

Confederate Graves May All Be Marked

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, March 10.—The North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is launching a campaign to have markers erected at the graves of every Confederate soldier whose last resting place is now unmarked. These graves can be marked, it is pointed out, without cost to individuals as the United States government will furnish the marble markers without cost and for the first time it has been arranged for the state highway commission to furnish transportation of the marker from rail station to the grave and the labor necessary to erect the marker.

The states have been available through the Federal government for years. Cooperation of the highway commission in transporting and erecting the markers was obtained through the timely efforts of Mr. George Ross Pott, with the cooperation of Governor Broughton, according to a letter of Mrs. R. O. Everett of Durham to all chapter presidents throughout the state.

Mrs. Everett has written the presidents of the 144 chapters of North Carolina urging each of them to appoint a committee to locate all unmarked Confederate graves, whether in family plots, church yards, or cemeteries—and to secure Federal markers for them.

"Consult the older inhabitants of your community and get them to help you find and list all these graves; then see how many markers you can place by May 10 or June 3." It has been suggested that you might arrange a program, with a speaker, Southern music, etc. when you place these markers.

Judges Lose Every Battle

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Raleigh, March 10.—For the first time in the memory of older inhabitants the judges of North Carolina lost every battle in which they were interested during the current general Assembly session.

In previous years every salary increase asked for by or on behalf of the jurists has been granted—and if there happened to be anything else in which they were particularly interested, they got that, too.

This time the judges suffered two major defeats—(1) refusal to grant an increase of \$1,000 a year in their so-called "expenses" and (2) defeat of the bill giving the Supreme court the authority to make rules of procedure for inferior courts down as far as the jury level.

In addition, there was no revision of judicial districts so as to equalize the work of the various courts. This, of course, didn't concern the judges so much because there are now enough emergency and special judges to hold terms in districts where there are more than 52 weeks per year. On the other hand, passage of a judicial redistricting bill would without doubt have made for additional districts, which would have made room for more lawyers as additional superior court judges, and if the usual course of things followed, there would have been no cutting down in the number of extra judges authorized.

It may have been purely coincidental, but about the time the appropriations committee was studying the "expense" increase for judges, there were more of the jurists to be seen here than at any other period. There wasn't any increase forthcoming, just the same.

Four Families Win Honors

College Station, Raleigh, March 10.—Four of the six "Master Farm Families" to be selected in North Carolina by The Progressive Farmer magazine and the N. C. State College Extension Service have been chosen, it was announced today. The two families yet to be named will be selected from the mountain and southwestern sections of the State.

The four families already picked to receive the "Master" award are those of: George Stockwell of Guilford county, Bill Hooks of Columbus county, P. E. Burch of Surry county, and W. H. Blalock of Wilson county.

"Master Farm Families" are selected periodically—about every three years—in each of the states in which The Progressive Farmer is circulated. Dr. Clarence Poe of Raleigh, editor of the farm magazine, enlists the support of the Extension Service in the states in selecting the families.

When two quarrel the winner is he who first silent.

New "Slot" Bill Offered

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Raleigh, March 10.—Joe Calcutt and the "slot machine" gang have ostensibly been driven from their racketeering field in North Carolina, but there are plenty of people who see the bill introduced in the House by Mecklenburger Ed Tomissen (by request) in an effort by this type to sneak back into their profitable field through the back door.

As usual, the bill is innocently enough worded. It levies a tax on certain games of skill, according to its title, but its result, if enacted, would be to muddle the slot machine situation again.

The bill would license certain five-ball pin ball machines, or devices, not vending automatically anything of value or having payout slot or device, upon payment by the owner, operator or lessor of annual occupational license tax of \$100 for every county in which licensee does business or conducts such operations, and obtaining from the Commissioner of Revenue of \$20 state-wide license for each machine operated. Such machines would be required to contain a non-transferable identifying serial number.

Counties would also be authorized to levy additional taxes. So far there doesn't seem any possibility that the bill can pass, although almost anything can happen in the dying days of a General Assembly.

Capital Gossip

By HENRY AVERILL AND LYN NESBET

Raleigh, March 10.—It was another of those slips of the tongue—or maybe this was conscious humor. Anyhow, Larry Eagles, subbing for Reading Clerk Fountain in the Senate, had a bill to do with a state sinking fund. The alteration got the clerk and he read it "stinking" fund. Everybody laughed, and due correction was made.

