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THE NEW CHILD LABOR LAW

Col. Wade H. Harris editor of the Charlotte Observer writes this of the new child labor bill now pending in Congress and of Congressman Bulwinkle's activities therewith:

A new topic for discussion in the farming households is the child labor amendment it is proposed to write into the constitution and which has passed the house. It will be talked because the farmers and their families have had no idea of what this amendment would mean to themselves. They will be interested in the development that under its provisions no child under 18 years of age will be at liberty to engage in labor on the farm. It is rather an unthinkable proposition, but that is just the thing the promoters of the National child labor law are aiming to do. These children, some of them married and raising families, together with the thousands of negro children would be barred from active labor on the farms in gardens, in the village blacksmith shops and they could not even do so much as lift a hand in erecting a neighborhood church or school house. They would have to sit by and see their sons and daughters and grandsons do the job. Congressman Bulwinkle was one of the North Carolina delegation that spoke and voted against the proposition and a pretty good idea of what the law would mean can be obtained from a brief summary of his remarks. If, he stated, this amendment were adopted, and Congress should pass the necessary laws to meet its requirement—

We would find that power would be given to the bureau to enforce the law and as stated by one in the Child Labor Bureau the key to the situation would be the certificate issued by the bureau, and unless the bureau issue the certificate no child could even wash until it reached the age of 18 years. In order to secure a certificate there would be four requisites: First, conclusive proof of the child's age; second the physical ability of the applicant and fourth the kind of work to be engaged in. Under the third requisite a Federal agent would examine the child under 18 to determine whether or not it has sufficient education to comply with the requirements of the bureau and if it did not the application for certificate would be rejected. In the south we have many hundreds of negroes who fail or refuse to take advantage of the public school system, and would be thrown upon the community without work.

But what would it lead to? What is the next step? Major Bulwinkle suggested "that there may be children with one or both parents dead who are unable to go to school on account of the lack of money. Congress will then be asked to pass laws granting widows' pensions and bounties for children in order that they may attend school until they have reached the required age."

The proponents of the bill argued that "Congress would never prohibit the labor of children on the farms," but Bulwinkle wanted to know why then, the necessity for giving Congress that power? He contended that the Federal government had always assumed all the powers granted it, "and a little more besides." Congressman Poff made argument against the bill and emphasize the same point. He was interrupted by Congressman Connally of Texas, who wanted to know if Bulwinkle and Poff were not correct, "why would congress in this amendment, demand the power unless it did intend to exercise it? But labor organizations and women's organizations and women's organizations had lobbied the amendment into life and it was passed in the house by a vote of 297 for to 69 against. Whyfore the Observer, is anticipating, there is going to be a good deal of reading and thinking among the rural population over a newly sprung prospective situation on the farms. It is barely possible that this bill may get through the



Here is a whole church composed of children! Everyone—choir, sexton, worshippers and all are under 17 years of age, except the rector and a matron. These are the children of Thompson Orphanage, attending the recent Easter morning services. All tugged out in their Easter best, they are as happy as they can be in their own little church, the Chapel of St. Mary, the Virgin. Rev. W. H. Wheeler, the Superintendent of the Orphanage, is rector of the Chapel. Of course, they would be happier if mother and father were sitting along side of them in the pew, but some strange fate which they can't understand, has deprived them of that happiness. Thompson Orphanage, like each of the several orphanages in North Carolina owned by other church denominations, is not affected by the Church affiliations of orphan children. Of the 124 children who made the Orphanage their home last year, only 49 were from Episcopalian homes; the others were from families of various churches or of no church at all. If a little child has no parents or home, and if there is room at the time, a home is made for him or her, without regard to church lines. Thompson Orphanage is over-crowded now, and the 275 Episcopal parishes in North Carolina have decided to cooperate May 25th as Orphanage Sunday for the purpose of raising funds to build new cottages and other buildings. Then these little orphans will be happier than they appear in the picture.

Senate. But it will have to get by the people. That being the case it is mainly interesting at the present moment as indicating the lengths to which labor legislation would go, if it should have its way.

SHRINERS AT HICKORY TO PARADE WITH 13 BLACK CATS

Superstitious Shriner's are given our warning to watch their steps when they come to Hickory for the entire ceremonial in June.

This is why. The ceremony will start on Friday June 14.

The parade can be headed by 13 black boys leading 12 black cats tied by 13 black strings.

The Nobles will form in line on Thirtieth Street.

The 13 black boys and 12 black cats will cross the line of march 13 times on Friday June 13. Also on Thirtieth Avenue and Thirtieth Street.

Incidentally there will be 5,000 Shriner's at this ceremonial. Potentate J. D. Elliott is making plans for the event and nothing will be spared by that little city to give the visitors a good time.

Mr. Elliott was mayor when the new one municipal building was opened with a celebration. The Shrine band and patrol took part in that affair.

It is not true that the mayor laid a pipe line from the South mountains to the auditorium for that occasion. Indeed, it isn't true.

It is reported among Ed Simpson's friends in Salisbury and Spencer that he will wear braces during the parade Friday June 13. Mr. Simpson has been apprised of some of the details.

In addition to the parade the ceremonial will bring to Hickory 3,000 high masons and many visitors. The Oasis band and patrol will furnish music. There is a boy in Hickory who plays the sarusophone and he'll be in the parade too.—Sam Farabee in The Salisbury Post.

Cut Off Roads Around Large Centers Modern Practice

In the days of the horse, main arteries of travel naturally entered cities at the most convenient place and travel along the highway passed down Main Street without slowing up. The horse drawn vehicle could get thru a city as fast as it could travel the country road. With the advent of the swift moving car and auto trucks, conditions changed. Through traffic on roads is generally slowed up in the city, due to crossings, congestion, narrow streets, one way streets, stopping for pedestrians and street cars, etc. In addition through traffic brought through a city adds largely to the city's traffic problem.

The modern idea is to divert thru traffic around large centers. The few additional miles thus traveled are more than made up for in the decrease of time. Thus a by pass or cut off which lengthens the through route ten miles, may add thirty minutes to the running time; but where

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is the large city through which from one side to another, a car or truck can pass in half an hour? Not infrequently the cut off actually saves mileage, instead of increasing it. To have all the through traffic go through Main Street is all right so long as Main Street is short and not congested. To divert through traffic from Main Street to a boundary road is good economy, good engineering and good common sense when main street is long and congested. Municipalities or through roads find that it pays dividends to build the cut off and attracts more business to a town than to force through traffic to another route to avoid city congestion.

The Division of Entomology of the State College and Department has established a field station to study and control at the Upper Coastal Plain Branch Station near Rocky Mount in Edgecombe County. W. J. Mulder is in charge with offices at Tarboro.

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