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## Senator Bailey Says Farm Bill Will Not Be Passed As Law

### Opposed Senate Measure Because It Was Unconstitutional

#### PREPARING BILL

### Sends His Opinion On Matter to Farmers Of State

In explanation of his vote against the present farm legislation before Congress, United States Senator J. W. Bailey has sent a personal letter to all farmers of the state, explaining to them that the bill in question has now gone into conference between both congressional branches, and, he says, to say, with but little chance of coming out in a way that will be beneficial to the agricultural interests of North Carolina. As for himself, he said, he had found it necessary in this instance as in other cases, to refuse to support measures which would not stand the test of the courts.

The Senator's letter was as follows: "The Farm Bill which passed the Senate will not become a law. The House passed a different Bill. When the Senate passes one Bill and the House passes another, both bills are referred to a Conference Committee made up of Senate and House members, and they work over both bills with a view to reporting a compromise measure.

"We may look for the compromise measure in the session in January. Sometime, there is little to be said against the measure in the House because I am sure it is unconstitutional, and I do not like to disregard the Constitution. Moreover, I think it an unwise policy to be passing unconstitutional measures that cannot last long and that fall under the first attack. Congress has no power to tell a farmer that he shall not plant pastures for the dairy business. It has no power to tell North Carolina farmers that they shall not expand in the production of hogs. It cannot say to one man you may plant, and to another you shall not plant. It cannot impose prohibitions or prohibitive penalties upon the production or sale of crops. This is so obvious that I wonder that any one ever took a different view.

"The Senate Bill would greatly reduce cotton acreage in North Carolina and at the same time prevent farmers from expanding their production. Continued on Page Seven

## Ball Committee Will Meet After Holidays

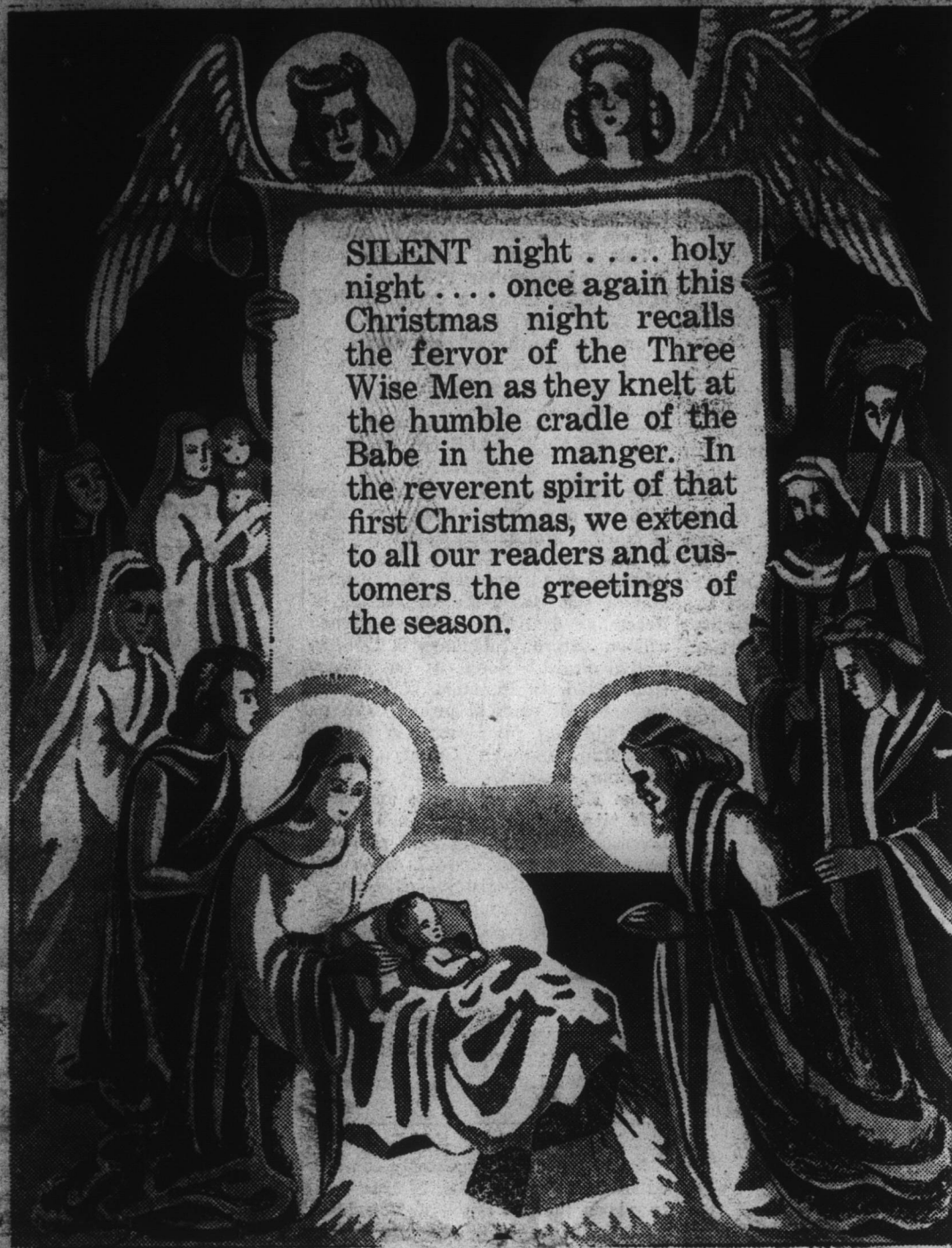
### Chairman Kramer Very Anxious to Realize Goodly Sum

C. E. Kramer, Chowan County chairman of the President's birthday ball, will shortly after the holidays call a meeting of his committee and map out plans for a local celebration this year on Saturday, January 29. It is Mr. Kramer's idea to stage a fiddlers' convention or some similar affair rather than engage a high-priced orchestra to furnish music for the ball. By this means, he believes, a nominal price could be charged resulting in a larger crowd and subsequently a larger amount of money to help in the fight against infantile paralysis.

Mr. Kramer desires to stress the fact that through the President's birthday ball direct financial grants will be made to orthopedic centers for a specific program within the community which each serves, thus affording the expansion of facilities for proper care, conducting clinical research in the field of after treatment and aid patients who need improved equipment.

### Midnight Service St.

Christmas Eve service will be held in St. Anne's Church, which will be the singing of Christmas carols. The service will be cordially invited with the balcony reserved for colored friends.



SILENT night . . . holy night . . . once again this Christmas night recalls the fervor of the Three Wise Men as they knelt at the humble cradle of the Babe in the manger. In the reverent spirit of that first Christmas, we extend to all our readers and customers the greetings of the season.

## Chief Police Helms Issues A Warning About Fireworks

### Arrests Will Be Made For Shooting In Business Section

#### AN ORDINANCE

### Police Are Determined To Make It Safe For Pedestrians

Chief of Police G. A. Helms issued a statement this week that officers have been instructed to see that the ordinance governing the shooting of fireworks is rigidly enforced during the remainder of the holidays. This ordinance prohibits shooting fireworks in the business section, the practice being allowed only on the premises of those so engaged.

Mr. Helms recalls that several years ago the nuisance became so acute that it was dangerous to walk or ride in the downtown section and several painful accidents occurred as the result. He is determined that there will not be a recurrence of similar conditions this year and intends to arrest any violators.

#### BANK CLOSED SATURDAY

The Bank of Edenton will be closed only one day for the Christmas holidays, that being on Saturday, Christmas Day. Patrons are asked to arrange their banking affairs accordingly.

## Keep Off!

The Christmas spirit seized Mayor J. E. McMullan Monday afternoon and as a result six boys were given only a reprimand and a warning to discontinue riding their bicycles on the sidewalks. The sextet were summoned before the Mayor by officers who recently undertook to break up the dangerous practice of bicycle riding on sidewalks in the business section.

No fine was imposed on the boys, but Mr. McMullan stressed the danger of the practice and warned them that for a second offense they would be more severely dealt with. In the meantime, the city will be able to see to it that the sidewalks are kept clear of bicycles in about 10 days.

## An Omission

In copying the list of committee members for the Governor's Hospitality Committee for Chowan, the name of Mrs. J. Augustus Moore was inadvertently omitted in last week's issue of The Herald. Mrs. Moore was selected by E. W. Spires, chairman, as representing the Garden Club and the omission of her name is greatly regretted.

Mr. Spires will call a meeting of the entire committee shortly after the holidays when concrete plans will be adopted in carrying out the purpose of the hospitality program in Edenton and Chowan County.

