

Hoover to Declare for Light Wine and Beer, in Belief of Thad Page

Much Support for Issue as Remedy for Farmers and Aid to Federal Treasury

The national and international situations were cleared up for members of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at the weekly meeting held Wednesday in the Community Church at Pinehurst. The speakers were Thad S. Page, Senator Josiah H. Bailey's secretary at Washington, and Dr. I. M. Medlin, just returned from a trip to Europe.

Thad announced to the assemblage that there seemed to be an undercurrent of feeling in Washington one or the other of the two political parties would embody a light wine and beer plank in next year's presidential platform, that it wouldn't surprise him if President Hoover came out for such a change in the Volstead Act before long. The issue has been gaining ground lately as a farm relief measure and as an aid to federal revenue. There are many in both parties, he said, who hold that the depression could be ended by legalizing light wine and beer, thus furnishing a tremendous outlet for farm surplus and bringing in millions in excise taxes to the government.

Senator Bailey's secretary spoke briefly of the possibility of the Democratic party organizing the next Senate, which, he said, would require the aid of the progressives in the Senate. The fact that several of these Progressives hold important committee chairmanships under Republican organization makes it appear doubtful that the Democrats will control the Senate, he stated, these men being loathe to give up their important posts.

Visited Many Countries

Dr. Medlin told of his trip abroad, which took in France, Switzerland, Belgium, The Hague, Holland and England. He attended the international dental convention, where 3,000 delegates registered, 800 from America. He was one of two from North Carolina. He took in the Colonial Ex-

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Have you any school books on your shelves that will not be used by your children this year?

If so they would be appreciated by others who need them and have no cash on hand to buy new ones. Why not pass them on and help some child to do better work in school and some ambitious parents who are unable to furnish books for their children?

"I will be glad to place books in deserving families if you will send them to me, or I will call for them if you have no way of sending them," write Olive Seagrove, nurse of the Moore County Health Department at Carthage.

position in Paris, where America's exhibit is a replica of Mt. Vernon, completely furnished. He visited the battlefields of France, and the grave of Allison Page, son of Frank Page, of Aberdeen.

W. M. MILAN, JR., GRANTED PAROLE BY GOVERNOR

William M. Milan, Jr., of Southern Pines, convicted in the Recorder's Court at Carthage of violating the prohibition laws and sentenced to serve four months on the road, was last week granted a parole by Governor Gardner.

Milan, the parole states, is a world war veteran and comes from a good and substantial family. He was gassed and wounded in France and since his return to the United States has suffered greatly. "The whiskey with which he was found at the time of the trouble was strictly for his own consumption, I am told, and there is no evidence whatever that he has ever sold whiskey."

Schools at Southern Pines Open on Tuesday

Supt. Allen Starts 10th Year as Superintendent.—Some Thirty in Faculty

Superintendent W. F. Allen starts his tenth year as superintendent with the opening of the Southern Pines School next Tuesday, September 15th, and the high school the following day. There will be some changes in the faculty. For the high school, W. F. Allen will be superintendent, Frank Gibbons, assistant principal, as science teacher; Miss Pauline Miller, French and English; Mrs. Sue Montgomery, Mathematics; Miss Helen Thompson, Latin and English, and Mrs. W. B. Warner book-keeping.

For the elementary grades the teachers will be Mrs. Allen Brown, Mrs. Laura Gibbons, Miss Emilie May Wilson, Miss Helen Sherrill, Miss Mary Montgomery, Miss Maidie Made, Miss Ann Willis, Miss Ann Huntington and Miss Susan Nall.

Big Enrollment at Vass-Lakeview School

Rev. C. A. Lawrence, Thomas, Matthews and McCrummen Speak at Opening Exercises

The Vass-Lakeview schools opened on Tuesday, September 8, for the 1931-32 term with a most encouraging enrollment and with a large number of patrons and friends of the school present, for the opening exercises.

The Rev. Charles A. Lawrence made a most inspiring talk and conducted the devotionals, after which County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas gave the students some good advice for making this a successful school year. W. Duncan Matthews was the third speaker. He touched upon the peculiar conditions existing today, and urged that the boys and girls strive to get an education in order that they may be better fitted to cope with such conditions.

Supt. McCrummen spoke briefly, and urged that the changed conditions brought about by recent legislation be forgotten and that everyone press forward and make of this school year the very best possible.

Only five changes in the faculty have been made since last year. The new teachers are A. M. Calhoun of Laurinburg, Miss Lena Mae Palmer of Sanford, Miss Elizabeth Wood, of Newton, Miss Martha McKay of Buie's Creek and Miss Ruth McNeill of Vass.

Aberdeen Schools To Open Next Wednesday

Will Have Full Complement of Teachers, Supt. Wright Announces

Aberdeen schools will open next Wednesday, September 16th, with a full complement of teachers and everything in readiness for the school year, Superintendent N. E. Wright announced yesterday. Mr. Wright stated he could not as yet announce the complete faculty for the two Aberdeen schools, but stated there would be no shortage of teachers here as some seemed to believe.

The Teacherage is being put in first class condition in preparation for the influx of faculty members, and this year Mrs. L. L. Johnson will be in charge.

