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WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

House Passes Bill to Convert Central Prison at Raleigh Into Hospital for Insane—Road Bill to be Before Senate Again This Week.

The House Friday passed without a dissenting vote the McCoin bill to remove all State convicts from the central prison at Raleigh to the State farm and convert the million-and-a-half dollar central prison into a hospital to quarter 1,000 insane patients for the central hospital at Raleigh.

Argument on the Scales - Stevens highway bill occupied the Senate Friday and was made a special order again for Wednesday of this week. After Friday's consideration the bill, with a flood of amendments, was referred to the committee on roads with instructions to redraft.

An amendment offered jointly by Stacy, Brown, Connor, Horton, Mitchell, Cross and Gray proposed the repeal of the present State Highway Commission act and its re-inactments with specification that a new highway commission of only three members be constituted, one western, one central and one eastern man, the Governor to appoint and this Senate confirm, the commissioners to receive \$10 per diem for time they serve, together with expenses.

Big delegations from every section of the State were in Raleigh Friday.

In arguing for the bill, Stevens Buncome estimated that the proposed per horse power tax on automobiles of 75 cents would raise \$46,725,000 in 10 years. The State would get \$1,200,000 the first year with at least 20 per cent increase annually until the 10th year, when over nine million dollars probably would be collected. Then if this revenue is insufficient to meet fully the Federal cooperative requirements, there is provision for a State bond issue not to exceed one million dollars any year for ten years and if the automobile revenue estimates pan out there will be no need for the bond issues and under the Federal aid act this State will get about \$22,000,000 and this must be matched for dollar for dollar. He said that if the bonds are issued they will really cost the State only two per cent as the State would have the use of twice the bond issue at 4 per cent and the sale of the bonds would be assured by the fullest co-operation of all the State good roads members all through the State. The bill represented legislation for all the people and not any class at all.

An amendment by Stacy would cut the horse power tax to 50 cents and render the act void if the Federal aid does not materialize.

The Stevens State-wide dog-control bill will be considered by the Senate Wednesday.

The House Saturday passed the Grey bill from the Senate for applying the budget system to the finances of the State through the creation of a budget commission to consist of the Governor and the chairman of the finance and appropriations committees of the Senate and the House.

JUST A LITTLE STROLL

Mr. Ellis Miller, 72 Years Old, is Some Hiker—Walked 33 Miles Friday.

Speaking of hiking, it is to be doubted if General Pershing has many soldiers who can out hike Mr. Ellis Miller of R. 1 from Fairmont. Although Mr. Miller is about 72 years young, he walked from his home to Lumberton and return Friday—a distance of 33 miles. Using Mr. Miller's expression, he "came in half an hour ahead of time." He was summoned as a witness in a trial set for 10 o'clock, making the trip of 16 and one half mile in 5 hours. Mr. Miller has plenty of good driving stock, but he had rather walk a short distance like that any day than to "hook up."

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Miller has been the first Robesonian to pay his State and county taxes each year for a long, long time.

Most Important Part of Preliminary Work Completed.

"The most important part of the preliminary work of establishing a society of nations has been concluded," said Prof. Ferdinand Lernaude, dean of the law faculty of the university of Paris and, with Leon Bourgeois, a French delegate on the commission on a society of nations, in discussing the work of the commission yesterday, states a Paris dispatch. "We have reached the fourteenth article," he continued, "and we expect to conclude preliminary discussions early next week. The articles which have been adopted deal with the desire of the society to prevent future war. What remains to be investigated concerns international transportation, commerce and financial affairs and we expect the delegates to agree promptly."

Farmer May Deduct Crop Expense From Income.

"If a farmer sells a crop which was produced in a former year and he failed to claim a deduction for the cost of its production in his income tax return for the year in which it was produced, he may file an amended return for the past year and take credit for the expense applicable to that year," says Revenue Commissioner Daniel C. Roper, in explaining income tax regulation as applicable to the farmer.

BIG TAX BILL PRESENTED.

Early Passage is Expected Now of the 6 Billion Dollar Revenue Bill.

The 6-billion dollar revenue bill, the greatest tax measure in the history of the world, was presented Thursday in the House of Congress. It had been 6 months in the making, had been passed once by the House, and had been revised twice to meet the transitions from war to peace and from a "wet" to a "dry" nation. About one-third of this year's estimated Federal expenses are provided in the bill, which provides that the bulk of revenue shall be secured from incomes, corporate and individual, and war excess profits. Large revenues also are expected from intoxicating beverages until July 1, when prohibition legislation becomes effective. Unofficial estimates of revenue from the bill place the yield at about \$6,086,000,000 this year and \$150,000,000 in 1920.

