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Biggest Piece Of Legislation

**Small Counties Favored
In New Equalizing
Fund; About 85 Will
Share**

The three and a quarter million dollar equalization bill, as it has passed the House and Senate, is, in the eyes of educators, the most important piece of educational legislation of the present session of the General Assembly.

The bill as it has passed the House is in substantially the same shape it was in when it was introduced in the Senate by Senator A. E. Woltz, of Gaston county, whose name the bill bears except that it carries \$3,250,000 instead of \$2,500,000 and fixes a rate of 40 instead of 42 cents as a minimum in order for counties to share in it.

In addition to being the largest fund the State has ever set up for the purpose of aiding the counties in maintaining the six months term of schools, its sponsors believe that the provisions of the bill are so guarded that it will be more equitably distributed than it has ever been disbursed before. The fund represents \$1,750,000 increase over the fund that has been available for this purpose.

MAIN FEATURES OF BILL.

The main features of the bill as it was written by Senator Woltz are:

1. A determination of the values in the counties participating in the equalization fund to find out the ability of the counties to support the school for the constitutional term.

2. This equalization of values will be made by a board composed of the Lieutenant Governor and one man, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, from each congressional district. The board will get \$10 a day for services, but will have the right to employ such expert help as it will need.

3. Every county participating in the fund must levy a tax of 40 cents on the hundred dollars on the values determined by the board, if these values are accepted for local purposes, before it can participate in the equalization fund. Should the local authorities not want to use the values determined by the assessing board for tax assessing purposes, the levy will have to be made so that the same revenue will be produced that would come from a 40 cent levy on the values determined by the board. This eliminates the necessity for using the assessed values of the State board for local taxation purposes.

4. Should the revenue produced by the 40 cent levy not be sufficient to pay the salaries of the teachers for six months and to cover 15 per cent additional for operating expenses, the remainder will be apportioned to the county, and Senator Woltz expects that the 40 cent rate will not run the schools in 85 of the hundred counties, so all but 15 of the counties will get something from the fund.

5. There is set aside from the general fund \$100,000 to take care of emergencies, unexpected expenses and unusual progress in any county. Senator Woltz wrote \$300,000 in his original bill for this purpose, but he has accepted the House amendment which cuts it down two-thirds.

6. An effort will be made, under

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

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"Legislature done gin dem Clew Clux robes to de weather man."

NEWEST OF WESTERN STARS

Shake hands with Tim McCoy, Wyoming rancher, friend and adopted brother of the Indians, colonel in the American army, clubman, after-dinner speaker and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Western film star extraordinary.



Watchful Officer Prevents Robbery

**Selma Night Policeman
Interferes Before Safe
of Worley Furniture
Co., Is Cracked**

SELMA, March 3.—J. L. Gurley, local night policeman, broke up what would have been an early morning robbery Tuesday. Three safe crackers entered the store of Worley Furniture Company and were attempting to open the iron safe when Mr. Gurley interfered. Mr. Gurley says as he was making his regular rounds about 3:00 a. m. he entered the alley back of Worley Furniture company and noticed that the lights that usually burned in the alley had gone out. He went to the other end of the alley and hid. An automobile, which was parked a short distance from the store starting running and Mr. Gurley says this was evidently a signal for the robbers to vacate the store. After the motor of the car started three men came out of the back door of the store with a large sample suitcase, two or three handbags and a typewriter. Mr. Gurley emptied his pistol at the men and they dropped everything they had stolen and fled to the waiting automobile. On investigation it was found that one of the bullets entered the suitcase. It is not known whether he hit any of the men or not.

Markings on the dial of the safe and a quantity of blasting powder showed that they had planned to rob the safe.

Clair Williams Filling Station, at the junction of Number 10 and 22 highways was entered the same light and a slot machine and a lot of other merchandise was stolen.

NATIONAL GUARDS TO GIVE MUSICAL COMEDY

The musical comedy, "The Spice of Life," is being sponsored by the Smithfield National Guards, and will be presented in the school auditorium Monday evening, March 14, at 8 o'clock. The cast is composed of the very best local talent and includes Mayor Narron, Mr. E. F. Ward and other favorites of former productions. The public is cordially invited to see this play.