Add to list of professions, trades and jobs requiring state authorization before one can engage in their practice at the House of Representatives approved a bill ready passed by the Senate) the trade of "scale mechanic." Seems that certain folks have been going about claiming to be adjusters of weighing devices, and they didn't know how to adjust. The Senate passed a bill requiring all scale mechanics to obtain a certificate of proficiency from the Department of Agriculture before they can work on scales used to weigh products for the public.

Senator Gay offered Saturday a bill permitting trap fishing in certain parts of the Roanoke river. Someone asked him if the Conservation department approved of his bill. He replied that he had no idea what they thought about it. Then he was asked if departmental regulations now permitted such fishing. With a very Chesterfieldian bow, the senator replied that "if so, I would not be bothering the Senate with this bill."

The 1941 edition of the State Manual, the year book published every two years showing the state government setup, biographic sketches of officials and members of the legislature, is greatly enlarged this time. It includes much information not heretofore embodied in the publication. A further personal touch was made in printing the names of the governor and the members of the general assembly on their individual copies. Manuals were distributed to legislators Saturday. Other folks will get theirs this week. Edited for years by the late Henry London, the manual this year is produced by the office of the secretary of state.

Governmental red tape is often bothersome, but in some instances it is a protection to the public treasury. The little matter of how the \$600 due a senator should be divided between Dr. Long, who died some weeks ago, and Senator Travis, who succeeded him, required a special act of the legislature. Under terms of that act the widow of Dr. Long gets the pay up to the time Senator Travis qualified for the seat, and the new senator gets the rest.

Senator Lumpkin thinks that automobile drivers ought to show more respect for cemeteries. He has a bill pending cutting down normal speed of cars while passing cemeteries in towns of more than 15,000 people.

With a full calendar session Saturday morning, and another scheduled for Monday afternoon, the legislature failed to observe its usual slack business week-end.

Two years ago there was a lot said in the public prints about the so-called "fair trade" (sometimes called "unfair trade") bill which would have prohibited the use of "loss leaders" to attract customers. Former

Glee Club Director



Dwight Steere, conductor of the Coker College Girls' Glee Club from Hartsville, S. C., which will sing here in the high school auditorium at 11:30 on Tuesday morning, March 18, is widely known throughout the southeast as an outstanding director of glee clubs and choirs. A graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music, Mr. Steere has studied at the Christian School, where he began his career as choral director about ten years ago at Kent State College, Kent, Ohio. Since coming to Coker in 1933, he has organized a community chorus in Hartsville which he directs. He is also director of the choir at the Hartsville First Baptist church.

Lieutenant Governor Sandy Graham, as attorney for the wholesaler association, worked hard for the measure, got it through the Senate, but finally failed in the House after much bitter controversy.

This time the same bill was put into the House, but immediately after its introduction complete silence fell on the subject, though former State Senator John Fogler came from time to time to be seen putting in a few quick flicks for the bill.

But different tactics failed to produce a different result. The bill got an unfavorable report from committee.

Representative Bill Harner of Lee was moving from floor to the lobby back of the Speaker's stand, head down, something in his hands. "How do you feel?" greeted a colleague. "Fine," replied Bill, just as he succeeded in extracting a couple of aspirin tablets from the box he was holding.

From a short talk by Jule Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, before the House committee on constitutional amendments: "When they asked me to take the place for this district, I done it."

It is said that no subject in art requires so many colors for its life-like representation as the human face.

Feed Markets Generally Dull Is Abandoned

Raleigh, March 10.—Feed markets were generally dull during the past week. The demand slackened following a more active inquiry early in February and prices were mostly unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings of most feeds were more plentiful and dealers and mixed feed manufacturers were generally buying limited quantities for current needs, according to the U. S. and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture in the weekly market news service review.

The index number of wholesale feedstuffs prices was 196.3 compared with the same for the previous week and 120.0 for the corresponding week last year.

Farmers' stock penials are fully firm with only a limited quantity of best grades now available at country points and with holders of these best grades unwilling to accept present offered prices. At present best junos are bringing 3.65 cents per pound delivered and best bunch 3 1-2 and occasionally 3 5-8 cents per pound. Meanwhile, a bill pending for a marketing quota on peanuts, passed the national House of Representatives and has been sent to the Senate.

