

EXPLAINS NEW SCHOOL LAW

State to Maintain Six Months Term

Reasonable to Expect Special Tax Rates to Be Less This Year With Larger Tax Reduction Fund

Supt E. L. Best, very kindly consented to give the FRANKLIN TIMES the following very clear and informative digest of the new school law, particularly as it affects Franklin County:

According to the new school law, after July 1st, 1931, the State will support the Current Expense of the six months school term according to State standards. Heretofore the county has been making a levy for the Current Expense of the six months school and receiving aid from what was known as the State Equalization Fund. Now the State will pay for the Current Expense for the six months school term, and the counties are required to levy a 15c tax to aid the State in running the schools. This 15c levy must be made on 1930 values. No county is allowed to levy any more than the 15c rate on the 1930 values unless it gets the approval of the Board of Education, the Board of County Commissioners and the State Board of Equalization. In the school year 1930-31 Franklin County had to levy 54c for the support of the Current Expense of the six months school. If the values remain the same, therefore, the Current Expense of the six months school for 1931-32 will cost the tax payers of the county 39c less on the one hundred dollars valuation of property, by the State's supporting the six months school. The following are the items that will be paid for by the State after July 1:

1. Salaries of superintendents, principals, teachers, all clerical help, per diem of Board of Education, Welfare Officer, and all instructional supplies for the schools.

2. The operation of school plants, such as, janitors, fuel, janitorial supplies and such other items as may be found necessary for the efficient operation of the plant.

3. Maintenance of plants, such as, repairs on buildings, grounds, heating plants, lighting plants, plumbing, furniture, etc.

4. Fixed charges, such as, insurance and rent.

5. Auxiliary agencies which include the transportation of pupils, library books, health work, interest on temporary loans, etc.

The Board of Education of the county will make out its budget for the Current Expense and send to the State Board of Equalization in Raleigh who will approve the same in whole or in part. This budget having been approved by the State Board of Equalization will be sent back to the county, and the county is required to operate its school for the six months term on this approved budget. What Capital Outlay and Debt Service funds are required will have to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners as heretofore and a levy made in the county for the same.

If a school runs longer than the six months term, funds must be provided for this extended term by local tax. To aid districts having an extended term the new law provides for an appropriation of one and one-half million dollars known as the Tax Reduction Fund. This fund is distributed to the districts in the State that have a local tax and extended term, by the State Board of Equalization, and each district has to reduce its local tax by the same amount it receives from this Tax Reduction Fund. The old law provided one and one-quarter million dollars as a Tax Reduction Fund and this year the five high school districts in the county had to reduce their local tax levies as follows:

The Bunn Special Taxing School District was reduced from 50c to 31c.

The Cedar Rock-Cypress Creek Special Taxing School District was reduced from 50c to 19c.

The Gold Sand Special Taxing School District was reduced from 50c to 17c.

The Youngville Special Taxing School District was reduced from 50c to 17c.

The Epsom Special Taxing School District was reduced from 50c to 25c.

Ingliside, a local tax district, received \$15.47 from the Tax Reduction Fund and its rate was not reduced any from 30c.

Mapleville, a local tax district, received \$177.62, which reduced its tax rate from 30c to 23c.

The Board of Education or the Board of County Commissioners have nothing to do with the allotment of this Tax Reduction Fund. As stated above, this is made by the State Board of Equalization to each district. Next year the State Board of Equalization will have one and one-half million dollars to give to the districts of the

New Baseball Chief



William Harridge has been elected president of the American Baseball League, succeeding the late Ernest Barnard.

State instead of one and one-quarter million. It seems natural, therefore, to expect that each district should receive more from this fund than it did last year, when only one and one-quarter million dollars were distributed, and it is hoped, therefore, that the local tax rates will be even less in 1931-32 than in 1930-31.

According to the new law the teaching load has been increased and a number of teachers in the State will be eliminated. Franklin County will probably lose from ten to fourteen teachers. New requirements have been made for one, two and three-teacher elementary schools, and no high school will be allowed to run that has fewer than fifty pupils in average daily attendance. The State Board of Equalization will determine which of these schools must be consolidated and after coming to a decision, will not furnish money for the running of any school that is not consolidated according to its plans.

Since the State is going to support the six months school term, it will check and supervise the work in detail through the proper county authorities, and all expenditures will have to be made according to State standards. This new law is set up on the basis of complete State support for the six months term according to State standards. The people of the county, therefore, should adjust their thinking as rapidly as possible to that conception as the General Assembly of 1931 has written it into the law.

Frank Nash Paid \$23 for "Fortune" In German Bonds

Raleigh, June 9.—Frank Nash, assistant attorney general who will become clerk of the North Carolina Supreme court July 1, became a "millionaire" for \$23.

