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RULINGS OF THE STATE ON THE CHILD LABOR LAW

Sections 5 and 6, Chapter 100, Public Laws 1919)

Rulings.

The State Child Welfare Commission, in executive session on August 6, 1919, made the following rulings which have the force of law:

1. No child of any age under 16 years shall be permitted to work in any of the occupations mentioned in section 5, before 6 o'clock in the morning or after 9 o'clock at night. This ruling is made mandatory by section 6, and the law gives no discretion to the commission to modify the same.

2. No girl under 14 years of age shall be permitted to work in any of the occupations mentioned in section 5. The reason for this is that if the womanhood of the State is to be properly conserved in the future, girls of tender age certainly should not be allowed to run the dangers of association inherent in employment in public places.

3. No child under 14 years of age shall be employed in any of the occupations mentioned in section 5, for more than eight hours in any one day.

4. (Revised September 6, 1921.) Boys between 12 and 14 years of age may be employed in the enumerated occupations when the public school is not in session when it is shown to the County Superintendent of Public Welfare or other authorized agent of the commission that the proposed employment is not to the injury of the health or morals of the child. But in no case shall such employment be legal until a certificate has been issued by the county Superintendent of Public Welfare or other authorized agent of the Commission on blanks furnished by the State Commission.

5. During the time that the public school is in session boys between 12 and 14 years of age may be employed on Saturday and out of school hours on the same conditions as above, provided that such employment does not interfere with their school work. Where school officials have provided for what is known as continuation schools, and where arrangement has been made to make the outside employment a unit of the school work, boys of this age may be, in specific cases, allowed to be occupied in employment during school hours for a limited time, at the discretion of the superintendent of the school.

The State Child Welfare Commission, in executive session on September 6, 1921, made the following rulings which have the force of law:

6. No child, claiming to be 14 or 16 years of age, but whose actual age is doubtful, shall be permitted to work in any of the occupations mentioned in sections 5 and 6 until an Age Certificate has been issued by the Superintendent of Public Welfare or other authorized agent of the Commission in accordance with the provisions required in section 10 of this act. The design of this section being to insure the proper enforcement of the compulsory school law, to prevent the employment of any person contrary to the law, and to free the employer from liability to this act. An Age Certificate to be issued only upon documentary evidence or proof of age as required by the commission.

7. On and after March 1, 1922, the Superintendent of Public Welfare and other authorized agents of the Commission shall require a school record of evidence for any child under sixteen years of age who makes application to engage in employment in any of the occupations mentioned in section 5 and 6 before issuing either an employment Certificate or Age Certificate. The school record to be prepared by school official or teacher in accordance with the approved school code for children, and the accredited record system for schools approved by the Department of Education.

8. On and after March 1, 1922, the Superintendent of Public Welfare and other authorized agents of the Commission shall require a physical examination by a health officer or practicing physician, upon forms approved by the Commission, of any child under sixteen years of age, who makes application for employment, except in cases where the child has received physical examination by a medical officer of the State Bureau of Medical Inspection of Schools.

9. The Superintendent of Public Welfare is specially designated and commissioned as the authorized agent of the State Child Welfare Commission in the several counties to assist in enforcing and carrying out the provisions of the child labor law and other acts relative to business and industry. In this position equal care is required to supervise and direct those employed and to correct any influence that would injure the welfare of any person or contribute to truancy or delinquency of any child.

10. The Superintendent of Public Welfare and other authorized agents of the commission shall suspend any certificate for employment when a condition is found that will injure

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Inferior Gas Service.

The gas gave out this morning while we were setting the Union Bank advertisement, which we could not complete. It will appear in our next issue.

FIRST EXERCISE HELD IN OUR SPLENDID NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Large Number Pleas'd With the Exchange Library, Saturday Night.

The new high school building is not yet quite ready for school work, but it was christened last evening by the production of "Katcha Koo" presented under the auspices of the Woman's Club for the benefit of the school playground. The play was a decided success, every member of the cast sustaining his part admirably.

The costumes were of a new type, the dances restrained and yet graceful, the singing catchy, and the play itself contained many humorous situations. One will go far to see a play so well presented by local talent. Much credit is due Miss Robinson the excellent director who did the training for the presentation of this play.

Where all did so well it is rather difficult to select any one for special mention. Roy Royster as the Maharajah fitted the part beautifully. Bill Livingston as the fakir and as a lover-maker was side-splitting in his mirth. Will Pace and Herbert Rountree did fine work in their part. There was a dramatic quality to Herbert Rountree's acting that seemed to be innate and called for much praise.

