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ASSEMBLY HOPES TO FINISH WORK BY TOMORROW

Kill Chain Store Tax Bill and Specify Limit Drop in Teachers' Salaries

Tax relief measures killed and the future of the schools made uncertain, the legislature this week is working hard for adjournment. After apparently wasting one-half the year, the assembly is now considering time very valuable, passing or killing proposed legislation overnight in an effort to save a day. Chances for increased taxes on chain stores were virtually destroyed yesterday when the House indefinitely postponed consideration of the Day, Parker, and Young chain store tax bill. Representative Day, introducer of the bill, explained that he moved to have the bill indefinitely postponed following conferences with the Attorney General and revenue authorities, in which it was decided that this late in the session the passage of the bill might bring complications in connection with the regular revenue bill which carries a \$50 per unit tax. The bill proposed would have levied a graduated tax from \$5 to \$100.

As a result of the action in the assembly yesterday, adjournment is possible tomorrow. The redistricting bill was much discussed, several of the counties advancing strongly their claim for a senator, Erwin, of Burke, bringing it out as a straight fight between east and west, with the former holding the lion's share of representation and refusing to relinquish it to the more populous west. A heated argument was centered around the salaries of teachers; the House agreeing to limit reductions to 10 per cent.

50 WOMEN TAKE TRIP TO HALIFAX

Enjoy Cotton Dress Show and Better Home Tour Last Wednesday

Approximately 50 women from Martin County, representing 7 out of the 10 home demonstration clubs in the county, attended the cotton dress show, health pageant, and better home tour which was held in Halifax County last Wednesday.

Mrs. F. M. W. White's home will long be remembered by the women of our county for its excellent arrangement, perfect color harmonies carried out in each room, and the careful design of the home with all credit due to the owner. The home demonstration clubs and federated clubs of Halifax County proved to all visitors their ability to be splendid hostesses, when the women assembled in the curb market building at Rosemary, to enjoy the bountiful lunch prepared for them by the ladies.

The health pageant, one of the 4-H girls club activities, was held in the high school building. The woman's cotton dress show followed with much interest. The dresses, grouped according to their use, were illustrated on living models and proved the ability of the Halifax women in home demonstration clubs as seamstresses. Forty prizes contributed by merchants were awarded the winning contestants in the style show.

The day was made complete for the Martin County women when a guide was secured at the cotton damask mill and the women made their first trip, in many instances, through one of the largest damask mills. The women were back in Williamston at 10 p. m.—Reported.

JEALOUS WIFE IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Lula Brown, Colored, Takes Small Dose of Paris Green Saturday

Said to have been jealous of her husband, Lula Brown, colored, attempted suicide at her home on Hutton Street here last Saturday morning by taking a small quantity of paris green. She became deathly ill immediately, and the husband, forgetting all past grievances, rushed to her side with quickly summoned medical aid. The case was considered critical at first, but her condition was improved by Sunday and yesterday she was reported all right.

And now love reigns again in the home of "Shorty" and Lula Brown.

Revival Opened Sunday in Baptist Church at Everetts

A successful opening marked the beginning of a series of revival services in the Everetts Baptist Church last Sunday evening. Rev. David M. Roberts, who conducted a series of services there two years ago has returned for the ten-day meeting and is preaching very forceful sermons. The public is cordially invited to hear him each evening at 8 o'clock.

VALUE OF PROPER HOG FEEDING IS SHOWN BY JAMESVILLE PROJECTS

MACK ANGE



Young Ange made a splendid record in hog-feeding contest now being conducted by the agricultural department of the Jamesville High School.

HEAD OF STATE DENTAL WORK VISITOR HERE

Reports Very Favorably On Interest Shown By The People of This County

Dr. Ernest A. Branch, head of the dental work carried on in the various counties under the direction of the State Department of Health, while here last week, reported very favorably upon the work carried on by Dr. Dudley in this county since he came here last month.

Dr. Branch reiterated the importance of healthy teeth and clean mouths, pointing out that bad teeth are retarding the progress of thousands of school children are making necessary for them to repeat their grades. This delay, the dental man stated, is costing the pupil and the State many times what the clinics are costing.

In the clinics conducted throughout the State, the doctors, clean, fill, and pull teeth, but their main work is centered around the task of educating the children and their parents the marked importance of properly caring for one's teeth.

Dr. Branch also stated while here that efforts are being made to have clinics conducted in each county of the State annually instead of once every three years, as provided in the present schedule.

Dr. D. W. Dudley, one of the thirteen dentists sent out by the State, is completing his work in this county at Oak City this week after visiting all of the several districts. A complete report on his work in this county is not available at this time, but it is understood that a large number of children have had their teeth examined and treated, and that a better care of the teeth has been advanced.

DEATH OF MRS. W. F. BARBER

Funeral Services Saturday, Burial Following In the Roberson Cemetery

Mrs. W. Frank Barber died at her home on the Moore Island farm, a few miles from here in Williams Township, last Friday morning of cancer, with which she had suffered for two years. Several months ago she was operated on, and though her condition was temporarily relieved the operation failed to remove the deep-seated cancer.

The daughter of the late Major Simpson, of Jamesville, she married Mr. Barber in 1902. Sixteen children were born to this union, among them were three sets of twins. Twelve children, Lula, Dennis, Chris, Tillie, Effie, Harry, Ben, Clyde, Major, Emily, Henry Hoyt and Maggie, with their father, survive.

Throughout her days, Mrs. Barber remained ever faithful to her duties as a mother, and although she suffered much in the past few years of her life, she always bore her afflictions with patience.

Funeral services were held from the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Lewis T. Holliday, and burial was in the Roberson cemetery 6 miles below Jamesville.

SEVERAL BOYS COMPETING IN FEEDING TESTS

Contest Creating Much Interest; Prizes Offered By Local Firm

Valuable information was gained in profitable hog raising recently when two agricultural pupils of the Jamesville school, under the direction of Professor W. T. Overby, conducted hog feeding contests. The contests are creating much interest and the boys, completing the tests already, are very much pleased with the results. Mr. Overby stated yesterday. Several other boys are now working on their projects in connection with the contest, and still others will compete for the prizes offered by the Lindsley Ice company during this year.

Daniel Holliday, competing with several other boys in the 5-pig contest, completed his tests recently. Young Holliday took his five pigs and after determining their weight at 351 pounds, he fed them certain feeds for 60 days. At the end of the period he again weighed the pigs, the five weighing this time 958 pounds. After checking his records, he learned that the pigs had each gained a little over two pounds, each day during the period, and that he had fattened them at a total cost of \$34.09. In other words, young Holliday spent \$5.60 for every 100 pounds of weight gained by each pig.

Mack Ange, another one of the boys competing in the contest, started with one pig weighing 107 pounds. At the end of 60 days, the pig weighed 263 pounds. The pig gained 2.6 pounds each day during the period for a total gain of 156 pounds. The cost of feeding the animal during the time was \$6.82 or \$4.40 per 100 pounds.

The above tests apparently prove that proper feeding will make possible a profitable business in hog raising. Much interest has been shown by the boys in the contest, and worth-while information is expected from the tests when they are all completed the latter part of this year.

CLUB GIRLS IN HEALTH CONTEST

Several Club Girls To Take Health Examinations Here Tomorrow

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER

Health contestants selected from the girls' 4-H clubs this spring will meet for examination here Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Dr. J. H. Saunders' office. At this time the county's healthiest 4-H girls will be selected.

The district health contest will be held in Washington, N. C., June 2. The county champion will go to the district contest there for further examination.

The following girls were selected to be in this contest: Mildred Hardison, of the Jamesville girls' club; Lillian Coltrane, of the Bear Grass club; Virginia Cullipher, of the Everetts club; Dorothy Perkins, of the Hamilton club; Naomi Harrell, of the Oak City club; Lois Gray, of the Robersonville High School club; Doris Thomas, of the elementary club; Lucille Hardison, of the Williamston girls' high school club; and Erzelia McKeel, of the elementary club.

The importance of good posture in relation to health has been stressed in all the girls' club meetings during the year. The six best doctors for the body, sunshine, fresh air, rest, sleep, exercise, and proper diet, have been related to the food and nutrition project carried on by the girls in their clubs for the past two years. It is hoped Martin County will show up well this year in this health activity.