Cleaning up his desk in the attorney general's office today preparatory to moving into his new quarters, Mr. Nash ran across \$1,500,000 of securities he has held since 1924.

"I better take these along," he said. "I bought them in 1924 for \$23 just to feel like a millionaire."

The securities are German government and municipal bonds and worthless unless Germany strikes an era of overwhelming prosperity, Mr. Nash said.

He said shortly after he bought them the German counsel at Washington offered him \$10 for the investment to get the bonds out of circulation.

Shooting Occurs At Poetical Spot

Fayetteville, June 9.—Fayetteville police are working on a neat crime puzzle while Fannie Mae Suber, negro cook, is recovering from a pistol wound. Fannie Mae says a strange man, apparently drunk, rushed up and shot her while she was picking a magnolia, but the police shortly after found a discharged revolver in her room in the servants' quarters at the home of Edgar Allen Poe, where she cooks. The shooting occurred halfway between the Poes' and the home of Oliver Wendell Holmes, who lives next on Bradford avenue. The cook was in company with another negro woman and a negro prize fighter when the assailant appeared, she says.

Auxiliary To Meet

Mrs. Cecil R. Sykes will entertain the American Legion Auxiliary, Tuesday afternoon June 16th at 4 o'clock. Mrs. W. H. White has charge of the program for this meeting.

Mrs. J. Forrest Joyner, Secy.

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Farm Board Not To Dump Cotton

Washington, June 8.—Carl Williams, farm board member, said today the 3,300,000 bales of cotton held by the Cotton Stabilization Corporation will not be sold at present low prices.

This policy of holding the cotton for improved prices, he said, will be continued beyond July 31. He did not fix a time limit.

The farm board has promised not to authorize its sale prior to July 31. A meeting of the Cotton Stabilization Corporation and the American Cotton Cooperative Association will be held on June 25, probably in Washington. At that time a more definite announcement as to future policies may be made.

Storage Charges.

Williams declined to say how long the cotton, on which storage charges are between \$2 and \$4 a year, would be held. He intimated, however, that the purchase price of 16 or 17 cents a pound would not be asked.

The cotton was brought from the 1929 crop, and has been in storage nearly a year.

Williams said it could be held for 1 1/2 years without deterioration, and was the "nearest to gold in the Treasury of all agricultural commodities." The bulk of it is held at Galveston, Houston and New Orleans.

He said cotton cooperatives have reduced their holdings from the 1930 crop to considerably under 2,000,000 bales. Their original holdings amounted to 2,300,000 bales. The total held by the stabilization corporation and cotton cooperatives for better prices, Williams said, is a little more than 2,000,000 bales.

Williams expressed the opinion that American cotton farmers can compete with the entire world in raising and marketing cotton, but did not include Russia in his statement, because of what he termed "abnormal conditions" in that country.

He said the farmers would raise their crop 2 or 3 cents cheaper this year and even more cheaply next year. He added, however, that this would inevitably reduce the farmers' standard of living.

To Draw Plans For Prison This Month

Raleigh, June 9.—With North Carolina's prison population at its greatest figure in the history of the state Governor Gardner this afternoon said the prison board and an advisory prison commission would meet the latter part of this month to prepare plans for the construction of a new central prison.

The 1931 general assembly provided \$400,000 for the construction of the new plant which was recommended by a special commission which made a survey of prison conditions in the state and suggested a program of reform to the legislature.

Birthday Party

Little Miss Jewell Dennis delightfully entertained a number of her friends at a birthday party on June 9th, this being her ninth birthday. She was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts, which were opened soon after the guests assembled and which were duly admired and exclaimed over by a group of children. Many games were played amidst much merriment and joy. The children were then called into the spacious dining room where they were served ice cream cones and cake and given different colored suckers. Those present at the party were: Marie and Horace Hilton, Charlotte and Claude Collins, John Sledge, Margaret and Douglas House, Hortense Williams, Louise Long, Margaret Matthews, Elaine Miller, Dorothy and Jane Person, Emma Griffin, Ida Pearce, Elton Bledsoe, Ernest Pearce, Christene Pearce, Jackson and Pauline Coley, Hugh and John Perry, Eleanor Pearce, Crichton Claire Cuthrell and Henry Pearce.

No Icebergs Floating

Washington, June 9.—By some strange freak of nature the frozen Northland of Glaciers has just presented this spring the prize mystery of all seafaring time, by keeping tight-locked somewhere within the vast confines of the northern seas the whole fleet of giant icebergs, which every year before this had floated with its deadly menace into the steamer lanes of the North Atlantic.

Not a single iceberg has been sighted this year by the international ice patrol, maintained by this government for several shipping powers of the world in the interest of safety to human life and precious cargo.