The singing and dancing of Will Pace and Mrs. Howard were also of fine quality. Miss Hutchings, Mrs. Royster, Miss Horner and Miss Harrington had difficult parts, and were pleasing in their work. The song by Miss Johnson captivated the audience and still hums in one's ears.

The parts taken by Misses Annie Crews, Lillian Taylor, Ella Johnson and Elizabeth Niles could not have been bettered as rendered by them. The loveliest scene in the play was the Patriotic Carnival which made a brilliant finale as acted by choruses in Dutch, French, Italian, Belgian and American characters with Uncle Sam in the centre.

The play is to be repeated Saturday night at the high school building. The prices are moderate and it is hoped that another large crowd will see it. The attendance last night was about 400. All of the proceeds above expenses go to the Winfield playground.

MANY ARE AFTER POSTMASTER LASSITERS JOB

The civil service agents are expected to arrive in Oxford within the next ten days, or sooner, to inquire into the standing of the applicants for postmastership here.

The Civil Service agents will come here and make some investigation as to conditions, and will then make their report back to Washington. The Civil Service Commission will proceed to make its recommendations to the Post Office Department, and, under the ruling of the administration, the postmaster will be appointed from among the three highest men on the list.

Some of the applicants includes J. S. Rogers, W. L. Peace, Frank W. Hancock, Jr., John M. Fagan, James S. Bradsher. The list for postmaster at Henderson includes fourteen well known citizens, some of them Democrats and others Republicans, as follows: W. P. Garrett, James S. Allbright, Samuel T. Brummitt, S. T. Satterwhite, John F. Hicks, Wallace White, Enoch Powell, Thomas W. Ellis, Isaac J. Young, James H. Wright, C. P. Wright, A. J. Cheek, James H. Bridges, Dock A. Reese.

DAUGHTERTY HAS KU KLUX UNDER CONSIDERATION

To Decide Whether Federal Action Is To Be Taken Or Not.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The department of justice is considering whether federal action shall be taken in connection with the activities of the Ku Klux Klan. The government, Mr. Daughterty said, is not to be run or intimidated by any man or organization behind the mask.

The activities of the Ku Klux Klan, he added, would be given the most careful consideration before any federal policy was decided upon.

WHISKEY DROPS TO TWO DOLLARS PER GALLON

Moonshiners Can't Do Business At That Price.

Danville, Va., Sept. 21.—The economic law of supply and demand has accomplished what that sponsored by Mr. Volstead failed to do, according to reports from the hill sections of Carroll and Patrick counties.

With the price of "moonshine" down to \$2 per gallon, as compared with \$15 a few months ago, many operators have put aside their stills and have taken a new interest in the crop of bright leaf and sorghum.

NO COLORED FAIR THIS YEAR

Discontinued Until Next Year On Account Of Poor Crops.

On account of the discouraging condition in which the farmers over the entire county have been placed by reason of the present drought and low prices in the tobacco and cotton markets our board voted unanimously to discontinue The Granville County Colored Fair until next year, 1922.

ALEX. PEACE, Pres. Protom. C. A. ATKINS, Secretary.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Oxford Battery Co.

THE PRICE OF TOBACCO ON OPENING DATE WAS A SOURCE OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Seventy-Three Thousand Pounds Sold For An Average Of \$14—Better Prices Follows Opening Date With Light Offerings.

The seventy-three thousand pounds of tobacco sold here last Tuesday, which ushered in the season of 1921-22, was a sad disappointment. The people in this section had learned from year to year that Granville county tobacco sold at least fifteen or twenty percent higher than the South Carolina crop, and from ten to twelve percent above the Eastern Carolina prices; but the prices in South Carolina and Eastern North Carolina were higher than the prices on the opening date in this section of the State. It is the first time in the history of the weed that such a thing happened. The only way to count for the discrepancy was caused either by the grades offered or by the market not being thoroughly organized on the opening date.

It is a well known fact that the sales on the Oxford market on opening date are rock-bottom prices, and the advance is gradual and sure, winding up at the end of the season at the head of the column. We dare say there will be no exception to the rule this season.

The farmers themselves—there were two of them here last Tuesday—will acknowledge that the offerings were of medium grades, with here and there a pile of good tobacco. Before the sales started many farmers cast their eye over the warehouse floor and estimated in an off hand way that the whole lot would average 20c or 25c at best. The nearest approach to that figure was the Mangum Warehouse with an average of \$16 per hundred. The average for the five warehouses was \$14 on 73,000 pounds. These are the official figures, made public by Capt. Jack Howard, secretary of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade.

Now it may appear from published reports that Oxford was the lowest market in this section of the State on opening day, but such is not the case by a long shot. One market in this belt claimed that the average was 20 cents, but 12 1-2 cents was the correct figure.

The offering on Wednesday and Thursday was light with prices almost double that of opening date. It was observed yesterday that a pile of tobacco sold for 48 cents the pound; on opening date the same grade sold for 20 cents.

It is useless to pretend that the prices offered for medium and common grades were satisfactory to the farmers. The better grades sold reasonably well, and in some instances for higher prices than last year. The break was largely of common tobacco and as a consequence the average is low.

But tobacco cannot be produced at these prices for the medium and common grades. Last year we were told that the decline was largely due to the over production. The same explanation cannot be made this year. In 1919 the bright tobacco belt made 480,000,000 pounds of tobacco; in 1920 the production was 613,000,000 pounds; the latest government crop report places the production for this year at 338,000,000 pounds. The estimate for North Carolina is barely half of last year's crop. Every well-informed observer knows that the crop in this county cannot exceed 7,000,000 pounds.

Every one says that prices will be higher. If supply has anything to do with fixing the price, the prediction must of necessity be a correct one. It certainly behoves the farmer to wait out the market and see what the result will do. The whole of our industrial, agricultural, commercial and business system is wrapped up in the necessity for remunerative prices for the tobacco crop. Somehow, in some way, we believe that reasonable prices will result; and that Oxford buyers and warehousemen may be depended upon to do everything within their power to give livable prices for all grades.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF PUBLIC LEDGER REDUCED TO MEET EMERGENCY OF SCANT CROP YEAR

In order to meet our subscribers half way, we have decided to reduce the subscription price of the Public Ledger from \$2.00 to \$1.50 per year. There has not been a sufficient reduction in newspaper paper and other materials to justify reduction to pre-war basis, but nevertheless it is our desire to share with our many readers in a year of scant crops.

As stated above, the price of the Public Ledger is \$1.50 per year on and after this date. But there are a class of subscribers in the free delivery zone of Oxford who are served by the city carriers. On all these papers thus served there must be a one cent stamp affixed thereto, as fully explained in the following postal law:

"Newspapers other than weeklies, not exceeding 2 ounces in weight mailed by publishers for local delivery by letter carriers shall be charged with postage at the rate of one cent per copy, to be prepaid by ordinary stamp affixed."

All those who have boxes at the postoffice, or prefer to call at the general delivery for their paper can get the Public Ledger one year for \$1.50, the same as those who have boxes.

Anyone sending us a list of cash subscribers for \$1.50 each will receive the Public Ledger one year free.

New Meat Market.

We learn that Mr. Titus Cutts, who lives in South Oxford, contemplates erecting a brick building at the corner of Hillsboro and Broad streets at an early date for the sale of fresh meats.

FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FARMERS IN GRANVILLE HAVE SIGNED UP

The campaign for signers of the cooperative marketing contract has been going on in a quiet way for the last month, and we learn on good authority that slightly more than fifty percent of the crop has been signed.

The campaign is on and the growers expect to reach 75 percent by the middle of October, it is said.

PRESIDENT HARDING DERIDED BY SENATOR HARRISON

The Mississippi Senator Wants More Work and Less Play.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The American people "want more work and less play," Senator Harrison, Remocrat, Mississippi, declared today in the Senate in describing President Harding's recent trip to New York State on the Presidential yacht Mayflower. The trip was taken, he said, "while millions of Americans were hanging their heads in shame because men who 'helped win the war' were being offered on the auction block in Boston."

"What the American people want," the Mississippi senator said, "are more results and fewer recommendations; more meal tickets and fewer bread lines, more prosperity and fewer poor houses."

Declaring that there were nearly 6,000,000 persons out of employment in the United States, Senator Harrison charged that the Republicans had failed to keep their campaign pledges of increased prosperity in the country.

"LITTLE SWITZERLAND"

Dr. Horsfield Returns From the West North Carolina Hill Country.

Dr. Horsfield, rector of St. Stephen's Church, is always good and cheerful, but he returns from his vacation with rosy cheeks and much improved in health. He spent some time at "Little Switzerland," an interesting settlement in mountains of North Carolina.

We hope Dr. Horsfield will please find time to give our readers a sketch of the beauties and importance of this new mountain development.

