

"LIVE AT HOME" PLANNED IN THE STATE SCHOOLS

Pupils and Teachers Asked By Governor To Observe Program February 16

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—The week beginning February 16 has been designated by Governor O. Max Gardner as the second annual live-at-home week in the schools, it was announced today at the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen.

Material and suggestions for the preparation of programs have just been sent to every high school principal and superintendent. A daily radio program will be arranged with the several stations of the State.

"I have designated the week of February 16," said Governor Gardner in his message to the school children which has been sent out by Supt. Allen, "as live-at-home week in the schools. During this week I hope every teacher will place emphasis on the live-at-home program in her classroom work."

"The results of the live-at-home week in the schools last year were exceedingly gratifying. At this time the live-at-home message was carried to 875,000 school children by 25,000 teachers in the 6,000 schools of North Carolina.

"Frankly, the work of the teachers and the school children was in no small measure responsible for our adding 16 1-2 million dollars to the value of the 1930 food and feed crops produced in the State. It is hard to estimate the real relief that this work has brought to farmers and farm tenants this winter.

"The public schools of the State last year," Supt. Allen says in his letter to county and city superintendents and principals, "through their activities in connection with the live-at-home program, demonstrated, in my opinion, their economic value as well as their civic and educational worth."

"Agreeable, therefore, to the desire of His Excellency, Governor O. Max Gardner, I am requesting the school forces of the State to cooperate to the fullest extent and to the limit of their strength in the promotion of the live-at-home idea through the activity of the school children."

OPEN BIDS SOON FOR CANAL LOCK

No Contract Yet Awarded For Dredging Mouth of Roanoke River

Bids for the construction of locks in the Chesapeake and Albemarle canal, a link in the waterway connecting Norfolk and Eastern Carolina rivers, will be opened in Norfolk Friday of this week, it was announced recently by Major Gordon R. Young.

The construction of the locks is a part of inland waterway work program recently passed by congress. More than \$40,000 was appropriated for work on the mouth of Roanoke, but so far as it is known here, no contract has been let for the dredging of the stream.

The locks are to cost \$500,000, the money having been made available through private sources at the request of Joseph E. Knapp and W. E. Corey, millionaire owners of large gunning preserves in Currituck Sound and Back Bay.

Major Young said the work will be done as rapidly as possible but he could not say just when it would be completed. He said, however, that it would be practically impossible to complete the locks by July 1.

The new locks are to replace similar structures that formerly stood at Great Bridge. The old locks were discarded about 12 years ago and since that time salt water has found its way into Currituck Sound and Back Bay and destroyed considerable of the growing feed on which wild ducks, geese and other feathered creatures feed in the winter. Congress authorized the expenditure of \$500,000 to restore the locks, but did not make the appropriation available for immediate use. Messrs. Knapp and Corey, in order to expedite the construction of the locks made arrangements with New York banks to advance the money which is to be returned as soon as it is made available by Congress.

Local People Might See Dirigible "Los Angeles"

The naval dirigible, Los Angeles, left Lakehurst, N. J. last night for the Canal Zone where it is scheduled to take part in the naval maneuvers the 10th of this month. The air liner will follow the shortest air path from Lakehurst to the Bahamas, thence to the naval stations at Guantanamo.

According to information given by Congressman Lindsay Warren several days ago, the Los Angeles will fly over this section on its return from the Canal Zone. Congressman Warren asked that the big ship be routed over this section and the request met with favor.

Women Rally to Support Of Home Agent's Office

A PROPOSAL TO CURTAIL WORK MEETS DEFEAT

Mrs. Wade L. Mizelle Presents Case for Continuation of Agent's Work

50 WOMEN PRESENT

Robersonville Woman's Club Resolution Read Before Commissioners At Meeting Yesterday

The proposal to discontinue the office of home agent in Martin county, whether work be limited, costly or what not, was completely blotted out when fifty women representing various clubs from several sections of the county went before the county commissioners in session here yesterday in behalf of the office. In keeping with the urge for economy in all public operations, the discontinuance of the office had been considered. The proposal was not advanced in an effort to curtail demonstration work; it was considered because it was believed that expenses could be curtailed.

