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Representatives Of 19 Foreign Countries Inspect N. C. Highways

Impressive Demonstration of Welcome Given Pan-American Highway Commission in State.

PAGE IN CHARGE OF TOUR

The good roads of North Carolina are attracting attention abroad. The Old North State is now being visited by distinguished guests, the Latin American Commission composed of 38 members representing nineteen countries of South and Central America, who are on a tour of inspection of the highways of the United States. While in this state they will be the guests of the highway education board. Mr. Frank Page, State Highway Commissioner, is in charge of the tour. Wednesday's journey was over the hard surfaced roads from Raleigh to Durham and Chapel Hill. From Chapel Hill they were conducted to Greensboro and shown the different types of construction between those towns.

The following news item from a Greensboro reporter which appeared in yesterday's Charlotte Observer, tells of the welcome given the Pan-American visitors in some of the towns of the State:

The motorcade bearing the visitors with their escort of state and national highway officials was composed of more than 30 automobiles and busses and was preceded by detachments of motorcycle police, ensuring it clear roads. Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, accompanied the party as far as Durham, where luncheon was served by the city, and Governor Trinkle, of Virginia, remained throughout the day, having joined the commission at Raleigh. Frank Page, state highway commissioner, was in charge of direction of the tour and will continue in that capacity during the week spent in the state.

From Raleigh the visitors went to Durham, stopping at the highway equipment depot on the way, where they were given an opportunity to inspect the work in progress.

Arriving at the high school in Durham the party was met by a reception committee of more than 100 citizens, who escorted them to the auditorium. Luncheon there was followed by a speaking program.

The party left the motors for a short time at Chapel Hill. As they entered the town, more than 1,000 students of the University of North Carolina lined the streets, cheering the Latin-Americans. They inspected the campus of the university and Dean James H. Royster made an address of welcome.

Resuming the journey to Greensboro, the motorcade was routed over a stretch of dirt road, from Chapel Hill to Hillsboro, which the delegates were especially interested in as being of a type adaptable for construction in Latin-American countries.

COTTON'S CONDITION NEXT TO LOW RECORD

Washington, June 2.—This year's cotton crop began the season with the lowest condition with the exception of 1920 since the keeping of records was begun 53 years ago.

In its first report of the season, issued today, the Department of Agriculture placed the condition on May 25 at 65.6 per cent of a normal in 1920 it was 62.4 per cent of a normal on the same date. The condition this year is 7.2 per cent below the average condition on that date in the last ten years.

No forecast of production was made. The condition also compared with 69.9 in 1920, 66.0 in 1921, and 72.8, the average of the last ten years on May 25.

The condition of the crop by states follows:

Virginia, 62; North Carolina, 71; South Carolina, 68; Georgia, 68; Florida, 77; Alabama, 70; Mississippi, 69; Louisiana, 70; Texas, 66; Arkansas, 58; Tennessee, 54; Missouri, 52; Oklahoma, 58; California, 91; Arizona, 90; New Mexico, 89.

COOLIDGE SIGNS TAX REDUCTION MEASURE

Washington, June 2.—President Coolidge today signed the tax reduction bill but, declaring it unsatisfactory, announced he would bend all his energies to obtain enactment of a better measure at the next session of Congress.

The bill, which decreases tax rates in most instances to the lowest levels since 1917 and which was the basis of the hottest legislative fight of the present session of Congress, was declared by the President in a 2,500 word statement issued coincident with his approval of the measure to represent merely "tax reduction, not tax reform."

"The bill does not represent a sound permanent tax policy and in its passage has been subject to unfortunate influence which ought not to control fiscal questions," the executive said. "Still, in spite of its obvious defect, its advantages as a temporary relief and temporary adjustment of business conditions, in view of the uncertainty of a better law within a reasonable time, lead me to believe that the best interests of the country would be served if this bill became a law."

"A correction of its defects may be left to the next session of the Congress. I trust a bill less political and more truly economic may be passed at that time. To that end I shall bend all my energies."

The legislation as approved by the President reduces the taxes of almost every federal taxpayer and cuts down the federal revenues by an amount estimated at \$361,000,000 for the next fiscal year. This reduction, however, will not result in any deficit, according to treasury experts.

The principal effect of the new law will not be felt until next year, the 50 per cent reductions in income taxes being made applicable to incomes of this year but payable in 1925. Immediate relief, however, is granted every income tax payer, as a 25 per cent decrease is ordered in the case of income taxes for the current year and now due.

Another effect that soon will be appreciable is the provision of the new law repealing within 30 days many excise taxes, such as those on telegraph and telephone messages, soft drinks, candy carpets, rugs, trunks and theatre admissions of 50 cents or less.

