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MUST PREPARE GARDENS STATE RELIEF MAN SAYS

Needy Will Be Ignored Aid Unless They Try To Help Themselves

"We are making preparations to help the needy help themselves," Charles Sheffield, representing the State Relief office, told a group of Martin County welfare workers and a large number of relief subjects in the courtroom here last Friday afternoon. "And if the needy fail to try and help themselves, they will be ignored aid by the relief agencies," Mr. Sheffield explained.

In outlining the new relief projects, the relief representative pointed out that the directors had three objectives in view. The first had to do with preparing and cultivating individual gardens; the second had to do with community gardens; and a third was identified as "Back to the Farm Movement."

The first objective might not appeal to many, but it is time the needy were giving it serious consideration if they would escape the pangs of hunger and want, he said. To advance these individual gardens, the State will distribute through the various relief units nearly 100,000 packages of seed, especially prepared for small gardens. In addition to the packaged seed, the State will furnish the individual gardener around 100 pounds of Irish potato seed and about 4 pounds of onion sets. "These seeds have been treated and are poison," Mr. Sheffield said, in explaining that they were only good for planting. About 1,000 packages of seed will be available for distribution in this county, and more will be ordered if the demand makes an additional shipment necessary.

In the rural sections, where farmers are curtailing their activities, the relief directors are hopeful that the landlords will let their inactive tenants continue to occupy the houses and have liberty to cultivate gardens. Mr. Sheffield pointed out that all the relief money coming into the state would have to be paid back sometime, and that it would be to the advantage of every citizen to support the relief work.

Inspectors will be named to visit the individual gardens, and where the relief subjects are not making any effort to try and help themselves they will be denied further aid.

The community garden project should appeal to the needy in the towns, for every thing will be furnished there and they will share in the food next fall and winter. No arrangements have been completed for a community project, but one is being seriously considered in one or two places in the county.

Very little emphasis was placed on the third objective, the speaker stating that "we were more or less a strictly agricultural center already and that the advantages of the farm can be found in many of the towns."

N. C. HYMAN DIES NEAR OAK CITY

Funeral Services Are Being Held There This Afternoon at 3 O'clock

N. C. Hyman, Goose Nest Township farmer, died at his home three miles from Oak City yesterday of pneumonia. He had been ill about one week. Mr. Hyman was born in the Oak City community about 49 years ago, and farmed all his life.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Concho Church cemetery.

Mrs. Hyman with four sons, Messrs. Lawrence, Murray, Oscar and one daughter, Miss Doris Hyman, all of Oak City, survives. Two brothers, John Hyman, of Scotland Neck, and Zeb Hyman, of Oak City, and one sister, Mrs. Roberson, of Kelford, also survive.

Williamston Cafe Moving To the Legget Building

The Williamston Cafe, James Pappas, proprietor, is making arrangements to move from the Godard building to the Leggett building just across the street.

Keep Cows Off Pasture Until Grass Is Developed

Cows should never be turned on a pasture until the grass blades are full developed. Too-early grazing will injure any pasture by preventing further growth of the grasses and then too, the hooves will cut the sod and permanently injure the root system. As a general rule animals should not be turned on pasture before the first of April and in many cases it would be better to wait until the middle of the month.

Sales and Manufacturers' Tax Returns Comparison

Under the proposed general sales tax plan, Martin County people would pay into the state treasury around \$35,000 annually, basing the estimate on statistics of the United States Department of Commerce for the year 1929. A 2 per cent general sales tax in 1929 would have raised \$66,120 in this county, according to the estimate. Under the production, or manufacturers' tax, approximately

\$5,000 would be raised in the county annually. The 1 per cent manufacturers' tax would have raised about \$6,875.96 here in 1929.

According to estimates released this week, about the same amount would be raised by each tax. In 1929, a general sales tax of 2 per cent would have raised \$13,068,280, while the production or manufacturer's tax of 1 per cent would have raised \$13,119,243.50.

FIRE DESTROYS DWELLING HERE LAST SATURDAY

McKeel Home and Much of Furniture Wrecked on Church Street

Fire of undetermined origin wrecked the home of J. D. McKeel on Church Street here early Saturday night and practically ruined all the contents. Damage to the house was estimated at about \$1,500, and the furniture loss will run into the several hundred dollars, it was believed by the owners. When first discovered the fire was burning in all parts of the house and was breaking through the kitchen and dining room roofs. The blaze is believed to have started in one corner of the dining room, but its origin could not be determined. The McKeel family were at the home of a brother to attend the wedding of another brother, Clarence, and Miss Malena Lee, when they learned their home was burning. They said no fire had been in the house during the day, and that they could assign no cause for the blaze. The wedding was solemnized later by Rev. Tom Harris, of the Pentecostal Holiness church.

Neighbors are said to have seen the light of the blaze 10 minutes before the alarm was given, but thinking it was a trash fire they did not make an investigation. Several people passed near the home a few minutes before the alarm was given, but they saw no sign of any fire at that time.

No insurance was carried on the contents, but Sam Faulk, owner of the house, said yesterday that he carried \$1,500 insurance on the building. The fire was one of the most destructive reported here in several months. Several firemen were hurt, but not seriously fighting the blaze.

ATTENDANCE IS SHOWING DROP

Percentage Figure Lowest Here in Several Years W. R. Watson Says

While the enrollment remains about the same as it was last term, with a slight increase in the lower grades, attendance upon the local schools has shown a gradual decrease during the first five months, it was learned from Principal William R. Watson yesterday. The attendance, 88 per cent of the enrollment, is the lowest in years, the low mark being the result of bad roads, mumps, and influenza, it is believed.

Only 633 out of 729 pupils attended regularly first month, 485 in the elementary and 148 in the high school. In both the elementary and high school, the percentage of attendance was higher for the girls than for the boys. In the high school, 88 per cent for boys and 93 for girls; in the elementary school 86 for boys and 90 for girls. The elementary attendance was 87 per cent, and that in the high school was 90 per cent of the enrollment.

Mrs. Lizzie Winberry Dies at Cowan Home Sunday

Mrs. Lizzie Winberry, a native of this county but for the past year or two a resident of Weldon, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Onley Cowan here last Sunday following a short illness. She was taken ill suddenly last Friday, and while the exact cause of her death could not be determined, it is believed she suffered a stroke of apoplexy. She was 53 years old.

Following the death of her husband near here about two years ago, Mrs. Winberry moved to Weldon. She was here visiting relatives and friends when she was taken ill. She was married twice, one son, Roy Wynn, surviving the first union, and two sons, John Winberry, of Philadelphia, and Bert Winberry, of Baltimore, and one daughter, Annie Mae Winberry, of Weldon, survivors of the second union.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Tom Harris in the Holiness church here yesterday afternoon and interment followed in the Wynn cemetery, Cross Roads Township.

CONGRESS NOW IN ITS LAST WEEK

Believe A Special Session Will Be Called About Middle of March

Entering upon its last week, the 72nd Congress, the last of the "Lame Duck" type, will find it impossible to complete the work before it by next Saturday noon when the gavel falls to stop the congressional activities. Some bills will be left stranded at that time, but the unfinished work will probably hurry the calling of a special session. The plan was to call the lawmakers in special session about April 15, but it is now believed a special session will be convened about the middle of March.

Every effort will be made to push through before Saturday two bills to lift the strain on individual and farm debtors and those who hold their obligations. These are the LaGuardia-McKeown-Hastings bankruptcy reform measure, which the House has already passed, and the Hull-Walcott bill to supply \$600,000,000 of Reconstruction Finance Corporation credit so that mortgage holders may grant a two-year moratorium to farmers and owners of small city homes. Both are pending in the Senate. The latter has not passed the House.

There is a possibility some additional bank measure may be brought forward in the closing days of Congress to supplement the sweeping Couzens bill, signed this week by President Hoover, which gives the Comptroller of the Currency broad powers to include national banks in any such moratorium as those in Michigan and Maryland. Leaders are considering the possibility of further banking measures, either new or pending. Deadlocked in each branch are two bills which, their sponsors claim, would be of great value at this time.

These are the Glass banking bill, which among other features, provides a fund to aid depositors of closed banks, and the Steagall bill which authorizes a \$500,000,000 fund to guarantee national bank deposits.

Lenten Service at Church of Advent Tomorrow

March 1 is Ash-Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. There will be a service at the Church of the Advent at 11 a. m. At this service there will be a short sermon on the subject, "Concern for the Lost."

All during Lent there will be weekday services on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 4:30 p. m. These services will usually last thirty minutes. The public is cordially invited.

Shrove Tuesday, English custom to use all fats before the Fast of Lent, so pancakes are served; hence, the use of Pancake Day. Shrove Tuesday because sinners were shrived of their sins.

Farmers Increase Pasture Acreage in Moore County

The largest acreage ever to be seeded to pasture grasses in Moore County will be planted this spring, says the farm agent there.

NEGRO IS BADLY INJURED TODAY

Roy Moore, Deaf, Steps in Front of Car at Fair Grounds

Roy Moore, colored, living near here, was critically injured today when he was struck by an automobile driven by H. B. Stossell, Richmond man. Last reports from Moore were that he had not regained consciousness and that there was little hope for his recovery.

Stossell, a traveling salesman, was traveling toward Everetts and Moore was walking into Williamston. Near the fair grounds a wagon was passing Moore and he started across the road to get into it. He failed to see the car, and as he was deaf, he did not hear the horn, which Stossell claims he sounded.

SOME PROGRESS IS REPORTED BY STATE ASSEMBLY

No Crucial Point Has Been Reached So Far In The Legislature

North Carolina's 1933 General Assembly continues to mark time, maintaining a lead of only a step or two over the 1931 activities. And the crucial point has not been reached, therefore, no actual deadlock has developed. No long session is expected, and should a deadlock develop, it is believed an adjournment would be in order, making a special session necessary. A special session would provide pay for the lawmakers.

The statistics show that 291 laws have been enacted so far as compared with 251 to the same legislative day in the 1931 session, but fewer measures have passed each house. So far the 1933 Senate has passed 287 bills as compared with 311 at the same time in 1931 and the 1933 House has passed 402 as compared with 454. But there are fewer bills in committees as the total number of introductions has been 1,023 as compared with 1,327 to the same date in 1931.

The 1931 joint finance committee appointed a sub-committee of 10 members which reported a general sales tax and a selected commodity tax alternatively on the 58th day of the session. The 1933 joint finance committee appointed a sub-committee of 10 members which reported a general sales tax and a selected commodity tax alternatively on the 47th day of the session.

This gives the 1933 session an advantage of 11 days in point of time, but much of that advantage will be lost as the full joint committee reported in 1931 on the 69th day of the session. The report would have to be made on Thursday of this week to maintain that gain.

However, the parallel has been carried even further. In 1931, the two committees split, the House deciding for a sales tax and the Senate refusing to sit in on the preparation of such a bill. This time the Senate is almost a unit for a sales tax and the House is badly divided. Tam Bowie is said to be leading the fight against a sales tax and the eight months school term in the house.

But there is one important difference over 1931. A 15-cent ad valorem tax was levied for the support of the six months school term in 1931, but an overwhelming majority of both houses is pledged to remove that tax this time. It was also possible for the 1931 session to incur a deficit of \$12,500,000, but it is conceded that the State's credit is now exhausted and that the budget must be balanced or the State will have to resort to scrip payments.

The impending fight on the appropriations bill will settle the question of whether or not a sales tax is necessary to balance the budget. All leaders are united that such a sales tax is necessary.

Many members of the House still cling to a contrary view. When and if they are forced to change their view by the adoption of an appropriation bill it is believed that many of them will insist that if there is to be a sales tax it be enlarged by \$3,000,000 so as to provide for an eight months school term.

WELFARE WORK EXPENDITURES

More Than \$16,000 Spent In Aiding Needy In This County

Up until the 13th of February, \$16,377.64 had been spent for welfare relief in this county, it was learned from the welfare superintendent this week. Labor was the largest single item in the expenditures, \$9,361.40 having been paid to workers since relief work was started on a large scale last fall. Clothing was second in the list, \$5,747.18 having been spent for clothing of all types. Lunch-room projects received \$64.39, more than 500 children sharing in that expenditure. A comparatively small amount, \$344.67, was spent for food.

The welfare cost of operation, including transportation in the investigation of cases at first hand, equipment, stamps and stationery, was \$860.

Bear Grass Farmer Is Hurt This Morning

Jesse Rawls, Bear Grass Township farmer, was badly hurt while cutting wood near his home there this morning. He is said to have lost considerable blood from an axe wound in his foot. According to reports received here he was dangerously hurt, but no definite particulars could be had at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

County Representative Reviews Work of Legislature Up To Now

WOULD ENLARGE JURISDICTION OF JUSTICES PEACE

New Bill Would Lower the Maximum Fines From \$100.00 To \$50.00

A bill introduced in the legislature last week by Representative J. C. Smith, of this county, would increase the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the handling of certain highway and traffic violations. Under the present law, violations are called to the attention of justices of the peace, who, unable to try them on account of their limited jurisdiction, find it compulsory to send them to the higher courts, increasing costs in the minor cases.

The new bill would amend sections 24, 35, 42, and 47 of the 1927 road laws and empower justices of the peace to dispose of any actions that might arise. Section 24 has to do with those cases where motorists stop their cars on the highway, and carries a maximum fine of \$100. The bill would lower the maximum to \$50, making it possible for justices of the peace to handle such cases.

Section 35 of the same law requires a light or a flag at the end of a protruding load and carries a maximum fine of \$100. The maximum fine would be reduced to \$50.

Section 42 has to do with loose brakes and sections 47 deals with lights. The maximum fines would be reduced from \$100 to \$50 in each instance, and would make it possible for the trial justice to make final disposition of any case arising under the sections.

WOMAN'S CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

Library Fund Is Created In Memory of Member's Service to the Needy

The regular monthly meeting of the local Woman's Club was held last Thursday when several important matters were brought before the members, the first being the election of officers. The following were elected for a term of two years: Mrs. J. G. Stator, president; Mrs. John A. Ward, second vice president; Mrs. Milton Moye, corresponding secretary.

The club makes it a practice to elect only a part of the new officers each year, since this is the plan suggested by the state organization.

The matter of creating a fund in memory of Mrs. W. C. Manning was brought up by the president. This had been discussed by the club at a previous meeting, but for the past two months the attendance had fallen short of the stipulated quorum, so no business could be completed. Mrs. Manning's work in the club and among the school children especially, will never be forgotten, and the club realizes that it has lost not only a loyal member, but one of its most willing and able workers. In memory of her services the Woman's Club has created the "Sadie Manning Library Fund." This fund is to be used only in the library of the school. This year the club will contribute \$5.00 to this fund with the hope and expectation that this contribution can be increased next year.

The condition of the lunch room at the elementary school was reported to the club as being most unsatisfactory. The president appointed a committee composed of Mrs. L. B. Harrison, chairman, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, and Mrs. Clayton Moore to investigate this matter, and report back to the club.

Mrs. P. B. Cone, chairman of the program committee, is hoping to have Mrs. Hobgood, of Farmville, who is president of the State Federation, to address the club at the next regular meeting. Mrs. Cone and Mrs. Brown, president, have asked that each member of the club will endeavor to bring some one else with them to this meeting in March.—Reported.

Local Fire Company Gets Call Yesterday Morning

The local fire company was called out yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, when fire threatened the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Old on Simmons Avenue. The fire was started by sparks falling on the roof, but it was extinguished before much damage resulted. No connection with the water lines was necessary, as firemen brought the small blaze under control with truck equipment.

NEW POSTMASTER

Jesse T. Price, for the past 11 years postmaster here, resigned that position effective at noon today. His resignation was followed by the appointment of Mrs. Fannie Biggs Anderson as postmistress by Postmaster General Brown. Mr. Price's term would have expired within the next few months.

The resignation merely hastens the time when a Democrat will enter upon the duties of postmaster here, it is understood. Mrs. Anderson will remain in office until arrangements are completed by the incoming administration for filling appointive offices which will probably require several months, it is understood.

FOUR BITTEN BY RABID DOG IN JAMESVILLE

Believe There Are Several Mad Dogs At Large In That Section

Four Jamesville Township citizens are receiving the Pasteur treatment at the present time following attacks by mad dogs in that section a few days ago, and it is believed that others will have to undergo the treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Waters and son and Mrs. Jesse Waters are now taking the treatment following attacks made upon them by their pet collie dog.

Tuesday of last week, Mr. Waters, observing the queer actions of his dog, attempted to shut it up. The dog bit him on the hand several times, and he killed him. Forwarding the head to Raleigh for examination, Mr. Waters was immediately advised that the dog was mad. There were nine cats and another dog on the premises and Mr. Waters killed all of them, and yesterday he stated he was through with all pets.

About a month ago, a dog, supposedly mad, was killed in that section, and it is understood that he had bitten several dogs there. As a result it is believed there are other dogs in the district that have rabies and that there is a possibility that other people will be attacked.