"And now, sir," concluded the motor car salesman, "what kind of a horn would you like? Do you care for a good, loud blast?"

"No," answered the customer. "I want something that just sneers."

Interesting Talk By Native Korean

**Prof. H. C. Kim Delivers
Address at Presbyterian
Church**

Prof. H. C. Kim, of Korea, made a very interesting address at the Presbyterian church here Sunday evening. Mr. Kim is a professor in Union Christian College in Korea, but he has been in the United States for the past three years and is taking a special course at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Professor Kim has a keen sense of humor, and the account of his first impressions of this country and his experiences soon after arriving here was thoroughly amusing.

Mr. Kim based his talk on II Timothy 2:3, 4—"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." He then pictured the soldiers in the recent World War and named the qualifications of a good soldier. Those who have enlisted in the army of Jesus Christ, he said, must first of all have physical fitness. They must be loyal. A good soldier has supreme love for his country. Duty to his country comes first and his family next. The Christian soldier must have supreme love for God—duty to God must be first for "he that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me." A good soldier of Christ must be loyal—be willing to go anywhere, suffer anything, or lay down his life for the Master. No matter how physically fit a person is, if he is not loyal he cannot be a good soldier. The third qualification is preparation. No soldier, however brave and strong and loyal, can fight without weapons. He must have the necessary equipment. Christians must give up all things which are hindrances, no matter how hard it is or how they like them. Mr. Kim said most Christians are like the soldier who carried his gun in his right hand and an umbrella in his left—they tried to carry things in their lives which hinder them in their work—bad habits, love of ease and comfort, selfishness. The Christian soldier must have preliminary training. The speaker told of the war between Japan and China about thirty years ago when Japan with only fifty million people defeated China, a nation of more than four hundred million, simply because the Chinese had had no preliminary training. Christian soldiers may receive their preliminary training in home study and prayer meetings and Wednesday night prayer meetings. The fifth requirement of a good Christian soldier is grit. The good Christian soldier must be brave, able to bear suffering, must be courageous. He told of the persecution of the Christians in Korea in 1919, and of how bravely the Christians bore their trials. Before that time, he said, Christians were looked upon in his country as weak and cowardly, but the patience and bravery of the persecuted Christians made a profound impression upon the whole country, and there was a great turning to the Christian religion after that time. The first missionary went to Korea about twenty-five years ago, he said, and now Korea sends missionaries to China, Japan and Russia.

Mr. Kim closed with an appeal to his hearers to think of the millions and millions of people in the world who are waiting for Christian soldiers under the banner of Jesus Christ to go to their rescue—to tell them of the Saviour of the world.

At the close of the service Mr. Kim sang a song in the Korean language. He also showed a colorful costume of a native Korean girl.

While in the city he was a guest in the home of Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Sr.

An Eskimo brought to New York was unable to comprehend the Woolworth building. Neither is any other bungalow owner.

Madge (of her fiancé): I can read Jack like a book.
Marie (who knows him): Well, you'd better skip a few chapters. —Boston Transcript.

Seventh Baby Given Boric Acid Will Live

CHICAGO, March 6.—The seventh baby of ten which were given boric acid instead of distilled water through a mistake by nurses at Columbus Memorial Hospital a week ago, will live, doctors said tonight.

Six of the babies have died. The seventh was in a serious condition for a week and three others were not affected by the poison.

Doctors attributed saving the life of the seventh child, Margaret Elizabeth Gibbons, 12 days old, partly to the care of the baby's mother who, when she learned her baby was among those poisoned, insisted that it be brought to her in the hospital, refusing to allow it to be cared for longer in the baby ward.—Associated Press.

Road Matter Has Public Hearing

**County Commissioners
Will Take Up Again
Question of Re-Lending
State Highway Com-
mission \$500,000**

Roads are not so bad in Johnston county that a pretty representative crowd could not assemble here for a conference on roads yesterday, and what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. The county commissioners had set the hearing on the action, taken by that board a few weeks ago, regarding the Henderson-Clinton highway, for two o'clock, and before that time the court room was half full of folks from practically every rural section as well as from most of the towns.