Southern Pines Wins Twice From Ellerbe

Takes Double Header on Labor Day.—C. Montesanti Stars Before Injury

Labor Day in Southern Pines was celebrated with a baseball double-header and the opening of the new grand stand, bringing out the greatest attendance seen on the Southern Pines ball grounds this season. The new structure was crowded with a colorful gathering of feminine fans who thoroughly enjoyed a fine game. Southern Pines scored nine runs to Ellerbe's three in the first game. In the second inning Constantino Montesanti with three men on the bags knocked out a home run. The second game was given up in the 5th inning, Southern Pines having scored some nineteen runs. In this game C. Montesanti, sliding for second base, strained several ligaments in his right leg and is now confined to the house with the injured member in a plaster cast. Score of the first game:

FLINCHUMS HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Flinchum of Aberdeen are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Fred Elon, Jr., on Wednesday of this week, September 9th.

BANK OF VASS CLOSES DOORS TEMPORARILY

(Continued from page one) be sufficient to put the institution on an easy footing.

It is the hope that within a month the bank will open its doors, and that its prospects will be good, not only to care for all its depositors, but to carry on as before by giving debtors a little time to clear up their obligations. The bank owes nothing except to its depositors at the present, its small loan of \$5,000 mentioned in the June statement having been paid some time ago. Its assets are in-tact, the difficulty being that the payments of loans due were too slow at this season to afford the fund necessary to meet the requirements of the people.

A sentiment prevails in Vass to the effect that if necessary the people there will do what they can to help reopen the bank, and the opinion as expressed to The Pilot is that if the patrons will lend a friendly hand little difficulty will be encountered.

THE STORY OF TOBACCO AS TOLD BY MR. BUTLER

(Continued from Page 1) American crop was \$8.30 a hundred pounds. Two years later the price rose to \$9.30, never to gain that high figure again for 14 years. But it went as low as \$6.00, and averaged about \$7.00 for that period. For the next ten years tobacco averaged around \$9.00, the highest being \$12.80 in the lucky year of 1913, but to be followed by a slump to little more than nine cents in the following two years. Then came war, and in 1917 the price was up to \$24, with a maximum high in 1919 of \$39. Then war closed and as the world got back to agricultural normality the price of tobacco fell steadily until in 1930 it was down around \$14, and this year it seems to be in about the same place.

In this country we have increased our production in one period included in the above figures to over a billion and a half pounds from half a billion. The rest of the world has increased its crop. Our exports have increased from 250 million pounds to 600 million pounds, which piles up on the world's supply, but also makes our own supply four times as much as forty years ago. We have increased production vastly greater than population, and have increased our exports faster than the world population has increased to call for our tobacco. But the world has also increas-

ed its tobacco crop faster than population has increased, so we have piled up a surplus steadily which we are trying to crowd on an oversupplied world.

To make matters worse for the tobacco farmer and manufacturer the world is saturated with the notion that tobacco is rich and that it can stand a tremendous burden of taxation. So in all countries the taxes on tobacco are beyond limit. North Carolina tobacco manufacturers pay almost a quarter of a billion dollars in taxes on the manufactured product of this state. An incident came to notice a few days ago which illustrates the load tobacco carries. A man who is in government employ bought a package of cigarettes in this section and paid twice as much as he paid in the navy, where the government store supplies the sailors with tobacco free from tax.

Probably no crop that is grown is so hampered with taxes, competition and various obstacles as the tobacco crop. Certainly no big article of production in this wide world is so hedged about, and hogtied hand and foot from start to finish. And to make the matter all the harder for the tobacco grower every thing he buys is

proportionately higher than in the days when his tobacco sold for low prices in the past. Everything that comes from abroad to pay for the tobacco exported is subject to a tariff. The theory is that the industries that make things in this country must be encouraged to charge more for the things sold here that the worker may have a higher wage than in the old world. So the farmer pays the higher price for things in this country than he would pay if he could get things in exchange for the tobacco he makes and which is sold abroad. But instead of protecting the tobacco crop it is saddled with taxes that strangle it along with its deadly competition from every other country in the world, for tobacco is grown wherever the sun shines enough to warm the ground.

The price of tobacco is affected by the prices in every other tobacco growing country, for when prices are high, more tobacco growing is stimulated in the other lands. It is also hampered by the high taxes of this country, and the place for the farmer to begin to work on the price of his tobacco is on the taxation and profligate expenditures in his own nation.

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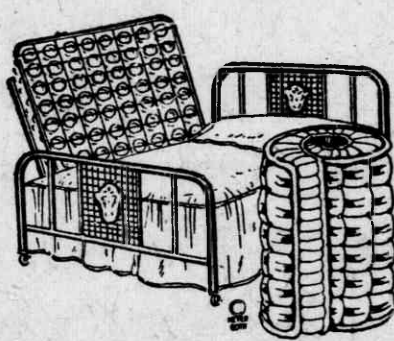


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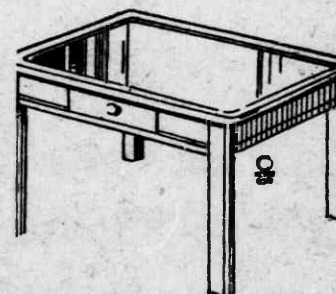
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