Experts of the United States coast guard describe this complete absence of icebergs so far this year as positively unprecedented, not only in the annals of the iceberg patrol, but in the memory of seafaring men.

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Cotton Week A Success

Raleigh, June 9.—U. B. Blalock, vice-president and general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, yesterday termed the first "National Cotton Week" a "complete success." The first week in June was set aside as "cotton week" in an attempt to increase the demand for cotton which for years has been the South's greatest money crop.

A review of newspapers, Mr. Blalock continued, showed universal interest in the history of cotton and its uses, which now number 832. Radio talks, style shows, displays and other mediums featured cotton and cotton products during the week.

"National Cotton Week" was ushered in North Carolina by an elaborate pageant, "The Voice of Cotton", presented in Concord May 28 and 29 with a cast of nearly 1400. Over 10,000 persons saw the show which not only told the story of cotton's progress from 1200 before Christ to the present, but introduced many new uses for cotton products.

Featuring new uses for the fiber, a cotton style show was held in Greensboro during the week with "Gate City" girls acting as models.

Home and County agents throughout the cotton belt held style shows and educational meetings during the week to stimulate greater interest in the use of cotton products.

Government Needs Student Nurses

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an examination for Student Nurse for duty at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Washington, D. C. There will probably be about 60 positions to be filled and high school graduates between the ages of 18 and 30 will be admitted to the examination. This position in addition to quarters, subsistence, laundry and medical attention pays a salary of \$288 per annum. Applications will be accepted and competitors examined at any city within the states of Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, where a first or second class post-office is located. Appropriate application form may be secured from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first or second class post-office and must be on file with the manager, Fourth U. S. Civil Service District, Washington, D. C., not later than July 1, 1931.

Curb Market A Success

The Home Demonstration Club Market opened for the first time Saturday, June 6th at 8:00 A. M. in the Allen Building next to the post office with sixteen women selling. Quite a few were present and for the first sales day it was felt that it was successful. At nine o'clock the drawing took place and Mrs. Robert Smithwick held the lucky number and received a basket of groceries. Each Saturday morning the Market will open at 8 A. M. and the drawing will take place at 9:30 A. M. The following Women's Clubs had producers selling: Epsom, Cedar Rock, Gold Sand, Bunn, Mitchiners, Wood, Mapleville, Seven Paths, Harris, and Centerville.

Miss Timberlake Entertains

Miss Elizabeth Timberlake delightfully entertained the members of the Friday afternoon Contract Club at her home near Louisburg the past week. Quantities of garden flowers were used to brighten the living room for the occasion. At the conclusion of the game, the hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Lucy Timberlake, served delicious refreshments to the following: Misses Max Allen, Jewel Clark, Lucie Clifton Boddie, Helen Smithwick, Lucy Burt, Annie Perry Neal and Mesdames Mack Stamps, Sam Watkins and Conrad Sturgess, of Henderson, Charles Hoyt, of Washington P. S. Allen, and F. N. Egerton.

At The Louisburg Theatre Next Week

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, June 13th:

Saturday, June 13th—Wallace Beery in "The Secret Six," also comedy and serial "The Indians Are Coming."

Sunday and Tuesday, June 15-16—Norma Shearer and Robert Montgomery in "Strangers May Kiss."

Wednesday, June 17th—George Baneroff in "Derelict."

Thursday and Friday, June 18-19—Marion Davies in "It's a Wise Child."

Saturday, June 20th—Richard Arlen and Fay Wray in "The Conquering Horde," also chapter No. 9 "The Indians Are Coming."

After Lindy's Mark



Ruth Nichols is reported all set for an attempt to cross the Atlantic by plane.

W. J. Woodlief Fatally Burned

Mr. W. J. Woodlief was fatally burned at his store and filling station at Mapleville, about five miles east of Louisburg, Saturday night when he was delivering some gas to a colored man and some of the fumes of gas escaped about him and were ignited by the gas lantern he carried with him. He was badly burned on one side, all of his hair was burned from his head and he received much injury from inhaling the flames. He was immediately carried to a hospital in Rocky Mount for treatment where he died on Sunday night. Mr. Woodlief was sixty-one years of age and leaves his wife and two sons and one daughter. The funeral services were held at Mapleville Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

Ordered To Training Camp

Over 950 young men from North and South Carolina have received orders to report at Fort Bragg, N. C., on Friday, June 12th, for one month's service with the 1931 Citizens Military Training Camp. The camp this year will be commanded by Major Harvey D. Higley, of the 17th Field Artillery, Fort Bragg.

