

SENATE BATTLES ON SCHOOL BILL

Fervid Appeal for Bill Made By Senator Ward of Beau- fort County

SEVEN HOURS DEBATE

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—The Senate Thursday passed through its seventh hour of debate on the MacLean substitute for the Lindsey-Young bill providing for State maintenance of the constitutional six months schools without reaching a vote.

The Senate recessed at 2 o'clock until 8:30 o'clock Thursday night without reaching a vote on the bill. A motion to set 10 o'clock Thursday night as the hour for a vote on the question was ruled out of order when it was opposed.

The argument Thursday, led by the dramatic Ward of Beaufort, grew fervid. The Beaufort Senator marked himself as one of the strongest proponents of the measure in a speech which continued for more than an hour. It was the most extended and heated presentation of the current session. Senator Ward was supported by Senator Craven and Senator Folger of Surry. Senator Grier of Iredell was not committed to the bill, but indicated he might vote for it with amendments.

Sentiment, which Wednesday appeared to be cooling toward the measure, indicated a return to warmth and evidence seemed to indicate that the bill might pass by a larger margin than was anticipated at the close of the Wednesday debates.

The bill passed the House Tuesday and was taken up as a special order by the Senate Wednesday, when it was debated for four hours. An amendment was offered by Campbell of New Hanover to provide for State maintenance of the six months constitutional school term "when adequate finances can be produced without undue hardship on the taxpayers of the State and suitable machinery is set up." The amendment, the bone of contention Wednesday, which was characterized by Lindsey of Brunswick as an effort to "murder" the bill, has not been voted on.

Senator Ward of Beaufort made the most spectacular appearance of the session. The former Congressman held the crowded floor and packed gallery spell bound at times with oratorical phrases, drew laughter with humorous and prompt repartee when other Senators interrupted for questions, and won applause when he voiced sentiment and arguments with which the lobbies and galleries were sympathetic.

Ward Is Frank

He was frank and direct in his presentation. "I speak of principles and policies and not of men," he declared as he approached his subject. He deplored the land tax burden as it is now carried, declaring that it is "destroying the value of land." He insisted that the burden must be raised.

Speaking directly, he said, "You have placed the yoke about the shoulders of the counties and they are unable to bear it." The Constitution did not intend that they should bear it, he stated, and added the charge that the opponents of the MacLean measure would attempt to keep the yoke there. "You and your State have been as cruel to schools as death is to its victims," he charged.

He assailed the condition under which the State makes it mandatory on the counties to levy sufficient taxes to maintain the six months schools, when at the same time the State keeps immune from county taxation 45 sources of revenue.

He was not afraid, he declared, of driving corporations out of the State, launching an attack against the tobacco companies. The State has plenty of wealth to maintain the schools, he said, laughing at the argument that the revenue could not be raised.

"To be practical," Senator Ward said, "many counties are not going to operate the schools, and when the women of this State see the schoolhouse doors close on their children, you will then have trouble such as you have never had before."

To operate the schools he pointed to sources of revenue available. He indicated the equalizing fund as it is at present, a sales tax, and was not opposed to a reasonable ad valorem levy if necessary.

Horton Vs. Ward

Senator Horton of Chatham questioned the Beaufort Senator, seeking to show benefits from the

Negro Threatens To Kill Family; Is Chased By Officers

Rufus Moss, negro, recently back from Baltimore, is sought by Warren officers on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Moss' wife and children fled from their home near Macon on Monday when the negro threatened to kill the entire family and telephoned the office of Sheriff W. J. Pinnell for assistance. Sheriff Pinnell and Deputy Robertson responded and reached the home about 2:30. They caught sight of Moss, armed with a shotgun, fleeing towards the woods and gave chase, but were outdistanced.

Bloodhounds were secured from Louisburg and put on the track of the man. The trail was abandoned after a five-mile chase that ended near Agelasto farm below Macon when darkness overtook the officers.

Pinnell Warns Of Fire Hazard Caused By Brush Burning

A warning to farmers calling attention to the dangers attendant upon burning brush was this week issued by E. Hunter Pinnell, Forest Warden of Warren County.

