

Heroic Rescue Chief



Captain Giles Stedman, of the U.S. American Merchant, was accorded great honors when he landed 22 men in New York, the crew rescued from the sinking Exeter City during a raging storm in mid-ocean.

PROPOSES A PLAN TO AID THE FISCAL STATUS OF SCHOOLS

Banner Elk College Head Sees Hope in Plan to Support State Schools by Commodity Tax. Plan Would Aid Teachers So They Would Not Feel Full Effects of Salary Slash. Edgar Tufts Father of Plan.

Banner Elk, Feb. 7. — A live-at-home plan whereby the State can maintain the Greater University, the scale of school-teachers salaries, and still balance its budget was suggested here today by Edgar Tufts. Mr. Tufts is president of Lees-McRae College, which has one of the lowest per capita costs of any school in the state. His idea is a school tax, levied on heads of families, which may be paid either in cash or in kind. All farm products turned in would be accepted and used directly by the State's institutions of learning, the Greater University, which spends many thousands of dollars annually to supply the student dining rooms at the three institutions, and also by all other state colleges which at present pay cash prices for their necessary rarders.

The amount of farm and garden produce which the school system could use, says Mr. Tufts, may be increased by arranging for teachers in country one and two-teacher schools to live in the school house and keep house, using foodstuffs supplied by the neighborhood as a school commodity tax. In several counties of the state the teachers have already voluntarily made such an arrangement, purchasing their groceries out of their own salaries directly from the neighborhood farms and finding a saving of from ten to fifteen dollars monthly over the old arrangement of paying for board and room.

With the free use of these small school houses which contain extra rooms suitable for living quarters, as hundreds of them do, and with all groceries contributed as a tax by the neighborhood, such teachers could stand a substantial salary cut at no actual loss of living standards and at a real saving in net income, for they would have no room or board bill whatever. These rural teachers now voluntarily living in country school houses are pursuing this arrangement because of the greater freedom which it gives them and the convenience of their residence. Domestic science classes give the children practical experience and lighten the small burden of the teacher's housekeeping.

In the case of consolidated schools it would not always be possible to save the teacher's rent money, since the consolidated buildings are not suitable for residence purposes, but Mr. Tufts believes that their board bill can still be saved and the commodity tax used. Where the faculty have no teaching or teachers' club such an establishment can easily be set up and the pantry kept filled by overflowing by a neighborhood tax in kind. City families having no gardens or other means of paying the tax in kind would have an opportunity to furnish instead the necessary amount of cooking, dish washing and house cleaning for the teacherage.

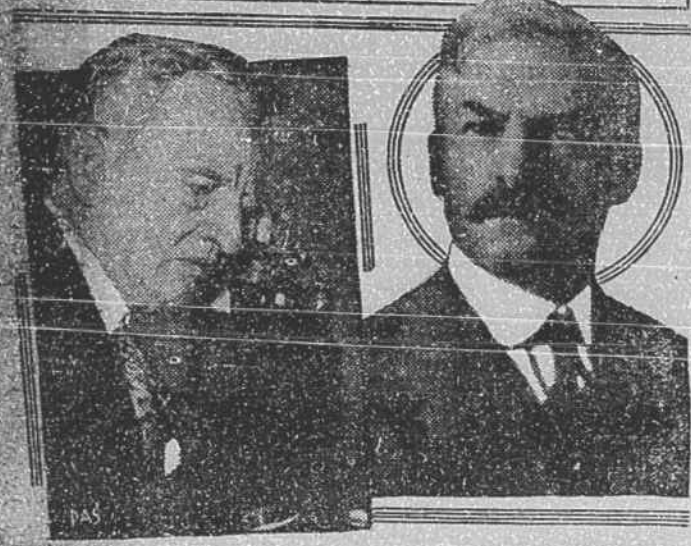
Cotton and tobacco as well as food Mr. Tufts believes, should be accepted by the state as a school tax, although at a slight discount to cover the state's expense in marketing them. This discount would serve to encourage the planting of gardens, in order to pay the tax in kind. As an incentive to the necessary continued emphasis on the live-at-home Mr. Tufts says such a school tax would be hard to beat.