The collie licked Mrs. Waters' hand about two weeks ago and had bitten their son about 40 days prior to that time. They were advised to take the Pasteur treatment.

Victims of mad dogs in Bear Grass Township are completing their treatments this week and are getting along all right, it is understood.

LOWER FEE FOR LIGHT TRAILERS

Auto Owners Can Attach Trailers To Cars for a Flat Fee of \$2 Now

Operators of small trailers behind their passenger cars were favored with legislation in the General Assembly last week, when the lawmakers passed a law reducing the license fee of semi-trailers.

The act, effective now, changes the license fees for semi-trailers, weighing not more than 500 pounds and carrying not more than 1,000 pounds load and towed by a passenger car, from 55 cents per 100 pounds rate to a flat fee of \$2 for any part of the year for which license is issued. This amendment includes trailers which have heretofore been licensed as boat trailers with a fee of \$1. From this date on no boat trailer tags will be issued and the tags for trailers as above described will be the same as are now issued for the one-half ton trailers.

All trailers towed by trucks or tractors will still be licensed as heretofore.

The act does not provide for any refund by the department on licenses issued prior to February 22.

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BILL EMPOWERS COMMISSIONERS TO FIX SALARIES

Does Not Subscribe To the Imputations that Officers Are Not To Be Trusted

Hon. J. Calvin Smith, Martin County's representative in the N. C. General Assembly, reviews the work done by that body as it affects the people of the county, as follows:

First, let it be understood that I do not subscribe to the imputations that I repeatedly hear that all our officers, employees and those in whom we have placed our trust are crooks and are not to be trusted.

I can understand how it happens that most of the folks back home cannot understand why there has been so much delay in passing hurriedly such laws as they consider absolutely necessary, and that is because that most of them do not understand the rules of procedure and the conditions under which we are operating.

I think all will agree that the major propositions that confronted this General Assembly in the beginning, were the Revenue Act, the Appropriations Bill, which provides and sets out how much, and for what purpose all moneys or revenue raised, is to be spent and the bill providing for a new educational set-up in the State. To begin with the Committees on Finance for both House and Senate began to meet jointly and there seemed to be so many varied ideas, that they were unable, in view of this fact, the public always insisting on being heard, that they could not function, therefore a sub-committee of ten was appointed between the House and the Senate Committees to draw and submit a Revenue Bill to the full Joint Committee, and the being an enormous task they attempted to work behind closed doors in order to get out any bill at all, and now the bill is out and before the full Joint Committee, and if they ever agree on its provisions it will be reported to both the House and the Senate and then all kinds of argument may be expected for the reason that all of us who were not members of either of those committees will have to have our say, and the delay in framing a Revenue Bill has delayed the action of the Committee on Appropriations for the reason that the Appropriations cannot be fixed until they learn something about how much money they will have to appropriate.

Another feature that has caused delay and is of much concern to the people, has been the action of the Reorganization Committee on the State Government, for that this Committee had placed in their hands the responsibility of ascertaining what could, should or might be eliminated and to fully investigate every department of the State and all Commissions, and ascertain what employees might be dispensed with, and also to fix or suggest a schedule of salaries and wages—and salaries and wages and elimination of numbers might be considered the meat in the bill for the reorganization of the State Government and the bringing about of necessary economies.

I deem it unnecessary to discuss the reports that I have come from the above-named committees, since they have been published in nearly all the newspapers of the State. I do not think any analysis of mine could mean anything to make more clearly what you have read in the papers with reference to the above subjects.

I have introduced the following bills applying to Martin County:

1. A bill authorizing the County Commissioners to postpone sales of lands described in Deeds of Trusts and Mortgages carried in our County Sinking Funds, to a date to be fixed in their discretion over a period of two years.

2. A bill providing for the reimbursement to our County for the \$575,000.00 furnished the highway in the construction of the River bridge, Highways Nos. 30, 125 and a portion of 90.

3. A bill repealing those sections in the Act of 1927 fixing the minimum salaries of county officers and substituting therefor a section to fix the salaries of all officers, clerks, and employees in their discretion, beginning on the first Monday in December, 1934, and biennially thereafter.

5. A bill validating the tax sales by the sheriff.

The bill affecting the return of the money from the highway fund is still in the committee and looks like will die in spite of all that I can do. It

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