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## NEW BILL WOULD HAVE ROAD BODY MAINTAIN BUSES

### Maintenance Already Centralized In This County's School System

The legislators are still running around Raleigh like chickens with their heads chopped off in search of economy and "revenues." One of the latest proposals mentioned in the sake of economy is to have the State Board of Equalization take over the operation of school buses.

The bill, introduced this week by Representative Roland Beasley, of Union County, will effect a saving of from \$400,000 to \$500,000 annually, it is claimed.

The bill provides that the state shall assume complete control and authority over the school trucks and buses and that all of these shall be turned over to the State Board of Equalization by May 1, and that thereafter it shall lay out all bus routes, determine the pay schedule for all drivers, and assume all control.

At the present time there are 4,400 school buses in operation in the state, for which the cost of operation is \$2,150,000 a year. The state furnished the money for the operation of these buses, but it is expended entirely by the local county boards of education and county superintendents.

Another important feature of the bill is that it would provide for the maintenance of the school buses by the various highway commission repair shops all over the state, and thus greatly reduce the cost of repairs and maintenance. The cost of this work would be paid from the school fund, however, so that this feature can not be considered as another raid on the highway fund, Representative Beasley pointed out.

"I believe that fully \$500,000 a year can be saved in the cost of school transportation if this bill should be enacted," Representative Beasley said. "There is no doubt that there is much inefficiency and waste in the present school transportation system. Since the state is supplying the money, it should also have the say-so as to how the money is spent and as to the route to be traveled by the buses. This bill will put the entire transportation system under the control of the State Board of Equalization, which also distributes the money and is in a position to know how much the bus transportation should cost."

Operation costs of buses in this county have been very small as compared with costs of operation in many other counties. The county board was able to purchase several new units with money allotted it by the State Board of Equalization last year, saving the taxpayers of the county quite a sum. The plan proposed in the Beasley bill is already in effect in this county as its major operation, and the State will save little by a change here, it is believed.

## Rev. Mr. Moseley Makes Episcopal Announcements

Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the Adult Bible class of the Church of the Advent will meet at the rectory. Note the change from Monday to Friday.

On Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock all the men of the church are invited to supper at the Woman's Club. One of the objects of this meeting is to organize a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews. Mr. J. L. Beckwith, of Lumberton, will be with us at this time. Special musical entertainment is also planned.

There will be the usual services Sunday morning and evening. At the morning hour, the subject of the sermon will be: "The Absolute Demands of Christianity." In the evening, the minister will speak on the "Outlook for Christianity in China." This talk will be based on personal experience and several very important magazine articles of recent date. The public is cordially invited.

## Schedule of Prices for the Curb Market Announced

All sellers on the curb market can obtain free egg cartons, and paper bags now when selling eggs. This has been made possible as a result of the two cents charged on each dollar sale which has thus far bought all equipment and as our patrons patronize the curb market we can make the market more efficient and of benefit to patrons as well as to sellers. The patronage is always appreciated.

The following prices will be on the market this week:

Eggs, dozen, 10 cents; hens, 10 cents a pound; Irish potatoes, 1 cent a pound; cream (special this week) 20 cents; sweet potatoes, 1 cent a pound; collars, 2 pounds for 5 cents.

We shall have black walnuts, cakes and pickles on the market this week.

## Weather Predictions Made By Groundhog Holding Up

Groundhog weather stock continues to hold up unusually well in these parts. Fourteen of the forty days over which he is said to rule, have passed and he hasn't been far wrong in any of them.

A survey of the weather during the past few weeks shows many unfavorable conditions and a few favorable ones as well. Road conditions in the outlying districts are declared the most unfavorable in two years. Many thoroughfares are all but impassable at the present time, and traffic has been delayed and even stopped in certain sections. School trucks have been running late, and several were forced to abandon their daily trips, it was learned.

## Farming Operations Have Been Interrupted and Planters in This Section Are Hauling Very Little Fertilizer and Few Commodities

Farming operations have been interrupted and planters in this section are hauling very little fertilizer and few commodities. Fertilizers are moving slowly over the various transportation channels because deliveries are made with difficulty to the final destinations.

Curtailed traffic has developed an unusual quietness over county affairs, officers stating that there is very little activity in the courts and in the various offices just at this time.

Probably for the first time in two years or more the ground is thoroughly wet, and the streams are taxed to capacity in handling the surplus water in many places.

## HOLIDAY

Bank and postal employees here will enjoy a holiday next Wednesday when the country, as a whole, observes Washington's Birthday. No business will be transacted by the banking institution, and operations at the post office will be greatly curtailed. No deliveries will be made either in the town or in the rural sections that day. Mails will be received and dispatched as usual, however. There will be no window service during the day at the local post office.

Other than a few school programs arranged in the various schools, the day will go generally unobserved in this section. In other parts of the country, especially in the thickly populated areas the day is widely observed.

