relieve the congestion in the colored schools. For the city has grown so fast even though buildings have been built from time to time there has remained congestion all along. We commend the Board and congratulate the colored citizens of our city.

Small Boy Is Disinterred

Laurinburg, Dec. 20.—That A. T. Brown, Jr., 12-year-old son of a local automobile mechanic, is recovering tonight after being buried alive for 15 minutes, is credited to heroic head and foot work of two small sons of Bill Plywood, plant employee, 8 and 9 years old, who dashed to a house 200 yards away, and summoned a Negro named Garfield, a church janitor, to dig the boy out from under the feet of each which covered him when a cave which the boys had spent a week in digging, collapsed.

Thomas, brought by one of the boys, rushed young Brown to the Laurinburg Hospital and although he was unconscious for two hours, Dr. A. W. James, surgeon said tonight he is expected to recover, barring complications.

Mrs. J. B. Taylor Dies At Her Home

Mrs. J. Blount Taylor, 60, a resident of this city for many years, died at her home Friday following a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held from the home, 307 South Church Street, at three o'clock with Rev. F. H. Craighill, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, officiating. Interment followed in Pineview cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. H. Bedgood and Mrs. Jewel Fowler, both of this city, and a son, Jack Taylor of Wilson.

Mrs. Taylor is also survived by two sisters, Miss Eve Martin, of Baltimore, Maryland, and Mrs. E. M. Stanhope, of this city, and one brother, Harry S. Martin, of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Reports continue to accumulate from county agents showing that cotton yields have been increased by one-half a bale average per acre where the seed were treated for disease before planting.

TOBACCO MARKET SETS NEW RECORD FOR SEASON HERE

Kinston Market Sets New Record

OVER Fifty-One Million Pounds Sold For Twelve Million Dollars

Kinston, Dec. 12.—Official figures today revealed that 51,569,934 pounds of tobacco were sold here during the 1937 season, which began near the end of August and ended Friday.

Growers were paid \$12,677,044.81 an average price of \$24.58, at the nine warehouses. Ten warehouses were operated in 1936. Two were combined this year.

The season was the most successful in the market's history, Tobacco Board of Trade heads said. Receipts were the heaviest ever. The average price was more than two cents higher than in 1936. Because of "blocks" on many days receipts were several million pounds lighter than they should have been, it was claimed. Four sets of buyers were not enough. The Board of Trade will continue to work for a fifth set.

Sitting Bull's Kin Takes To Archery

Salem, Ore., Dec. 17.—Sitting Bull's granddaughter had to enroll in college to learn to shoot a bow and arrow.

The kinswoman of the Sioux Indian chief who fought Custer to the "Last Stand" in Southeastern Montana in recent history is now a student in Willamette University here.

The young princess, from Culbertson, Mont., has displaced her Indian name, "Waste Agidiwin," for the simple title of Evelyn Welsh. Her Indian name translated means "Bring Pretty," or, more literally, that some day she must do something to bring honor and distinction to her tribe.

Miss Welsh has been prominent in Willamette student life. She is national historian of Daleth Teth Gimnaz, organization for independent women; was twice president of the university's international club, and takes active part in all choir and glee club activities.

Although her mother is of German descent and her father part French, she considers the Sioux tribe her people. Miss Welsh was reared on a large Montana cattle ranch where she learned to shoot and ride.

"But," said the princess, "I had to come to Willamette to learn to use the bow and arrow. I took up archery."

George D. Hawks Makes Last Run

Kinston, Dec. 17.—George D. Hawks, 71, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad conductor, made his last run this afternoon and evening. It was from Weldon to Kinston.

He will retire at the end of the year after 54 1-2 years in the company's service. For the next two weeks he will be on leave. He will live in a hotel here.

There was no "Coast Line" when Hawks, as a youth of 17, embarked on his career. His first employment was with the Petersburg Railroad, as a crossing flagman in Petersburg. But the Petersburg road became a part of the A. C. L. when the latter was organized, so the veteran considers that all of his service has been with one system. He has been on the line between Kinston and Weldon 46 years. For many years he has been a passenger conductor.

He has never been in a major accident. Wednesday night 33 railroaders and others gathered in the union station here to pay tribute to Hawks. There were speeches by the district superintendent and others. The old conductor's eyes were moist when Charles L. Ellington and V. Lee Turrentine spoke. They are retired engineers who were Hawks' train-mates for years. Touching were the remarks of Will Moore, Negro porter. "We have been together 41 years," said Moore.

