

# Interesting News Items Reported From Raleigh

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Raleigh, N. C.—Add to the powers the Governor of North Carolina has now "the power to appoint the local officers of counties and towns, the selection of an appointive State Board of Education which could name all of the school teachers in the State, give him the veto power, and increase the opportunity for executive appointees and employees to sit in the General Assembly, and there would be created such a political machine as only a revolution could break or even dent."

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummit made this statement along with others on "The Proposed New Constitution" at his home town of Oxford Saturday afternoon, in a summary of his speech, issued to the press.

In an analysis he made of the proposed constitution, he said that under it "the legislature could confer on the Governor the power to appoint every officer of every county, town and municipality in the State."

"It would place our public schools under control of a State Board of Education composed of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and six appointees of the Governor. That board could appoint a secretary, in effect to be chosen by the Governor, and confer on this secretary power which should be exercised by the Superintendent of Public Instruction elected by the people. That appointive board could select every teacher in every public school in the State. "It would give the veto power to the Governor in the most dangerous and obnoxious form. Under the plan of the proposed new constitution a minimum vote of 26 in the Senate and 61 in the House would be required to pass a bill over such veto."

Mr. Brummit said its proponents admit that it would remove many restrictions imposed upon the General Assembly now, and that it is equally certain that it increases the opportunity for domination and absorption of legislative powers by the executive. He said that today the highway and other departments with large numbers of employees are directly under the control of the Governor. "He can, in the choice of three men as members of the State Board of Elections, control the selection of every Democratic election official in the State," he said.

Admitting that changes in the Constitution are desired, he asked his hearers to reject the proposed constitution and suggested changes, making it impossible for the State Treasurer to audit the school funds; preserve the right of the people to elect some of their local officials.

### Conference for Social Service

Owen R. Lovejoy, secretary of the New York Children's Aid Society, will speak on "The Child in the New Deal" as the chief feature of the general Monday night session of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, to be held in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on April 29-May 1.

Other features of the program will be the annual address by Dean Justin Miller of Duke Law School; greetings from Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, with Dr. N. C. Newbold, vice-president, presiding. Following the Monday night session an informal reception, honoring the distinguished guests, will be held at the Sir Walter Hotel.

The opening meeting will be a union church service in Memorial Auditorium on Sunday night, with pastors of the city participating. Group meetings will be held Monday morning, and a general luncheon served at noon. The final session will be Tuesday morning.

Mr. Lovejoy is considered an authority in the field of social work, having devoted his life to problems of childhood and adolescence. He is in contact with New York's 25,000 underprivileged children. As secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, he crusaded for better child labor laws in mines, mills and factories. Mr. Lovejoy has been president of the National Conference of Social Work and of the American Association of Social Workers, and had other experience.

### Oyster Business Thriving

Estimates are that fully 2,000,000 bushels of oysters may be gathered from the 711,425 bushels planted with CWA funds in Eastern North Carolina waters in recent months, when the seed planted mature in about two years, with an increase of at least three-fold, or possibly more.

Captain L. W. Nelson, in direct charge, made a final report to Director R. Bruce Etheridge, of Conservation and Development, showing that the cost had been \$56,468, and that about 2,000 acres had been planted.

Numbers of bushels planted in waters of the several counties follow: Carteret, 388,889; Dare, 92,810; Pamlico, 78,567; Hyde, 39,858; Brunswick, 37,720; Onslow, 31,934; Pender, 26,319; New Hanover, 16,128.

### Motor Car Sales Show Increase

New motor vehicles bought in the State in March reached more than three times the number purchased in March a year ago, and vehicles purchased in the first three months of this year are more than twice the

### Anne Lindbergh Honored



WASHINGTON . . . Mrs. Anne Lindbergh (above) as she appeared here to be honored with the Hubbard Gold Medal of the National Geographical Society in recognition of her radio work with her famous husband on their European tour last summer. She is the first woman ever to receive the Hubbard Medal.

number bought in the first three months of last year. Director L. S. Harris, of the bureau, reports.

March purchases number 3625, or 2980 passenger cars and 997 trucks, as compared with 1106 vehicles, 297 cars and 199 trucks, in March, 1933. During the past three months 8749 vehicles, 3598 cars and 831 trucks, in the same period of 1933.

Chevrolets led in new car sales in March with 1081 sales, followed by Ford with 825.

### Education to Be Increased

Public education will be increased in scope in the future to include pre-school children at the bottom and adults at the top, State Superintendent A. T. Allen told the members of the State Co-ordinating Committee in Parent Education, meeting in his office last week to plan a follow-up program in parent education.

Sixteen counties of the State were selected to carry on parent education work, following the schools for training leaders held March 5-17 at the Woman's College, Greensboro. A permanent committee was decided upon and Dr. Allen, as chairman, named sub-committees to work out phases of the program.

### Teachers to Get Paid

North Carolina teachers will get every penny due them for every day they teach in the public schools, Governor Ehringhaus has promised, and Frank L. Dunlap, in charge of the budget, promises that the money will be available. It is thought likely that the general fund will be probably \$2,500,000 short at the time the teachers get their final pay, but the highway fund is available to it for any deficiency, and can be repaid later, it is stated. About \$13,000,000 of \$17,000,000 appropriation for schools was set aside for instructional service by the State School Commission, and this is sufficient to pay all teacher salaries, LeRoy Martin, secretary, states. The impression was current that because of the efforts to get Federal aid, the money would be lacking. Such aid can be used, but teachers will get their pay whether it is secured or not, officials state.

### Educational Statistics

North Carolina is "next to the top in people to go to school; next to the bottom in income with which to pay the bills," which is just another way of saying that while this State ranks low in expenditure per pupil, it is near the top in the amount spent, in relation to State income.

The old "God bless South Carolina" for being on the bottom and saying this State from the ignominy is thus relegated to the past when this State's "effort" to educate its children is compared with the "effort" of the other states. The relation of the number of children to educate, to the income of the people of the State, as compared with other states, places North Carolina in a much more favorable position, figures compiled by H. C. West, statistician, State Department of Public Instruction, show.

North Carolina ranked 12th in population in 1930, but this State was second only to South Carolina in the proportion of population of children from 6 to 17 years of age, those presumably in school. Naturally, this makes the educational problem in North Carolina, both in a relative and in an absolute sense, much larger than it is in many states, Mr. West points out.

Although it is unfair to say that the amount of money spent is the sole criterion for evaluating results, this factor must be considered. It would certainly be boastful to say that North Carolina can secure as good results as other states on half the cost. In fact, the actual average for this state in 1929-30 was some less than half of the average per pupil expenditure in the United States,

## Facts About Our Schools

By GUY H. HILL

Boone High School commencement is just around the corner and that corner will soon be turned. This year there are fifty-six who expect to receive their diplomas and certificates. Seventeen of these are boys and thirty-nine are girls. The list of candidates for graduation is as follows, Thomas Bingham, Reece Danner, Harley Dotson, Jack Cragg, Turner Gross, Dwight Houck, Willard Houck, Claude Johnson, Beach Parsons, Kermit Reese, Vernon Robbins, Max Shoemaker, Hugh Steele, Ralph Tugman, Claud Todd, Len Wilson, and in the summer session Craig Hollars. Girls: Beatrice Bingham, Mona Bingham, Mary Brookshire, Edna Mae Brown, Jean and June Bush, Elizabeth Cooke, Geneva Cooke, Anna Bell Coffey, Floye Cottrill, Rena Mae Farthing, Edith Greene, Mabel N. Greer, Ruth Gross, Gladys Hagaman, Edith Hamby, Winifred Hampton, Della Lewis, Wilma Little, Odessa Lookabill, Katie Lyon, Edith Miller, Lorene Miller, Edna Mae Moody, Olive Moretz, Annie Norris, Leo Norris (Hartley), Margaret Ray, Mary Louise Rhyne, June Lee Russell, Lillian Simpson, Ella Mae South, Virginia South, Mabel Triplette, Olive Triplette, Estell Watson, Eula Wheeler, Gertrude Winebarger, Susan Winkler.

### Commencement Expenses

To the individual pupil we have tried to make commencement as inexpensive as possible. One of the steps toward lightening expenses was the procuring of caps and gowns as the official garb for commencement rather than new dresses, new shoes, corsages, and the like. The average cost of the commencement is \$5.18 per pupil. The cost to the individual varies directly with the number of invitations one purchases and whether or not one purchases calling cards. There will be no expense in connection with the commencement exercises. We are importing no speakers, but we are endeavoring to carry through a motif which has been one of our aims throughout the year.

### Commencement Exercises

On Sunday morning, April 22, in the Boone Methodist Church, the Reverend J. A. Yount, pastor of the Lutheran Mission, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

On Monday night, April 23, the seniors will give their Class Day exercises. The place and exact time will be announced later. To these exercises also the public is cordially invited.

The commencement exercises proper will be held in the Appalachian State Teachers College auditorium on Thursday evening, April 26, at 8 o'clock. Seats will be reserved for relatives and close friends of the graduates. Everyone interested in the progress of public education is invited to be present.

### Parent-Teacher Meeting

The last meeting of the Boone High School Parent-Teacher Association is scheduled to meet in the little auditorium of the brick building of the high school on Tuesday evening, April 24th, at 7:30 o'clock. It is sincerely hoped by the teachers of the high school that the auditorium will be filled. The topics for discussion and upon which action should be taken are very close to the hearts of the teachers. These topics concern the health education and the further intellectual education of our children. A plan will be proposed for a remedial health clinic for our children during the summer months. The school cannot do the task itself, but with the concerted action of the parents of all the children and especially of those who have diseased children there should result one of the most helpful and beneficial clinics that has ever been held in Watauga County. Let me urge all parents, patrons, taxpayers, and friends of the school to be present at this meeting.

### Typewriting Classes

The typewriting classes at the high school for people who are working are now in progress. The typewriters have been installed and three classes are meeting each day of the week except Sunday. The classes are meeting in two cycles. The first cycle is meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week and the second cycle is meeting on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. It is possible to get in either cycle at any of the following periods: 8 to 9 a. m., 3:30 to 4:30 or 4:30 to 5:30. This announcement is intended for all those who have paid and have not received notice that the classes have started as well as for those who would like to come in and join any of the above-scheduled classes.

### VILAS NEWS

Rev. Roy Davis filled his regular appointment at the Willowdale church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Williams were Sunday visitors, taking dinner with Mrs. J. L. Reese.

Mr. J. H. Brinkley celebrated his sixty-third birthday Sunday. The crowd, the new suit of clothes and the fine dinner were almost too much for Henry. Those present from a distance were Rev. Roy Davis of Newland, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Isaacs of Heaton and Professor Clarence Bolick of Elk Park.

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## OPEN FORUM

Readers are invited to contribute to this department. Profit may be derived from these letters. Name of writer must accompany all manuscript and brevity is urged.

### WATAUGA MAN TELLS OF TRIP TO WESTERN STATES

Editor Watauga Democrat: Here I am in Klamath Falls, visiting at the home of my eldest son, Ray Moretz, and his family. I left Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on March 2nd, accompanied by my youngest son, Tom Moretz, and his family and my nephew, Leonard Poole, in a Pontiac car. On our way to the Falls, we stopped at the home of Cicero Miller, a cousin, in Moro, Oregon.

The next day we started for Klamath Falls, and reached that city on March 4th. Everyone was glad to see me and asked me to visit them for awhile. I had almost decided to go back to Coeur d'Alene, but when I had gone as far as Chiloquin, Oregon, and visited at the home of my cousin, Mrs. Edward Smith, I was compelled to stay here awhile. The Smiths drove me back to Klamath Falls on Saturday, March 10.

My eldest son, Ray Moretz, is caretaker of a large graded school here. There are about 700 students going to this school, including everybody from negroes to Indians. Ray likes his job fine. He has been at this school for the last four years.

Klamath Falls was founded in the year 1869-70. At that time this was a very small piece of land called Linksville, consisting of only three buildings. There were only about ten or fifteen people here at that time. Link River (called by this name because it links two lakes together) is not exactly a river. It is merely a link for Upper and Lower Klamath lakes. Some people have said that this is the shortest river in the U. S. However, this is not correct. The shortest river in the U. S. is about three quarters of a mile long, near the Deshutes River, fifteen miles from Bend.