## Edenton Rotarians Challenge Manteo

In an effort to stimulate Rotary attendance with a view to registering 100 per cent meetings, John W. Graham, president of the Edenton Rotary Club, has instructed Secretary John Holmes to issue a challenge to the Manteo Rotary Club to participate in an attendance contest during the month of January. The two clubs were paired by the district governor and Manteo no doubt will accept the challenge. The Hertford and Elizabeth City clubs have also agreed to contest for attendance honors during the month.

## Colored Man Dies As Result Auto Mishap

Heywood Edney, 65-year-old colored man who was injured last week when run into by a car driven by John Saunders of Tyner, died Sunday as the result of the injuries. Edney suffered a fractured skull when thrown to the street.

At a coroner's hearing Wednesday morning, the accident was found to be unavoidable by the jury.

## Christmas Program At Merry Hill Church

A special Christmas program was given at the Merry Hill Baptist Church on Sunday morning immediately after Sunday School. Miss Louise Smithwick was in charge of the program, and Miss Ethel Bowen assisted her and acted as pianist. After the program fruit was served to all present.

#### LINWOOD SUTTON IMPROVES

Linwood Sutton, who has been desperately ill in St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va., the past several weeks, continues to show improvement. Unusually complicated develop it is expected that he will be able to be discharged in about 10 days.

## Four Prizes This Year For Most Attractive Outdoor Decorations

### Business Houses and Residences Included In Contest

#### TOTAL OF \$15

### Garden Club Will Judge And Award Prize Money

Though \$15 has been appropriated to the Garden Club by Town Council to be distributed for the most attractive Christmas decorations in Edenton, Mrs. J. A. Moore, president of the Club, announces a deviation from the usual method of distribution this year.

In former years \$10 was given as a first prize and \$5 as a second prize for the most attractive outside displays, but this year there will be four winners, two among the business houses and two for residences. In each instance the first prize will be \$5 and \$2.50 for second prize. The Garden Club will inspect all displays in town and prizes will be awarded by a committee appointed from the Club.

## Methodists Turn Out For White Christmas

Very impressive and well attended was the White Christmas service last Sunday night in the Methodist Church, when a large number of presents were brought to be presented to unfortunate families in the community. Special Christmas music added to the pleasure of the service.

The annual Sunday School entertainment was held Wednesday night when gifts were distributed among the children of the school, in connection with a very interesting program.

#### MR. ELLIOTT BETTER

Friends will be delighted to know that J. N. Elliott, who has been very ill at his home on Church Street, is very much improved.

#### MR. WOODARD IMPROVING

Showing the greatest improvement since his recent illness, J. A. Woodard early this week was able to sit up in his room. His condition had improved to such an extent that he was able to eat other than liquid nourishment.

## Boy Scout Troop Committee Ready For Reorganization

### Meeting Held Tuesday With Tidewater Council Representatives

#### LESTER SPEAKS

### Boys Interested Asked To Be at Cabin Next Tuesday Night

Final arrangements were made on Tuesday night for the Edenton Boy Scouts to affiliate with the Tidewater Council, when the local troop committee met with Scout Executive Louis R. Lester and Commissioner M. H. McArdle, of Norfolk, Va. After explaining thoroughly the advantages and requirements to complete the organization by Mr. Lester, it was decided to call a meeting next Tuesday night at the Scout cabin, when all boys eligible and interested in joining the Edenton troop are asked to be present. At that time the troop will be officially reorganized and the scout program put into effect.

Fees for joining with the Tidewater Council are \$200, which amount has been assured equally among the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and Ed Bond Post of the American Legion. A charter will be issued immediately after reorganization.

Members of the Troop Committee, who were present Tuesday night, were: William Privott, chairman, W. D. Holmes, Hector Lupton, O. H. Brown, Geddes Potter, T. C. Byrum and W. W. Byrum.

In order to create interest and get the boys off to a good start, Geddes Potter was delegated to instruct the Scouts in tying knots, C. E. Kramer, oaths and laws, and O. H. Brown, flags and badges.

George Capehart, scout master, appears very optimistic over the Boy Scout prospect and feels sure a full troop will be enrolled next Tuesday night.

