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## SHIELDS PARADE IN RALEIGH WAS A WEAK AFFAIR

Squalling Squad Apparently Failed in Their Purpose

## LASALLE IN PARADE

Few Legislators See Group Demand Suspension of Schools On March Down Street

Chas. Shields' call to arms to demand relief was answered in Raleigh last Tuesday when 23 automobiles loaded with people and 15 walkers paraded the streets of the capital. Riding in a LaSalle, one of the car makes limited to the wealthy class, and three Chryslers, the members of the Squalling Squad apparently failed in their purpose, reports stating that only a few legislators saw the march.

A report of the group's activities in Raleigh, and Mr. Shields' explanation follows:

"We are tired of being robbed by the government," read one of the signs on the automobiles. "We have confidence in you, legislators, but we are watching you," read another. Others had to do with tax reduction.

A boy with a bugle rode in front of the parade, furnishing the only music and almost all of the noise. It was a particulary orderly procession.

The 'Land-Taxpayers' demonstration in Raleigh today was held spontaneously and without organized effort of any kind, and with no publicity except the few kindly press notices. Judging by the large and ever-increasing telegrams, long-distance calls and letters, sentiment in favor of such a movement was so rapidly crystallizing that it was necessary to hold this parade as early as possible, before it gained such momentum that the Capital would be unable to hold the people, as too large a crowd of grim and determined men might not be orderly.

"Citizens from all sections of North Carolina, suffering for ten years under the yoke of unbearably high land taxes and utter recklessness extravagance school expenditures, begged that this demonstration be delayed, so they could organize their counties and come to Raleigh and show the legislators the real temper of the people. In no certain words, these thousands are demanding that the counties and State radically cut expenses, that the undemocratic and damnable domination of the county school systems by the School Trust be abolished. Why? they say, 'Why can my county say what its school salaries shall be?' That the abominable burden on land of bearing about 80 per cent of the taxes to run schools and county roads has become confiscatory, and should be cut two-thirds."

The powers-that-be are attempting to wring from pauperized landowners the same amount of tax that laid paid when cotton was 35 cents, tobacco 50 cents, wheat \$2 and peanuts 10 cents. Making bricks without straw is child's play compared to this slavery. If the State wants a six-months school term, let the legislators find the means to finance it and apportion it to the counties who will set their own salaries. As a partial solution to this, cut appropriations to all State colleges at least one-third, let Mr. Allen and Mr. Brooks feel a bit of this pinch of poverty, that has descended on us common people like a financial death-sentence. When times are better, pay every man according to his worth, but not now!

"Legislators! We are watching your actions. We have come, but we have not conquered. Do not, by your failure to relieve us, force us to come again in such numbers and with such unalterable determination to save our homes that no man can predict the result, for in every section of North Carolina hundreds of thousands of real men of courage are waiting. The worm will has almost turned."

"The radical statements made by me last week to the press was solely for the purpose of arousing our people, simply a plea for the 'under dog' with no thought of personal publicity."

**Sunday Services at the Local Christian Church**

The Christian Church will hold its regular services the coming Sunday. We are glad to welcome a new year in our church work. The pastor wishes to take this opportunity to thank most heartily the congregation and town for their cordial hospitality and earnest cooperation during the past year, and pray for their continued support during the coming year.

The program of services for Sunday is as follows:

9:45 Bible School  
11:00 Worship service; subject, "The Quest for Certainty."  
6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor.  
7:30 p. m., Worship service.

## Few Attend Farm Outlook Meeting Here This Morning

Pointing to the destruction resulting from an over-production of big money crops, Mr. B. Troy Ferguson, district farm agent, earnestly urged the fifty or more farmers gathered in the courthouse here today in a county farm outlook meeting to put on a live-at-home campaign that they might live in peace and plenty. The meeting, while poorly attended, is said to have resulted in much good.

Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent, ably discussed the needs of the community as related to agriculture, talking mainly on proper eating for good health. "There are no less than 200,000 people in the State who are suffering on one way or another from improper eating," she declared. Pellagra was referred to as the one disease that has gained rapidly during the past few years. At length the district agent

talked about diets, issuing a warning against certain foods and offering suggestions for the use of others. The importance of the garden in connection with health was stressed, the agent urging all landlords to provide ample garden space for their tenants.

Mr. Ferguson stated that Martin county was badly off balance in its farming, that it was short 20 per cent on corn, 73 per cent on oats, 87 per cent on milk, 66 per cent on poultry and 33 percent on eggs. The cash crops are on the long side, along with hay, and meat.

A general discussion was entered into and many valuable suggestions were made.

Following the outlook meeting, the group, through the courtesy of the B. S. Courtney Furniture store, listened to the Governor's address to the legislature over radio.

## MUCH MOVING IN THE COUNTY

**Business Increases After a Brief Delay the Latter Part of December**

While off to a slow start, family moving in this section is increasing rapidly, the practice often extending into Sunday. Night rides for the furniture are not at all uncommon. It was once that a man moved his furniture at night to leave his obligations, and it might be so even now in some cases, but moving has become such an art and one that is practiced yearly without fail, by many that the family head stops work on one job tonight, moves, and is ready to start work on a new one the following morning.