County Attorney Paul D. Grady stated the purpose of the meeting—to hear the will of those present in regard to re-lending the \$500,000 which was advanced last year to the State Highway Commission for the construction of state highway No. 22, for the purpose of building another road through Johnston county known as the Henderson-Clinton highway.

Mr. Grady's statement was brief, and Dr. M. Hinnaat, of Micro, asked that the contract which was made a few weeks ago between the county board of commissioners and the State Highway Commission be read. Mr. Grady called on T. C. Young to read this contract. The contract as read calls for the re-lending of the sum stated above to the State Highway Commission to be paid back from funds accruing in the future to the credit of Johnston county from the Highway Commission. The amount due Johnston county from the \$300,000 road bond issue approved by the legislature now in session is sufficient to reimburse the county the \$500,000 loaned in 1925, but long term notes having been made there seems to be ample time for other funds to be in hand sufficient to justify the action of the board of commissioners in re-lending this amount. The county will have to pay the interest which, according to a statement made in the meeting yesterday, would amount to about \$250,000. Interest, however, would be paid only for a period of ten or a dozen years. The State Highway Commission agreed to take over this road when built and maintain it forever thereafter. The exact location of the road will be left to the State Highway Commission. The contract will be printed in full in a later issue.

A. M. Johnson, from Cleveland township, after hearing the contract read, made a motion that the county board of commissioners rescind its action of a few weeks ago, and then a discussion followed. Mr. Johnson presented a number of reasons from his standpoint why the county should not let the Highway Commission build its roads. Dr. A. S. Oliver, of Benson, made a few remarks along the same line. Judge F. H. Brooks, of this city, undertook to answer Mr. Johnson's argument, and then the discussion became general. W. H.

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"Section 3. That within sixty days after the ratification of this act the Board of County Commissioners of Johnston county shall cause to be made by a certified public accountant an audit of the books of the superintendent of schools and the Board of Education of Johnston county and publish the same in some newspaper published in said county and present said audit to the Board of County Commissioners of said county.

"Section 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

"Section 5. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Bill To Increase Board Education

**From Three to Five Mem-
bers Passes Both Houses
—Also Provides For
Audit of Books County
Superintendent Schools**

A bill to increase the number of the board of education of Johnston county from three to five members has passed both houses in the legislature.

There has been difference of opinion regarding this change, which apparently is not a unanimous act of the Democratic party, and a hearing of the matter was promised yesterday afternoon before final action should be made, but information received here before a delegation left, was to the effect that the bill passed the Senate Saturday night. The newly-elected officers of the county including the members of the county commissioners signed their names to petitions asking that the education board remain as it is.

The bill states that after the first Monday in April, Dr. J. J. Young, of Clayton; W. E. Edwards, of Princeton; W. H. Call, of Selma, and P. H. Etheridge, of Kenly, with the present members of the board, W. G. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills; P. B. Johnson, of Benson; and J. W. Woodard, of Glendale, will transact the educational matters of the county. The bill fixes the compensation of these men at five dollars per day which means \$35 every day the board shall meet. The term of office of the new members is two years. At the next primary the people will vote on seven members of the board of education as they do now for the county commissioners. The act first named Dr. J. C. Grady as a member of the board, but later Mr. Etheridge was put in his place.

The act also provides for an audit of the books of the county superintendent of schools and of the board of education, the same to be published in some newspaper.

The full text of the act is here-with given:

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No Laughing Matter



LITA GREY Chaplin (above) and her famous comedian husband are at marital odds. Suits and counter suits over money and the custody of their two children have taken the smile from Charlie's face. Mr. Chaplin suffered a nervous collapse while in New York.

