

EVOLUTION TAKES UP LOT OF TIME

Fight Over Poole's Evolution Measure Bars Forward March of Lawmakers.

(By M. L. Shipman)
Raleigh, N. C., February 16, 1925.—The fight over redistricting the State discussion of the "evolution" measure, bar the forward march along legislative paths of the \$20,000,000 bond issue for roads bill, together with a companion measure to increase the gasoline tax from three to four cents a gallon, decision of the House committee not to recommend the establishment of a state constabulary, and various other matters of more or less importance occupied the time of the General assembly during the past week.

The road bonds issue measure passed in the Senate on all readings. A companion measure introduced by Sams of Forsyth who also introduced the bond bill, provides for revision of the regulations having to do with control of the highway fund for an increase in the gasoline tax from three to four cents to finance the new road bond issue. Passage of similar measures in the House is expected without any difficulty, thus carrying out Governor McLean's plan in this particular without any change.

"Evolution" was discussed at length before committee last week and finally a vote revealed that the education committee was deadlocked 16 to 16. Representative "Tobe" Connor stepped into the breach with a negative vote, he being chairman of the committee. The bill was thus sent back to the house with an unfavorable report. Its proponents, who aver that evolution should be taboo in the schools of North Carolina entered a minority report and the measure will have a special hearing on this report tomorrow (Tuesday) night at eight o'clock, when the subject will be up on the floor of the House.

Redistricting the State was provided for in a measure finally passed by the House creating four additional judicial districts with judges and solicitors. The bill when first introduced provided for seven new districts, but was killed by the House on its second reading. Representative "Pete" Murphy of Rowan succeeded in getting a motion to reconsider the vote by which the original bill failed on second reading adopted. When the bill again came up in the House it was amended to provide four instead of seven additional districts and passed by a safe majority. Chief among the arguments presented against it was that of economy, it being averred that the extra districts will increase the cost of the State government by more than \$50,000 a year. Its proponents argued that the condition of the dockets in various counties made an increase a necessity.

The proposal to establish a State constabulary was made by Representative Wade who introduced a bill in line with recommendations of the social committee which investigated this subject. An unfavorable report on the bill was returned but it will be up again on a minority report. However the House does not appear to think well of the proposition and will more than likely sustain the majority report.

A sales tax, independent of the revenue bill was sent up in the House by Representative Madison, of Jackson on Saturday who would tax cigars, cigarettes, candies, cosmetics, and other minor purchases. The bill providing, what are commonly termed "nuisance" taxes, went to the finance committee. It is well known in the opinion of a formidable group of legislators and others.

The senate passed a bill which reduced the personal property tax exemption from \$300 to \$50, over the protest of many senators. It is predicted this bill will have a hard road in the House which will probably show greater consideration for the "ninety and nine".

Financial legislation is expected to occupy the center of the Stage during the coming week. The revenue bill it was indicated, will provide for a fifty per cent increase in the income tax rates, but the other changes in the bill from the report of the State Board of assessments have not been made public. The budget report for the next biennial period, containing the appropriations for departments and institutions, is also expected to be presented by the appropriation committee of the House which has had it for some time.

Get a Still Above Randleman

Chief of Police C. W. Steed and Sheriff J. F. Cranford and others captured a still near St. Peter colored church about three miles north of Randleman Tuesday. The still was made of copper and was of a 30-gallon capacity. Two and one-half gallons of liquor and a number of beer stands were found. According to all appearances a run had been made last Saturday or Sunday. No arrests were made.

No Arrests in Abandonment Affair

No arrests have been made of the parties suspected of being connected with the abandonment of a newly born child in the abandoned Chapmanboro

RANDOLPH'S RANK IN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Stands 83rd in Percentage of Attendance—Ranks 32nd in Colored Attendance.

The enrollment in the schools of Randolph county during the school year 1923-24 numbered 5,992 with an average daily attendance of 4,018, or 67 per cent of the enrollment. In the matter of percentage of attendance the county ranked 83 among the 100 counties of the State. During the same period there were enrolled in the colored schools 979 pupils and the average daily attendance in these schools was 708, or 71.8 per cent of the enrollment. In this the county ranked 32nd.