There was some moving going on the latter part of December, not mentioning the amount that goes on all year in the year around, but many tenants were unable to find places and moving did not advance very far until during the past few days. And there isn't as much as there would be if many families could find some place to move taken over by the State.

The lowly mule and cart have come back to their own to a marked extent in transplanting the family, but the old Model T Ford rattle commands the lead. The open passenger cars are handling much furniture these days, and in some cases the complete household belongings can be carried in a five-passenger car in one trip, including the mother, and father and five children as extra to complete the load.

No thorough examinations have been made, but even a passing observation indicates that the household goods are becoming worn and that there are few new pieces. About 40 per cent of the vehicles brought into moving use carry a musical instrument of some kind.

## START DEBATE IN LEGISLATURE

**Machinery Practically Set Up for Two Months Operations**

The machinery is practically all set up for the operation of the State Legislature during the next two months, but few appointments have been announced at this time. Willis Smith of Wake, has the speakership of the house, and various members have already been chosen to head the various committees.

Already the babbles has started, and yesterday immediately after the reading of bills for the first time, debate was in order. Debate centered around the appropriation of \$50,000 for water right of way from the Cape Fear to South Carolina.

The keynote of the session was sounded, however, when Senator Lawrence, of Hertford, proposed a ten per cent cut in the salaries of all State officers, including members of the General Assembly.

**Presbyterian Services In the County for Sunday**

Sunday January 11th 1931.

**The Church With An Open Door**

Church School 9:45 A. M.

Worship Service and Sermon 11 A. M. Subject: "Some Reminders."

"We extend a cordial invitation to all to worship with us at any time.

**LEGGETT'S FARM**

Sunday School at 2:30 P. M. Come and join us in this service.

**BEAR GRASS**

Song Service and Sermon at 6:30 P. M. Be sure and come to this service.

Begin the New Year by going to some church each Sunday.

## THE OUTLOOK FOR TOBACCO THIS SEASON

Market Conditions Point to an Increase In The State This Year

**EXPECT PRICE DROP**

Prospects Are That Stocks Will Be Larger Next July Then They Were in July, 1930

From present indications the prices paid to growers of flue-cured tobacco in 1931 are likely to be lower on the average than those being paid for the 1930 year's crop, if the acreage is maintained. The basis for this conclusion lies in:

(1) The prospect that stocks on July 1, 1931, will be materially larger than those of July 1, 1930.

(2) The fact that the trade and industrial depression of the past months has definitely slowed up the consumption of cigarettes, and

(3) The uncertainties in the demand for flue-cured tobacco, both in the domestic and foreign markets.

The domestic consumption of flue-cured tobacco tends to become more and more closely associated with cigarette consumption, and less with tobacco chewing. Last year, for the first time since 1920, there were again definite signs of slowing up in cigarette consumption. For the nine months, January to September, the sales of cigarette stamps exceeded those for the corresponding period in 1929 by less than 2 per cent. In four of these months, the sales were lower than for the same months a year earlier. Judging by experience in 1920-21, it would be hazardous to assume that domestic consumption of cigarettes, and therefore of flue-cured tobacco, will resume an upward trend in the near future, and this consideration lends significance to the strong prospect that leaf stocks on hand July 1, 1931, will be materially larger than those of July 1, 1930.

The foreign market for flue-cured tobacco contains some uncertainties. The least-encouraging phase at this time is in the failure of Chinese takings to register their customary seasonal increase in August and September.

With signs of weakness in domestic and foreign markets, it is important to consider prospective supplies.

Stocks of old tobacco on hand July 1, 1930, amounted to 599,250,000 pounds. Production last year, according to latest available estimates, was 800,124,000 pounds, making the record total supply (599,250,000 plus 800,124,000) 1,399,383,000 pounds. If the consumption of the last fiscal year is duplicated, there will still remain on hand next July 1 about 658,000,000 pounds, an increase of about 10 per cent in stocks. Unless consumption during the present fiscal year increases at least 8 per cent over the high record of the last fiscal year, stocks next July will be larger than those of last July. But from present indications, consumption will increase little, if any, and it seems assured that stocks will be larger. Therefore, if an increase in the total supply of flue-cured tobacco on hand or in prospect next July is to be avoided, there must necessary be a reduction in acreage. So far as can be determined from present indications an increased total supply next July would probably depress prices below the 1930 level.

Market conditions pertaining to tobacco and other cash crops in the Southeastern States lead to the conclusion that there will be an increase in the acreage of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina, and not much change—possibly a slight increase in South Carolina, and that this increase may be sufficient to more than offset any probable decrease in acreage in Virginia, Georgia, and Florida, where returns to growers have been least satisfactory this year.