The House Saturday night adopted the bill, 310 to 11. It now goes to the Senate for final approval, which is expected early this week.

WHY A WOMAN SHOULD BE EDUCATED

For a Great Man a Great Woman is a Prerequisite—Children of an Educated Man.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. "The woman's cause is man's; they rise or sink together." The history of all mankind goes to prove the philosophical part of this statement. The status of a tribe or nation may always be determined by the level of its womanhood. No people can rise higher in the scale of civilization in which any part of its number is bound down by the shackles of illiteracy and slavery. This fact viewed in the relation to womanhood assumes double significance. There is a constant relation existing between the position of woman and the supremacy of her country.

When we thus consider how intimately involved she is in the causes and efforts of life, we see how essential is the highest development to her. She is not only the determining agent but the very source of our mental, moral and physical natures. Because water cannot rise higher than its source, raise that source to the greatest elevation possible.

We spend large sums of money yearly to educate men to make money and government, but what are we doing for the makers of men? No state which will once educate its mothers need have any fear about future illiteracy. An educated child, but the children of an educated woman are never illiterate. Three-fourths of the educated women of our country spend a part of each day educating their own children or the children of others, whereas three-fourths of the educated men spend a very short time daily with their own children, to say nothing of educating them.

According to nature, woman assumes the obligations of impartation early in life. How necessary, then, that she spend the preceding years in fitting herself thoroughly, mentally and physically, for the high calling. Necessarily the confinement of home will prevent much greater development after marriage; unlike her husband, who continues to mingle with the world. If we are to be the representations of physical vigor, mental ability and moral rectitude, we must look to woman as the source. For a great man a great woman is a prerequisite.

MARTHA FLAX ANDREWS, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Militarism is Dethroned in Germany.

Declares Chancellor Ebert.

A Weimar dispatch states that the opening of the national assembly there on the 6th was impressive for its solemnity, earnestness and simplicity. In his opening speech Chancellor Ebert declared that "we have done forever with princes and nobles by the grace of God" and that "militarism has been dethroned" in Germany. He referred to the armistice terms as unheard-of and ruthless.

Weimar, capital of the grand duchy of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, 50 miles southwest of Berlin, known as "the poets' city" and "the German Athens," was chosen for the gathering of the first German national assembly, it is said, because it is a non-Prussian town. It is situated in a fertile valley on the river Ilm, a small tributary of the Saale, and has a population of less than 50,000.

Negro Lynched by Onslow County Mob.

John Daniels, negro, who killed Grover Dickery, manager of the Roper Lumber Co. farm near Camp Perry some days ago, was lynched by a mob at Jacksonville, Onslow county, early Thursday. Daniels Pettaway, an alleged accomplice and confined in the jail with him, was taken out by the mob but allowed to go. Mr. Dickery was struck on the head and killed by the negro in the presence of Mr. Dickery's wife, who was in an auto waiting for him.

ROBESON CASUALTIES.

Among overseas casualties reported:

Wounded slightly: Pvt. Claud P. Jordan, Lumber Bridge.

Wounded, degree undetermined: Pvt. M. C. Taylor, Allenton.

JUNIOR RED

CROSS CAMPAIGN

Drive February 12 to 22 to Organize Every School Into a Junior Red Cross Auxiliary.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

From Lincoln's to Washington's birthdays—February 12th to February 22nd—have been set for a drive to organize every school that has not already been organized into a Junior Red Cross auxiliary and to renew those that were organized last year.

Very few schools have been organized this year on account of the influenza epidemic over the county. But can't we put forth a little effort and enroll our schools now? It is work that is easier done by teachers; interest and enthusiasm on part of teachers would soon enroll every school.

The plan of raising 25 cents per pupil, either by each child's paying 25 cents or raised by the school as a whole in any way desired, is an easy one.

We recommend the plan of adopting French or Belgian orphans. It costs \$36.72 to adopt one child for one year. The name, age, etc., will be sent to the school adopting one. In many schools in the county enrollment dues of twenty-five cents per pupil will support one or more orphans.

When the children are put together and adopt one. But in some cases, no doubt, the people of the community would supplement the school membership dues and in this way very small schools could adopt one orphan. No duty could come closer to our hearts than helping, care for the thousands which are left helpless orphans whose parents have given their lives for the winning of a war that has left us with a bounty of the good things of this life.

So far Robeson county schools have adopted only six orphans. At the close of this campaign let it be many.