Retail sales (in pounds) of field seeds this year are expected to be about 2 percent larger than last year. Lower prices were the reason given most frequently by dealers for the increase in prospective sales of most seeds, especially red clover, alsike clover and alfalfa seed.

Creamery butter output for the week ending February 27 was moderately higher than in the preceding week. Production rose 2 percent seasonally and was 3 percent higher than a year earlier. Increased cow numbers and liberal feed supplies are helping to maintain butter production at the present high levels.

Continued light receipts at Chicago during the week failed to stimulate the cattle market and any price revisions were in the shape of downturns. In the hog division even though receipts were lighter, the demand was narrowed and butchers finished steady to 15 cents lower at \$7.90 top. Fat lambs declined 50 to 75 cents, the forepart of the period but about half of the price loss was later restored.

Cotton prices advanced again this week, reaching a new high for the season to date. Spot cotton markets were slightly less active than in the previous week but reported sales were larger than in the corresponding week on other recent years. Mill sales of unfinished cloth and yarn substantially exceeded mill output and there were indications that mill activity reached new highs in early March. Many mills have sold goods ahead well into the summer months and there were reports of some mills having sold goods into 1942. Cloth prices strengthened again although early in the week there were reports of resistance to the higher prices. Exports were the same as for the previous week but were much less than for a year earlier.

MORE FARM BENEFIT CHECKS RECEIVED

A consignment of 39 checks, aggregating \$2,741.21 and representing payment on 47 applications for benefits under the AAA soil conservation program, were received late Saturday at the office of J. W. Sanders, Vance county farm agent.

The checks raised to \$67,366.39 the amount of money received so far this year for compliance with the soil conservation program in this county. A total of 1,938 checks have been received on 1,705 applications.

LIME ARRIVES

Two cars of ground agricultural limestone were received in the county today for distribution to farmers under the AAA grant-aid program. One of the cars is being distributed from Henderson and the other from Middleburg.

Big Docket Before Mayor

A heavy docket faced Mayor Henry F. Powell at today's session of city court.

Mike Burton, Negro, pleaded guilty to possessing non-tax paid whiskey for the purpose of sale, and was given six months on the roads.

George Wortham, Jr., George Carlines and Fred Carlines were charged with assault and beating each other. Wortham was not guilty. The Carlines were given 60 days on the roads, each, suspended upon payment of the costs.

Robert Jones, Negro, was guilty of being disorderly, and was given 60 days, suspended upon payment of the costs.

Joe Harris, Negro, was charged with assaulting Frank Clark with a deadly weapon, but the prosecuting witness withdrew the charge upon payment of the costs.

John Henry Speed, Negro, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly, and was given 60 days, suspended upon payment of the costs, and showing good behavior for the next two years.

George Mason, Negro, charged with trespassing, was not guilty. Nathaniel G. Wambish, Negro, was guilty of being drunk, and was given 30 days, suspended upon payment of the costs.

William Crocker, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of public drunkenness, and was given 30 days, suspended upon payment of the costs. Millard Robertson faced the court, charged with being drunk. He pleaded guilty, and was given 30 days, suspended upon payment of the costs.

BALE-AN-ACRE COUNTIES NAMED

Raleigh, March 10.—A dozen bale-to-an-acre cotton counties were reported today in a final cotton review issued by the State Department of Agriculture.

The banner counties, reporting production of a bale or more to the acre, are: Camden, Chowan, Cleveland, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt and Wilson.

North Carolina's 1940 cotton crop was valued at \$35,150,000, or about 61 percent above 1939. Adding the value of cotton seed, estimated at \$7,370,000, to the value of cotton lint, the total value of last year's drop was placed at \$42,520,000 and given the rank of number 2 among the State's cash crops, reports W. T. Wesson, junior statistician of the Department.

The 1940 cotton yield of 425 pounds per acre eclipsed the 1911 all-time record by 83 pounds, while production totaled 740,000 bales from 833,000 acres.

STATE NOW TOPS IN YAM GROWING

Raleigh, March 10.—North Carolina now holds the rank of Number One sweet potato producing state in the nation, W. T. Wesson, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture, said today.

"Farmers achieved first place in sweet potato production despite the fact that the 1940 crop of 7,104,000 bushels was the smallest since 1932 and more than 21 percent under the 1939 crop of 8,674,000," he added. "The 1940 acreage was reduced by four percent compared with 1939 while the per acre yield last year of 96 bushels was 16 bushels under 1939."

He explained that "normally, 55 percent of the State's potato crop is used on the farm, 33 percent is sold and the remaining 12 percent is used for other purposes."

AUTO FIRE

A taxi belonging to Loughlin City Taxi was damaged by fire on South William street Sunday afternoon around 2 o'clock, according to Fire Chief Cooper G. Ellis. A leaking gas line was given as cause of the blaze by the chief.

According to Communist law no priest or one who employs others for profit or lives on unearned income may vote.

Tough Track Schedule For Carolina Men

Chapel Hill, March 10.—Strong track squads from Princeton and Navy are expected to provide the stiffest opposition for the University of North Carolina's Conference champions this spring.

The intersectional tests with the Tigers and Middies are the feature attractions of a four-day track schedule arranged for the Tar Heels. Other contests are with Duke and Virginia.

The Tar Heels will inaugurate their season's debut for the third straight year in the Florida Relays at Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday, March 29.

Carolina is negotiating for a meet on Saturday, April 5, but unless it materializes the Tar Heels will open on schedule against Princeton here Wednesday, April 9. The visit to Chapel Hill will be the fourth consecutive for Princeton teams.

Carolina will also take part in two other events, Carolina A. A. U. meet at Chapel Hill on April 26 and the Southern Conference meet at William and Mary on May 16 and 17.

The Tar Heels have won both Conference indoor and outdoor titles for three consecutive years.

The schedule follows: March 29—Florida Relays at Gainesville, Fla. April 5—Open. April 9—Princeton at Chapel Hill. April 12—Virginia at Charlottesville, Va. April 19—Duke at Chapel Hill. April 26—Carolina A. A. U. meet at Chapel Hill. May 10—Navy at Annapolis, Md. May 16-17—Southern Conference meet at Williamsburg, Va.

U.N.C. Golfers Are To Play Some Of Best

Chapel Hill, March 10.—North Carolina's varsity golfers will face this season one of the most attractive and hardest schedules ever undertaken by a links team at the university.

The schedule, which was released today by Assistant Athletic Director George E. (Bo) Shepard call for matches with four crack eastern power teams, Pennsylvania, Boston College, Navy, and Franklin and Marshall, and one strong mid-western outfit, Ohio State. A tentative match has also been arranged with Fordham here April 16.

Excepting the Navy meet, all of the intersectional contests will be played on the Tar Heels' home course at Hillandale near Durham.

Carolina will also take part in the annual Southern Conference meet at Hot Springs, Va., on May 9-10. Chuck Erickson, varsity backfield coach, is the golf coach.

The schedule follows: March 28—Ohio State at Chapel Hill. April 4—Davidson at Greensboro (Sedgefield). April 7—Hampden-Sydney at Chapel Hill. April 11—Pennsylvania at Chapel Hill. April 14—Virginia at Chapel Hill. April 15—Boston College at Chapel Hill. April 16—Fordham at Chapel Hill (tentative). April 19—Navy at Annapolis. April 21—Franklin and Marshall at Chapel Hill. April 29—Duke at Chapel Hill. May 8—V. M. I. at Hot Springs, Va. May 9-10—Southern Conference meet at Hot Springs, Va.

EVELESS EDEN

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CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN
ON HORSEBACK, in wagons, in buggies and on foot, the mountaineers departed after the schoolhouse entertainment. Down trails, and up trails; up narrow roads, and down narrow roads. Melting away among the trees, leaving the schoolhouse and its clearing strangely silent.

Eve turned to Bill. "How did you enjoy it?" she asked. "I hope you got some ideas—or at least caught the feeling of what it all meant to those people."

"I DID enjoy it," said Bill. "Immensely. And I think I have a better understanding of the mountaineers." He smiled. "Maybe I'll soon be as understanding and sympathetic as you seem to feel Joel is."

Eve didn't bother to reply to this. She looked up the schoolhouse, called to Jed and his three sisters, who were waiting to be taken home, and went back to the car.

"Jed," said Eve, "you and the girls were wonderful. I'm proud of you."

"Thank you, ma'am!" said the four Proudys offspring.

"And that poem of yours, Jed," Bill said. "I'd like to have you teach it to me. . . . How about it?"

"I'll try to," Jed said. "But hit's a mighty long 'un."

Bill grinned. "I think maybe I could memorize it," he said, "if I tried real hard."

"Mr. Latham's probably good at memorizing," Eve said.

They left Jed, Venetia, Alicia and Patricia at the edge of the cleared land close to the Proudys cabin, and then drove on to the cabin on Singers' Dome.

Joel had not yet returned. Several honkings of the automobile horn brought no response.

"Tell him I'm sorry I missed him," Eve said. "Don't think I'm interested in Joel's work and plans, just because I'm trying to help you with your mountain story."

"No, I won't think that," said Bill. "I haven't forgotten your concern over my treatment of my cousin. Nor have I forgotten the kiss up near Larceny's home."

"I'd rather not talk about that," said Eve. "Only, I would feel rather badly if I thought you had forgotten it so quickly."

"I hope," said Bill, "that the fact that I remind you of someone else isn't going to keep you from liking me a little."

"Oh, no!" said Eve. "Quite to the contrary. . . . Only you mustn't be trying to do things that sweep me back into that once happy period I referred to." She released the brake. "Goodby, Bill. Come down and see us soon—you and Joel."

Bill lifted one of Eve's hands, laid it against his cheek for a moment, and then got out of the car. He stood beside the road and watched Eve melt off among the trees just as he had watched the mountaineers up at the schoolhouse.

Joel came back into the cabin soon after Bill had taken his place at the typewriter. He had a handful of mail.

"I stopped at the mailbox on my way up," he said. "Here's a letter from your publisher."

"Thanks," said Bill, taking it. "Eve was here."

"She was?" said Joel. "Say, I'm sorry I missed her."

"She said tell you she was sorry she missed you," Bill went on. "We went up to the schoolhouse for a Saturday afternoon entertainment. You should have been along."

"What sort of entertainment?"

"Oh, a little like those we used to have on Fridays down home. You know—recitations, songs, all that sort of thing." Bill tore open his letter. "I'll tell you more about it when we are having our supper."

"Okay," said Joel. He dropped down upon the edge of his bunk and began to look over his own mail.

Bill settled back to see what his publisher had to say.

"Dear Latham," the man wrote. "You're nuts! And don't bother to tell me that's inelegant language for a publisher to use. I know it without being told. . . . But I still say you're nuts. When your letter came telling me you were going to write a different sort of story, I thought 'What the heck!' Then when I read further and learned that you were deserting Park avenue for mountain paths I thought other things—which the postal authorities won't permit me to put down in black and white. Now, listen; I'm glad you're having a vacation, but hear this in mind—I've helped you to build up a reputation as a writer who creates women people like to read about, and I expect you to stick to your last. Don't talk to me of innocent mountain maidens, but sit down and send me a story about a gal who has what it takes—pardoning my slang! Let her sojourn in the mountains if the mountains are in your blood, but make her the sort of girl your public expects from William Randall Latham. I need a good yarn for my new list, so send it on. And mind you, no calico-clad bit of wide-eyed femininity. Send me a girl who knows her way around or else!"

There was more to the letter, but Bill didn't read it very carefully. He was mad through and through. The idea of that man daring to tell him what to write! And after he and Eve had discussed his new heroine, Fannal! He was through being told. What if his publisher had helped him to build up a reputation? Did that mean that he must go on indefinitely repeating himself? Did that mean that he wasn't at liberty to try for a little versatility in his work? He flung the letter down upon the table and muttered, "I'll show him."

Joel looked up.

"Did you say something?" he asked.

"No," said Bill. "Just thinking out loud."

Joel laid aside a letter from the mills which he had been reading and picked up another one.

"Here's a letter from Aunt Sallie," he said. He opened it and began to read. Then suddenly he exclaimed, "Good Lord!"

"What's the matter?" Bill asked. "Has one of our neighbors had quints?"

"No! It's Rita!"

"What! What in heck are you talking about?"

"Rita! She didn't marry that man after all. And she's left home. Grandma Linwood telephoned Aunt Sallie, and said—"

"Let me have that letter!" said Bill. He made a grab for it. He read in a sort of holding-his-breath attitude, and then he said: "Well, I'll be—"

"Go on, read the rest of it aloud," said Joel.

Bill did so.

"—and so it would seem that Rita has run off to get away from unpleasant publicity just as Mad did. Her grandmother was as mad as a hornet when she telephoned me. It seems that Don didn't get the California job after all, and that may be the reason Rita has changed her mind again. I reckon it's just as well that she did, since I can't picture her married to a jobless man. Her grandmother says she is hiding out with some of her countless cousins."

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