Mrs. Wade L. Mizelle, president of the county association, presented the case for the continuation of the work. She mentioned, in detail, the many advantages made available to the women of Martin county, and offered strong and convincing points in behalf of the work. To maintain the work, Mrs. Mizelle stated, it costs only 64 mills per hundred dollars which means that a man who has \$1,000 worth of property would pay six cents and four mills. The organization president also stated that if the women of the county learned nothing more than how to peel potatoes that it would save the county many times more than the cost of home demonstration work in dollars and cents. She also explained the value of proper health foods and proper styles in clothing.

The speech of Mrs. Mizelle won the commissioners one hundred per cent, but the women did not stop there. At least six or eight more representatives offered strong arguments for a continuation of home demonstration work in the county.

In reviewing the work of the office, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, agent, stated that there were eight women's clubs organized for home demonstration work with memberships as follows: Angeltown, 16 members with monthly attendance of 10; Poplar Chapel, 13 members with an average attendance of 7; Jamesville, 19 members, 14 average attendance; Sandy Ridge, 12 members, 6 average attendance; Parmele, 19 members, 12 average attendance; Bear Grass, 16 members with an average attendance of 15; Palmyra or Williams Chapel club, 14 members, 10 average attendance and Poplar Point, 7 members, 5 average attendance.

There are 14 girls' and one boys' club: Oak City, 33 members, Robersonville (2 clubs combined) membership of 46 with an average attendance of 40; Hamilton, 28 members, 25 average attendance; Gold Point, 8 members, 7 average attendance; Jamesville (2 clubs) 70 members, 60 average attendance; Williamston 2 clubs, 73 members, 65 average attendance; Everetts girls, 25 average attendance 23; Everetts boys, 28 members, 26 average attendance; Cross Roads, 12 members, 9 average attendance; Bear Grass, 33 members, 30 average attendance; Farm Life, 27 members 26 average attendance, Cross Parmele, 14 members, and 12 average attendance.

Appearing before the commissioners, representatives of the Robersonville Woman's Club presented the resolution prepared by that organization. It has been several years since representatives of the Woman's Club of Robersonville appeared before other members of this honorable body with a request that Home Demonstration work be established in the county of Martin. We believed then as now that home demonstration work is a good thing and accomplishes much in the way of making life easier and happier for women and girls in rural communities.

But since that time much has transpired; many changes have taken place. We do not need to tell you that a very high percentage of farm and town property stands mortgaged today beyond hope of redemption by the present owners; that these owners cannot even borrow the money with which to pay their taxes; and that in order to collect the taxes due on such property, the county must sell it.

Nor is it necessary for us to tell you that there is hunger and suffering and dire poverty in every part of the county; that large numbers of the county's inhabitants are without sufficient work, food, clothing or shelter to insure a healthy, happy contented existence. You know about these things all.

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RIDES A BICYCLE OVER 4,000 MILES

Geo. M. Sanford, 76 Years Old, Rides His Wheel From California

At the age of 76 years George M. Sanford, of Oakland California, is out to see America, viewing the country from a bicycle seat. For many months, the old gentleman has peddled his way, passing through eighteen states and many of the country's greatest cities. More than four thousand miles he had traveled when he reached here Sunday and found the people so friendly that he arranged lodging for a week.

Mr. Sanford has many experiences ready to relate to the questioner, and they are interesting and some are thrilling. Born in Wisconsin 76 years ago, he started out for his living at an early age by barging on the old Erie canal. After a while spent in the shipyards, he settled in Sunny California where he witnessed the rapid growth of the golden west. While he is old and evidently without much worldly goods, his heart expresses itself in the many fine poems he carries among his chief treasures. They have to do with motherly love, our responsibility to God and the need to press on and never alone.

Following a life simple and pure in every respect, the aged gentleman had nothing to say about "hard times" and unfavorable conditions existing in practically every state visited by him.