The chairman of the Junior Red Cross of each branch in Robeson county has been sent posters, etc. Certificates will be given each school when organized.

Chairman and teachers, appeal to the schools and see what wonderful interest will be taken in this work. It appeals to both parents and pupils. Don't wait for someone to bring it before your school, see that it is enrolled. Put Robeson at the head of the list in this work.

Of course this appeal is to schools of all races.

ROZIER NEWS ITEMS

Big Preparation for Planting Tobacco—The "Flu"—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rozier (Lumberton, R. 2), Feb. 6.—Today we are having some bright sunshine after a few days of cold, rainy weather.

Farmers continue to be busy preparing for another crop, and from the number of tobacco beds and barns that are being fixed it looks like there will be a considerable amount of tobacco planted the coming year.

This community for the last three weeks has had the influenza epidemic pretty bad. There were three families with every member sick with "flu," excepting one or two of each family. There have been no deaths, though of the dread disease, and we hope that the "flu" will cease to be in a short while. This scrib has escaped so far.

Miss Mollie Withers, teacher of Rozier school, and little nephew and niece, R. Y. Jr., and Atkins Rozier, are spending some time with Miss Withers' parents in Harnet county. The Rozier school closed on account of the "flu."

Dr. Rosser of St. Pauls was in this section Wednesday afternoon.—Miss Ethel Carlyle spent a part of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith at Dublin.—Mr. J. M. Jackson of Buie was in this section Wednesday afternoon.—Messrs. Bennett Martin and East of Ten Mile were callers in this section Sunday afternoon.—Mr. J. C. Carlyle spent yesterday at Ten Mile.

We wonder what has become of Aunt Becky and Aunt Sophia. We would love to see a letter in The Robesonian from them, we always enjoy their interesting letters.

We are sorry indeed to lose from our midst Mr. Alex Buttler and family, who are moving to Rennett.

Mr. J. L. Spivey arrived home Friday from Charleston, S. C., having received an honorable discharge from the navy. Mr. Spivey says a number of men are being discharged from the navy and many are enlisting at the Charleston yard.

Sgt. Luther Cox of the U. S. army, stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., arrived here Saturday and will spend a week in Robeson visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Cox formerly belonged to the old Lumber Bridge company, which was attached to the 30th division in France, but was left in the States to train other soldiers. Sgt. Cox has seen several years of army life, having spent some time in the Philippines.

PASTIME THEATRE.

Beginning today the Pastime theatre will close at 5:30 p. m. and reopen at 6:30. This is done in order to ventilate and disinfect the building between shows.

The program all this week promises to be unusually good.—Adv.

LOCAL BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill to Increase Salaries of County Officers—Bill to Reduce Number of Rural Police to 4 and Increase Salary to \$125 the Month.

(By Long Distance Telephone to The Robesonian.)

Raleigh, February 10.—Representative Sellers introduced a bill last week to reduce the number of rural police in Robeson from 6 to 4 and increase the salaries of these officers from \$75 the month to \$125.

Representative Oliver introduced last week a bill to change the salaries of county officers as follows:

Clerk of the court, salary, \$3,000, and \$1,200 for clerk hire.

Register of deeds and sheriff \$3,000 each and \$1,500 each for clerk hire.

Auditor, salary \$2,600.

These represent increases over the present salaries, which are: Clerk of court, \$3,700; sheriff and register, \$3,800 each; auditor, \$2,250—out of which each officer has to pay all expenses of the office.

In the new bill a salary is provided in each instance and clerk hire in addition, except in the case of the auditor.

EXTENSION WORKERS

TO MEET

County Men and Women Agents Will Have Important Conference at Raleigh.

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—Together with the specialists attached to headquarters, the county men and women agents of the Agricultural Extension service will have one of their most important yearly conferences at Raleigh for three days, on Feb. 11, 12 and 13. This mid-winter meeting will not be an extension school, as is held in the summer at the State college, but will be an experience meeting where ways and means of making demonstration work more effective will be discussed.

Headquarters for the men has been secured at the Raleigh hotel, and for the women Home Demonstration agents at the Yarrowhouse.

Around 150 men and women will be present for the three days, 85 being county agents, and about 65 home demonstration agents.

A feature of the meeting, aside from the round table discussions, will be a public address by Dr. Bradford Knapp who has been invited by Mr. C. R. Hudson, State agent, to discuss the "World Food Situation."

He will be present the first day of the meeting, Feb. 11, and because of the importance of this subject at the present time, Director Kilgore is extending a special invitation to the public to be present on this occasion.

Maj. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Pres. W. C. Riddick of the State college, have also been invited to make addresses to the workers. Director B. W. Kilgore of the Agricultural Extension service will be present at all of the sessions, and will assist the men in perfecting plans for meeting the present problems in their work.

Most of the sessions will be held in the auditorium of the courthouse, especially those from the agronomy. Practically all of the specialists of the extension service will be on hand, and the livestock divisions. Mr. Hudson is also expecting several leaders in the work from the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington.

Among these will be Mr. W. B. Mercer, field agent in the office of extension work, and Messrs. O. B. Martin and I. W. Hill who have charge of the club work in Dr. Knapp's office.

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS

Mr. W. Carson McNeill, son of Mrs. Cora McNeill of Lumberton, and Mr. Joe Hulin of Newark, N. J., both of the U. S. navy, left Saturday for their boat after spending a week here visiting at the home of Mr. McNeill's mother. They are attached to the battleship Louisiana and have made six trips across the Atlantic during the last few months. On their last trip from France their boat brought the 50th regiment back to the States. They expect to sail for France again in a few days and return with more soldiers.

Board of Education Upholds School Committee.

At the hearing before the board of education Friday in regard to the children of Hector Chavis being allowed to attend an Indian school, the board ruled in favor of the committee, which had ordered the children expelled from the school. Chavis lives in Indian district No. 2, Rowland township. It was charged that his children had negro blood in their veins. The school committee was represented by the law firm of McIntyre Lawrence & Proctor, while Chavis was represented by the firm of McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy. Quite a crowd attended the hearing.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Many Farmers Are Buying Foodstuffs

—The Government is Appealing to Farmers to Grow Enough Food and Feedstuffs for Their Own Needs.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Are you one of them? It is a fact that there are many Robeson county farmers buying feed for their stock—high-priced feed that should have been grown by those who are buying it.

"I am selling more foodstuff to farmers than ever before at this season of the year," said a Lumberton merchant yesterday. What has caused this? The advance in the price of cotton and tobacco must be the reason for it. What will it profit a man if he makes more cotton and tobacco than he can harvest and receives high prices for both, if he has to buy food for his family and stock from now until another crop is harvested?

There is great danger that farmers may neglect the all-important matter of planting plenty of acres in foodstuff to supply their needs again this year. Foolish is the farmer who tries to grow a money crop of any kind to buy foodstuffs for his family and stock. The government is appealing to farmers to grow enough food and feed for their own consumption. What will you do about it, Mr. Farmer?

The following article on cotton and tobacco from a circular sent out by the U. S. Department of Agriculture will be of interest to the farmers of Robeson county:

Cotton.

The average requirements for the five years preceding the war were, for the European allies and Japan, about 8,055,000 bales (500 pound bales); for the European neutrals, about 720,000 bales; for Germany and Austria-Hungary, about 2,932,000 bales; and for other countries, except the United States, about 1,290,000 bales; making a total of 13,010,000 bales required outside the United States.

Our 1918 cotton crop is estimated at 11,700,000 bales, of which 6,600,000 will be required for domestic consumption, leaving about 5,100,000 as an exportable surplus. Other producing countries for which reports are available for 1918 show a surplus of 2,680,000 bales, and countries for which recent figures are not available produced an average annual surplus of about 500,000 bales prior to the war. Apparently total present surplus stocks are about 8,280,000 bales.

For the first five months of the cotton year 1918-19, that is, up to January 4, the total exports of American cotton had been only 1,976,000 bales. Unless there is a very marked increase in exports from this time until the end of the cotton season there will be a considerable carry-over from the crop of 1918. Estimates of the carry-over are about 3,230,000 bales. The apparent deficit as noted elsewhere is 4,730,000 bales, but from this gross amount should be deducted the carry-over at the end of the 1918-19 season. Moreover, the yield in 1918 was greatly decreased by unfavorable weather. The same acreage in 1919, with average weather, will produce at least 2,000,000 bales more than was produced in 1918.

The American farmer will be wise to adjust his cotton acreage so as to have available sufficient land to produce enough food and feed for his family and live stock.

Tobacco.

No recent figures for tobacco production and consumption in Europe are available. The prewar average net import requirement of the European allies was 340,000,000 pounds, of neutrals 150,000,000 pounds, of Germany and Austria-Hungary 355,000,000 pounds, and of other countries, except the United States, 177,000,000 pounds, making in all a total of 1,022,000,000 pounds of import tobacco. The average surplus of countries other than the United States before the war was about 650,000,000 pounds, leaving a deficit to be supplied by this country of 372,000,000 pounds.