There were enrolled in the entire rural and city school systems of the State during 1923-24, a total of 544,142 pupils. Of this number 410,834 were enrolled in the rural schools and 133,308, or 24.5 per cent of the entire enrollment, in the city schools. In all the white schools of the State we find that upon an average 74.7 children of each 100 enrolled in 1923-24 went to school each day, while 25.3 failed to take advantage of the schools. This means that average daily attendance of white children is 137,481 less than the enrollment. Of the colored children, 33.8 out of each 100 enrolled failed to attend.

Of the 248,904 pupils enrolled in the colored schools, 191,607, or 77 per cent, were enrolled in the rural schools, and 57,297, or 23 per cent, were enrolled in the city schools.

Carolina Power Company To Open Retail Store Monday

The retail store of the Carolina Light and Power Company located in the McDowell building on Depot street will be opened for business next Monday. It is the intention of the management to have a formal opening lasting all day Monday and invitations to this opening will be sent from the local office of the company the latter part of the week.

The retail store will handle a full line of electric light fixtures and appliances. Mr. J. C. Senter will have charge of the local sales of the company. The company will from time to time conduct demonstrations of electric appliances at its store. A special rate is offered by the company for electric stoves which will be carried in stock among many other household articles by the store.

Prize Winners Announced For Last Week's Puzzle Contest

Many answers were received to the cross-words puzzle published in last week's issue of The Courier in connection with a page of advertising of Randolph county merchants. The returns indicate that there is a great deal of interest in the county in these contests. Mr. Elmer Allred, of Franklinville, was the winner of the first prize given to those living outside of the town of Asheboro. Mrs. B. H. McCarr, of Seagrave, won the second prize.

Prize winners for Asheboro are Mrs. George Burkhead, first prize, and James York, second prize.

Following is the answer to last week's puzzle.

HORIZONTAL	VERTICAL
1. Its.	26. Fit.
3. Had.	27. Men.
5. An.	1. In.
6. Awe.	2. Save.
8. Or.	3. Here.
10. Every.	4. Do.
11. Ct.	5. Account.
13. Am.	7. We.
14. Oil.	9. Ramsaur.
15. His.	12. Tis.
16. Us.	13. Aim.
19. Me.	17. Don't.
20. Motor.	18. From.
22. To.	21. To.
24. Nor.	23. Of.
25. Or.	25. On.

Week's Activities Net Number of Prisoners

Sheriff and Deputies Get a Number For Liquor Offense—Bring In Several Cars.

Activities of Sheriff J. F. Cranford and his deputies and Chief of Police C. W. Steed during the past few days have netted a good haul of prisoners, cars, whiskey and stills. Dallas Hill, Lemuel Ashworth, a Mr. Bowman, Ray Coble, and a negro by the name of Brown are in jail charged with violations of the prohibition laws. Coble faces a number of other charges.

Three cars have been brought in, one an Essex, which was so badly damaged that it had to be hauled in and is now at the Newsom Motor Company, another a Ford sedan, and the third a Ford skooter. A large cop- per still is also among the captured property. The still was brought in Sunday by deputy sheriff Pugh of near Ramsaur. From the information we are able to obtain the still was housed in a tent when found.

The negro, who is now occupying a cell in the jail, it is understood was caught while driving a car under the influence of liquor. Another negro who was with him at the time gave bond at the preliminary hearing.

Special Service at Presbyterian Church

The local lodge of the Knights of Pythias will hold a special service at the Presbyterian church in Asheboro

Officers Capture Dallas Hill After Long Chase

Leads From King Tut to Worthville—Find Liquor in Car—Take Two Prisoners.

Dallas Hill and a Mr. Bowman were caught above Worthville Monday afternoon after an exciting chase in which chief of Police C. W. Steed, of Asheboro, Sheriff J. F. Cranford, and federal prohibition officer W. J. Moore, and others took part. The officers were looking for Hill in connection with an accident which happened on the Liberty road near Millboro Sunday.

The chase started from the King Tut filling station, north of Asheboro, and ended only after the tires had been shot down on Hill's car, a Ford sedan. A Mr. Bowman was in the car with Hill when he was arrested. A small quantity of liquor was found in a fruit jar in the car.