Mr. Pinnell called attention to the fact that the warm, bright weather of the past few days has caused many of the farmers to begin their brush burning activities of clearing new ground and tobacco beds. He asked that all possible care be used in handling this fire, and said that any citizen who allowed the fire to escape beyond his control was subject to arrest and prosecution.

Fires arising from brush burning costs the county thousands of dollars each year, the game warden said. The greater part of this loss could be prevented by a little care, he held, and asked the co-operation of the public that this heavy loss may be avoided.

Would Postpone Payment of Taxes Until November

Bills to postpone enforced collection of 1930 taxes in Warren county until November were introduced in the House and Senate on Wednesday by Senator T. O. Rodwell and Representative John S. Davis. The bills have not been acted upon.

Citizens Contribute To The Red Cross

While Warren county is yet far short of its Red Cross quota of \$1,000, many citizens have contributed during the week. Miss Mamie Gardner, secretary of the local chapter of the organization said yesterday.

Citizens of Warren have for several years been oversubscribing the county's quota in the annual roll call. Such was the case last November in spite of low prices received for agricultural products. In spite of the fact that industrial depression and drought have caused hard times in this county and no intensive canvass will be made, local Red Cross workers have expressed the hope that citizens, realizing the great need for relief work now being carried on by the organization, will contribute as liberally as possible.

The following ladies will be glad to receive contributions in their several localities and citizens are asked and urged to make their donations as liberal as possible. Warrenton, Miss Mamie Gardner; Norlina, Mrs. W. F. Mustian; Macon, Mrs. E. H. Russell; Afton-Elberon, Mrs. Stephen Bowden; Littleton, Mrs. T. J. Miles; Arcola, Mrs. R. L. Capps; Manson, Mrs. J. K. Kimball.

Warren Gins 13,367 Bales To January 16

Warren county ginned 13,367 bales of cotton to January 16, compared with 17,644 bales to the same period last year, according to figures released this week by the Department of Commerce through the Bureau of Census.

State ginnings to January 16 this year were 780,070 bales, compared with 737,725 bales one year ago.

DAUGHTER BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hedgepeth on Sunday, January 25, a daughter, O'le Elizabeth.

Sheriff W. J. Pinnell was a visitor in Raleigh yesterday.

LUCKY BREAKS

SHE HAD A WONDERFUL GRAFT

First spring after Luther Burbank's death, a peach tree, bearing three varieties, blew over. A skilled tree grafter said nothing could be done—Mrs. Burbank insisted on attempting the graft—One of those which was successful proved to be the finest peach developed.



Drought Sufferers Have Only One Meal Each Day

Marvell, Ark., Jan. 29.—One meal a day, consisting usually of bread and molasses and perhaps beans or plain salt pork, is what the average drought sufferer's family gets out of what the Red Cross gives him.

"But we're thankful to get that because it keeps us from starving," said Jacob Miller, a negro tenant in this community. "About all it does is keep us alive though," he continued.

Miller's case is typical of that of most of the tenant farmers of this and other counties—whites and negroes alike.

He has a wife and two children and has been receiving food from the Red Cross for three weeks. It amounts to about \$5 a month.

"We eat one meal a day," he said. "If we tried to get more than that out of the food we get, it wouldn't last two weeks."

The food is allotted every two weeks.

"We don't get enough at the one meal. If I ate all I wanted, there wouldn't be any left for my family so lots of times I do without."

"The people over here, both white and colored persons, have just about killed all their hogs that didn't die. I lost five hogs and was afraid to eat them. I know lots of others who also lost their hogs. I don't know what was the matter with them—I suppose it was because they had not got the right kind of feed."

"Now people are going to have to kill their cows as poor as they are, to get enough to eat."

Miller's children are not in school because he said they did not have clothes to keep them warm. Many others are keeping their children out for the same reason.

"If we have a cold spell, you'll see all kinds of sickness because people don't have clothes and food enough," Miller continued.

Miller, like many of the other tenant farmers, saved nothing from last year's crop. His cotton brought ten cents a pound and it barely paid for the picking, he said. He could not pay for the food furnished him on that crop. He had bought a mule which he lost because he could not pay for it.

And thus far he has been unable to arrange for food for his year's crop ordinarily forthcoming, starting in March.

"The merchants I have seen tell me they can't furnish me," he said. "People are going hungry now and if something doesn't happen, it's going to be lots worse."

TWIN DAUGHTERS OF MR. AND MRS. G. B. HULL BURIED

Burial services for the twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hull of Warrenton were conducted Wednesday afternoon by Rev. S. E. Wright at Providence church, with interment taking place there. Mr. and Mrs. Hull lost one of their daughters on Monday and the other daughter died on Wednesday. They were born January 5.

Members of Old Organization Are Requested To Meet

"I respectfully request that the members of the Old Warrenton Chamber of Commerce meet at my office Tuesday night, February 3, at 8 o'clock to decide on what disposition shall be made of a sum of money left in my hands as treasurer, for many years."

With the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in Dr. Walters' office on Tuesday night of next week, final will probably be written to an organization that was formed at Warrenton 18 years ago, functioned efficiently for two years and that has never been officially disbanded.

The organization was formed at Warrenton in 1912 with practically every business man in the town a member. J. P. Scoggin, now of Scoggin Motor Company, was the first president. W. A. Graham was elected treasurer and served until he left the county for the Mexican border in 1916, when he turned his books over to Dr. H. N. Walters, who was elected secretary in 1912 and has served in that capacity until the present time.

The late T. D. Peck was president of the Chamber in 1921 when the last official act was passed, the donation of funds for a local road.

Dr. Walters explained yesterday when he handed in the notice calling for a meeting that the present time called for all possible funds for various forms of relief now being carried on in the county, and that he thought it might be well for the money lying idle in the bank for many years be put into active use. He said that he had no authority to disburse this money without an order from the members of the old Chamber of Commerce, and for this reason asked that as many be present as possible.

Hard Time Cause Increase In Crimes

Hard times is causing unusual amount of stealing and other crimes, Sheriff W. J. Pinnell said yesterday. He asked that citizens needing the help of an officer call him at telephone 10 during the day and at 2061 during the night, or call his chief officer deputy, Lawrence Robertson, at any time.

NAT HAYES BECOMES ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 29.—Arrangements have been made whereby the courses in steel structures given in the University's School of Engineering by the late Dean G. M. Braune are to be continued for the remainder of this year by Nathaniel P. Hayes, structural engineer of Greensboro, who has been appointed associate professor of civil engineering.

Mr. Hayes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hayes of Wise and is well known in Warren county. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

VETERANS ASK CASH PAYMENT

Hold Meeting at Court House On Thursday Night; 154 Service Men Present

HAROLD COLEY SPEAKS

Veterans of Warren county meeting at the Court House last night without dissenting vote passed a resolution asking for immediate cash payment in full of all adjusted service certificates by the United States Government and ordered that copies of the resolution be sent to both North Carolina Senators and to Congressman John H. Kerr. One hundred and fifty-four service men were present at the meeting which was presided over by Dr. W. F. Mustian, Commander of Limer Post of the American Legion.

Harold Coley, Nashville attorney, was principal speaker of the evening. He pointed out that the World War Veterans could not obtain what was justly due them without organization and that the American Legion was just the organization needed. He explained the purposes, ideals and objectives of the Legion, quoted the preamble to the Legion Constitution as typifying these, and urged every veteran present to become a member. He said that the bonus payment was a debt that the American Government owed the former service men and that it had no right to evade or defer payment of this debt. He asked that every man present fight for the immediate cash payment of the certificates.

The resolution submitted by a committee composed of Frank H. Gibbs, John Mitchell and S. G. Chappelle and unanimously passed last night by the service men follows:

"Resolved: (1) That Limer Post No. 25 of The American Legion, Department of North Carolina, hereby goes on record as being heartily in favor of providing for the immediate cash payment, in full, of the full face value of all adjusted service certificates by the U. S. Government; that copies of this resolution be immediately mailed to all members of Congress from North Carolina, and to Senator F. M. Simmons and Senator Cameron Morrison, and a copy to the National Commander of the American Legion;

(2) That the Department Commander is hereby authorized and directed to use his best efforts to secure the enactment of such legislation, and is hereby authorized to take such further steps as to him shall seem expedient to accomplish this."

