

READERS COLUMN

Editor Herald,
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Dear Sir:

I have read with interest your editorial of May 21st relative to open letter to Dr. Long published in your paper written by me.

There has come a time in North Carolina when certain vital issues are going to be met.

1st. Is it right for the State to compel each county to operate a six months school term and not provide the funds therefor, and make the county finance this burden in addition to running their courts, taking care of their poor, retiring large bonded indebtedness and paying the interest on same, besides all other necessary county expense? This means about \$1.50 per hundred on rural property and about \$2.50 to \$3 on town property. Bear in mind that about 90 per cent of the rural property is assessed at fully one third more than its market price, and a great deal of the town property as well.

2nd. Shall the State operate the six months constitutional term from sources other than taxes on homes, farms and business buildings? Who is earning large profits in North Carolina today, or even a substantial modest living? Is it the average home owner or farmer or small business man? Can this class continue to pay the enormous taxes demanded by your State to operate the six months school term? Is it any credit to a county or town to see page after page of papers advertised for sale, for tax?

Are we going to continue to see hard working citizens losing their

life time savings as invested in their homes and farms because they can't pay the taxes? And what is the wisdom in continuing to levy taxes on unproductive property that can't pay? That method doesn't produce cash with which to pay school expenses. It's like trying to plow a dead mule. A reasonable tax on industry governed by its ability to pay, is where the money will have to come from, tho the last legislature only made a step in that direction.

But suppose every legislator had voted as did Dr. T. W. M. Long in the recent session. Would we have even made this one step? That and that alone was my reason for writing the letter to Dr. Long thru the papers of this county. Is it persecution to let the voters of this county know how he voted thru the press of his county? (The letter was not sent to the News and Observer by me. Someone, without my knowledge sent it or it was copied from some Halifax County paper).

I think, and every man has a right to his own opinion, that Dr. Long did not follow the wishes of a majority of the voters of his county in voting as he did, and if he ever comes up for election, the people will decide. And I would like to add in all kindness that if Dr. Long were a resident of Scotland Neck or any other town in the county, I would have followed the same course. We are a county and State unit and those industries in N. C. that are earning profits should be willing to share a larger part of that tax burden, than those which are not, whether located in Cherokee or Dare.

Yours truly,
CHAS. J. SHIELDS,

Confessing he had four wives, each of them a nurse, William W. Henry Chicago, was sent to prison for two years.

HALIFAX HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh House and Mrs. Annie Hale attended the commencement at Louisburg College, Tuesday. Miss Annie Lewis Hale, who received a secretarial certificate, returned with them.

Miss Edna Campbell accompanied by Mr. James Harris of Weldon attended a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Speight in Roanoke Rapids Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Stedman and Jack Boyd, were guests this week-end of relatives in Asheboro.

Mesdames Sterling Gary and Quentin Gregory and Miss Nancy Gary, motored to Raleigh Friday.

Mrs. E. L. Travis, Jr., and Edward Travis III are visiting Mrs. W. W. Kitchin in Scotland Neck.

Mrs. W. T. Eure returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Durham.

Miss Edna Campbell spent this week-end in Greensboro.

Friends of little Miss Clara Fenner and Master Jack Fenner, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Fenner, will be glad to know that they are progressing nicely after having their tonsils removed in the Tarboro hospital last Monday.

Miss Luna Taylor of Danbury, N. C. is visiting Mrs. F. W. M. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Swain Norman entertained the Bridge Club in their home

To Fly Over Pole



Lieut. Com. Edward H. Smith, United States coast guard, who is to be the only representative of the United States on the Graf Zeppelin when she makes her forthcoming trip over the North pole.

Wednesday night. After several progressions Mrs. Hugh House was awarded the club prize for ladies and Mr. R. L. Applewhite the prize for gentlemen. Mrs. D. L. Dennison won the high score for guests. A salad course was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh House, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Applewhite, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Gregory, Mesdames Arthur Gregory, D. L. Dennison, of Batsburg, S. C., Francis Lewis of Scotland Neck and Misses Ida May Cheatham and Luna Taylor of Danbury.

Mrs. R. L. Applewhite entertained at two tables of bridge Friday afternoon. The high score prize was awarded to Mrs. D. L. Dennison of Batsburg, S. C. Guest prizes were

presented to Miss Luna Taylor of Danbury and Mrs. D. L. Dennison. The following guests enjoyed Mrs. Applewhite's hospitality: Mesdames N. L. Stedman, F. W. M. White, H. B. Ferguson, D. L. Dennison, Arthur Gregory, Elizabeth Stedman Boyd and Misses Luna Taylor and Ida May Cheatham.

* * * * * Marriage Licenses * * * * *

The following marriage licenses have been issued in the office of the Register of Deeds, this week:

Colored: Walter Knight to Elnora Whitehead, both of Scotland Neck. Judd Staton to Mary E. Norfleet, both of Hobgood. Willie Ben Williams to Carrie Alston, both of Littleton.

White: Willard Carlton Chadwick of Providence, Rhode Island, to Margaret Columbia Barrow, of Rosemary.

TWIN CITY HAPPENINGS

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Allen and children of Walnut Cove, are visiting their parents.

Miss Julia Bradley is spending some time here with her brother Rev. Hugh Bradley and Mrs. Bradley.

Mrs. J. H. Flythe and little daughter, Mavis, of Boykins, Va., are spending the week with friends in Rosemary.


Miss Mary B. Cannon's Sunday School Class had a picnic at Slagels Lake Saturday afternoon. The children went in a truck, left at three o'clock and got back at 7:30 o'clock. The picnic lunch was served at 5:30. Those attending the picnic were: Misses Aline, Mary and Sarah Can-

non, Mildred Moss, Elsie Sullivan, Alice Myrick, Alice Hicks Smith, Viola Collier, Frances Hines, Ercelle Harris, Dorothy Hux, Edna Hux, Jansey Vaughan, Annie MacDonald, Bessie Mayes, Mary Norwood, Betty Mae Spivey, Eva Coppedge, Mabel Fitts, Edith Fitts, Lula McDonald, Cora Reaves, Virginia Taylor, Louise Brown, Nellie Mae Jernigan, Sallie Pett King, Eugenia Rook, Ester Mae Taylor, Hattie Taylor, Edith Wright

Dorothy Rice, Helen Padgett, Doretha Daughtrey, Mildred Schackelford, Jola Stainback and Messrs Murrell Hudson, James Lynch, Marshall Coppedge, Wylie Reaves, Leonard Sullivan and Horace Williams.

James Albert Scott, boxer of Bridgeport, Conn., boasted an "undefeated record," until his wife got a decision over him in a domestic bout.

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Dad thinks it's swell because it speeds his morning shave. I heard him tell mother that every family should have an electric water heater now that they could get one for only \$10. down and pay the balance in small monthly payments.

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