Major Higley, born in Iowa, is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He was commissioned in 1908 and has served in the Philippines and in Germany. During the World War Major Higley was in command of the Field Artillery Replacement Depot at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., where thousands of Field Artillery officers and enlisted men were trained for combat service. Major Higley is on the Army's General Staff Eligibility List and is a graduate of the Field Artillery School, Advanced Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, of the Command and General Staff School, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and of the Army War College, Washington, D. C.

In connection with the opening of the C. M. T. C., Major Higley stated that this movement is more popular this year than ever before, especially in North and South Carolina. He said that last year, 1930, there was a total of 1442 applications received for membership in the Fort Bragg C. M. T. C., while this year up to June 1st, 2,091 applications for the Fort Bragg Camp had been received.

Those from Franklin County ordered to report are Jack Dodd and Charles E. Weathers, of Bunn.

Recorder's Court

The following docket was disposed of in Monday's Recorder's Court by Judge J. E. Malone:

The case against Luke Williams for distilling was transferred to the Superior Court.

Cornelius Clifton was found guilty of distilling and judgment was suspended until October.

A nol pro was taken in the case of distilling against Edward Clifton.

E. L. Hudson plead guilty to operating an automobile intoxicated, and was given 90 days on roads to be discharged upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, and not to operate car in 90 days.

W. W. Crews plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated and reckless driving and drew a fine of \$50 and costs and not to drive a car in 90 days.

Sylvester Duggan was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and was sentenced to 4 months on roads.

Eunice Perry was found guilty of distilling, prayer for judgment was continued to October.

E. L. Hudson drew a nol pro for carrying concealed weapons.

BIG FIRE AT NORFOLK

Norfolk, Va., June 8.—Firemen this morning kept watch over embers of seven blocks in the business district here swept last night by a blaze which for six hours baffled the combined fire fighting forces of the Hampton Roads area and did damage estimated in excess of \$3,000,000.

Starting with an explosion of an oil barge at the Buxton Line piers, the flames quickly spread through the wholesale district, several times jumping across Main Street and American Peanut Corporation plant was burned with a loss estimated by officials at \$1,000,000 and the Victoria Hotel, a 200-room structure was burned.

Miss Carie Ambrose, telephone operator at the hotel, stuck to her switchboard and gave the alarm to occupants all of whom escaped without injury.

Unveil Tablet To Judge Henderson

Memory of Chief Justice of State Supreme Court is Honored

Henderson, June 10.—A marker to the memory of Chief Justice Leonard Henderson, of the State Supreme Court, was unveiled here this afternoon. It was the gift of Old Butte Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Henderson, and was presented for that organization by Mrs. Sydney P. Cooper, of this city. State regent, Mayor Irvine B. Watkins accepted the marker on behalf of the city and the county.

Chief speakers at the exercises, held in the courthouse, were Dr. Archibald Henderson, University of North Carolina, and Congressman John H. Kerr. The marker was unveiled by Mary Louisa Jackson Kimball, Anne Elizabeth Wortham and Lucy Plummer Brewer.

The first part of the exercises was held in the court room, where welcome addresses were made by Mrs. John D. Cooper, Jr., Old Butte Chapter regent, and J. C. Kittrell for the county and city. The remainder of the program was had on the court house square, in front of the boulevard bearing the marker. A large number of State D. A. R. officers were present, and many members from other chapters from as far away as Charlotte and New Bern.

German Officials Look to United States For Aid

S. S. Europa, June 9.—Chancellor Heinrich Bruening and Dr. Julius Curtius, German foreign minister, are returning from the Chequers conference with renewed conviction of the importance of the part American public opinion will play in any attempt to reshuffle the reparations and war debt problems.

They are looking forward to conversations with Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon, who will be in Europe this summer, and they are fully aware that economic problems have made both reparations and war debts unpopular topics in the United States.

The viewpoint of the heads of the German state was obtained in conversations in which they could not be quoted directly, as Downing street has placed its veto on public discussion of their conference with Prime Minister Ramsey MacDonald and Arthur Henderson, British foreign secretary.

The Germans hope a prostrate Germany, unable to purchase raw materials from America, will help convince Americans there is a connection between the economic crisis and reparations.

On one item their policy is adamant—under no circumstances will the Erueing government permit Germany to participate in any maneuver designed to bring Europe into a united front against America.

In any conversations between the heads of the German government and the visiting American cabinet members the point will be made that Germany and Britain both wish to work with America as a friend in deciding what course must be pursued.

MISS ROTH ENTERTAINS

Miss Dorothy Roth delightfully entertained a large number of the local younger set at a party honoring her guest, Miss Florence Norwich of Henderson, on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

The home was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and shaded lights. An evening of merriment and dancing was enjoyed by the guests. Mr. Bill Morris furnished splendid music for the entertainment.

The hostess served delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake.