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MAKE CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OF STATE PRISON

Purpose of Resolution by Robeson's Senator—Leading Humanitarian of Senate

(By J. PAUL LEONARD)
Special to The Robesonian.

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—Senator Frank Gough of Robeson may well be designated as the leading "humanitarian" of the Senate. His great regard for humanity and his burning desire to be of service to the suffering humanity of the State, is evinced by his introduction into the Senate of a resolution the purpose of which is to convert the State prison into a great State charitable institution. His plan calls for the removal of the State prison from Raleigh to the Caledonia State farms, with the provision that the present prison plant be converted into a home for female prisoners, a home for crippled children who are a burden to their families and a State orphan asylum.

Speaking of his resolution, Mr. Gough says that as a matter of economy the removal of the State prison from the city to the farm is advisable.

He argues that the present cost of maintaining the penitentiary, according to his information, is such that the prisoners confined therein could be boarded at a saving to the State in hotels equal to the Yarrowborough. Another argument the Senator makes is that the State is now contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to objects of charity which are essential, but which do not and cannot return anything of great consequence to the State. These are the institutions for the insane, deaf, dumb and blind. But the care of the strong boys and girls of the State who are orphans would yield handsome returns in the making of useful men and women. Many of these, if not given the proper care and training, will become citizens of the worst type. Even what our society of fraternal and church orphanages in the State, the orphanage association estimates that there are 5,000 children who must be turned away because there is no room for them.

North Carolina has a million-dollar home for her convicts, says Mr. Gough, but no home for these 5,000 children. We have laws for the protection of everything, he says, except this class of our boys and girls, and it is our boys and girls that are our greatest asset.

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ROZIER NEWS NOTES

Farmers Busy and Most-Every One Has a Tobacco Bed—Epidemic of Measles—Social and Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rozier (Lumberton, R. 2), Jan. 27.—Farmers around here are busy preparing for another crop. Most every farmer has a tobacco bed and expects to raise tobacco, if he succeeds in getting the plants. We hope they can get just enough to plant one-half of what they expect to, so the price will not drop to the bottom.

There has been an epidemic of measles at Rozier ever since Christmas. Half of the pupils have been kept from school on account of the disease.

Mr. Stedman Holder has been confined to his room for a week suffering with shingles.

Misses Ethel and Pearl Carlyle delightfully entertained a few of their friends Saturday night in honor of their guest Miss Maude Bullock of Fairmont. It was a lively time for these present.

Messrs. A. L. and Anderson Britt and Carey McDonald of Rozier were callers at Mr. Robert Carter's at Ten Mile Sunday p. m.—Corporal Carl Greyard spent Friday p. m. at Ten Mile.—Mrs. J. C. Carlyle and two daughters, Misses Ethel and Sarah, spent the week-end at Ten Mile at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Martin.—Mr. Alex Butler and son, Cornelius, spent the week-end at Fayetteville.

Mrs. F. L. Hightower, who is visiting her sister Mrs. M. J. Barker, received yesterday the announcement of her son's engagement, Mr. J. H. Hightower of Raleigh, to Miss Susan Elizabeth Meredith of Wilmington.

Mr. Hightower was formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Wilmington, but now is cashier in a bank at Raleigh. The marriage will take place early in April.

Misses Sallie and Mary Holder spent Sunday at St. Paul with relatives.—Miss Maude Bullock of Fairmont spent the week-end a guest of Misses Ethel and Pearl Carlyle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald received yesterday a message from their son Mr. W. J. McDonald, who lives at Quitman, Ga., to the effect that he was very ill and his wife and two children were ill with typhoid fever.

Messrs. S. B. Rozier, J. R. Ferguson and Ruffen Powers of St. Pauls were here hunting last week.

We were glad to see a letter from "Aunt Becky" in Friday's paper and hope to see many more.

Indian People Fooled Last Trip

W. B. Oxendine, a progressive Indian, who lives in Gaddy's township, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. He says he voted the straight Democratic ticket in the last election, just as he has always done, and was sorry to see the Indian people so easily fooled into voting something else. He told a Robesonian reporter what was told them to get them to vote the Republican ticket, also who told it.

Mr. Kelly Bass of R. 3 from Fairmont was among the callers at The Robesonian office today.

Messrs. Andrew Smith and C. M. Oliver of R. 2, Fairmont, are among the visitors in town today.

David E. Finley, Representative in Congress from the Fifth South Carolina district, died in a hospital in Charlotte Friday of pneumonia.

SAFE FARMING; A BALANCED HUSBANDRY

When the Money Crop Stimulates the General Economy of the Farm It is the Profit of Farming

Mr. L. E. Blanchard, farm demonstrator of Robeson, has passed along to The Robesonian for publication the following article from the office of Extension Work, South, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

"To Farmers, Bankers and Business Men in Cotton Territory:

"Whenever the greed for a money crop unbalances the wisdom of husbandry, the money crop is a curse. When it stimulates the general economy of the farm it is the profit of farming."

These words were written by the late Henry W. Grady, many years ago. They are true today. You are face to face with a great question. Are you going to permit the agriculture of the South to again become an unbalanced husbandry or are we still to push forward toward Safe Farming?

High prices of certain farm products may tempt farmers to pursue an unwise course. Now is the time to take stock, to make an inventory and consider the situation.

Think back to 1914 before the war, when cotton was around 13 cents a pound. How much did you pay for meat, flour and other food products at retail? Go back in the nineties and what did you pay at retail for food products? Then compare the present prices of food products with the present price of cotton; the test is the exchange value of cotton. How much will a pound of cotton purchase in food and feed products? By growing all cotton and exchanging it for a living you are simply swapping a high priced product produced by your labor for a high priced product produced by the labor of the other fellow. When you follow Safe Farming, however, you produce your own food and feed at cost and sell your cotton for the other fellow's dollars.

The South has made great progress and has enjoyed wonderful prosperity in the past year because it produced so much of its own living.

What do we mean by Safe Farming? Here are the items which should constitute your program:

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