

37 MILLION GO FOR EDUCATION

Figure Compares With That of Less Than Million A Year Spent 27 Years Ago.

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—This year North Carolina is spending between 35 million and 37 million dollars on its elementary schools, as compared with less than a million at the beginning of the present century, state department of education figures show.

The greatest increases have come about since 1920. There are being hauled daily to and from school, more than 100,000 rural children. This was brought about through consolidation, made possible largely by the state's highway system on which more than 100 million dollars has been spent since 1921 and from which 117 million in bonds has been authorized since that time, with an additional tax on property.

The state levies no taxes for state purposes on real and personal property. The money to build and maintain the roads is taken care of by funds collected on automobiles and gasoline.

This pays the interest on outstanding bonds and supplies maintenance funds. Also, sinking funds have been established for the retirement of North Carolina's bonds when they shall become due. Last year the money from automobiles and gasoline amounted to 15 million in round figures.

Rural communities have received from the state through what is known as the loan fund established by the general assembly, nearly 20 million dollars since 1921.

Also there is an equalizing fund amounting to \$3,250,000 a year for the present period for the benefit of counties whose taxes do not take care of local educational needs.

The state is also spending considerable money for agricultural and vocational education. "This is a decided step forward," says A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction.

"Also it is a step in direct sympathy with rural advancement. Well educated farmers with well educated children are in better position to intelligently carry on the great business of farming than those who have not been properly schooled."

Quail Season Opens This Year On Dec. 1

Raleigh, Nov. 25.—The state-wide game law passed by the last General Assembly fixed open season for quail between December 1 and March 1. Authority was given to the State Board of Conservation and Development to change open seasons within the limits prescribed by the law, but not beyond the limits of the season.

Numbers of sportsmen have requested that the season be changed in order to allow hunting these birds on Thanksgiving Day, but under the law nothing can be done until the next session of the General Assembly. Maj. Wade H. Phillips, director of the Department of Conservation and Development has indicated that his department will probably request that the law be changed in order to allow quail shooting on Thanksgiving Day.

The conservation department has made preparations for an increase in license sales for the opening of the season for quail one of the most popular types of hunting in the State. It is expected that the receipts from license sales will be materially increased with the advent of these seasons.

Roadside Advertisers Destroy Timber

Raleigh, Nov. 11.—Roadside advertisers have destroyed or made worthless between four and five million feet of valuable timber along the public highways of North Carolina within the past two years.

"Often, too, these advertisers have not obtained permission from the timber owners as to whether or not they might use the trees for this purpose," says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College. "Representatives of the advertising firms travel along and nail advertisements to the trees, using long nails in most instances so that the sign cannot be removed. This, too, in the face of a law in North Carolina which makes it a misdemeanor to so advertise without the consent of the property owner."

Mr. Graeber states that he recently counted 47 fine trees within the space of one-fourth of a mile on highway No. 10 between Durham and Hillsboro, which were plastered with signs. He states that some of these same advertisers would be vastly chagrined if they would go to their business places some morning and find nailed to their property signs advertising the farmers' business. Think of some ladies clothing store finding nailed to its portals a sign advertising pure bred pigs at the Green Hill Farm. The proprietor of this store would be greatly insulted and seek to do something about it. The farmer and landowner has the same right, states Mr. Graeber.

He states that he saw one pile of logs containing some 1,500 feet of high grade lumber worth about \$30 or \$40 that was being burned because of the nails which they contained. Chambers of Commerce, Bottlers Associations and Merchant Associations should consider this matter and advise their memberships against such advertising. This would not only prevent timber waste, but add much to the beauty of the landscape, states Mr. Graeber.

May Control Roaches With Simple Chemical

Raleigh, Nov. 11.—Roaches are among the most repulsive pests that afflict the house, yet they may be effectively controlled by dusting a little sodium flourid around about the baseboard of kitchens and pantries.

"Many households, stores and warehouses are infested with this pest," says C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College. "The roaches do damage by feeding on the foodstuffs left on the shelves but they also leave a very offensive odor which can hardly be removed from shelves and dishes without washing with boiling water and soap. The insects do have one good trait in that they clean up dead animal material and prey upon bed-bugs. Yet they are too disagreeable to be allowed to remain in the house."