The revision of the income tax rates effected under the new law brings a cut in all such levies. This amounts to fifty per cent reduction on incomes of \$8,000 and under. On amounts above that the normal rate is cut from eight to six per cent, while the surtax rates are revised on a similar basis.

The new surtax schedule starts with one per cent on \$10,000 and graduates up to 50 per cent on \$500,000 and over.

A new feature written into the legislation at the recommendation of Secretary Mellon, who initiated the move for tax revision last September, provides for an additional reduction of 25 per cent on earned incomes up to \$10,000 with all incomes of \$5,000 and under classed as earned.—Associated Press.

22 TULANE STUDENTS SUSPENDED, CHEATING

New Orleans, La., June 2.—An investigation by the honor committee of the junior chemistry class at Tulane university has resulted in the suspension of 22 of the 28 members of the class the balance of the college year with the loss of all credits earned this year it became known today. The suspensions were because of "cheating or otherwise violating the honor system." The trouble grew out of the theft from the desk of a member of the faculty of a paper on which were written the answers to the questions to be asked in an examination. It later developed all but three members of the class made grades of 100 per cent.

All Roads Lead to Cleveland and G. O. P. Convention



Cleveland, O.—Politics rule Cleveland today with the G. O. P. Elephant in the star role. With the Republican National Committee on the scene; delegates and convention onlookers arriving hourly, it is certain the town will be jammed when the Convention convenes next Tuesday, June 10.

STATE AND NATION NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Bankers Meet In Asheville; Muscle Shoals Issue Postponed Until December Session of Congress.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS SAT.

The North Carolina bankers are holding their annual convention in Asheville this week. Five hundred were present for the opening address Wednesday. The chief feature of the opening session was the report of the agricultural committee, according to news dispatches. The report stated that "the chief ailment of the North Carolina farmers at the present time is the lack of credit. It was recommended that the state association appoint a committee to thoroughly examine existing systems of co-operative marketing with a view to acting as an organization on this problem. It was also recommended that the legislature committee look into the advisability of state licensing and bonding of all automobile drivers. New officers were elected yesterday. Several prominent men have made addresses at this convention.

The Muscle Shoals issue which has been in the lime light for quite a long while will not be settled during the present session of Congress, but will be deferred until next December, according to Washington dispatches. This issue has been the center of a bitter fight in this Congress.

The Senate voted Tuesday to adopt the House resolution fixing the date for adjournment of the present session of the sixty-eighth Congress for next Saturday (tomorrow) evening at 7 o'clock.

According to the Associated Press three of Japan's capital ships, the Ibuki, Ikoma and Kashima, which were discarded by the Washington arms conference last year, have been sold for scrapping. Several other Japanese ships will be used for targets and experimental torpedoes, mine and fire extinguishing tests.

The Confederate veterans opened their thirty-fourth annual convention in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday. About 4,000 wearers of the gray are in attendance, and several prominent speakers will take part in the exercises.

Is Given Diploma After Many Years

Mrs. John W. Earnhardt left Saturday for Lenoir, where this week she receives the unusual distinction of a diploma from Davenport College, where she was a student in girlhood days. At that time the building used by the college was burned and she was prevented from completing her course at that time. Now the college is calling her and fellow students of the same rank to return and receive their diplomas.

While in Lenoir Mrs. Earnhardt will be the guest of Mrs. J. E. Shell and Mrs. J. L. Nelson, the latter her twin sister, and will visit there for several weeks.

Mrs. Earnhardt was in her student days, Miss Florence Scroggs, daughter of the late Dr. A. A. Scroggs, of Lenoir. She is a sister of the late Prof. Junius Scroggs, formerly superintendent of schools here.—Lexington Dispatch.

BAPTIST CHURCH SUDAY

Sunday school 9.30. Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. At 11 he begins a series of short sermons on "The Cross," the subject being "No Cross, No Christian." In the evening the second in the series on "The Ideal Home" will be given, the subject being "What the Husband Should Be in It." Both series are specially to young people. Wives are invited to bring or send their husbands to hear the evening sermon. Services morning and evening limited strictly to one hour. A cordial welcome to all.

Services at Oakland

Sunday evening Rev. J. R. Woods, will preach again at the Oakland Presbyterian church at eight o'clock. The regular appointments for the summer will be announced at an early date.

Presbyterian Church

The subject for morning worship at the Presbyterian church at eleven o'clock will be: "How to be Like Christ." Phil. 3:13,14. All are cordially invited to be present.

This week is commencement week at Davidson, Trinity and Wake Forest Colleges. Seventy eight young men, received diplomas at Davidson, one hundred seventeen from Trinity, and ninety-seven from Wake Forest.

RECORDER'S COURT WAS HELD TUESDAY

Seven Cases Out of Nine Due To Violations of The Prohibition Laws.