## HEAT ENGINEER VISITS COUNTY

### Instructs Janitors as To the Best Methods in Firing Heat Boilers

Valuable information in firing furnaces was given the several school janitors in the county last Tuesday by R. E. Beam, heating engineer, sent out by the State Board of Equalization. Instructions offered by the engineer are expected to result in decreased fuel costs in the several school plants. Principals and janitors from all the schools in the county were here for the meeting and they were urged to follow instructions as near as possible.

Fuel appropriations made the county by the state has been materially decreased during the past two years, and an additional decrease is expected for the next term. Probably if the instructions are not followed the next year, there will be a fuel shortage in Martin schools.

Inspecting the various plants in this county, Engineer Beam found that there was too much radiation in some schools and not enough in others. In the Williamston colored school, the radiation is twice as great as is necessary, but it was pointed out that the plant was operated as economically as any other in the county. Few alterations will result from the inspection, it is believed, but better methods of firing and caring for heating plants will be followed.

## Schedule of Presbyterian Services in the County

"The Church with an Open Door." Church school at 9:45 a. m., E. P. Cunningham, superintendent.

Worship service and sermon at 11. The Rev. H. R. McFayden, of Pine-ton, will bring the message of the morning due to the absence of the pastor, who is beginning a series of services in Pinetops.

**Bear Grass**  
Church school at 9:30 a. m. The lesson will be taught by Mr. John H. Roberson, of Roberson's Chapel.

Worship service and sermon at 7:30. Rev. H. R. McFayden will preach. **Roberson's Chapel**  
Church school at 2:30 p. m. Rev. H. R. McFayden will bring the message. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

**Ballard's Farm**  
Prayer meeting tonight at 7:30 and every Friday night.  
These services are for you—make them yours.

## L. E. Young Opens Branch Egg-Poultry Business Here

L. E. Young, poultry and egg man, has established a branch here, and is now located in the Gordy building next to Willard's Shoe Shop and Ambers' Pressing Club on Main Street. Lassiter's Barber Shop, recently opened in the building, has suspended operations.

## ARRANGE CLINICS IN COUNTY FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

### Are Now Examining Eyes of Large Number County School Children

Arrangements are fast nearing completion for further aiding the less fortunate and destitute in this county, according to information coming from county welfare quarters. Clinics for the examination of eyes and removal of tonsils will be held in the county within the next few weeks, it is planned.

Bear Grass and Oak City school and social workers are now completing arrangements for holding clinics in their respective districts, and one or two other districts are considering holding clinics for their destitute children.

It is understood that interested citizens and welfare workers will place beds in the school buildings on determined dates and a specialist will remove tonsils. The services of a nurse will be available, it was said.

While most of the subjects eligible for treatment are school children, there are others outside in need of operations. The aid is not limited to school children, and any destitute child can share the treatment by applying to welfare workers. However, the several communities will have to make complete arrangements for holding the clinics. The school children have a decided advantage over those on the outside because the teachers are acquainted with the conditions and are in a position to make recommendations to those in charge of the worthy work.

Eye examinations are being made here by a specialist, and already 40 or 50 unfortunate children have been given treatment. Twenty-six children in the local schools had their eyes examined this week, and 16 of that number will be fitted with glasses, it was said. Children from all over the county can have their eyes examined by making proper arrangements with the welfare heads. The aid is limited to those children whose parents are unable to meet the cost. Eye examinations are held in Williamston.

The parents of many of those children who eyes were examined locally have not applied for aid, but are unable to meet more than their daily meager living needs. In several cases, parents of the children paid a dollar or more in offsetting the cost. The work is being carried on by the reconstruction finance corporation and at no cost whatever to the county taxpayers.

Much good can result from this particularly work, and the attention of those interested in the welfare of their fellowman is called to the opportunity made available under the relief plan.

## Vaudeville at the Watts Here Monday - Tuesday

Mary Layne, 17-year-old beauty, who has created a sensation in theatres all over the United States during the past five years with her clever and extremely difficult acrobatic dance, and who became internationally known last year when her feat was included by Ripley, famous cartoonist, in his "Believe It Or Not" drawings in newspapers all over the world, is playing at the Watts Monday and Tuesday of next week on the stage.

In addition to the acrobatic feats in musical rhythm by Miss Layne, which is the headline act, are Jeanne Oxford, featuring her famous country girl flapper song and dance, which is a laugh scream from start to finish, and Speedy Texas, the boy with the fiddle, bringing back memories of those Dixie melodies.

## Mrs. Wheeler Martin Is Slightly Hurt In Wreck

Mrs. Wheeler Martin was injured about the shoulder, but not seriously, in an automobile accident near Aulander last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. J. C. Sawyer, driver of the car, also escaped serious injury when the machine turned over.