In the accident on the Liberty road Sunday in which Hill figured happened when he and Lemuel Ashworth in an Essex touring car ran into a car driven by John Martin, of High Point. Hill's car hooked one of the rear wheels of Martin's car badly damaging Martin's car, a Buick, but not seriously injuring the occupants of the car. Hill's car ran off the road into a large tree and was practically demolished. He escaped without injury, but Mr. Ashworth suffered a cut on his forehead.

When the officers arrived both Hill and Ashworth were gone. The latter was arrested later in the day at the McNeill house about two miles north of Asheboro.

RANDOLPH MAN MAKES GOOD IN NEW YORK

Dr. Holland Thompson, Native of Randolph, Wins Fame as Educator and Writer.

Dr. Holland Thompson, a native of Randolph county, now a professor in the department of history in the College of the City of New York, was the subject of a lengthy article in last Sunday's issue of the Greensboro News. Dr. Thompson is one of many native North Carolinians who has won fame in other states.

Dr. Thompson was born at the residence of his grandfather, the late Thomas Rice, who lived about one mile of Farmer, in Concord township, this county, in 1873. His father was D. Matt Thompson, who before he was married, engaged in a meter-reading business in 1920, had been for nearly thirty years superintendent of schools at Statesville. Dr. Thompson's mother before her marriage was Mary Elizabeth Rice. She at one time taught school at old Concord academy. Both grandparents of Dr. Thompson are buried in the cemetery of Concord church, at Farmer. Two of his aunts, Fanny and Lucy Rice, who were invalids for years, died some 15 years ago and they also rest in Concord cemetery.

Other kinspeople of Dr. Thompson in this county are Adam Thompson, an uncle, who lives in the eastern part of the county, and Mrs. Sarah J. Lowe, an aunt, who lives on Asheboro, Route 3. The late Wilbur Rice, who was the husband of Mrs. Bessie Rice, of the Asheboro graded school faculty, was a cousin of Dr. Thompson.

Dr. Thompson graduated at the University of North Carolina in the class of 1895, and for four years after his graduation was principal of the academy at Concord. He went from there to Columbia University and while still studying at Columbia was elected a member of the faculty of the College of the City of New York. He has lectured in all parts of the country on various subjects.

He is a member of a number of the leading societies of the country, a contributor to several nationally known encyclopedias and magazines. His first book was "From Cotton Field to Cotton Mill", dealing with the industrial transition in North Carolina. Following the publication of this book he has written several others and also a number of special articles on various subjects.

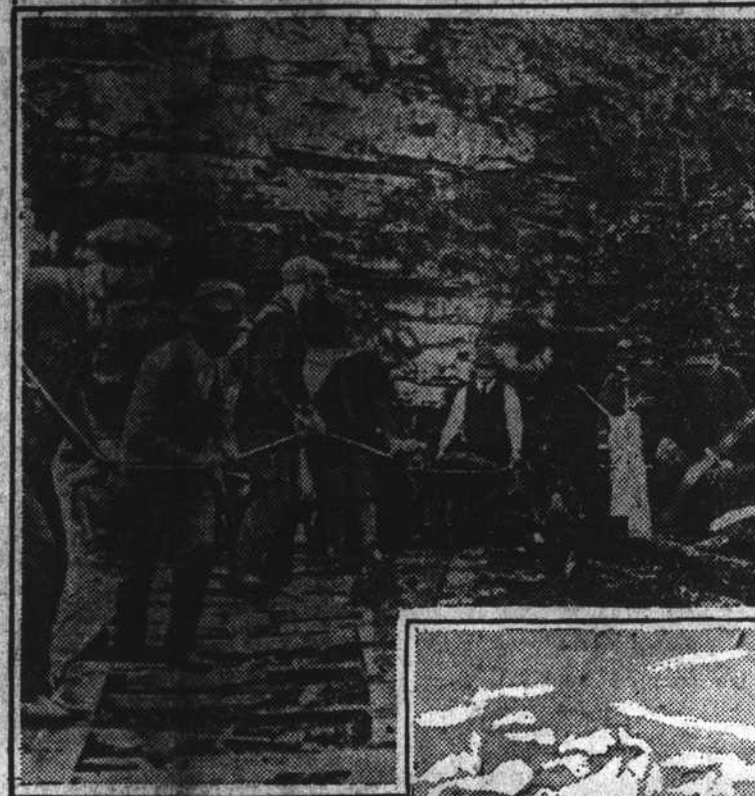
Find Scene Of Explosion Which Caused Excitement