He continues south from here after resting a few days.

CLEAN CAMPUS AT JAMESVILLE

Patrons and Pupils Join In Task for Permanently Beautifying Grounds

Jamesville, Feb. 2.—The Jamesville people performed Wednesday in the school the task most dreaded by House-Wives in the home, that of spring cleaning.

Teachers, patrons and pupils joined in the clean-up program put on by the school for cleaning up and permanently beautifying the school grounds. A large number of patrons furnished carts, wagons, team, and trucks to haul sand in the low places in ground. Others furnished plows to prepare for planting rose bushes, shrubbery, bulbs, and flowering plants.

The children responded in bringing in an abundance of plants including green bushes, hedge shrubbery, evergreen shrubbery, bulbs, and large variety of plants. About 50 running yards of shrubbery was planted along the front grounds, about 150 running yards of other plants and bulbs were placed along the edges of the grounds and around the building, and in the back yard 20 crepe myrtle trees were planted.

Pupils, patrons, and teachers responded readily in assisting each other to carry out the program to beautify the grounds.

Income Tax Payers To Have Offer of Assistance

Coming here Thursday of next week, government representatives will assist income taxpayers in filling out their blanks, it was announced in a schedule released this week by Gillman Grissom, U. S. collector.

All citizens finding it necessary to fill in blanks are invited to consult the agent when he visits here Thursday of next week. He will make only one stop in this county it was announced in the schedule of appointments.

Three Splendid Pictures On Watts Program This Week

An unusually good program of pictures is included in the run at the Watts here this week, the offerings comparing favorably with the programs of the big city theatres.

Last night, "Just Imagine" played to a big audience, and was enjoyed. The picture is on again tonight. Tomorrow and Thursday, Charles Ruggles and June Collyer appear in the fun riot of "Charley's Aunt," a comedy among comedies. Many have seen "Charley's Aunt," on the silent screen, but the fun and enjoyment is really released in the all-talking production.

Featuring in "So this is Paris," and "This is London," Will Rogers reaches his climax in "Lightin'" at the Watts the latter part of the week. Of the three pictures featuring the humorist, "Lightin'" is admittedly the best.

Collections Less

A three and a half million dollar drop in North Carolina collections of internal revenue, over the collections of January, 1930, were shown in last month's report of United States Collector Gilliam Grissom.

MARINES HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Marines' Car Turns Over Four or Five Times Near Robersonville Sunday

Private Robert Childs was badly hurt about the head and his friend, Private Price, both of the Hampton Roads Marine base, was critically injured in an automobile wreck near Robersonville late Sunday afternoon. Price, whose full name could not be learned, suffered severe injuries to the head rendering him unconscious. Jimmie Winstead, of Washington, driver of the car sideswiped by the one driven by Childs, escaped injury.

Childs was treated in Robersonville and Price was removed to a Greenville hospital. He was unconscious at the time. Investigating the wreck, Lieutenant Jones, of the State Highway patrol, ordered Childs held under bond. Evidence gathered soon after the wreck indicated that Childs had been drinking, and that he was driving recklessly.

Favored with a 24-hour leave, the two Marines left Norfolk Sunday morning with no definite destination in mind. They were just riding, Childs told Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. Traveling toward Robersonville the two Marines met the Winstead car, evidence indicating that Winstead drove the two right wheels off the concrete in an attempt to avoid the collision. Side-swiping the Winstead Oakland, the U. Drive It Ford turned over four or five times and fell on Price, mashing his face into the dirt. The Ford was a complete wreck. One part of the running gear on the Oakland was torn away.

Establishing a connection with the Marine Base at Hampton Roads, officers were instructed to place the injured men in the nearest hospital and to await further developments.

LOCAL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

112 Names Appear On Roll For Good Work During The Fourth Month

Another splendid scholastic month was reported by Principal Wm. R. Watson in the local schools during the period beginning December 9 and ending January 16. While the roll carries 112 names as compared with 114 for the month before, bad weather presented itself, limiting attendance and affecting the number of pupils eligible for the roll.

The list, by grades, follows: Grade 1-A: Reg Griffin, S. C. Griffin, Anne Fowden, Mary Charles Godwin, Mary L. Manning.

Grade 1-B: Garland Wynne, Nina Mae Bunch.

Grade 2-A: Aruthur Anderson, Ben Barnhill, Stuart Critcher, Frank Cherry, Jerry Manning, Emory McCabe, Raymond Rawls, Joseph Thigpen, Jimmie Watts, Nina Bland, Eleanor Brown, Marjorie Gray Dunn, Dorothy Harrison, Katherine Manning, Madeline Pope, Sallie Faye Thomas.

Grade 2-B: Dorothy Jones, Doris Bullock, Robert T. McLaren, McDonal Sarvis, Leslie Coltrain, Arna Wallace.

Grade 3-A: Bill Ballard, Jerry Clark, Dick Dunn, Jackson Edmondson, Gordon Manning, Elbert Peel, Jr., Bernice Cowen, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Doris Moore, Louise Melson, Pearl M. Roberson, Eleanor Taylor, Susie Whitely, Virgil Ward, Julia Watts.

Grade 3-B: Everett Matthews, Benjamin Godwin, D. O. Bowen, Jr., Ellen M. Coburn, Virginia Williams.

Grade 4-A: Grace Barnhill, Mary Barnhill, Thelma Griffin, Nora Grimes, Marion Pender, Pauline White, Reg Manning.

Grade 4-B: Muriel Bland, Joseph Rogerson.

Grade 5-A: E. G. Wynne, Julia Everette, Addie Lee Meador, Nellie Gray Rogerson.

Grade 5-B: Nellie Grey Hopkins.

Grade 6-A: Edna Ballard, Bolton Cowen, Frances Cox, Ella Wynne Critcher, Marjorie Lindsley, Kathleen Price, Doris Teel, Gwendolyn Watts, Jean Watts, Thad Harrison, Milton James, Ben Manning, Clayton Moore, Densel Simpson, Joe David Thrower, Ellie Wynne.

Grade 6-B: Jessie Belle Swain, Lorene Weaver, Carrie Williams, Alec Nicholson.

Grade 7: J. D. Bowen, Billy Griffin, Lawrence Lindsley, Carroll Jones, Emma Ward, Pattie Ray Bennett, Alta Critcher, Mary Bell Edmondson, Eula Greene, Alice Harrison, Blanche Harrison, Grace Manning, Edna Rogerson, Annie Wynne.

Grade 8-A: None.

Grade 8-B: Edna Coats, Olive McCabe.

Grade 9: Grace Barnhill, Jennie Green Taylor, Russell Roebuck.

Grade 10: Lala Griffin.

Grade 11: Joseph Griffin, Raymond Gurkin, Reginald Simpson, Frances Bowen, Nell Ingram, Verona Lilley, Edith Peele, Mary Clyde Williams.

County Officers Voluntarily Accept Reduction in Salaries

Legislature Seeking Source Of Revenue for the Schools

CERTAIN THAT A SALES TAX WILL GO ON LUXURIES

Argument Centers Around What Articles Are To Carry Tax

BILLS CROWD HOPPER

Although Mandate Is Clear, There Are Those Who Expect A Compromise

BY M. L. SHIPMAN

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—With a definite mandate from the Legislature for a State-supported school term of six months, the joint finance committee of the two houses is now engaged in canvassing possible sources for the millions that must be provided for. Speculation turns to the possibilities. It is now fairly certain that a sales tax will be imposed, certainly on articles classed as luxuries. Careful scrutiny is being made of the large reported earnings of the electric power and tobacco industries with a view to ascertaining how much increases in taxes they can stand. On the heels of the mandate came a bill, introduced by Senator Whedbee, providing for a 20 per cent ad valorem State-wide property tax. Every legislator has some suggestion for increasing revenue with a view to lightening the property tax burden, but no definite program has been worked out.