ANOTHER NATIONAL HOLIDAY November 11 To Be Observed Throughout the Nation.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Next November 11—the date for the opening of the world armament conference and for the burial of the unknown soldier dead at Arlington cemetery—is to be made a national holiday.

Plans now being formed here are to make the date an occasion for nation-wide demonstration and expression in support of the announced purpose of the conference—limitation of armament and removal of the source of future wars in the Far East.

WAKE FOREST HAS FIVE HUNDRED REGISTRANTS

Seventy-Five Students Less This Year Than Last Owing To Financial Stringency.

Four Forest, Sept. 22.—Four hundred and eighty registrants was the total enrollment of Wake Forest College at the end of the second week of registration. This number represents about seventy-five students less than the registration at the same time for the 1920-21 session. The next ten days will witness the registration of some twenty more students which will approximate a total of about five hundred students.

INVITATION TO MEET NEW MEMBERS OF COLLEGE FACULTY

The friends of Oxford College are cordially invited to meet the new members of the College faculty on Wednesday, September 28, from 4:30 to 6:00 P. M. (Music Hall). The hostess on this occasion will be Miss McMicking, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Matthews and Miss Boggs.

JUSTICE ADAMS PLEASES STATE

Governor Believed To Have Picked Best Man For Place.

If there is any kick against the appointment of Judge William Adams of Carthage as associate justice of the Supreme court, it has not come to surface, for the general opinion is that it would have been impossible for the Governor to have secured a better man for the place made vacant by the death of Associate Justice Allen. Even the friends of Thomas D. Warren concede that Judge Adams' appointment is a very fine one.

HENDERSON'S WATER SUPPLY

Water Company Takes Additional Steps To Secure Water.

(Henderson Daily Dispatch) As a further step toward guaranteeing every possible means of getting water for the city's needs, the Henderson Water company has just completed the laying of a long pipe line from the intake at the pumping station down to the lower lake.

Day after day has gone by without rains falling, and the lake has become more dry every passing day, until several weeks ago the last drop of water was pulled out of the upper pond, and the water company was forced to fall back on the reserve supply.

THE RALEIGH TOBACCO MARKET

First Tobacco Sold There In Fifteen Years.

(Raleigh News and Observer)

"Let 'er start at fourteen, Tom," said Mr. Warren to Auctioneer Thompson, on Tuesday, and the bidding for the first pile of tobacco sold in Raleigh in over fifteen years started. It was a pile of ordinary bright lugs, grown by Ed Young, and before it was "knocked out" the figure had mounted to 18 cents. The next pile, good bright lugs, went at 25 1-2 cents, the next, a good grade of cutters, brought 39 cents, followed by a pile of low grade wrappers at 41 cents. And so on down the row.

TO GO TO WORK ONLY SALVATION

The Russians Are Getting a Dose Of Their Own Medicine.

"Thousands of women and children in Russia starving," says a newspaper headline. Of course, and the same would be the case in America or anywhere else, should we all quit work and go to fighting each other. We know no better medicine to bring the Russians to their senses than starvation. Time some of those starving Europeans were learning that their only salvation is to go to work. Possibly they have been fed by us liberal Americans too long now.—Stanley News Herald.

LOANS AVAILABLE FOR MOVING CROPS

State Committee Of War Finance Board Adopts Plans For Lending.

Plans for making North Carolina's share of the War Finance Board's billion dollar agricultural loan fund available to the farmers of the State were formulated at the initial session of the Board's State committee in Raleigh Wednesday, and farmers desiring to borrow money can do so at their local banks. Application blanks can be secured from Chairman James R. Young, in Raleigh.

OPENING OF UNIVERSITY POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 4

Chapel Hill, Sept. 22.—The continuance of the longest drought in the history of Chapel Hill has forced the University to postpone its opening from Tuesday, September 27th, to Tuesday, October 4. President Chase and his advisers including the health officers of the institution and the village and Dr. H. E. Miller of the State health department, rendered the decision.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS SPEND DAY IN OXFORD

The following distinguished gentlemen, head men of big tobacco companies, were on the Oxford market last Tuesday, and were guests of the Exchange Hotel: C. S. Corlton, Richmond, James J. Hickory, Richmond, C. B. Cheatham, Richmond and Henderson, J. R. Daye and C. S. Clark, of Bristow, England.

NEGRESS, FORMER SLAVE IS DEAD AT AGE OF 114

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 21.—Jane Buriam, a negress, 114 years old, who was a slave on a Virginia plantation until freed after the Civil War, died yesterday at Alton, Ill., where she had resided for over half a century.