Advocates of Cash Bonus See Victory

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Despite Secretary Mellon's opposition to cashing veterans bonus certificates, advocates of the plan were openly claiming today the Senate Finance Committee would approve some such proposal.

Their claims were strengthened by the announcement of Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, one of the two members of the committee who hold the "balance of power" that he favors paying the veterans the full face value of their certificates.

Meanwhile the House Ways and Means Committee, in which the legislation must originate, was ready to begin hearings today on a number of cash payment bills, costing from \$855,000,000 to \$3,400,000,000.

Friends of the legislation would approve one of the measures. Officials of the government departments were called for testimony today.

Mellon's statement before the Senate committee yesterday gave strength to the belief of many Congressional leaders that President Hoover will veto any bill calling for cash payment of the face value of the certificates. They believe, too, he would be likely to disapprove one of the less expensive measures calling for cashing the certificates at their current value.

Couzens' announcement was important in view of his position as one of the two independent Republicans on the Finance Committee who, by voting with the Democrats, can control the committee. The other, L. Pollette, of Wisconsin, has not announced his position.

Despite Couzens' declaration that he favors redemption of the certificate at full face value, leaders did not expect legislation of this (Continued on page 8)

Mrs. M. S. Davis State Library After Brief Illness

Mrs. M. S. Davis, oldest graduate of Louisburg College, 94, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Allen, here Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock. She had been ill with Grippe for only a few days.

Brief funeral services were held from the Allen home Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial services were conducted in the family cemetery at Louisburg at 11 o'clock.

Services at Warrenton were conducted by the Rev. J. A. Martin, assisted by Dr. J. T. Gibbs and the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse. Services at the grave were conducted by the Rev. A. D. Wilcox, assisted by the Rev. L. S. Massey, former president of Louisburg College, and the Rev. J. A. Martin.

Active pallbearers were six of her grandsons, Lawrence Egerton of Greensboro, C. D. Egerton of Raleigh, George Davis of Louisburg, and J. Edward Allen, Gerald Allen and C. P. Allen of Warrenton.

Mrs. Davis is survived by one sister, Mrs. Caroline Painter of Baltimore; two sons, the Rev. E. H. Davis of Zebulon and M. S. Davis of Warrenton, Miss Mabel Davis of Warrenton, Mrs. R. Z. Egerton of Warrenton and Mrs. Ivey Allen of Oxford, and by several grand children and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Davis was born near Louisburg on October 13th, 1836, the daughter of the late Major Daniel S. Hill and Susan Irwin Toole Hill. On June 10, 1857, she married the late Matthew S. Davis, who at the time of his death on February 26, 1906, was president of Louisburg College, from which Mrs. Davis received her diploma in 1853. It was at that time known as Louisburg Female Seminary.

In early life Mrs. Davis joined the Methodist church at Louisburg, and was the oldest member of that church at the time of her death.

Mrs. Davis came to Warrenton from Louisburg in 1924 and has since that time been making her home with Mrs. E. S. Allen.

Recorder's Court Has Light Docket

With a comparatively light docket, Recorder's court was held on Monday morning for the first time since the Monday morning before Superior court convened here on January 12 and handled the following cases:

Herman Deral, negro, was before Recorder Taylor on a charge of assault upon a female member of his race. Evidence in the case pointed towards assault with attempt to rape and the case went out of the jurisdiction of the lower court to Superior court.

Frank Tally was found not guilty of possession of whiskey, and the State failed to find Lewis Fields guilty of larceny and store-breaking.

Jesse Quinchette was taxed with the costs of court as penalty for being found guilty of possession of whiskey.

Negroes Await Trial May Term of Court

Luther Brown and James Winbush, local negroes, are in Warren county jail awaiting trial at May term of Superior court on a charge of breaking into the store of A. W. Powell on the edge of Warrenton the night of December 24. The negroes were also charged with stealing 20 hens from Mr. Powell the same night.