The scene of the explosion which startled the people of Asheboro early Sunday morning, February 8th, and which was reported by many papers as being an earthquake, has been located. It is a hole about the size of an ordinary wash tub in a field about a hundred yards on the left-hand side of the Asheboro-Thomasville highway a few hundred yards west of the corporate limits of town. Evidently a quantity of explosive had been placed in a hole dug in the ground and set off causing the explosion which alarmed the people and created quite a shock in Asheboro and vicinity.

Expert Meter Tester Examining Meters in Asheboro

T. D. Wills, expert meter tester for the Carolina Light and Power Company, is in the city testing the meters of the town. The company has brought Mr. Wills here in order that he may examine all meters and see that accurate and proper service may be given to the patrons of the company. Since the Carolina Light and Power came into Asheboro they have made numerous suggestions as to improvements and toward de-

Scene at Kentucky's Great Cave Drama



Civilians and militia at work at the mouth of Sand Cave, Ky., in the effort to rescue or recover the body of Floyd Collins, trapped first in a narrow cavern by a sliding boulder for a full week, then sealed in by a cave-in as rescue seemed certain. Insert is a recent picture of Floyd Collins, made during one of this previous explorations. More than 5000 people visited the scene the second Sunday of his imprisonment, finally going into a great hillside meeting, singing and praying for his rescue.

Death Wins Its Race By Narrow Margin of 24 Hours When Collins Is Found Dead In Cave

The body of Floyd Collins, trapped in Sand cave, near Cave City, Ky., for 17 days was found Monday afternoon by workers who have been for 11 days sinking a hole in the earth above the cave in an effort to reach Collins before he died. Collins was trapped in Sand cave by a falling boulder Friday morning, January 30. Twenty-four hours later his plight was discovered and a fight began to rescue him. Many difficulties were encountered. Once his rescue was about to be made dragging him out of the narrow passage the walls caved in and trapped him beyond hope of

rescue in this manner. Electric lights were placed in the passage and food was brought to the trapped man. A rescue force was organized to dig a shaft to the cave. This work was hindered by cave-ins so that the body was not found until Monday afternoon. One of his legs, which was caught by a boulder, was amputated prior to his death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. L. M. Crowson, of High Point, and by a brother, W. S. Crowson, of Asheboro.

The funeral services were held Tuesday on a hill overlooking Sand cave. The body will be left in the cave and the entrance will be sealed.

Organize Class in Mechanical Drawing Here Tuesday Night

A class in mechanical drawing was organized by the Extension Department of the University of North Carolina at the court house Tuesday night. More than twenty-five people attended the meeting at which the class was organized. Mr. G. B. Zehmer, head of the mechanical drawing course of the University Extension, and G. Wallace Smith, instructor, were present.

A class of 16 was organized, composed of ten from Asheboro, two from Ramsaur, and four from Liberty. The first meeting of the class will be held next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the school building in Asheboro.

Methodist Episcopal Matters

W. H. Willis
We were sorry to miss Rev. J. A. Cook, of Randleman, who called yesterday.

Our people have conducted cottage meetings recently at the homes of A. Page Gay.

Messrs. W. J. Armfield, Jr. and D. B. McCrary attended the District Laymen's Meeting at Greensboro Sunday.

The new church building is now in the hands of the roofers and plasterers.

The Valentine supper served at the court house by our ladies netted \$46.75.

"Borne Heavenward" a Whirlwind" will be the pastor's subject Sunday morning. At night, "The Curse Cured", this being the last of the series on the "Lost Paradise".

The writer received Valentines as follows: A prepared meal from Mrs. W. H. Moring, a dressed hen from R. E. Betts, a package of dainties from Mrs. J. D. Ross.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE SINCE 1900-01

The percentage of the school population enrolled in 1900-1901 was 65.1. The general desire for schooling has evidently increased since that time, for we had 86.1 per cent of our school population enrolled last year.

Regularity of attendance is far from achieved in North Carolina, but even this has improved greatly since 1900, when we had but 69 per cent of the enrollment in white schools and 58 per cent in colored schools attending daily. Last year there was 74.7 per cent of the white and 68.2 per cent of the colored enrollment in average attendance.

The enrollment has increased much more rapidly than the school population. The school population increase was 27.9 per cent over twenty-three years, while the enrollment increase was 82.2 per cent. The average daily attendance increase of 193 per cent was even greater than the enrollment increase. This indicates that the average child in the school has a better record of attendance than the average child in the population.

Mr. H. C. Bates, Dairy Specialist, In County

Spoke To Business Men of Asheboro Monday Night—Holding Meetings In County.

Mr. H. C. Bates, dairy cattle specialist of the Southern railway system, is in the county this week with county farm demonstrator E. S. Millsaps, Jr., conducting a series of meetings in an effort to create an interest in the dairy industry of Randolph. Monday night he spoke to the business men of Asheboro in a meeting at the court house. Tuesday morning a meeting was held at Hal Kearns' store and Tuesday night at Farmer school house. Last night a meeting was held at Holly Springs school house and tonight a meeting will be held at Seagrave.

Friday morning a group meeting will be held at Marley's school house and Friday afternoon there will be a meeting held at Parks Cross Roads school house. The hours of these meetings were announced in last week's issue of this paper.

In his talk to the business men of Asheboro Monday night, Mr. Bates stressed the relationship between the business men of the town and the farmers of the county. He pointed out that the prosperity of the merchant and business men of the town was linked inseparably with the prosperity and welfare of the farmers who do their trading and banking in the town. He called attention to many instances in many counties of this and other Southeastern states in which the promotion of dairying had brought prosperity to both farmers and business men.

Quite a lot of interest has been taken in the series of meetings which Mr. Bates and Mr. Millsaps have been holding and it is anticipated that something of lasting good to the county will result from them.

Mrs. Nancy Kearns Dies At Jackson Hill

Mrs. Nancy Kearns died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. S. Everhardt, at Jackson Hill last Wednesday, at the age of 74 years. Mrs. Kearns had been critically ill with bronchial pneumonia for several days prior to her death. She is survived by one brother, W. Lee Kearns, of Farmer. She was the daughter of the late Harrison and Susan Dicks Kearns. The funeral and burial service was conducted at Cedar Springs by Rev. Barber last Thursday.

Prof. White Commits Suicide At Guilford

Prof. L. Lea White, aged 46, head of the department of education at Guilford college, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shot gun at his home near the college Monday morning. He recently suffered an attack of influenza following a nervous breakdown and had been in bad health since. Despondency over his condition is the reason assigned for the act. He had been a member of the college faculty for three years, and prior to that was principal of the Winston-Salem high school for several years.

Professor White was a native of Trinity, this county, the son of Isaac A. White, who now lives in Raleigh. He was a nephew of the late Julius White. He is survived in addition to his widow and father by four small children, Lucy May, Martha Gray, Linton Lea and Frank White; and two brothers, Ernest White, of Greensboro, and Julian White, of Raleigh.

The funeral services were held at Guilford College Tuesday.

Ed Wade Captured

Ed Wade, who escaped from the Davidson county jail about three years ago, was arrested in High Point last Friday and turned over to Sheriff R. B. Talbert, of Davidson county. Wade is remembered in this county for his many automobile stealing escapades in this section. A brother, Will Wade, is serving a sentence in the penitentiary for theft of an automobile.

BUYING POWER OF THE DOLLAR IN YEAR 1925

The dollar started 1925 with a purchasing power of 64 cents on the basis of the year 1913, when the dollar is accepted as having a buying power of 100 cents. This reckoning is based on the buying power of the dollar in wholesale markets.

When it is said that the dollar now has a purchasing power of 64 cents the understanding is that what it takes one dollar to purchase now 64 cents would buy in 1913. The assumption that the dollar was at its par of 100 cents in 1913 so far as purchasing power is concerned is arbitrary and is accepted for the purpose of comparison.