There are over 16,000 people in Klamath Falls. Crater Lake is 60 miles from here. The first man to ever go to Crater Lake was about 62 or 63 years old. The lake is about 5 miles wide and 7 miles long. The deepest spot in the lake lacks 5 feet of being 2,000 feet deep.

The island in the lake is 545 feet above the water, estimated at about 200 acres. Klamath County was organized in 1882. It was at first called Jackson County.

In 1872-73 the Indian war began. This war was fought in the Lava Beds. The Indian chiefs were captured in Langell Valley. There has been no hostility with the Indians since that date.

The Indians were stationed twelve miles from this city. The Indian reservation was started in 1858. Four Indian chiefs were hung at Fort Klamath. The direct cause of the war was this: The Modac and Klamath Indians were two separate tribes. The Modacs went in with the Klamaths and sold their reservation to the Government. However, the two tribes could not get along, so the Modacs got their money back. The first fight was staged about three miles from Merrill.

There are about 19 or 20 lakes in Klamath County, and 300,000 acres of land are irrigated from Upper Klamath Lake. This lake is the freshest water lake this side of the Rocky Mountain.

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### "Greek God", to Co-Eds



PHILADELPHIA . . . Ray Freeman (above) of Washington, D. C. is 6 ft. 4 in. tall. He is captain and basketball champion at the University of Pennsylvania. So what was more natural than that the fair co-eds, in a voting contest conducted by the college paper, should crown him the "Greek God" of the campus.

Lake is 4,144 feet. The wind blows the lake dry once in a great while. This has happened three times since 1870. The last time it was blown dry was in 1918. That is just about all the history of Klamath Falls that I know. If I stay here much longer, I will know as much as the natives.

I have met many people from North Carolina. All of them ask me questions about "that far country." The weather has been perfect here, and I am very glad of that, as I dislike cold weather very much.

On March 15th, I celebrated my 76th birthday—and today I feel like 16. I was presented with a large picture of Crater Lake. Tonight I am going to see the new Union Pacific train that is going to stop here. I am also going to see the natural hot water springs here. Next week I am going to Mitchell, Oregon, with the minister and his wife, to see my cousin, Shuford Miller.

Although I think this is a very wonderful country, I can hardly wait until I see the shores of "good ole North Carolina." I will close now, giving my regards to everyone in North Carolina.

J. C. MORETZ,  
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

### THE CHRIST

We must not let all these proud days deceive us. The time is here when we must feel that it is not in the power of rhetoric or passion to

add anything to the words of Jesus Christ. The metaphysician may secretly regret that the Nazarene did not discourse like a Plato or Locke. The poet may wish that the son of man had said more about land, sea and sky, about opening springtime or the falling leaf; the Calvinist and Trinitarian may wish that they could find in the Lord's discourse a system that would more fully shadow their own philosophy; the devotees of science may feel that the "Cosmos" of Humboldt surpasses the simple story of the Gospel. But these longings and complainings are the result of narrow specializations. Christ spoke for the whole world at the time of its greatest need. Our wishes are for the style time, Christ's manner is for eternity. Jesus Christ of Bethlehem? There is a fountain whence roll the transparent waters of the broad philosophy. For beyond all beings who have ever lived, Christ was the broadest. All his ideas are imperishable. He cast off the temporary that had come down from Moses; He made the old iron-bound sabbath die in the fields where the sweet wheat was ripening; He saw the human soul in Lazarus, in Magdalene, in little children; He rebuked the disciples when they desired to draw the sword on their own sect; He uttered few of the ideas that entered into the modern denominations. He was born in a common house of entertainment, where all might come to Him, and He died with His arms extended as a pledge that He would continue to receive all that came to Him. He never spoke of men as the common multitude, but He made Himself at home among them. He dressed like a peasant; He went to their marriage feasts, attended their funerals, and was so much among them, a man among men, that the slanderers called Him a gluttonous man and wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. He was our Lord raised up among us—of our own kith and kin. For this cause he was not ashamed to call us brethren, for He was our brother in the Resurrection; for after His resurrection He said, Go tell my brethren, my Father and your Father, my God and your God. He pleads for us as a high priest, one who can be touched with a feeling of our infirmities. God had graciously raised up such a mediator, and now He speaks to us through Him, who is enthroned in His inconceivable loveliness.

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