Brown and Winbush were arrested on Monday by Constable R. O. Snipes and given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate W. C. Ellington, who found probable cause and bound them to the higher court under \$100 bond for Winbush and \$300 bond for Brown. Unable to raise this amount the negroes were placed in jail.

Miss Ruth Parrott Buried On Monday

Funeral services for Miss Ruth Parrott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parrott, were conducted at her home in North Warrenton Monday afternoon by Rev. Davis of Wake Forest, with interment taking place in Fairview cemetery. Miss Parrott, who was 14 years of age died at her home Sunday after being ill one week. She was a member of the Warrenton Baptist church.

COUNTY TO SHARE IN SEED LOANS

Federal Representative Explains How Farmers May Borrow Under Act

MUST GROW A GARDEN

Part of the \$45,000,000 appropriated for seed and feed in drought stricken areas of America will find its way to Warren county as the result of efforts of the loan committee of the local division of Governor Gardner's Council on Relief and Unemployment, it was learned here this week.

Warren county was not at first included in the section entitled to share in the seed fund. Members of the loan committee, accompanied by W. N. Boyd, chairman of the executive committee of the Warren division of the Governor's council, went to Raleigh last week to consult with a Federal representative, with the result that Warren County was included in the section entitled to Government Aid.

Members of the loan committee are G. B. Gregory, chairman; Jesse Gardner, R. H. Bright and Jerman Walker. This committee, accompanied by W. N. Boyd, met with representatives from Vance, Person, Granville, Franklin and Caswell counties at Henderson on Tuesday and heard Dr. C. W. Warburton, director of extension for the United States Department of Agriculture, explain the purpose of the loan fund and steps necessary to obtain aid. Dean I. O. Schaub of State College, who was present with Dr. Warburton, will supervise the appointment of the funds in this state, with the assistance and advice of county farm agents and local and community committees. Community committees for Warren county are now being appointed and will be announced within a few days.

Farmers who expect to obtain loans must agree to plant a garden for family use and to grow the feed crops needed for the livestock. Dr. Warburton explained after he had opened the conference with a brief history of the seed loan. He told how they began in 1918 under the stress of war conditions. The loans have always been well repaid by farmers, he said, except where no crop was made. However, there are always some who never intend to repay the loans and, because of these, rather stringent regulations must be devised.

In the first place, he declared, the loans will be made to those who get their sole income from farming. The maximum to any one person is \$600, and this includes all the tenants working under one landlord. In other words, the aggregate loan to the tenants of one landlord will not exceed \$600. The loans will be made only to those who cannot get local credit and who show that unless they get this government help, they will be unable to produce a crop in 1931.

Interest Five Per Cent

The loan will bear interest at five per cent and will be paid in installments. The farmer, however, will pay interest on the money for the actual time he has its use. The notes securing the loan will mature November 30, 1931, and will be protected by a chattel mortgage.

Dr. Warburton displayed the application blanks and other forms to be used in obtaining the loans and explained their use. He said the amount loaned will be based on the requirements of the applicant for seed, fertilizer, feed for work stock, fuel and oil for the tractor, and dusting and spraying material for the protection of the crop after it has been made. Loans for seed, he said, will be based on the approximate cost of seed required per acre, but in no case will exceed \$2 an acre for corn, wheat, oats and tobacco, and \$5 on other crops except truck crops for which the maximum will be \$25 an acre. Loans for fertilizer will be at about \$5 an acre except for tobacco and truck crops when it will be \$10.

Can't Barter for Gasoline

It was pointed out to Dr. Warburton that good tobacco fertilizer could hardly be secured for \$10 an acre, and he stated that some leeway would have to be allowed for that crop. He declared that the money would not have to be spent positively as designated in the regulation, but had to be spent for the purposes specified. In other words a person might save some out of his seed or feed bill and use it on his fertilizer bill. He made it clear, however, that no one could buy fertilizer with government money and swap the fertilizer for gasoline. (Continued on Page 8)