Training School Opened Sunday

**Goodly Number From
Nearby Towns Attend
Opening Session At M.
E. Church**

The Standard Sunday School Training School, sponsored by Methodist churches in Johnston county but which is open to all denominations, opened here Sunday afternoon with more than a hundred present. Indications are that the school this year will be considerably larger than that of last in spite of the fact that the roads in the county are in bad condition from the recent snow. Eighteen were present from Selma Sunday; twenty-one from Clayton; about a dozen from the Four Oaks charge, and a goodly number from Smithfield.

The courses offered include one in Bible by Prof. James Cannon III, of Duke University, which is expected to be the most popular course; Story Telling, given by Miss Georgia Keene, conference elementary superintendent; Beginner Department Administration, by Mrs. O. B. Woosley, of Lexington; a study of Early and Middle Adolescence, by Prof. B. G. Childs, of Duke University.

Prof. N. C. Shuford, superintendent of the city schools, is allowing credit in the English department of the school to any high school pupils who take a course. Only those who are over sixteen years of age, however, are eligible for credit in the training school. Several of the young people are taking advantage of these study courses.

The classes hold a double session each evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP NO. 1 TO HAVE MEETINGS

Troop One of the Boy Scouts will hold a meeting Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock and Thursday night at seven-thirty in the Methodist church basement. A regular rally program will be given Thursday night, and everybody is urged to be present and take part.

Literary Department To Meet.

The Literary department of the Woman's club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. M. Sanders Thursday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock. Mrs. Sanders and Miss Bettie Lee Sanders will be joint hostesses.

News In Town Of Four Oaks

**Visiting Speakers, Rev. M.
T. Plyler of Raleigh and
A. M. Noble of Smith-
field at M. E. Church**

FOUR OAKS, March 4.—Due to the tonsil operation of Rev. E. D. Dodd, who could scarcely talk last Sunday, his appointment her ewas filled by other speakers. Rev. M. T. Plyler, presiding elder of the Raleigh district, preached an unusually good sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. His sermon dealt with sacrifice, giving which so few of us do. Instead we are prone to give out of our surplus instead of our need. In this manner his sermon led to the cause, "Mission Sunday" which the church observed at this hour. At the night service, Mr. A. M. Noble, of Smithfield, delivered a splendid address on "Law, Observation and Its Remedy." He spoke especially in regard to the prohibition and blue laws which are broken constantly. After giving alarming statistics concerning increase of crime in Johnston county he gave a remedy to the situation. This remedy was Christian homes that are Christian in reality and not just in name.

Miss Sallie Adams entertained the members of the Epworth League choir at a candy party in the basement of the Methodist church last Friday evening. Soon after arriving the guests enjoyed several unusually interesting games after which they indulged in "candy pulling" in the kitchen of the church.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. participated in an enjoyable social in the basement of the Baptist church last Monday evening. Several mirth-provoking stunts and games were enjoyed for some time. Rev. Mr. Brown showed stereoscopic pictures depicting two especially interesting stories. Later refreshments were served by Miss Lowmy Olive who also directed the games.

Mr. Sammie Baker and little daughter, Ruth, who have been spending the winter in Florida, visited relatives here for a short while Sunday. Mr. Baker and daughter were en route to Wilson to spend some time with relatives before returning to their home in New York City.

Elberta Peaches Are Probably All Killed

ROCKINGHAM, March 6.—Now the deep snow has melted, and the accompanying cold wave subsided, a clearer view of the damage to the peach belt is obtainable.

The Elbertas appear to be completely killed. Most of the buds on these trees have opened, and were filled with moisture and water from the snow. The cold wave had easy picking then, with all buds left a dead brown. Georgia Belles are next hardest hit, though the buds were not as far advanced as the Elbertas.

The June peaches and the Carriens (that ripen the first week in July) are hurt so far but very little, inasmuch as early bearing trees do not blossom until late, and these had not blossomed; there is no way of ascertaining as yet as to the extent of the damage to their tiny buds.

Taken all in all, the damage to the orchards of Richmond county this week might be estimated at 70 per cent.

A Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipherers his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Ticket must be called for before the following issue.

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Carl Franklin Gordon deciphered his name last issue.

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