Singing Is Awful, But Nearest Harmony Among Legislators

Up until last week, when the House and the Senate accepted the conference report, there had been very little harmony in the activities of the astute bodies. On one occasion, harmony is said to have reigned in the following report:

"Each day before the legislature convenes for its day's work, many representatives and senators, door-keepers, lobbyists, and others gather around the railing between the entrances to the two halls of the assembly, and sing. Old-time hymns are their favor-

CROP PRICES IN FALL EXPECTED TO BE LOWER

Governor Wants To Feed Masses Even If He Isn't For Educating Them

Recent actions on the part of Governor Gardner indicate that he is willing to have the common people fed, even if he does not favor a tax that will school them.

"Preserve your food and live at home this winter," is the latest slogan advanced by the governor in what is termed his second chapter in the "Live-at-Home" campaign in the State. The campaign started in this county the first of last month, is now cooperated in by every State official and agency, with four separate departments intensely active in the work, under the supervision of R. V. Henninger, executive secretary of the relief work. Governor Gardner, the sponsor of the "Live-at-Home" movement for the past several years, is fearful that the farmers of the State, in particular, will not conserve their garden surplus and that this coming winter may face worse conditions than during the past one.

The program will be carried into every county in the State through publicity, canning demonstrations, and speaking programs. Specialists are now at work, demonstrating how to can, preserve, dry and pickle fruits and vegetables.

The governor is faced with the belief that the crop prices will be lower this fall than ever before, economists stating that this coming fall prices for all farm commodities will be low, perhaps lower than last year. Estimates on the price of tobacco range from 5 to 10 cents a pound average. Cotton is now at its lowest quotation in several years, with no indication of an early and substantial increase in price. Food products, with some exceptions, are very cheap.

Fire Destroys Home of Mr. Chas. Willis in Washington

Believed to have started from a defective fuse, fire destroyed the home of Charles Willis in Washington last Wednesday night. The house was completely destroyed and only a few of the contents were saved.

Mr. Willis has worked in several of the grocery stores here during the past several years and is well known by the local people who regret to learn of his loss.

To Present Play Thursday In the Jamesville Schools

"A Wild Flower of the Hills," a three-act play, will be presented in the Jamesville High School auditorium Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock, it was announced this morning by Professor A. L. Pollock, principal of the school.

The play had been scheduled as a part of the commencement program, but could not be worked into the program. It was therefore delayed until Thursday.

Coast Line Alters Schedule of Trains on This Branch

Following a general business decrease, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has altered its freight schedules on the Rocky Mount-Plymouth branch. Up until recently the company operated a train from Plymouth in the morning to Parmelee and return. That train has been replaced by one operating from Rocky Mount in the morning to Plymouth and return.

Smearred With Molasses When Car Turns Over

Marion, May 25.—As a result of a large jug of molasses breaking when an automobile turned over near here, the car, its occupants, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, of Raleigh, their clothes, and their baggage were drenched in thick viscous sorghum known as Alabama black strap, in addition to their suffering other damage that resulted from the wreckage of the car, it was reported here today.

Blue Mold Disease Found in County Tobacco Plant Beds

Two Small Colored Children Bitten By Rabid Cat Friday

Officers Warn Owners To Dispose of Their Cats And Keep Their Dogs Shut Up Until Next September; Four People Now Taking Pasteur Treatment

While playing near their homes in "Griffins town" here last Friday, Doris Biggs, 4 years old, and Nellie Everett, 3 years old, were bitten by a cat, an examination of the cat's head made in Raleigh showing the animal was suffering with rabies at the time the two colored children were attacked. Pasteur treatments are being given daily, the children taking their first serum last Saturday.

Following the attacks made by the cat, neighbors killed fifteen of the house pets found in the settlement. Two or three neighbors refused to allow their cats to be killed, and there is a possibility that more children will be attacked by animals suffering with

the dreaded disease. The two children are State and county charges, and additional cases in that community, if any, will also become county charges, it is believed. Town officers, investigating the conditions, stated yesterday that owners of cats in that part of town had been ordered to either kill their cats or shut them up.

At least four people, and probably more, are taking the Pasteur treatment in the county at the present time, and should be exercised in guarding against development of more cases. Public health laws require owners to muzzle or pen their dogs until September, and in those cases where the animals are allowed to run at large they are subject to be killed by the police.

CHICAGO CITIZEN VIEWS OUR NEWS

Review of Last Week's News by Stranger in Windy City

By CHICAGOAN

Chicago, Ill., May 19.—Hello, Williamston folks! You didn't know it, but I've been looking at you, viewing you as you were reflected in the columns of last week's Enterprise. You'd be surprised to know what a faithful mirror of your community I found this good newspaper to be.

Before going a single line farther, none of you knows me. I've never been in Williamston, and there isn't much change in ten thousand that you've ever seen me. I'm just an old piece of humanity that's been tossed about on life's sea for quite a spell. Now, I find my keenest pleasure in reading the good weekly newspapers that come to my desk. Such papers as the Enterprise are ever so much closer to the lives of their readers than the metropolitan sheets.

Whether the depression continues, or whether it has passed to let prosperity creep up on us in an unprepared state is something for economists to wrangle about. But those who engaged in the games of bridge given in honor of the nephew of Mrs. P. H. Davenport and Mrs. G. R. Roebuck, Henry Johnson, jr., who is a senior at Oak City, found that the value of the cards remain the same as they were in former days.

However, the losers will vigorously contend that low prices for farm products and the unemployment situation have been accompanied by a scarcity of reels. Perhaps when prosperity really returns, we'll not only have wealthy farmers and workers, but all games will be played with decks in which every card is a trump.

What an interest life was that of Mrs. G. Holliday, respected citizen of Everetts, who passed away last week. During her stay on earth, was altered its map several times; wildernesses were converted into fruitful fields and contrivances invented and perfected that we consider necessities, yet she lived happy many years without them. She witnessed the fall of the mighty from their thrones, and saw the obscure and humble rise to positions of power. Truly, it was a wonderful age that wrote its history before the eyes of this noble woman; and interesting as well as useful was her long life.

Now, "Grouchy Gus," my doleful associate, insists that there's no such thing as continued prosperity, or even a momentary period of glee. He says he once approached having some fun at a ball game, but that his favorite batsman struck out every time he came to the plate. Had "Gus" attended the recent game between Williamston and Jamesville, he probably would have been a Williamston fan. And when Jamesville and the other hard-hitting players pounded out the pitcher's offerings for 5 runs, as against 0 scored by Williamston, Gus would have said, "That's the way it always goes. Williamston can't even win a ball game any more."

V. E. P. Employees Hold District Meet Here Today

Employees of the several service departments of the Virginia Electric and Power company in this district are holding a general meeting here today. Representatives are here from several towns where the company operates, including Roanoke Rapids. The visitors dined as guests of the company at "Sunny Side Inn."

COUNTY AGENT MAKES SURVEY OF PLANT BEDS

Adjoining Counties Report Presence of Disease In Many Fields

Downy mildew or blue mold, as it is commonly called, has been reported in sections of this county, according to County Agent T. B. Brandon, who is now making a thorough investigation of the reported disease. The presence of the disease in this county had not been fully determined up until noon today, but the farmers reporting, and the agent are of the opinion that blue mold is attacking the tobacco crop to some extent in certain parts of the county.

The disease has been reported over wide areas in the tobacco belts of this State, South Carolina and Georgia. However, Dr. S. G. Lehman, plant pathologist of State College, states that there is no cause for great alarm in the spread of blue mold. "Some years ago," Dr. Lehman stated, "when the disease attacked plants in Florida, the yield there was reduced only 5 per cent." Several years ago, the disease did virtually destroy the grape crop in France, and much damage can result from it.

The disease, according to Agent Brandon, attacks beans, peas, cabbage, cucumbers, melons, grapes, onions, tobacco and other plants. The presence of the disease is first noted when the leaves turn light blue. A short time later, spots appear on the leaf that soon wither and turn yellow. Cool nights and warm days are favorable to the disease. Mr. Brandon stated, and farmers are warned to observe their fields closely that they might detect the disease in its early stages should it start in their fields. While the disease has been found largely in plant beds, it has been noticed in fields. Where plants were transplanted before the disease attacked them, the danger from the disease is not so great, it is believed. However, every precaution should be taken to guard against the disease. The Bordeaux mixture of lime and bluestone will check the spread of the disease, according to Agent Brandon.

It is not certain that the disease is in this county, but Mr. Brandon, after inspecting plants on the farms of Mr. R. J. Hardison, in Williams Township, and Mr. Sylvester Webb, in Bear Grass Township, is of the opinion that the blue mold is present.

Messrs. W. T. Taylor, Claud Green, G. L. Roberson, Robersonville Township farmer, and J. H. D. Peel, Cross Roads, have called the agent to inspect their crops, but it is not certain that the disease is present in any of their fields.

FARMERS KILL BIG HOG BEAR

Large Number of Bears Are Reported In Dismal Swamp of County

Farmers in Griffins Township last Sunday killed a hog bear weighing 353 pounds. The animal, one of the largest killed in that section in several years, had been preying on stock of farmers living near the dismal. Traps were laid in an effort to take the brute, but the animal evaded them. Early Sunday morning, the hunt was started. Alfred Ellis, killer of several bears and a brother to Charlie Ellis, who killed a brute with a knife several years ago, bringing the chase to a close when he telled the large hog-killer.

Two days before, farmers took their guns and returned the assault made by bears on their hogs. One of the animals, said to be the largest ever seen in the section, was trailed the greater part of the day, but the three loads of shot fired into the body failed to stop the brute.

While the bear was killed in closed season, the act was not unlawful, as the powers of the commission permits killing of game when injurious to agriculture.

Rev. John Barclay Opens Revival In Local Church

Coming here from Wilson, Rev. John Barclay preached the first of a series of meetings last night scheduled in the Christian church during the current week. His introductory sermon was a very strong one and had to do with "Religion and Education." Mr. Barclay is a prominent minister in the Christian church and the public is cordially invited to hear him each evening at 8 o'clock throughout the week.

TAKE STEPS TO GET CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGE

Fate of Seven Small Negro Children Now Rests with Orphanage Officials

Losing their father, George Frank Bazemore, in September, 1927, when he was electrocuted, and their mother the early part of this month when she died of tuberculosis, five little colored children, of near here, were examined by County Health Officer J. H. Saunders here yesterday for entrance at a colored orphanage in Oxford. Two other children, making their appearance in the family after Bazemore was electrocuted, were also examined by the health officer here yesterday morning. Applications for their entrance at the orphanage are being made by welfare workers today.

Relatives, finding it impossible to care for the children, appealed for aid, and it is hoped that several of the number can find their way into the institution. Coming here yesterday morning on an old worn-out car, the little tots were a pitiful group as one after another waited his or her turn for an examination in the physician's office. All of the seven were found hale and hearty. The baby cried now and then, but the larger members sat very quietly on the truck floor, the expressions on their faces indicating that they had lost their last friend in the world.

As a whole, the family has met with many adverse conditions. George F. Bazemore was electrocuted for murder. His mother was murdered some time later. Her husband was badly hurt when the car in which he was riding was struck by a hit-and-run driver recently, and the children's mother died of tuberculosis.

The fate of the seven orphans, Rosanna, 14; Emma, 12; Fannie, 8; Ben, 6; Sarah, 4; Retha, 2 years and James Louis, 3 months old, now rests with the orphanage authorities.

JAMESVILLE MAN DIES SATURDAY

Johnny Simpson, 60 Years Old Succumbs After Long Illness

Johnny Simpson, 60 years old, died at his home near Jamesville, last Saturday morning of heart disease with which he had suffered more than a year. During the past several months, he was almost helpless as a result of the disease.

In early life, Mr. Simpson married Miss Ollie Holliday who with seven children, survives. About twenty years ago he was crippled by a falling tree, but by his industry and endurance he continued to earn his own living by hard, honest toil until he was stricken down about 12 months ago.

The funeral was conducted from the home last Sunday afternoon by Rev. Willie B. Harrington. Burial was in the H. B. Barber graveyard.

Call Police to Quell Riot At Meeting of Policemen

Berlin.—The meeting of the Association of Democratic Policemen of Berlin, who gathered the other day to debate the subject of the steel helmet demand for a plebiscite in Prussia with the object of throwing out the Socialist-Prussian government, ended in a serious riot. Outside policemen had to be called in to separate the combatants.