

WILL REWARD BEST SPELLER

State-Wide Spelling To Be Held At Charlotte

Here is a chance of a lifetime for spellers of North Carolina to get real money, as well as real fun, from the covers of the old spelling book.

The Charlotte Observer will give \$175.00 in cash rewards to the best spellers in the state, and many county champion spellers will get free trips to Charlotte.

The spelling bee is to be state-wide and the schools of Charlotte and in the one hundred counties have been invited by The Observer to participate. Each school will pick its best speller in a regular spelling bee. Then all school winners, city and county, are to meet at the county seat to select, in an old-fashioned spelling bee, the county champion. This lucky boy, or girl, may be among those who will come to Charlotte in May as the guest of the Observer. He or she will stop at the city's best hotel, will be royally entertained and will enter the state-wide finals. Then the Observer is offering the following prizes at the all-territory finals in May; first, \$100, second \$50, and third \$25.

In addition, the champion speller of North Carolina will be sent to Washington, D. C., in June to take part in the Second National Spelling Bee Contest. All expenses of both the winner and a chaperon will be paid by The Observer. In the event that the winner is a girl, her mother will act as chaperon, in case a boy, The Observer will provide a suitable chaperon. In Washington more than twenty spelling champions will compete for \$2,000 in gold and a gold medal. The first prize will be \$1,000, second, \$500; third \$200; fourth, \$150; fifth, \$100; sixth \$50. A five-day sight-seeing tour and other entertainments are in store for the winner of North Carolina.

Schools in both city and county have been invited to join the bee and urged by The Observer to forward their acceptances immediately to the Spelling Bee Editor.

STATE HURT BY TAX CONFUSION

With many taxpayers evidently confused by the changes in the Federal law which in nowise effect that State income tax, Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton, at Raleigh, received only \$77,734.05 in income taxes during the month of February as compared with \$107,365.57 in February, 1925.

On the other hand, with blanks not going out until the last of the month and with the tax rate decreased and the personal exemption allowances increased. United States Collector William Grissom collected twice as much last month as in the same month last year, the seemingly impossible feat being due to heavy collections of back taxes. In February 1925, the collector took in \$370,060.82 while in the month just closed he collected \$604,783.33.

Total collections by the State last month were \$662,830.52, bringing the total for the eight months of the current fiscal year to \$4,635,134.56. The bulk of the February collections, however, were for insurance taxes, a source not available last year.

DEATH OF CLIFTON PERRY

Clifton Perry, the 17-year-old son of M. R. Perry, who lives near Pearce's Store, died Tuesday morning of pneumonia. The funeral service was conducted at the Baptist church in Zebulon, Wednesday afternoon, by the pastor. The interment was in the Zebulon cemetery. The young man was a splendid fellow. He was a member of the Zebulon Baptist church.

His father has for several years been a resident of the Zebulon community, being one of the best farmers and citizens. He moved to the Pearce store neighborhood early in the year.

The Bank of Italy, in San Francisco, has resources of over \$370,000,000, operates 94 branches, has over 563,000 depositors—said to be more than any bank in the nation, and approximately 13,000 Californians own stock in the institution.

JUMPS INTO FURNACE IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Plymouth, N. C.—Brooding over domestic difficulties, Sonnie Moore, young negro fireman of the local municipal light and ice plant offered himself as fuel to the flames. Coming to his work yesterday morning, Moore decided that his troubles were more than he could bear, so he cast himself headlong into the burning furnace. As soon as he began to burn, however, he repented of the decision and began scrambling to get out. Though horribly burned, he managed to get out. The Roanoke river near-by offered an inviting prospect to one who was so hot, so the would-be suicide ran and jumped into the river. One of the workmen employed at an industrial plant on the river saw that the man was in difficulty, so went to his rescue and brought him to safety. The fireman is being treated by a local physician, who holds out some hope of his recovery.

The fact that another man had been paying marked attention to his wife, who was not averse to it, was said to have been the trouble which led to the attempted suicide.

ENTERTAINMENT AND RECITATION

These are always matters of concern to our homes not only to the children, but to the parents as well. And such a little problem in the small town. Zebulon has as many and as average good of amusements as towns of its size elsewhere. But we should seek to give our people things of this kind that have an educational value and not too much of sameness about them like the usual moving picture show.

We are glad to note that lately our high school has had something special almost each week to entertain both parents and children. Of these were the Wake Forest Glee Club, The Fashion Show and the Marinettes. All were clean, entertaining and elevation.

Why not have the Woman's Club and the Betterment Association, or the school put on a paid-admission entertainment each week at Wakelon. It can be done without much trouble or expense. Let the proceeds go to play-ground equipment, public school music, library and many other needs of our high school. In this way, the whole community would be appealed to and benefitted. This might eliminate the movie down town, but would that be bad for any one but the movie man, when we give our people enough entertainment and recreation of even a higher order and at the same time keep most of the money at home to further benefit our community.

If our high school had a moving picture machine, so as to put on one night in the week, good educational plays, we believe it would be much better than the sort some of our people pay to see almost every night in the week. By making a reasonable charge, the expense could be taken care of with a possible profit. Let us make Wakelon our recreation center and see that our children have the right sort of entertainment in the right proportion. This can be done properly and profitably if our people will give their reasonable co-operation.

NEW ELECTRIC DEVICE PICKS UP NAILS, TACKS AND BOLTS IN PATH OF AUTOMOBILIST

Punctures may become no more than evil memories if a new application of the electro-magnet comes into widespread use.

The keepers of the famous Yellowstone Trail have recently applied the electro-magnet to road-cleaning with conspicuous success on a five-mile stretch and plan larger operations for the coming season.

From the rear of a motor-truck says the report to the North and South Carolina Public Utility Information Bureau, a large circular electro-magnet was hung to come about four inches over the surface of the road. Current for the magnet was supplied by storage batteries on the truck.

From the five miles of road covered more than 150 pounds of nails, bolts, wire and scrap metal was gathered by the magnet. All of this was a menace to tires and most of it, according to report, was covered by dust and invisible.

DR. MBRIDE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

General Supt. Anti-Saloon League Visits Zebulon

Those who attended the morning service at the Baptist church last Sunday had an unusual intellectual treat in hearing Dr. Francis Scott McBride, General Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League of America. His address was along the line of prohibition generally, i. e. laid special emphasis on the efforts of ex-brewers, boot-loggers and drunkards to re-establish the liquor business through the proposed law legalizing the sale of beer and so-called light wines.

He emphasized the duty of every officer of the law from the president down to the constable, according to his oath to support the constitution and laws of our land. Of course he meant to include all officers of city and town government. The address was well delivered and well received. We are sorry that all the people of Zebulon could not hear the liquor question discussed by a man who has made a life time study of it from both a local and national standpoint.

INSTITUTIONS OFFER FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Four non-transferable scholarships to the summer school session this summer at the George Peabody College for Teachers have been offered to teachers in North Carolina by that institution, according to an announcement made by A. T. Allen, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh. The Colorado School of Mines has also notified Mr. Allen that it will give a scholarship to some North Carolina student, who must be recommended by Mr. Allen. The Peabody scholarships, which have a value of \$25 each, will be given upon the recommendation of Mr. Allen.

Applications for the scholarships at the Nashville institution must be filed there at Mr. Allen's office before May 1. The State Superintendent stated that he would be glad to supply any teacher with application blanks upon request.

GEORGIA LEADER IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Traffic toll week ending Sunday night was 38 killed and 296 injured, showing a decided contrast with the preceding week, which claimed 64 dead. These figures were revealed in a survey conducted by The Associated Press in 11 Southern states. The deaths and injuries reported in the survey were caused by automobiles, railway trains, trolley cars and motorcycles.

Georgia led the death column with 10, the same number she yielded last week. Florida was a close second with nine dead. Two states, Arkansas and Tennessee, reported no deaths. Florida led in the column of injuries with 61, Georgia following with 45 and Virginia third with 40.

There were no outstanding accidents recorded during the week, the toll being run up in the ordinary course of traffic.

A tabulation by states follows:

State	Dead	Injured
Virginia	3	40
North Carolina	2	3
Georgia	10	45
South Carolina	3	5
Florida	9	61
Alabama	3	21
Mississippi	3	14
Louisiana	4	42
Arkansas	0	22
Tennessee	0	82
Kentucky	1	11
Totals	28	296

Ten-cent street-car fares are in force in eighty-three of the 288 cities in the United States of over 25,000 population, according to a survey by J. A. Millon, assistant statistician of the American Electric Railway Association. This is an increase in the use of the ten-cent fare of 33.8 per cent compared with the situation in June, 1924, when sixty-two cities permitted a ten-cent fare. A five-cent rate is in effect in only ten towns.

MINE EXPLOSION TRAPS 68

Half The Men Saved In Explosion of W. Va., Mine

Eccles, W. Va., March 8.—One man is known to have been killed, 31 miners were entombed, and 37 others were rescued alive following the explosion in mine numbers five and six of the Crab Orchard Improvement Company near here, according to a check made late Monday night by officials. Many of those brought out by rescue workers were badly burned and were suffering from the effects of poison gas.

The one body, recovered from No. 6, was that of a negro loader. Two of the No. 6 crew of forty were reported missing. Thirty-seven were taken out of this mine by the rescues. The entire night shift of 29 in mine No. 5 were entombed.

Wreckage in the shaft of No. 5 continued to hinder rescue men. Some crews were working through No. 6 hoping to gain entrance to the connecting mine.

The rescue work was being directed by R. M. Lambie, chief of the state department of mines.

The force of the blast in No. 5, spreading to No. 6, caused experienced miners to believe there was little chance for the entombed men.

Somewhere in the flame-swept tunnels is Slim Russel, veteran miner, who was the last man to be rescued from the same workings in April, 1914, when an explosion took a toll of 184 lives. After that disaster Slim was hailed as the luckiest miner in Raleigh county. But Monday night, fate had overtaken him, and, while his buddies gave him up as dead, his wife, recalling his sensational escape 12 years ago, believed Slim would come through safe and sound.

OPPORTUNITY FOR WORLD SERVICE

Imagination, broad vision, and ability to co-ordinate progressive ideas along practical lines are necessary to work out any movement for the benefit of mankind.

Through the David Starr Jordan Peace Plan won a \$25,000 prize, a program is outlined for a progressive approach among the school children of the country, toward the viewpoint that international differences should be settled through peaceful means, rather than through war.

The Walter Hines Page School of International Relations, which is being developed by America's leading scholars and statesmen, is an intensive effort to co-ordinate and centralize those facts which are essential to a just solution, and without war, of international problems or differences.

The Jordan Plan is one method of appealing to high moral standards in the relation of neighbors. The Page School deals intensively with those facts and problems which surround the life of our neighbor and which facts it is essential for the other fellow to know, if he wants to have peaceful relations.

Men and women trained on questions involving international relations are more important in our diplomatic service, so far as the well-being of our country is concerned, than are trained men in any line of business endeavor, because business cannot exist profitably without sound world conditions.

"Red" Grange may play spectacular football, for a few years; but how insignificant is such an achievement, compared with the work of a trained man in the subject of international relations, who could enter the game of life between nations and help make this world a better place for all of us live in.

Opportunity, romance, achievement and reward center around the Page School, and the Jordan Plan will help furnish incentive to the growing generation, to take advantage of the opportunities which the Page School offers.—The Manufacturer.

When Miami, Florida, wanted a \$1,500,000 harbor, and Congress did not get it quickly enough, the city advanced the cash, and the work is going on. It is one of the busiest seaports on the Atlantic.

LOWER FREIGHT RATES SOUGHT ON VEGETABLES

The North Carolina Corporation Commission forwarded Tuesday to the Interstate Commerce Commission a complaint against rates on fresh vegetables from all points of origin in Eastern North Carolina to North upon the relationship of vegetables shipped in packages less than barrels at the per barrel rate. In some instances the rates on vegetables that are shipped in barrels, will be attacked as unreasonable and discriminatory, but the main basis of the complaint is that from shipping points in this state the rates on packages less than barrels are not in line with the per barrel rates, and upon investigation it has been found that much the larger part of the volume of movement is in packages less than barrels.

Based upon decisions of the commission in other related cases, it is anticipated the commission will in this case require that rates on all packages less than barrels shall be made with relation to the per barrel rates, which should result in material reduction in package rates from points within this state. An effort will also be made in this proceeding minimum rating on highly perishable vegetables, adjusting the minimum quantity to the quantity which experience has demonstrated can safely be carried in good condition in a refrigerated or ventilated car.

The Corporation Commission is filing this complaint based upon representations made to it by the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers, Wilmington Traffic Association, Wilmington Co-operative Truck Growers' Association and Eastern Carolina Wholesale Dealers and Commission will have the active co-operation and assistance of the traffic officials of these organizations in prosecuting this complaint.

FEDERAL WAREHOUSE ACT TO COVER FIELD SEEDS

Regulations covering the extension of the Federal warehouse act to field seeds such as timothy, clover, red top, and alfalfa stored in public warehouses, are being prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as a result of requests from red top growers in Illinois, alfalfa growers in Dakota, and other field seed growers in Utah and Idaho.

Investigations by the department indicate that extension of the law to field seeds would be practicable. Following preparation of the regulations, the department plans to submit tentative drafts to various interested parties to gain the views of producers and the trade before putting the regulations into effect.

ANOTHER PRODUCE CONCERN ESTABLISHES BRANCH HOUSE IN NORTH CAROLINA

It will be of great interest to the poultry producers of this State to know that another produce firm has opened a house in North Carolina this one in Raleigh located directly opposite the City Market on the corner of Parham and Blake Streets. This Company will be known under the name of the CAROLINA POULTRY & EGG COMPANY and is ready to buy poultry and eggs from the farmers the year round paying cash.

This new firm will handle at wholesale and retail, poultry of all kinds as well as other farm products. They will establish a milk feeding station to supply the retail trade. The Carolina Poultry & Egg Company will accept small or large shipments at all times by express or otherwise.

The firm is ready for business and solicit the trade of our poultry producers.

MR. E. C. CARTER RETURNS FROM RALEIGH HOSPITAL

Mr. E. C. Carter, who has been a patient at Mary Elizabeth hospital, Raleigh, for some ten days, has returned to his home, about two miles west of Zebulon. Some over two weeks ago Mr. Carter suffered the loss of a hand while cutting corn stalks. His hand was caught in the machine, and cut to pieces. The hand was amputated just above the wrist. While Mr. Carter suffered intensely, he was cheerful all along during his stay at the hospital. It is hoped he will continue to get along nicely.

MOTHER OF EDITOR IS DEAD

Mrs. Mary Mitchell Passes Away In Raleigh

Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell, of Raleigh, mother of the G. W. Mitchell, of the Record, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. N. Pool, at 1413 Mordecai Drive, Tuesday night at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Mitchell, in her early womanhood identified herself with the Baptist faith, and at the time of her death was a member of the Baptist Tabernacle church of Raleigh.

She was the daughter of Josiah and Nancy King, who died many years ago.

Mrs. Mitchell was nearly 80 years of age and had been partially paralyzed for over a year.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. E. N. Pool, of Raleigh; G. W. Mitchell, of Zebulon; Mrs. Fletcher Austin, of Clayton, Route 1; K. H. Mitchell, of Raleigh; Mrs. J. M. Whitley, of Garner; Mr. C. E. Mitchell, of Raleigh, and Miss Mamie Mitchell, of Raleigh, and a host of grandchildren and great-grand children.

The funeral was held from the Baptist Tabernacle church, Raleigh, Thursday evening, attended by a large concourse of friends.

The interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION THANKS HELPERS

The Ways and Means committee of the Athletic Association desires to thank all who helped in the recent effort to make money for the girls' basketball suits. Especially to Mr. Corbett for the use of his building, and to Mr. Medlin, who gave the coal, also to Messrs. Lewis, Kilpatrick, and Kemp, who lent the tables, chairs and dishes, the committee wishes to express its hearty appreciation.

PLAY AT KNIGHTDALE

The Glad Girls Bible Class, of the Baptist church will give a play, "Safety First," a face comedy in three acts by Sheldon Darner Friday evening, March 12, at 8:00 p. m. in the school auditorium. This play will be given under the direction of Miss De Ford teacher of expression in Knightdale school and promises to be one of unusual interest.

PLAY AT ROLESVILLE

A play, "Safety First" will be given in the Rolesville school house Wednesday evening, March 17, at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Knightdale Baptist church.

The cast includes three young men, a funny policeman, a terrible Turk, two young ladies, a society matron, a Turkish maid, and Mary Ann O' Finney, Irish cook, the antics of the terror-stricken husband, the policeman, the dandy, and the Irish cook.

We will start the audience smiling at 8 o'clock and will send them home with aching sides from the tornado of fun.

DOMESTIC MARKET MOST IMPORTANT

"Smash the tariff" advocates argue that duties on imported goods do not help the farmer because his surplus products are exported. They forget the fact that the domestic market is far more important to the farmer than the export field and takes \$10 worth of his products for every dollar's worth that is exported.

President Coolidge expressed his idea at the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago, when he said:

"Prosperity in our industries is of more value to the farmer than the whole export market for foodstuffs. Protection has contributed in our country to making employment plentiful with the highest wages and standards of living in the world, that is of inestimable benefit to both our agricultural and industrial population."