Mrs. Martin was able to return home that day and is getting along very well at this time.

## Hotel Here To Undergo a Change in Management

The Atlantic hotel here changes management the first of next month, the present operator, Mr. Moseley, surrendering the task to Mrs. Z. H. Rose, owner, at that time.

## Declare These Are Quietest Times During Past 71 Years

"I am 71 years old, and I have never seen times as quiet as they are now," Mr. W. E. Clark, of Williamston, R. F. D. 2, said while on a visit here yesterday.

Despite his advanced age, the old gentleman gets around very actively.

## Feed and Seed Loan Blanks Expected in Next 10-12 Days

### MAKES ATTEMPT TO TAKE LIFE OF GOV. ROOSEVELT

#### Mayor Anton Cermak, of Chicago, Is Seriously Shot at Miami

Mayor Anton Cermak, of Chicago, was seriously shot and four other persons were wounded in Miami early last Wednesday night when an Italian, Giuseppe Zangara, attempted to take the life of President-elect F. D. Roosevelt.

The President-elect had just landed a short time before from a short cruise and stopped in Bay Front Park to make a short speech. "After I had finished speaking," the President-elect telling of the attempted assassination said, "someone from the talking picture people climbed on the back of the car and said you must repeat that speech for us. I said I would not. He said, 'We have come 1,000 miles for this.' I said 'I am very sorry, but I can't do it.'"

"Having said that, I slid off the back of the car into my seat.

"Just then Mayor Cermak came forward and I talked with him about a minute about Chicago in general. Then he moved off behind the car. Bob Clark (one of the secret service men) was standing right by him. As he moved away, a man came forward with a long telegram and started telling me what it contained. While he was talking, I leaned forward. Just then I heard what I thought was a fire-cracker. Then several more. The man talking with me pulled back and the chauffeur started the car.

"I looked around and saw Mayor Cermak doubled up, with Mrs. Gill collapsing. I told the chauffeur to stop. He did about 15 feet from where we started. The secret service men shouted to him 'Get out of the crowd.' The chauffeur started again and I stopped him again, this time at the corner of the bandstand.

"Looking back, I saw Cermak being carried along, and we put him in our car. He was alive, but I was afraid he wouldn't last. I got my hand on his pulse and found none. He was on the seat with me and I had my left arm around him. He slumped forward. A detective from Miami, standing on the running board on that side of the car, was leaning over him. He said after we had gone a couple of blocks he was afraid Cermak would not last.

"I, too, was fearful. Just then Cermak straightened up and I got his pulse. That was surprising. For three blocks I actually believe his heart had stopped.

"I held him all the way to the hospital, and his pulse constantly improved. It seemed like 25 miles to the hospital. I talked to him all the way. I remember I said, 'Tony, don't move—keep quiet—it won't hurt if you keep quiet and remain perfectly still.'"

"I found that a bullet—the one probably that hit Cermak—grazed the top of Clark's hand. His hand was all bloody and scratched," Mr. Roosevelt said.

Zangara was immediately arrested, the people man-handling him quite a bit before he was placed in the Dade County jail where he said he had no regrets to offer in connection with the attempted assassination. He will be tried on four attempts to assassinate and is now subject to 80 years imprisonment. Additional charges are pending the outcome of Mayor Cermak's and Mrs. Gill's condition.

Latest reports from the hospital said the mayor is resting quietly and sleeping at intervals. His pain is less severe and his general condition very satisfactory. Mrs. Joe H. Gill, Miami resident, was showing slight improvement last night. Others wounded, a New York policeman, Russell Caldwell, of Coconut, Fla., and Miss Margaret Krus, of New Jersey, are recovering.

## Schedule of Services at the Local Methodist Church

**C. T. Rogers, Pastor**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Church services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League Union meeting at Holly Springs.

**Holly Springs Church**  
Sunday school, 10 a. m., Church services at 3 p. m. and Missionary Society at 4 p. m.

You need the church services, but if you cannot or do not come, you will be remembered in prayer. All are cordially invited to meet with us.

## COULD BE WORSE

"The people of this section are enjoying good times as compared with the experiences of millions of others," declared an old Kentucky coal miner as he passed through here this week on a long trek in search of work.

"For nearly four years I have had no steady job. Mining operations were stopped in our little town back in Kentucky. The commissaries moved out nearly all the food there was, leaving the bare walls. When you get hungry and go to a neighbor's house, you only find hunger there. But down here when one is hungry, his neighbor generally goes to the rescue," he said. And he picked up his earthly belonging to continue his journey.

## DESIGN A STATE WIDE FARMING PROGRAM IN 1933

### Propose Four Objectives in New Program Recently Planned for Needy

A comprehensive state-wide farming program designed to produce a sufficient amount of food and feed-stuffs to supply the needs of North Carolina's destitute families has been formulated through the joint efforts of the Governor's Office of Relief and the agricultural division of the North Carolina State College.

Four definite objectives are proposed, as follows:

1. To aid every relief family living on a farm, whether owner or tenant, to produce food, including gardens and farm crops, and feed crops of sufficient variety and quantity for home consumption and to conserve fruits and vegetables for winter use.
2. To transfer from the cities and towns to farms as many as possible of those families now living in town but who have had farm experience.
3. To promote subsistence gardens in towns and cities.
4. To establish, under competent supervision in the vicinity of towns and cities, community farms on which relief workers living in the towns would produce food.

The central administration of the program will be in charge of the Governor's office of Relief and the Agricultural Extension Division of State College. The details of putting the plan into practice in each county will be the responsibility of the person who is now serving as relief director, aided by a local advisory council composed of the present relief committee, the board of agriculture and representatives of the public. The county farm agents, home-demonstration agents, and teachers of agriculture and home economics, in counties where such exist, will actively assist the county relief director in carrying out the program.

Already steps have been taken to put the program into action. Letters of instruction to agricultural extension workers and county relief directors have already been written by Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, and Dr. Fred W. Morrison, State Director of Relief.

The leaders in the movement feel that if properly put into effect it will virtually eliminate the need for public expenditures for food and feed during the coming summer and next winter. As an added incentive to promote the movement it is planned to deny financial assistance to destitute families in the future unless they agree to produce their own food.

## A. and T. College Band to Appear in Concert Here

The A. and T. College colored band of Greensboro, will appear in a concert in the colored school building here next Tuesday evening. The band will also be accompanied by the college glee club, it was announced.

Special seats will be arranged for white people, and a small admission fee will be charged to offset the expenses.

## Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hardison Dies Here

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hardison died at their home in the Sprinkle Apartments on Church Street Wednesday.

At Home with the Cunninghams  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson are now at home with the E. P. Cunninghams on West Main Street.

## EXPECT AROUND 1,000 FARMERS TO ASK FOR LOANS

### \$60,000 Already Asked for From Regional Credit Corporation

Application blanks for seed and feed loans will be available here within the next ten or twelve days, it was learned from Lindsay Warren this morning. The exact date the blanks arrive will be announced along with other data necessary in filing applications for loans.

It is not certain that the same procedure will be followed in advancing the loans this year as was in effect last spring, but it is believed the principle will not be greatly altered.

According to estimates here it is believed nearly 1,000 farmers in this immediate territory will ask for government aid in financing their operations this coming spring and summer. More than 100 farmers have inquired already about getting loans so anxious are they to get aid.

Thirty-eight loans have already been applied for by Martin farmers from the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation, but none of them has been completed. Supervisor McDaniel for this district is in the county today investigating the security offered by the loan applicants, and as soon as his reports are received and inspected by the office in Raleigh they will be returned here for attorneys to check the titles to the property pledged. When the titles are proved, the papers will be returned to Raleigh, when and where the checks will be prepared.

These applications call for loans in the sum of around \$60,000. Mr. N. K. Harrison, who is handling the applications, said yesterday afternoon:

According to information received here the regional loan office is swamped with applications in Raleigh, indicating that everybody and his relatives are out for the cash, even though they have to pledge everything except their wives and children.

These regional credit corporation loans are different from those soon to be available under the seed and feed loan act. By the first of March, if not before, it is hoped application blanks will be in the hands of local authorities for farmers in this county.

## QUIET SESSION FOR RECORDER

### Gold in the Country; Man Is Accused of Stealing \$2.50 Gold Piece

A session of little consequence was held by the county court here last Tuesday when six cases were called for trial. One or two other cases were continued for the defendants, and two of those called were remanded to the juvenile court for trial.

The feature case of the court was the one charging LeRoy Keel with stealing a \$2.50 gold piece from a fellow-brother in the theatre gallery in Robersonville a few days ago. Keel was found not guilty.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Sam Brock with reckless driving. The case charging Earl Mary and John Hassell with larceny and receiving was remanded to the juvenile court for trial, both defendants being under 15 years of age.

Elijah Rogers was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs for violating the liquor laws. A similar fine was imposed upon Will Sherrod for violation of the same law.

The case charging J. H. Whitfield, jr., with larceny and receiving was remanded to the juvenile court for trial, when the recorder learned that the boy was a minor.

## Announce Sermon Topic For Baptist Church Here

"Counterfeit Christians" will be the subject of the sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning. At the evening hour there will be a service without a sermon, in which the members of the congregation will participate.

There is no better way to spend the Lord's day than by frequenting the public places of worship. And the churches in this community have done much, and are still doing it, to keep alive the spirit of Christ in the souls of the people.

Every church here is a servant of both the people and of the people's God. And they merit the steadfast cooperation and loyalty of all the people they serve.