The proposal for a Statewide ad valorem tax came as a surprise, as it is interpreted by many as a step toward the return to a property tax for the support of schools. This was the former system of taxes. It was the impression of many that whatever the Legislature might do, it would not sponsor such a tax program. However, it is a condition and not a theory that faces the legislators. This is frankly a proposal looking to the leveling of land taxes. It would hit counties with a low school tax and would aid counties with a high school tax. There are many observers who feel that the bill has an excellent chance to pass.

Although the mandate from the Legislature is clear, there are many members of both Houses who expect a compromise by raising the equalization fund to ten or twelve million dollars. If the State took over the schools, it would take not less than eighteen millions. Admittedly no such huge sum of money is now in sight. Where to get it is the question. The State Tax Commission has not planned for such a huge sum, although it has been working on the problem for two years and the Legislature has less than forty days to work in.

The argument over the sales tax program centers around what articles to tax. It is argued, for instance, that a man moves down from New York, enters his children in school, and pays not a cent of taxes outside of his poll tax as he lives in a rented house and owns little furniture. He goes to the moving pictures, patronizes the soft drink places, buys tobacco and other things in addition to his gasoline. The argument is that a sales tax will make him contribute to the support of the schools. The argument against it is that the hard-pressed farmer, the unemployed laborer and the low salaried man will have their cost of living increased at the very time that they can least afford it. Between these two extremes run the arguments pro and con, with the merchants, manufacturers and working men making common cause against any drastic sales tax.

The legislative hopper is full of bills for levying sales taxes. One of the most drastic was dropped in by Senator (Continued on page four)

Firemen Answer Two Calls In Three Days

The local fire company answered two calls in the past three days, going to a small tenant house on the Jas. Bowen farm, at the edge of town, late Saturday afternoon and to a grass fire near the colored old fellows hall on the Jamesville road yesterday.

A chimney blaze gave rise to the Saturday call, and while it threatened the house, no damage resulted. Several houses were in danger of fire yesterday afternoon when a blaze swept dry brush and broom straw. The company used the small hose and tank on the truck and brought the blaze under control.

A Real Plan Offered For Farmers' Relief

Many suggestions for "farm relief" have been advanced during the past year or two, and reductions have been considered in this office and that office as a helping measure, but the real plan for relief was advanced in a sermon preached by Rev. Sam Smith, a well-known negro minister in the Mount Olive section a few days ago.

Before his assembled flock on a recent Sunday morning when everything was bright except the "times," the minister prescribed the following: "Put your faith in God, your family in the field, your Ford under the shed and grow what feed you need."

And that about covers the most offered advice by editors, high-salaried economists and "the man about town."

TOWN OFFICIALS HOLD MEETING

Woman's Club Asks Town Aid In Drainage Of Play Ground Lot

Committee assignments featured the regular meeting of the town board of commissioners here last night, the body limiting official action to a very few items.

Going before the board, representatives of the Woman's club asked the town to investigate the cost of laying drain tile over the club lot near the courthouse. In making their request for the service, the ladies, Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Mrs. S. R. Biggs and Mrs. J. Frank Margolis, stated that the successful establishment of a playground there depended upon the proper tiling for the ditch. In a preliminary discussion of the matter, the board learned that the ditch was serving as an open sewer, that some action was necessary to remedy the existing conditions. A committee was appointed and a report will be offered the board at its next regular meeting.

Several other drainage projects were brought before the commissioners, but they will be handled through committees.

The session was of comparatively short duration, and no official action resulted in the matters placed before the officials.

REPORTS MUCH FARM ACTIVITY

C. W. Tilson Impressed by Farm Work Underway In Martin County

Apparently there are more important activities now underway on Martin County farms than there are in any other county in Eastern North Carolina, remarked C. W. Tilson, of the Farmers' Exchange, Durham, on a visit to several counties in this section. "Things just seem to look better in this county than they do in any other one," Mr. Tilson said.