Goldsboro Leads.

Goldsboro, Sept. 22.—The Goldsboro tobacco market went "over the top" in their sales yesterday, as the best prices were paid for the weed that has been paid this season. Monday's sales averaged 23 7-8 cents per pound, and the farmers and warehouse men were jubilant, but yesterday there was more tobacco on the floors, and better prices apid. The average for all sold was 24 cents.

Congress Reassembles.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Congress reassembled at noon today after a recess of thirty days.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Editor Public Ledger:

The question asked in your last issue: "Is it Necessary to Sell Gas on Sunday?" is a very pertinent one. I am persuaded to answer the question, "No." No more so than it is to sell cold drinks, ice cream, tobacco, and not as much so as it is to sell fresh meats for, unless you have a refrigerator, you can not keep fresh meats in hot weather. Whereas, gas will keep all right, and I see no earthly reason why everybody can not lay in a supply on Saturday for Sunday. If it was known that no gas would be sold next Sunday, you'd see everybody filling up Saturday. If their car tanks didn't hold enough they'd fill up extra cans. There was a time when we thought it a necessity to keep the barber shop open on Sunday, but since it has been discontinued we find that was not at all necessary. Of course there may appear occasional emergencies where they would be justified in buying on Sunday. In that case, a gas dealer could be found who would supply them, but a "tight lid" would reduce these emergencies to a very small number. If I had the jurisdiction there would be no more gas and oil sold in Oxford on Sunday, except in cases of absolute necessity, and if these cases were probed to the bottom you'd find nine times in ten that it was not a necessity, and if it were a necessity, there was no reason why they could not have supplied themselves on Saturday. I think there should be a State Law prohibiting garages keeping their places of business open on Sunday.

But if it must be sold in Oxford on Sunday, then let only one keep opening taking it in turns, but not keep open during church hours.

If there is any class of business men who need one day in seven to rest from work and worry, grease and dirt, it is the garage men. They no doubt would rejoice at the thought of closing their doors Saturday night to remain closed till Monday morning.

I understand the board of commissioners are to consider in their next meeting the regulation of gas sales on Sunday. To this end, it would be a good idea to keep it before the people in your locals, provided your sentiments were expressed in your point and brief local "Conserving Energy."

If the South don't fight Sunday commerce, games and amusements, we will be having base ball and picture shows like they have in the north. B. F. TAYLOR.

ROANOKE RAPIDS HAS FINE SCHOOL BUILDING

According to the picture in the Roanoke Rapids Herald, there is nothing in the State equal to the new half million dollar high school building in that bustling town. The structure has 25 class rooms, auditorium with seating capacity of two thousand, indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, dining room, music room and sewing room. There are 58 teachers in the faculty.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY REDUCES PRICES

Another reduction announced today by National Biscuit Company brings Nabisco and other sugar wafers in packages back to pre-war levels. Prices on the whole line of bulk varieties are further reduced from two to five cents per pound.

NINE MILLION RUSSIAN CHILDREN WITHOUT FOOD

London, Sept. 22.—Nine million Russian children are in want of food and 1,500,000 are in the most advanced stages of starvation, it is estimated by the Soviet press, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

BURIAL OF MR. J. K. DANIEL AT MT. ZION WEDNESDAY

A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral and burial of Mr. J. K. Daniel at Mt. Zion Church last Wednesday. Those in attendance from Oxford were: Messrs. Will Landis, E. D. Hunt, W. T. Yancey, Charles G. Powell and Hal Holean.

Mr. Jeff Daniel, of Beaumont, Texas, brother of the deceased, did not learn of the death of his brother in time to reach here for the burial.

MR. W. B. MANN DEAD

Married Near Oxford Thirty-Eight Years Ago.

Wesley Bright Mann, who established the W. B. Mann Grocery Company in Raleigh forty-two years ago, died Thursday morning at his home, corner of New Bern Avenue and Wilmington street, Raleigh at the age of seventy-three.

September 5, 1883 Mr. Mann married Miss Phoebe Howard, from near Oxford, who died a number of years ago. One child survives Mrs. Louis M. Connor of Raleigh.

Apron and Fancy Work Sale.

The ladies of the Oxford Baptist Church will hold their annual apron and fancy work sale at the Baptist parsonage on Friday, December 9.

The Highest Market.

The Fuquay Springs tobacco market, which opened up last Tuesday, averaged \$30 per hundred. The tobacco crop in that section is the best in years, it is said.