"Old Reliable" Now Comes Here on Advanced Schedule

The regular session of the recorder's court will be held here next Tuesday as usual. Judge J. W. Bailey stated this morning. With business pending in other places that day, Judge Bailey announced last Tuesday that it was not certain if the session would be held next Tuesday. Arrangements have been made and the session will be held with Mr. Bailey on the bench.

He was strong and emphatic in urging a decrease in land taxes, and recommended the suspension of revaluation until 1933.

He recommended that our State governmental system be reorganized and consolidated.

He was broad in his recommendation on the school question, and expressed the hope that it would be possible to extend the eight months term to all the State, if it could be done without additional cost.

The address was one of the Gov-

ernor's best.

**Will Hold Court Session As Usual Next Tuesday**

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Beginning this week, the News and Observer will be delivered to the local post office and news stands at 4 o'clock in the morning, the early delivery resulting from a change in the distribution system maintained by the publishing company. Heretofore, the paper was brought here for distribution at 7:30.

**Petty Thievery Reported In New Town This Week**

Thieves this week entered the garage of Mrs. Fannia S. Biggs here and stole the horn from Mrs. A. T. Crawford's car. No other property was removed.

Reporting the theft this morning, Mr. Crawford stated, "Lookout, thieves, detectives are over this way, and some one else will see you besides God."

**Farmers' Exchanges Do Million Dollar Business**

Home demonstration club women of Craven County donated over 100 jars of canned and preserved fruits and vegetables to the needy of the county during the holiday season.

## Better Mail Service Practically Assured Local Postal Patrons

### AIRSHIP TO PASS OVER SECTION

Will Likely Pass Over Williamston and Vicinity Late Next Month

That the Los Angeles, pride of the U. S. Navy air fleet, would pass over this section when making its return trip from Panama to Lakehurst late next month was practically made certain yesterday when Admiral W. V. Pratt informed Congressman Lindsay Warren that the commander of the dirigible had been directed to fly over this section.

Congressman Warren asked that the ship be routed over this section on its flight to Panama, but evidently other arrangements had been made, and the big dirigible will not be seen here, on its trip south.

It is proposed to pass over Wilmington, New Bern, Washington, Williamston, Edenton, Hertford and Elizabeth City so that the residents in these places and immediate vicinity will have an opportunity to view the giant navy dirigible.

The Los Angeles cruised over the southern part of this county at a low altitude several years ago. In Griffins township where the ship passed, the chickens went to roost early in the day, apparently thinking that night was falling so big was the air craft that it darkened the earth.

**PREVENT SPOT DISEASE IN CROP**

Agent Brandon Suggests Possible Remedies for Handling Disease

Careful tests made during the past few years clearly indicate that an-  
gular leaf spot and wildfire in tobacco can be successfully controlled by prop-  
erly cleaning and treating the seed.

County Agent T. B. Brandon stated yesterday. There are other preventives that aid in the control of the leaf spots and wildfire, he stated, sum-  
ming up the methods as follows:

"Select a new location for the plant bed as often as possible on land that is well drained.

"Tobacco seed should be treated with a formaldehyde solution prepared by mixing one tablespoonful of for-  
maldehyde with one pint of water.

Place the treating solution in a fruit jar and put the seed in a cloth sack. Unless consumption during the present fiscal year increases at least half full of seed), then dip seed in solution in fruit jar for exactly ten minutes. Precaution should be taken to stir the seed, so that all seed within the sack are wet with the solution.

At the end of ten minutes remove and wash seed thoroughly in several changes of water, until the odor of formaldehyde is gone, then spread out on a warm room to dry."

"The seed may be left in the sack for washing out the formaldehyde, providing the seed are worked about with the hands, in order to insure water reaching all parts. Use several changes of water. The drying is best done by spreading the seed out on a paper in a warm room.

"Old plant bed covers which are to be used again this year should be disinfected by boiling them in water for forty minutes or longer.

"Select the most vigorous plants and those that are free from mosaic (wal-  
nut or calico), and leaf spots, when drawing plants from the bed.

"Remove from the field and burn the first plants showing signs of mosaic or leaf spots, in order to prevent spread.

"Several of the more common tobacco diseases are known to live over in the soil from one season to the next. The rotation of crops on tobacco soils is of importance therefore, from the standpoint of disease control, as well as that of soil fertility."

Many farmers have already had their seed cleaned, and others who wish to take the precautionary steps are asked to carry their seed to the agent's office.

**Communion and Sermon At Church of the Advent**

Services at the Church of the Ad-  
vent here Sunday include Sunday

school at 10:00 o'clock; Holy Com-  
munion and Sermon at 11:00 o'clock  
by the rector, P. H. Marshall and the  
Young People's Service League at 7:  
00 o'clock.

**No Service at Farm Life School Sunday Morning**

According to a report of the Pastor  
Mr. W. B. Harrington, no services  
will be held at the Farm Life School  
Sunday December 11th.

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## BEST SERVICE IS AVAILABLE OVER COASTAL BUSSES