The 1918 tobacco crop of the United States is estimated at 1,310,000,000 pounds, of which 720,000,000 pounds will be required for domestic consumption, leaving a surplus for export of about 620,000,000 pounds. This is 248,000,000 pounds more than would be needed in Europe on a pre-war basis. However, it is not known to what extent foreign production and stocks have fallen off during the war, nor the extent to which war conditions may have stimulated consumption in ways likely to continue.

F. GROVER BRITT, Sec. Treas. Robeson County Farmers' Union.

Britt Contest Dismissed.

Washington special, Feb. 6, to Greensboro News: On a strict party vote the house elections committee No. 3, today decided that Representative Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, of the tenth North Carolina district, is entitled to his seat in the 65th Congress and that James J. Britt of Asheville, has no title thereto. After month long delay the committee voted 4 to 3 to recommend to the House that the Britt contest be dismissed and Mr. Weaver declared legally elected.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. J. Q. Parnell recently sold his 7-room residence on Carthage street to Mr. T. C. Barnes.

—Special meeting St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday evening at 7:30. Degree work.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Watterman L. Phipps and Janie Fowler; Oliver Horne and Viola Lee.

—The Meadows public school will re-open Monday, January 17 after being closed for some time on account of "flu."

—Lambert, Parnell, John Baxley and Ed Britt were before Recorder E. M. Britt Friday on the charge of assault upon Belton Surles. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

—Prince, a large black horse, is now pulling the express wagon about town, succeeding George, the white horse that had pulled the wagon for twenty years. Prince began work yesterday.

—Mr. R. C. Birmingham returned Friday night from Charlotte, where he spent a month at the Charlotte sanatorium taking treatment for stomach trouble. His condition is much improved.

—The fire company was called out Saturday night to extinguish a blaze on the roof at the home of Mrs. Ellen Shooter, Second street. The flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

—Mr. A. V. G. Wishart recently has completed arrangements to represent the Austin-Heaton Co. of Durham, manufacturers of Oconeechee flour, which is being advertised in The Robesonian.

—"I could have sold it a half-dozen times." That's what a man told a Robesonian reporter Saturday when asked if he sold some property he had recently advertised in The Robesonian. Robesonian advertising moves things.

—In Thursday's Robesonian it was stated that Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, had gone to Florida for a two-weeks' rest. It has been learned since that date that Dr. McPhaul entered the Charlotte sanatorium for treatment.

—Ex-State Senator Frank Gough went last night to Raleigh to attend to some legislative matters in which he is interested and to attend tomorrow the conference of business men and farmers called by the Governor to discuss the cotton situation.

OAK GROVE LEAFLETS.

Farmers Preparing for Big Things—Rabbits Pretty Thick—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, R. 1, Feb. 9.—Farmers around here are cutting stalks and disking, getting ready to make a bumper crop this year.

The tobacco growers that haven't saved their buds are saving them. We think it would be a bright idea for every farmer to plant tobacco. It seems that the rabbits are pretty thick around here. The boy's kill 3 or 4 every morning.

Mr. Ira Prevatt of Pembroke was a caller in this section Sunday evening.

Miss Daisy Prevatt, a student at Buie's Creek, spent Thursday night, with her cousin Miss Olive Tyner.

Miss Bonnie Britt of Back Swamp section spent Saturday night with Miss Bertha Tyner.

Miss Olive Tyner spent part of last week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Bullock.

Mr. E. K. Townsend left last Sunday evening for Norfolk, Va., where he has accepted a position.

Sorry to report Mr. B. J. Tyner on the sick list. We hope he will soon be able to be out again.

Very sorry indeed to say our mail carrier on R. 1 from Buie is very sick. We trust that he will soon be able to be on his route, as our mail has been somewhat mixed up, with the other carrier. There is no one like Mr. J. A. Townsend.

Four persons were killed, 7 seriously injured, 2 probably fatally, and 13 persons suffered minor injuries as the result of the derailment of a car on the Piedmont & Northern railway at Chick Springs, S. C., near Greenville, Saturday. The car jumped the track on a high trestle and pitched 90 feet into a ravine.

Amos Bell, Aged Indian Passes. Amos Bell, Indian, aged 83 years, died suddenly at his home in Saddle-township Saturday afternoon.

A "skiff" of snow fell last night, the first of the season to stick. It is fast disappearing, however, and the little folks who are delighting in it are sad.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, Optometrist. Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses.