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**REV. W. H. H. LAWHON,**  
who is conducting a revival this week, at Friendship Church near Hallison. Friendship Church is one of the oldest Baptist churches, and Rev. Lawhon was the first minister to occupy its pulpit.

**GOOD TIMES AT FARM LIFE ENCAMPMENT**

Katharine Blue, age 13, grade 8, won first prize for best composition on the encampment. It follows:

Several weeks ago I read in the county papers of the annual encampment to be held at Farm Life School. Reports from the previous encampments, and the promises of just as good and better times than had been had before, naturally made me want to attend the encampment. I enrolled and began immediately to prepare for this chance to get acquainted with the boys and girls from other towns. Also to learn the different arts to be taught, and to have a big time.

Monday afternoon when I arrived with my chicken, eggs, meat, rice, tomatoes, potatoes and numerous other things, and saw the gathering of children already there, I began to feel at home. After fixing up our rooms everybody went out on the grounds and played. The best part of Monday's program, undoubtedly, was the picnic supper. Besides the chance to get acquainted we were provided with a good bait of good eats.

After supper every one enjoyed an hour of games. In this way we became better acquainted. Miss Mary Currie, of Carthage, came out and played the piano for us. Then we sang some.

We went to bed about nine-thirty, but I think everybody was having such a big time that we didn't get to sleep much. But believe me, we made up for it Tuesday night. Everybody enjoyed the breakfast Tuesday morning. After breakfast dishes were cleaned up, we spent about half an hour with Mr. Hutcheson, taking exercises. Next came Miss Bryan's cooking class; we were taught to can, preserve, and make jelly. Miss McDonald, who taught us to make several stitches, and a collar and cuff set, had her class next. Immediately following this, every day, all gathered in the living-room for chapel.

Dinner time came, and with it a plenty of good eats. Don't think that it was all work, for while we enjoyed that, we enjoyed our trips the best. On Tuesday afternoon we had planned to hike to Thaggards Pond, but on account of the weather we had to make the trip in cars. Most of our crowd went in bathing, while the rest might just as well have been in for they were real wet from standing out in the rain.

After supper, Mr. Tufts sent over a truck to take us to Southern Pines to the movies. Mr. Picquet gave us all free tickets. The picture was "Bread," and everyone enjoyed it.

Wednesday, after sewing class, Miss Bryan taught us to make pine needle baskets. The Kiwanis Club ate dinner at the school on Wednesday. We yelled and they yelled, we sang and they sang, and we ate and they ate.

That afternoon the boys went to Thaggards. The girls stayed "at home" and sewed and played, and ate watermelon.

Wednesday night about 8 o'clock, Mrs. H. F. Seawell and daughter, Miss Meade, entertained us for an hour with delightful stories. After that we sat on the porch and sang and played until bed time.

Thursday morning the girls took regular lessons with Miss McDonald and Miss Bryan. Next came chapel, and after that, dinner.

Thursday p. m., Mr. Dwight sent us over a truck to help take our crowd to Lakeview. We took supper with us, and after about an hour in bathing, we opened our supper and enjoyed fried chicken, deviled eggs, sandwiches, pickles and cake. After an hour or two spent on the grounds, we started back home, where we found Miss McRae had beat us home, and was waiting with some watermelons for us.

The camp broke Friday morning, and while no tears were shed over leaving, I know, judging by myself, that all will want to come back next year.

**OPEN 34 MARKETS IN EAST TUESDAY**

**Will Take No New Contracts For This Crop in Eastern Belt After Opening Date**

The Tobacco Co-operative Association will open thirty-four markets next Tuesday, September 2, in Eastern North Carolina and at several of its receiving points in the Central Carolina Belt.

Every member of the tobacco association who delivers his 1924 crop to the co-operative floors will be enabled to receive 75 per cent of the bankers' valuation of his tobacco by means of a cash loan equal to one-half the amount of his first cash advance.

The ability of each member of the association to realize 75 per cent of the cash value of his deliveries has already resulted in bringing the association more than 500 new members from the South Carolina Belt.

The tobacco association has also increased its cash advances upon all medium and low grades of tobacco delivered by its members in South Carolina and deliveries to the association have increased each week since it began receiving the South Carolina crop on August 5. The cash receipts amounting to 75 per cent of the loan value which the associated farmers have been receiving since the association began its third year of marketing, have compared very favorably with the cash returns which other farmers got all at once for their deliveries to the auction floors.

No tobacco of the 1924 crop will be received from new members after September 2, when the association will close its membership books for this season. After that date it will receive (Continued on page 7.)



**DR. D. N. McLAUHLIN,**  
pastor of First Presbyterian Church, of Norfolk, who will preach in the Vass Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. McLauchlin is a brother of D. A. McLauchlin, of Vass, and A. D. McLauchlin, of Hoke county.

**THE KIWANIANS HEAR MRS. KATE JOHNSON**

**Commissioner of Public Welfare Speaks of the Underprivileged Child**



The Sandhills Kiwanis Club was exceedingly fortunate this week in having Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, as the principal speaker. Mrs. Johnson was present at the invitation of Dr. L. B. McBrayer, chairman of the committee in charge of the study the club

**GEORGE R. ROSS WITHIN HIS RIGHTS**

**Attorney-General Gives Him a Clear Slate; Entitled to a Seat in the House**

The complaint against George Ross sitting in the legislature after he had been appointed to a place in the marketing division led The Pilot to inquire of the Attorney-General of the State as to the status of the case, for George Ross is a mighty valuable man in State affairs. That he is clearly entitled to a seat in the house until the recently elected member succeeds him in the coming session is evident from the letter in answer to the inquiry, as shown below:

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 22, 1924.  
Mr. Stacy Brewer,  
The Pilot,  
Vass, N. C.

Dear Sir:—We received your letter of yesterday this p. m.

Section 7 of Article 14 of the Constitution is as follows:  
"No person who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit under the United States, or any department thereof, or under this State, or under any other state or government, shall hold or exercise any other office or place of trust or profit under the authority of this State, or be eligible to a seat in either house of the General Assembly; Provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend to officers in the militia, justices of the peace, commissioners of public charities or commissioners for special purposes."

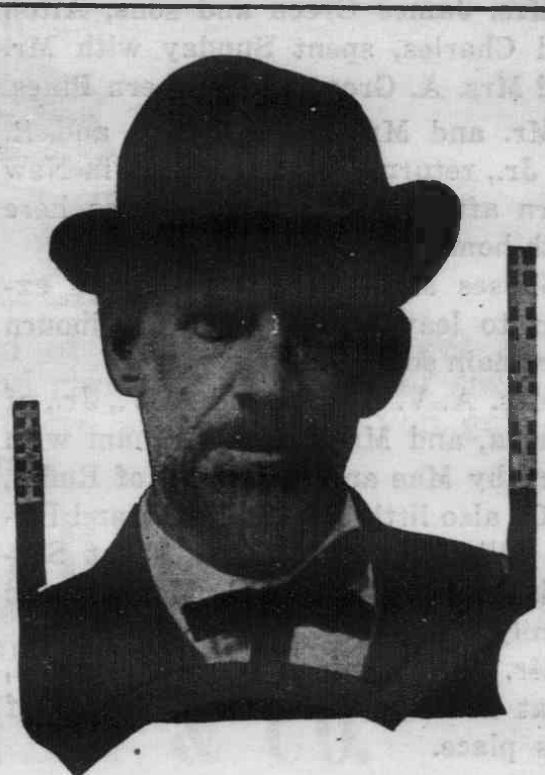
The General Assembly, in order to act in carrying into effect the above provision, enacted Section 3201 of the Consolidated Statutes:

"If any person presumes to hold any office, or place of trust or profit, or is elected to a seat in either house of the General Assembly, contrary to the seventh section of the fourteenth article of the Constitution of the State, he shall forfeit and pay two hundred dollars to any person who will sue for the same."

Thus we find that both the Constitution and statute of North Carolina prohibits double office holding except in the particulars stated in the proviso to the constitutional provision. Acceptance of a second office by one already holding a public office operates ipso facto to vacate the first when he has qualified in the second. Indeed, the Court has gone so far as to intimate that after the acceptance of the second office, if he presumes to act in the first, his acts are absolutely void and could not be sustained as acts of an officer defacto.

A member of the county board of education is a public officer; a director of a State institution is a public officer; a policeman is a public officer; a county commissioner is a public officer; the county superintendent of roads is a public officer; the clerk of the superior court is a public officer; the chief of police is a public officer; member of school committee is a public officer; a notary public is a public officer; a rural mail carrier is a public officer; a deputy clerk of the superior court is a public officer. You will notice that officers in the militia, justices of the peace, commissioners of public charities or commissioners for special purposes are all exempt from the provisions of the Constitution. The commissioner of a public charity would probably be a member of the board of directors of the State Hospital, but the Court has never had occasion to define definitely who are commissioners for special purposes. The State Highway Commissioners are public officers, the highway commissioners of the various counties are public officers, but using the recent resolution adopted by the General Assembly in regard to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad as an illustration, those appointed commissioners by Governor Morrison are commissioners for special purposes and consequently, the double office holding provision does not apply to them.

You will notice also that when the Constitution comes to deal with members of the Legislature, it makes a special provision for them. It declares if they hold an office, they shall not be eligible to a seat in either house of the General Assembly. The effect of that, in the light of the constitutional provision, Article 2, Section 22, that each house shall be judge of the qualification and election of its own members, is to leave the question of whether the office holder so elected shall take seat to the house, a member of which he has been elected. No court can interfere with this constitutional right of the Legislative Department. The statute also puts those elected to a seat in either house of the General Assembly in a different class. It does not punish a person elected to the General Assembly for double office holding if an office has been conferred



**BION H. BUTLER**

When the history of the Sandhills is finally written, Bion H. Butler will have a large share of the credit for the great awakening and wonderful development of these recent years. He believes in the Sandhills and loves the people, and his great sympathies and kindly interest go out to them. He wields an optimistic and inspiring pen. He sees the good and promising in men and movements, and encourages them wholeheartedly and courageously... He is kind, generous, tolerant but firm, and ever militant for what he believes is just and right.

Mr. Butler is a human sort of man. We remember distinctly his fine tribute, some years ago, to a deserving neighbor who had passed to his reward. It was true and deserved but none the less revealed the tender human interest of the writer, which we have so often seen since then. He is a writer of faith in men and things, and of abiding hope. The burden of his messages seems to be: "Take down your harps from the willow trees for the future is full of hope." He is a modest, retiring man, loves nature, the hills and plains, the streams and forest, flower and fields, but his great interest is in human welfare. Long may his bow abide in strength.—Rev. M. D. McNeill.

upon him after he is elected to the General Assembly. It imposes a penalty upon him only when, while holding another office or place of trust or profit, he permits himself to be elected to a seat in either house of the General Assembly. If, however, after he becomes a member of the General Assembly and during his term as such member, he is appointed to another office and qualifies therein, he is not subject to the penalty imposed by Section 3201.

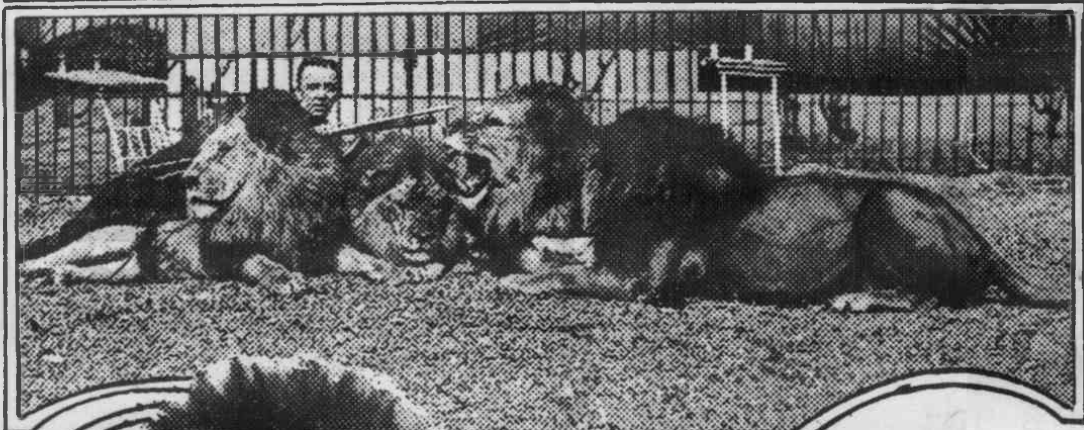
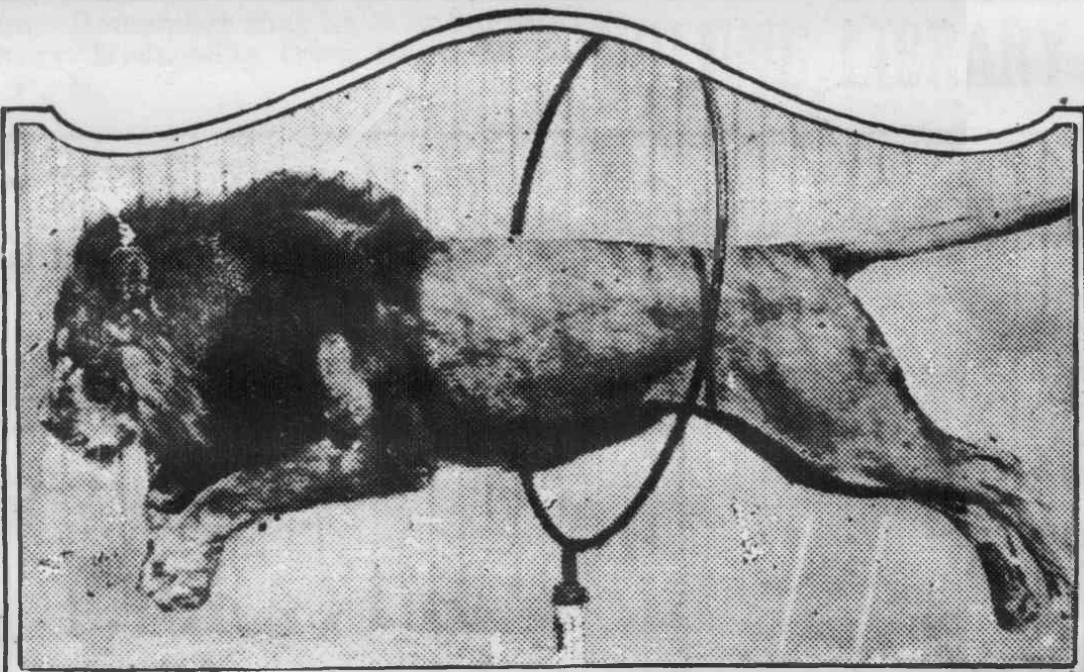
Very truly yours,  
JAMES S. MANNING,  
Attorney-General

This letter is printed in full because it has an application in many other cases, which are not quite so simple as the case of Mr. Ross, who was within his rights. All over the state are men in duplicate positions, and it is probable that the statement of Judge Manning will be followed by a scattering of those in dual jobs. This is particularly the prospect where men hold jobs that involve signing contracts or reaching decisions that involve financial outlay or permanent proceedings of any sort.

**MEASURE TO AMEND LOCAL SCHOOL LAWS**

A bill passed in the legislature at the last special session has for its purpose to broaden the representation on the school board, which is deemed wise by many of the school patrons since the district has been enlarged to include a considerable outside territory. Under the present system the board of trustees is self-perpetuating; a very undemocratic way of electing same. The measure under discussion reads as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 67, PRIVATE LAWS, EXTRA SESSION, 1913, AS TO THE METHOD OF (Continued on page 7.)



**BELMONT'S LIONS**

It takes nerves strong as steel to be a successful trainer of wild animals. Few men elect such a hazardous profession. And of the few who are really famous, probably not one could tell you the secret of his success in mastering beasts of the jungle. There are no text books on "How to Become a Wild Animal Trainer in Ten Easy Lessons," and there is no school except the school of experience.

And among the few men who have attained world-wide reputations for their strange power over wild beasts, Bruno Radtke is regarded as probably the most daring. In this day of high-powered efficiency, even animal trainers specialize. For more than ten years Radtke has devoted himself exclusively to training lions. There is probably no man living who better knows the habits and characteristics of the King of Beasts, and there is no man who has succeeded in teaching these jungle monsters to do his bidding more than has Radtke.

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