His idea is based on his experience at Banner Elk, where Lees-McRae Junior College has its own farm and where most of the remaining food necessary is supplied by students in payment of tuition fees. Eggs, cherries, a calf and many other commodities were taken in last semester. The proposed commodity tax may run counter to the fact that a large percentage of the State's rural population is at present drawing Red Cross flour, he says, but it will serve as a sharp stimulant to the planting of gardens which will in turn prevent the necessity for continued distribution of foodstuffs to rural citizens who have the land, the time and the ability to raise enough food for themselves, their families and livestock, with a little margin left over to help support the state schools.

Two million dollars annually could be cut from the State educational appropriations if the tax were put into effect, Mr. Tufts estimates, by the savings in teachers' salaries and necessary expenditures for food by the staffs of the State institutions of higher learning. At the same time, he says, there would be no real hardship on the people and the ultimate result of the tax will be highly salutary.

Eighty-five per cent. of the \$8,662.50 loaned to 226 farmers in Alexander County from the Government seed loan fund has been repaid.

Predicted in Roosevelt Cabinet Selections



These two men top the list as possible members of President-elect Roosevelt's cabinet, according to late Washington reports. . . . They are (left) Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, as Secretary of the Treasury and (right) Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, as Attorney General. . . . James A. Farley, is expected to be named Postmaster-General.

TWO EXONERATED IN INVESTIGATIONAL ACCIDENT

Shumake, Jim Simmons Freed of any Connection With the Death of James Coffey in Coroner's Investigation Monday. Young Man Suffers Broken Skull When Falls From Moving Truck.

Shumake and Jim Simmons, young men of the Blowing Rock section were adjudged free of any complicity in the death of James Coffey, neighbor youth, when Deputy Coroner Charles T. Zimmerman of Boone conducted an investigation Monday into the circumstances surrounding the death.

Mr. Coffey it developed was riding on truck driven by one of the other boys, and there being no sideboards to the "bed" of the vehicle he was cast onto the roadway near the Daingerfield estate on the Linville highway. Coffey suffered compound fractures of the skull and other bruises about the body. The accident occurred late Friday afternoon and death came early Saturday.

The official investigation was likely brought about by the rumor that Shumake and Coffey had had differences during Christmas, but nothing developed during the inquest tending to show that there had been foul play.

The jury's verdict was that James Coffey came to his death from an unavoidable accident. Those composing the jury were: C. S. Prevette, G. C. Walters, A. M. Cletcher, N. C. Green, J. H. Winkler and L. F. Coon. Deceased was the son of the late George E. Coffey and was well known in the vicinity of Blowing Rock where he had spent his life. He was 25 years old. Interment was Monday afternoon in the Reform Church cemetery. A widow survives.

Watauga Boy on Honor Roll at Lees-McRae

Banner Elk—Nine students of Lees-McRae Junior College and five from the high school, representing Watauga County, were named on the honor roll for the first semester of the school year.

The honor roll was: Esley, brother of Hico, W. Va., a freshman in college, and Clins Farthing of Sugar Grove, Watauga County, enrolled in the High School Department. Honorable mention, requiring an average of 90 points or over, went to the following of the College Department: T. G. McAlister of Caroleen, Anderson Oldham of Durham, William Salmon of Durham, Charles Weaver of Lansing, Clarence Wilkerson of Mebane, Robert Tully of Mt. Hope, W. Va., Ruth Perry of Broadway, and Dysart Chapman, of Lewisburg, Tenn.

The following received honorable mention in the High School Department: Virginia Miller of Banner Elk, Janie Gillespie of Johnson City, Luther Hodge of Bristol, and Charles Proctor of Clifty, W. Va.

Honorable mention for good work was also given to ten students in college who came within one point or less of the required average. They were: Lucille Cashion of Sanford, Charles Stuckey of Savannah, Ga., Roy Smith of Charlotte, Varne Shoof of Memory, Virgil Lively of Long Branch, W. Va., Hunter Blevins of Herndon, Va., Alex Arledge of Hendersonville, Ruth Barlow of Banner Elk, Abbie Seals of Bridgewater and Burke Hobgood of Durham.

Students from out of the State and from Eastern North Carolina made particularly good showing during the semester, according to Mr. Pritchett.

FIRE THREATENS TO DESTROY COUNCIL HOME ON MONDAY

A fire alarm was sent in from the J. D. Council home on Main Street Monday afternoon, when smoke began emanating from the house. The fire company arrived and had some difficulty in locating the source of the smoke. At length it was found that the floor had become ignited under the kitchen range, and the blaze was then easily extinguished. A considerable section of flooring was burned, while the water damage was nominal.

LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Senator Robert D. Carey of Wyoming, will likely be the principal speaker at the Lincoln day dinner a rally to be held at King Cotton Hotel next Saturday evening. Usual several local republicans attend the events, and any interested in going, are asked to get in touch with Chairman Russell D. Hodges, or Secretary Clyde R. Greene.

Co-operative turkey marketing is being practiced to excellent advantage by growers of Catawba County who find better profits as a result of shipping plucked turkeys to outside markets.

PRITCHARD CASE IS THROWN OUT

Senate Dismisses Contest Against Election of Bailey Charging Irregularity. Reynolds Opposes Expense Allowance.

Washington.—The Senate Friday night dismissed the contest brought by George M. Pritchard, Republican, against the election of Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Democrat, of North Carolina.

Senator Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, presented the report of an elections subcommittee declaring Pritchard's charges of irregularities had not been sustained and recommending its adoption. It was approved without a record vote.

Senator Reynolds, Bailey's colleague, began a protest against paying the \$12,000 expenses of the contest demanded by Pritchard, but when Democrat Leader Robinson suggested this was not involved in the pending report, Reynolds took his seat.

Moses then submitted a resolution for reference to the audit committee on what expenses should be allowed Pritchard.

New Potato Variety May Open Big Field

Truckers of the Goldsboro and the Mount Olive sections may be able to furnish Irish potatoes to the great markets of the middle west, if an experiment to be conducted this spring on the plantation of James T. Albritton near Calypso proves a success. The horticultural department of the State College, Raleigh; the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and a western firm are cooperating with Mr. Albritton in trying out a crop of Red Bliss Triumph and Western Cobblers, both of which are types of spuds which find a ready market in the middle west.

Most of the potatoes now grown in the sections mentioned are the Irish Cobblers, a white potato. Eastern markets prefer the Irish Cobbler and practically all of the potato crop of eastern North Carolina is sold in the east.

Middle western markets prefer the Red Bliss Triumph potato, and if it is found that this potato and the western cobbler can be grown successfully in this section, it will mean that North Carolina potato growers will have opened up to them the market of Chicago and other big cities of the middle west as well as retaining the eastern markets.

BUYS BARNET STORE

Mr. J. F. Pearson, of North Wilkesboro has purchased the L. T. Barnett grocery store and produce business in East Boone and announces today his opening for Saturday. Mr. Pearson is a former member of the firm of Pearson Brothers, well known to Wataugans, and will doubtless succeed well in his new location. Mr. Barnett has not said as to whether he will enter other business enterprises.

MRS. McGUIRE DEAD

Mrs. Mary Louisa McGuire, died at her home Saturday near Todd after a short illness. She was 83 years old and death was likely due to her advanced age. Other than that funeral was at Todd on Sunday further details could not be secured.

LOW DOWN MOUNTAIN

Washington.—There's a high mountain that's so low that you can't see the top of it. A mountain a mile high was discovered in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Santa Cruz, Calif., by the crew of the United States Geodetic Survey boat, Guide. But shippers needn't worry about hitting the top of the mountain because it's 5,406 feet under the surface of the water.

COMPENSATION CASE TO BE TRIED

T. A. Wilson to Be Here Friday to Hear Case of Albert Farthing. Sixty-Four Other Hearings to Be Conducted.

Raleigh.—Sixty-five workmen's compensation cases, four of them involving deaths of the workers, have been scheduled for hearing in the Piedmont and mountain section of the State during the next two weeks before Industrial Commissioner T. A. Wilson. The hearings began February 8th.

The calendar includes seven cases in Durham, two in Graham, two in Spay, three in Mount Airy, three in Wilkesboro, two in Morganton, two in Marion, two in Newland, one each in Boone and Smith, 18 in Asheville, two in Waynesville, two in Hendersonville, one in Valdese, three in Shelby, three in WeaVER, three in Liberty, three in Cherokee and one in Sanford.

February 10th at 9:30 a. m., and is the action of Albert C. Farthing vs. L. M. Farthing, Sheriff.

Legislature is Behind 1931 Mark, One Way

Raleigh.—From a numerical standpoint the 1933 general assembly in its 28 legislative days is behind the 1931 record in only one thing—bills passed by the house.

Figures compiled on the first 28 days of each of the sessions show that during the time the 1931 house had passed 173 bills while the current house has passed only 159. In all other lines the 1933 session is numerically ahead of the record-breaking 1931 record.

New house bills total 404 as compared with 358 in 1931 and new senate bills have passed the 171 total as compared with 161 in 1931.

The senate has passed 130 bills this year, 36 ahead of the mark for the first 28 days in the 1931 assembly.

The present session has seen 85 new laws placed on the statute books while the 1931 assembly in the similar period fell 11 short of that mark.

The house has killed 10 bills this year as against six in the corresponding period of 1931 and the senate has killed four this year as compared with nine in 1931.

Highway Patrolman Is Seriously Beaten

Highway Patrolman James Merritt was in a serious condition in a Fayetteville hospital Sunday from injuries inflicted when he was attacked late Saturday night by five men near Lillington. The officer was badly beaten about the head and suffered a possible fracture of the skull in addition to loss of several teeth and an injury which may cause loss of one eye. He reported that while on his patrol on the Fayetteville-Raleigh highway he saw a man apparently drunk in the road. He said he stopped the motorcycle and attempted to arrest the man, whereupon four other men crowded about him.

He said he drew his pistol and stood them off until they said they were only joking in interfering. As he replaced his pistol in its holster, he said, the men attacked him, threw him to the ground and were beating him and kicking him when two deputies sheriff passing the scene came to his rescue and arrested the five men. All were taken to jail in Lillington.

Farmers of Lincoln County are planting an increased acreage to spring oats due to unfavorable conditions for sowing small grain last fall.

JOSEPH C. COOK DIES IN VALLEY

Well Known Farmer and Saw Mill Operator Dies Suddenly Last Wednesday. Heart Attack Said to Be Cause Death.

The following account of the death of Joseph C. Cook, well known in this county, will be of local interest. The news comes from the columns of the Lenoir News-Topic:

Joseph C. Cook, well known farmer of the Yaddin Valley, died suddenly at his home yesterday morning and will be buried at 2 p. m. this afternoon, following funeral rites conducted at Patterson.

Mr. Cook was in his usual health and was sitting in front of a fireplace when he was stricken. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

During his lifetime Mr. Cook was a successful farmer and saw mill operator and enjoyed a wide acquaintance in the county.

He was 57 years of age and was a native of North Carolina.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The College Home Economics club met Monday afternoon, January 29. The following interesting program was rendered: Vocal selections, Miriam Eury a fashion show presented by Thea G. G. and a solo, "Alike Blue Gown," by Virginia Dayvault; Pajamas, the house dress, sport dress a rainy day outfit, street clothes the church dress and the evening dress were shown. Ellen Matthews, Helen Abernathy, Mahel Gibbs, Vera Iconhour, Jimmie Ward, Evelyn Caudle and Novella Dixon were the attractive models.

It was suggested that the club give a tea sometime soon. A committee was appointed to make plans for it. The members were very happy to have their secretary, Miss Elizabeth Speels back with them.

TO AID IN INCOME TAX FILING

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file Federal income tax returns, W. M. Thomas, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will be at the Critcher Hotel in Boone February 20 and 21 to assist taxpayers in making their returns. There is no charge for this service.

WEATHER REPORT

for month of January, 1933, as compiled by Co-operative Station at the State Teachers College, J. T. C. Wright, observer: Average maximum temperature, 51 degrees. Average minimum temperature 30 degrees. Average temperature, 41 degrees. Average daily range in temperature 21 degrees. Greatest daily range in temperature 41 degrees on the 2nd. Average temperature at 6 p. m., 41 degrees. Highest temperature reached, 61 degrees on 19th and 22nd. Lowest temperature reached, 14 degrees on the 1st. Total precipitation (including melted snow) in inches, 3.29. Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.30 on the 25th. Total snowfall in inches, 4.00. Greatest snowfall in 24 hours, 3.50 on the 27th. Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation 11. Number of clear days, 14. Number of partly cloudy days, 5. Number of cloudy days, 12. Dates of fogs, 4, 11, 24. Dates of killing frosts, 2, 3, 4, 14, 15, 16. Dates of solar halos, 2, 11, 23, 24, 26, 31. Dates of lunar halos, 7. Dates of high winds, 27, 28.