When prices rise the purchasing power of the dollar falls in proportion. The closing days of 1924 saw a slight rise in the level of wholesale prices, and government statisticians have studied the extent of that rise.

From these studies it is shown that the dollar went into the year 1925 worth 64 cents, as compared with 1913. At the beginning of 1924 it was worth 66 cents, while at the beginning of 1923 it was at the same level as now. From this it might be concluded that the price structure now is the same as in 1923. While the price structure is the same, the purchasing power of the dollar is not the same as in 1923. The purchasing power of the dollar is now 64 cents, as compared with 100 cents in 1913.

TAX BURDEN IN STATE NOT HEAVY

In Only Three States Is Tax Burden Lower—McLean on Right Track.

The total tax burden in North Carolina in 1922 amounted to \$47,800,000, as follows: state taxes, \$9,933,000; county taxes, \$20,732,000; incorporated towns and cities, \$11,701,000; specified divisions, mainly school and drainage districts, \$5,114,000.

Under the present law nobody in North Carolina pays to the State any direct tax on farms, city lots, or personal property, to support state departments and state institutions of education, benevolence, and correction. Legislative appropriations must therefore be made out of the General Fund of the State, and nobody pays anything into this fund unless he pays income or inheritance taxes, or enjoys direct benefits paid for in license or special permit fees, business taxes, sales taxes and the like. This means that only about 500,000 of the 2,700,000 people of the State contributed to the support of the State government in 1922. But divided by the total population, this lump sum averaged \$3.75 per inhabitant. It was less in only three states, namely Georgia, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. It was more in 44 states, ranging from \$4.05 in South Carolina to \$24.47 in Nevada.

Cheapsness is always a doubtful matter, but economy and efficiency are superlative concerns in business and government alike. Taxes are never likely to be less than now in any progressive state or country of the world at any time in the future. But economy and efficiency are a sure guarantee of steady progress, and seeing that the taxpayer—state, county, or municipal—derives a one hundred per cent value in return for every dollar of taxes paid is a distinct, deliberate purpose of Governor McLean. There can be no higher political aim in North Carolina at this time than economy and efficiency in municipal government, county government, and state government. There can be no efficiency in public business anywhere without responsible executive headship in a unified administrative control of things. Under our elective system there can be no unity in administrative government without fiscal control. And fiscal control is possible without executive budgets enforced by a proper accounting for and reporting upon all public moneys handled. No business and no government rises higher than the level of its bookkeeping.

For instance, the State has been gradually moving into a State Auditor's Department as a central clearing house of State finances: that is to say, the State Auditor has been coming little by little to be a State Auditor in fact as well as in name. At present only one state department is holding out. This department will probably find it wise to get in out of the rain.

The state government at the capital has long been a loosely related official family. How the State could have handled its funds these long years without family official unity in fiscal matters on a budget basis with a responsible official head controlling state finances passes comprehension.

Perhaps nobody in North Carolina sees this essential fact any more clearly than Governor McLean; and we understand it to be his distinct purpose to give the State a business administration in these essential matters of public finance. And to do it not only in State finances but in county and municipal finances.

The city, or the county, or the state that cannot draw a daily balance sheet like any bank is a long way from economy and efficiency. Our new Governor has a long, hard job ahead of him. It cannot be turned off in a single session of the Legislature or in any one or half-dozen years; but it is an essential matter everywhere in North Carolina. It has been neglected too long. Our greatest step forward will be made in public finance on some proper and possible basis of accounting for public moneys handled in state departments, and state institutions, state business agencies, county offices and municipal departments.

Voted Most Popular In Class

Grady Kirkman, a senior student at the Atlanta-Southern Dental College, and resident of Randleman, has been voted the most popular student in his class. Mr. Kirkman has held many offices in the student organizations of the college. He is the president of the senior class and will graduate this coming May with a class of ninety.

Five Rules for Preventing Colds

Here are five rules for preventing colds:

1. Keep your body up to normal by temperance and proper diet.
2. Play, work, and sleep in fresh air.
3. Keep feet dry.
4. Keep bowels open.
5. Keep out of the range of coughs and sneezes. Stay away from people with colds as much as possible. If your friends are coughing and sneezing around you, ask them to get their colds.