The exchange member, here for the purchase of soy beans, was impressed when he saw so many farmers clearing away their ditch banks and removing the dirt to low places in their fields. "It just looks like they are starting off the year right," Mr. Tilson commented.

Mizelle Declared Suicide Following Investigation

Investigating the death of Henry Mizelle, young white man of this county, near Tarboro last Thursday, the coroner's jury returned a verdict declaring that the man committed suicide. Following the preliminary investigation, there was some doubt as to whether Mizelle committed suicide or was killed. The jury and Edgecombe officers continued the investigation into Friday before officially announcing the suicide verdict.

"Stunt Night" In Schools At Jamesville Thursday

The members of the athletic association in the Jamesville High School are sponsoring a program of stunts there Thursday evening of this week, in an effort to raise funds for the association. A small admission fee will be charged, the sponsors assuring in return an entertaining program.

TEN PER CENT REDUCTION IN MANY OFFICES

Regular Session of County Board of Commissioners Attracts All Classes

WOMEN AT MEETING

Several More Names Added To List To Receive Assistance from County's Fund

Another high spot in Martin county's history was reached here yesterday when a half hundred women from all parts of the county voiced their opinion in county affairs before the county commissioners in regular session here. It was a great meeting, and while the women held the center of the stage, salary decreases were advanced as a main issue late in the afternoon. Minor business was handled and the poor came in for their recognition.

That strict economy was practiced is evidenced in the sweeping reductions in the salaries of county officers. Realizing a heavy expense existing in the sheriff's office, no decrease was advanced there, and as he is under contract, the superintendent of schools continues with the same salary.

T. B. Brandon, county farm demonstrator accepted a decrease of \$25 per month in his salary. A ten per cent reduction was made effective in the office of the home agent, J. Sam Gensinger and his clerks accepted a 10 per cent decrease and similar cuts were in order in the clerk of the court and treasurer's office. The salary of recorder's court judge was reduced \$25 and that of solicitor, \$12.50, bringing the salaries of Martin County's officers to a level believed to be far below the average paid in the State.

Tax adjustments were again in order at the yesterday meeting, the board releasing Mary C. Roberson, of Robersonville township, of payment of tax on \$175 personal property, improperly listed.

The bond filed by N. R. Rogerson, constable of Bear Grass township, was filed and approved.

Jesse Leggett, of Poplar Point, was allowed \$3 monthly on account of infirmities. Winnie Roberson, of Robersonville, was allowed \$3 instead of two formerly received. Betsey Staton, of Goose Nest, is to receive \$2 monthly. Mrs. Jenny Hopkins and daughter, of Williams, was made an allowance of \$5 monthly. Mrs. Eli Roberson will receive \$3 monthly from the indigent fund, and Willie Ann Bennett, of Williamston, was allowed \$2 monthly.

185,000 STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL

Number Represents More Than One Third Total White Population

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—Approximately 185,000 children were enrolled in standard elementary schools of the State during 1929-30, it is learned from a section of Supt. of Public Instruction A. T. Allen's report to the General Assembly. This number represented more than a third of the total white elementary enrollment for that year. Of this number, 102,507 are rural children and 82,384 children in charter school districts.

A standard elementary school, according to Supt. Allen's report, is one providing a seven-year course of study with at least one teacher to the grade, a minimum term of eight months, and fulfilling certain other requirements as to organization and equipment.

"In the past few years," the report says, "there has been a widespread realization of the vital importance of the elementary school as the foundation of our educational life. This desire to give the children a more effective opportunity for the fundamentals of an education has concerned itself with such essential factors as length of term, the size of the school, the training of teachers, adequate equipment and an enriched course of study."

The work of visiting the schools and applying the standards set-up was begun in 1924. "At that time," the report continues, "there were 270 rural schools which had seven or more teachers and an eight months term. Today, there are 448 rural schools which meet these two requirements."

"In 1924 there were only 62 large rural schools in which all teachers had at least one year of college or normal training, but this year, 1929-1930, we find that 406 rural schools employ teachers with the required training."