The "Christian character" and friendliness of the veteran were extolled. "He has a smile for every stranger as well as every acquaintance," it was said. His associates said "Capt." Hawks was the most popular man on the Kinston-Weldon line.

Conduct Rites For Mrs. Pattie Carter

Funeral services for Mrs. Pattie Carter, 66, of Woods, were held this afternoon at two o'clock from the Summerlin funeral home with Dr. J. W. Kincheol, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment followed in the family plot at the Battleboro cemetery.

Mrs. Carter died at a local hospital Saturday night after being ill two days with heart trouble. She was the daughter of the late Jim and Harriet Mangum of Granville county and was active in the Baptist church since girlhood.

She is survived by her husband, S. E. Carter; five sons, J. E. Carter of Whitakers, J. S. Carter of Battleboro, A. B. Carter of Chicago, S. M. Carter of Nash county, and C. P. Carter of Portsmouth, Va.; six daughters, Mrs. W. A. Mathews of Portsmouth; Mrs. George Farmer of Elm City; Mrs. W. C. Moore of this city; Mrs. L. L. Merz of Houston, Texas; Mrs. C. M. Blandford of Whitakers; and Miss Mildred Carter of Nash county; a brother, J. W. Mangum of Nash county, and 14 grandchildren.

Nearly Fifty Million Pounds Of Tobacco Sold On Market There

The Rocky Mount tobacco market closed its doors yesterday after selling 49,340,712 pounds of bright leaf tobacco for a total sum that was one-third more than last year, George P. Arrington, sales supervisor, said today.

The 1937 crop sold here brought \$12,488,032.50, compared with \$9,216,407.99 in 1936.

The \$25.31 average led last season's by \$2.23 per hundredweight.

Local warehouses sold nine million pounds more of tobacco this year, the 52nd season of the Rocky Mount tobacco market, than during last year. The total was 39,927,982 pounds. During this week less than 300,000 pounds was sold here for an average of \$14.16.

Reynolds To Get Personnel First

Expansion Of Anti-Syphilis Campaign Expected To Require Three Months

The anti-syphilis campaign, to be enlarged by the income from a \$7,000,000 fund made available by the Zachary Smith Reynolds foundation, should get underway in about three months, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, said last night.

The first job in expanding the campaign, he said, will be that of engaging a qualified personnel to administer anti-syphilis treatment. Until 61 additional syphilologists, clinicians, technicians and nurses are found qualified to do the work, the \$100,000 already yielded by the Reynolds gift will be used only in existing clinics.

Since the gift was announced Sunday, Dr. Reynolds said he had received scores of inquiries. Some came from existing clinics, and others came from areas where the treatment is not available. Those areas sufficiently interested to supplement the fund will receive its benefits, he said. When the expanded program gets underway, it will cover approximately a million people, or one-third of the State's population, Dr. Reynolds said.

The health officer termed the gift a "real trust." He said, "I am not willing to use any of it, unless I have qualified personnel to put in the field to do the work properly. When I have that, we will begin."

Demonstration centers will be chosen as the first step in the expanded program, and 10 or 12 of the State's 86 clinics will get funds to broaden their work. The immediate expansion will begin in the thickly populated areas.

Dr. Reynolds stated last night that existing clinics were unable to give adequate treatment because the applicants overflowed their capacity and no follow-up system could be afforded to check results. The first step in expansion will be to increase treatments to four per month, rather than the two and two and a half now given, and to establish means of tracing down results.

Governor Hoey said yesterday he was "very much pleased" to hear of the gift. "The syphilis menace is a tremendous thing," he said, adding that increased funds "ought to go a long way toward getting it under control."

Robert N. Benson Dies At Hosp. Here

Robert Nelson Benson, 66, of near Battleboro, died at a local hospital following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held from the home. Interment followed in the Battleboro cemetery. He is survived by his wife and several children.

FUEL MADE FROM MUD IN INDIA

Karachi, India, Dec. 17.—A process for producing fuel from mud has been patented by H. Greenfield, Karachi industrialist. He proposes to found a vast new industry on the mud which is found in inexhaustible quantities all along the coast from Karachi to Bombay. This particular kind of mud is full of semi-decomposed fibers of seaweed.

Experience shows that greater progress in improved farming is found in those counties where there is both a home agent and a farm agent at work.

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