ALL ARE FOUND GUILTY

The court records in Johnston County show that whiskey is cause of most of the cases which come up. Seven out of nine cases in the Recorder's Court Tuesday were violations of the prohibition laws. The defendants were found guilty in each instance.

The docket Tuesday included the following cases:

State vs. M. F. Davis, charged with carrying concealed weapon and violation of prohibition laws. Guilty; \$50 fine in carrying concealed weapon case. Judgment suspended upon paying cost in other case.

State vs. Adkin Wood, violation of prohibition laws. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. John Kenneday, violation of the prohibition laws. Guilty on three counts; \$50 fine and three months on roads and costs. Road sentence suspended upon paying the fine and costs. Capias to issue at request of the solicitor.

State vs. John Kenneday, violation of the prohibition laws. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon defendant's paying Henry McNair, prosecuting witness, \$25.00 damage to car and costs.

State vs. J. W. Eatman, worthless check. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon paying the costs.

State vs. Howard Coats, violation of the prohibition laws. Guilty on one count. Judgment suspended upon paying costs.

State vs. James Eason, violation of prohibition laws. Guilty; \$10 fine and costs.

State vs. George McGee, violating prohibition law. Guilty. \$25 fine and costs.

State vs. George Allen, violation of the automobile laws. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon condition that defendant does not operate motor vehicle for three months and pay costs.

Laymen's Service at Four Oaks

The Johnston County Christian Laymen's Federation will hold a service at Four Oaks Methodist church, Sunday evening, June 8, at eight o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Smithfield orchestra. The public is cordially invited.

LONG TERM PUPILS MAKE BEST RECORD

Ten Make Average Above Ninety Per Cent; Four Schools Furnish These Ten Pupils.

COUNTY HONOR ROLL

Miss Mary E. Wells, Assistant County Superintendent of Schools, has furnished us with the following facts concerning the seventh grade examinations given to pupils in the county with the exception of those in the Smithfield, Selma and Clayton schools, which operate under special charters:

The record of the examination of seventh grade given this year shows the following facts: Out of 401 children, taking the examination, 219 were enrolled in the long term schools. Of these 219, passed or 75 percent, 71 children were enrolled in the consolidated six months schools, 44 of these children passed, or 62 percent passed. The other 11 children were enrolled in the two, three and four-teacher schools of the county. 55 of this 111 passed, or 49 percent.

In the long term schools 31 percent of the children made an average of above 80 percent on their papers. In the consolidated schools 13 percent of the children made above 80 percent on their papers and in the rural two three and four-teacher schools only 11 percent average above 80 on their examination.

Out of the 401 pupils taking the 7th grade examination, 10 made an average of 90 percent or above. These 10 pupils all of them come from the long term schools; in other words no pupil in a six months school averaged as high as 90 percent on their examinations.

The following pupils in the county averaged above 90 percent:

Meadow School—Glendon Smith 93 3-5; Alma Barefoot 93.

Kenly School—Mary E. Pittman 92 4-5.

Benson School—Leata Johnson 91 4-5; Leon Johnson 90 4-5; Margaret Peacock 90.

Four Oaks School—Elizabeth Lewis 91 3-5; Pauline Rich 90 4-5; Mumza Barbour 91 1-5; Ivey Baker 90.

The largest class in the county to receive certificates was at Four Oaks. In this class there were 54 pupils, 45 of this number passed the examination, and received certificates of promotion. Four years ago there were only 42 pupils in all of Johnston County who received these certificates. The second largest class at Kenly, where 35 children out of a son had the third largest class. Out class of 58 received certificates. In a class of 37, 34 pupils passed. The school at Meadow came next with 14 passing out of a class of 18. Princeton with 13 out of a class of 17, Pine Level with 12 out of a class of 19, Wilson's Mills 11 out of a class of 16.

The school passing the highest percent of their class was Benson. 92 percent of these children passed. Four Oaks came next with 83 percent, Meadow 78 percent, Princeton 77 percent, Wilson's Mills 70 percent, Pine Level 63 percent, Kenly 60 percent.

There are 20 children in the Benson school who made an average of above 80 on their examination. 15 in Four Oaks schools, 8 in the Kenly school, 6 in the Meadow school and one each at Wilson's Mills, Princeton, and Pine Level.

In the consolidated six months schools, of which we have four in the county, the largest class was from the Brogden school. It consisted of 20 pupils, 13 of whom passed. The next largest was Corbett-Hatcher. In this school 12 out of 18 passed. The third largest Archer Lodge, 10 out of 15 passing, and the next Corinth-Holders with 9 passing out of 18.

The highest percent passing in one of these schools was 67 percent, Archer Lodge and Corbett-Hatcher

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