Roaches may be effectively controlled by the use of sodium flourid. This is a white powder and is sifted around the base board in kitchens and pantries. The powder should be left for several days or a week, advises Mr. Brannon. If more roaches are seen after that time, make additional dustings until no more are observed. Those insects found on the floor in the mornings should be swept up and destroyed.

Read Reporter Advertisements and buy at Home.

Sixty-Six Birds Destroy Insects

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—Now that the hunting season is open, interest is quickened in those birds that are of value to the North Carolina landowner.

The Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture has just issued Farmers Bulletin Number 755-F, "Common Birds of the Southeastern United States In Relation to Agriculture." This bulletin is available at Washington free of charge and every farmer in the State should write for a copy, according to C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College.

Among these birds, the most important are the orioles, swallows, blackbirds, meadowlarks, thrushes and Carolina wrens. But there are some 60 additional kinds of birds which eat the insects. There are 41 kinds that prey upon the cotton boll worm. There are also 57 kinds of bird policemen that eat the white grubs which injure corn and damage garden crops. The bull bat, often used by sportsman in target practice is one of the most useful insect destroyer and should have greater protection.

The new bulletin, states Mr. Brannon, gives reports on the food habits of 23 of the more important of the 460 species found in this section of the United States. It shows that hawks do good by feeding on rodents and that crows destroy more insects than they do corn.

"We cannot over-estimate the benefit to agriculture as a result of the many noxious pests destroyed by our bird friends," says Mr. Brannon. "The great increase in insect pests in recent years is due in a large part to the destruction of insect eating birds. Farmers, hunters, or others interested in agriculture or wild life cannot afford to be without a copy of this new publication."

Bowie Again Comes For Al Smith

Wilkesboro, Nov. 22.—Judge Tam C. Bowie, of Ashe, original Al Smith booster of the Northwest, thinks the C. W. Tillet, Sr., letter published in State papers recently in favor of Al Smith is perhaps the nearest and strongest blow delivered so far for the New York Governor in this State. Coming from a man whose church affiliations, good judgment and democracy cannot be questioned, says Judge Bowie, it is a clinching argument that may be classed almost above controversy.

Judge Bowie says Western Democrats, who are firm in their conviction that Governor Smith is the only available man with a chance of winning in 1928, are tickled to death with the Tillet pronouncement, feeling that it is just what is needed, has been needed rather more badly than now, and that it gives answer and almost completely annihilates arguers of religious and temperance objections against the New Yorker and puts them upon the defensive of narrow-mindedness of bigotry on in the class of unhealthy calamity howlers who fear for their own personal safety.

Here in Wilkes county the Al Smith sentiment is on the upward trend, it is learned, such drys as the dryest of men as Frank B. Hendron, dean of the local bar, being quoted as saying: "I will vote for Smith with the greatest pleasure if he is nominated." Mr. Hendron, means what he says and he is no shouter of platitudes either. So do others, according to leaders of the minority party here.

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And being just to your fellow-man;
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And looking forward and thinking high.
And dreaming a little and doing much,
It's keeping always in close touch
With what is finest in worth and deed;
It's being thorough, yet making speed;
It's during blithely the field of chance
While making labor a brave romance;
It's going onward despite defeat
And fighting sweet;
It's being clean and it's playing fair;
It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair;
It's looking up at the stars above,
And drinking deeply of life and love;
It's struggling on with the will to win.
It's sharing sorrow and work and mirth
And making better this good old earth;
It's serving, striving through strain and stress,
It's doing your Noblest—that's Success!
—Selected.

Almost Time To Buy New Auto Licenses

Application blanks for new automobile license tags have been received here. The new

tags must be on all cars by Jan. 1st next. Car owners are urged to see that they have proper title for their cars before sending in application and fee.

The law permits the use of the new tags on and after Dec. 1, and states that they must be displayed on and after Jan. 1. The owner who does not possess the new plate will not be allowed to operate his car after the first of the year

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