## Four Cases Tried By Recorder On Tuesday

Four small cause criminal cases occupied the attention of the Recorder's Court on Tuesday and brought minor penalizations. The defendants were all Negroes.

Aaron McKinney, charged with driving while intoxicated, was given the first offense punishment, 60 days on the roads suspended by payment of \$50 fine and costs, with license revocation for one year.

Jim Dillard, of the Evans Church section, up for shot gun assault on Shelley Burk, was held for Superior Court. Burk lost the end of an index finger, provoking some facetious criticism as to Dillard's marksmanship.

Collin Bellamy, charged with possession of bootleg liquor, was sentenced to the roads for 6 months.

Carroll Edney, accused of having purchased 5 gallons of gasoline from M. S. Boyce, under false pretenses, was released on the charge.

## Baptist Choir Gives Excellent Program

A full house was present at the Baptist Church Sunday night when a musical program was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Gus Hughes. Christmas music was featured by the singers, which occasioned considerable favorable comment by those who were present. Practically the entire service was given over to the choir, Rev. E. L. Wells, the pastor, speaking very briefly.

## Targets Gone!

Attention has been called to the four organizations sponsoring the erection of flood lights on the fair grounds the past summer in order to play soft ball at night, that damage has been done to the lights. It has been reported that several of the large bulbs have been broken and a hole shot through one of the reflectors. A few of the lights were removed to make way for the football field, but the balance have been allowed to remain.

At the meeting of the Lions Club Monday night Kenneth Floors was instructed to dismantle the lights and store them until needed for use next summer, which is done Tuesday.

## Reynolds Gift Will Help Local Fight To Curtail Syphilis

### Dr. Garriss Says Health Law Will Be Rigidly Enforced

#### COMPULSORY

### Program Arranged In Cooperation With Doctors and State Board

Dr. F. H. Garriss, county health officer, is quite pleased at news of the \$1,000,000 gift from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc., for the war on syphilis in North Carolina which will be administered through the North Carolina State Board of Health. Though Dr. Garriss had no way of knowing definitely the amount, he is happy to know that Chowan will benefit to some extent by the gift.

The health officer said Monday that the county health department, in cooperation with local doctors and the State programs, will formulate a program to increase the local fight on syphilis and feels sure that more concrete results will accrue.

Dr. Garriss commented on the law aimed at eradication of syphilis, which was made in 1919, but due to lack of sufficient funds little progress had been noted. Now, however, with enough money assured the purpose of the law can and will be carried out.

In Chowan County Dr. Garriss estimated that about 10 per cent of the colored population were afflicted with some form of syphilis, while less than 2 per cent of the white people were affected. Though this is a large and dangerous number of people to be affected with the dread disease, it is somewhat comforting to know that in some of the larger cities of the State affection runs as high as 25 per cent of the colored population.

Though it may not be generally known, the local health department has already begun the fight on syphilis in Chowan County. Aside from the regular health program, about \$10 per month has been spent for treatment of syphilitic victims.

In Chowan County the health law as regards syphilis will be enforced, says Dr. Garriss. It is not a voluntary affair, for doctors must report cases coming under their observation, druggists are prohibited to sell any medicine for the relief of the disease without making a report and the health officer has the authority to examine any suspects. For failure to submit to an examination and taking treatments, victims are subject to imprisonment.

## Lions Club Honored At District Meeting

### Local Organization One Year Old on Friday, January 21

Local Lions are proud of the fact that they received special recognition at the district meeting recently held in Raleigh, when the Edenton Club was cited for having representatives present traveling the farthest distance. Attending this meeting were William Privott, Cam Byrum, Clarence Leary and Wallace Griffin, each of whom were called upon for a report at Monday night's meeting.

Another interesting item of business to be discussed was the first anniversary celebration of the Edenton club. The local club was organized on January 21, 1936, and the occasion will be appropriately celebrated on Monday, January 24. While it is too early to announce the program, West Byrum, program chairman, will very shortly appoint committees to arrange a program for the affair.

Due to the holidays, the Lions have called off their meeting next Monday night.

## Midnight Service At St. Anne's On Friday

Beginning at 12 o'clock Christmas Eve a midnight Christmas service will be held in St. Anne's Catholic Church. Accompanying the mass, sermon and benediction by Father Gross, the singing of Christmas carols will be featured. The public is cordially invited with the balcony reserved for colored friends.